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ELECTION TUESDAY: 'Expect long lines'

Clerks request afternoon voting

STAFF WRITER

In just five days, voters will head to the polls Nov. 4 in one of the most controversial presidential elections in United States history between Republican Sen. John McCain from Arizona and Democrat Sen. Barack Obama from Illinois.

Locally, township voters will be asked to select four candidates out of five running for board of trustee four-year positions. Republican candidates include incumbents Marjorie Banner, Mary Gans and Christopher Roosen and newcomer Mindy Herrmann. Carol Poenisch is running as a Democrat.

Mark Abbo, township supervisor; Richard Henningsen, township treasurer; and Sue Hillebrand, township clerk, are all running unopposed.

Voters will also be asked to pick two candidates for Northville Public Schools Board of Education seats. Incumbent president Joan Wadsworth faces challengers Jacob Espinosa, Dottie Garrity and Carol Grimmer.

The township has 20,756 registered voters, and the city of Northville has 4,982, according to the individual clerks' offices.

Hillebrand said she's in good shape as far as election workers. "The state requires a minimum of three workers per precinct, and one vot-

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ing booth for every 300 voters, but recommends Massa said. Clerks' offices will be open from 9 one voting booth for every 100 voters for this election," she said. "We have eight-10 workers per precinct and one voting booth for every 75

voters. We're expecting 14,000 at the polls." Dianne Massa, Northville city clerk, said she has 11 precinct workers per precinct.

Hillebrand said the early morning and evening times will be the busiest and encourages people to vote in the afternoon hours, if possible. "Expect long lines," she said. "We hope no one will have to wait more than 30 minutes." Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Voters must present photo identification or sign an

"In the past, our line starts forming about 6 a.m., with the mornings hours being the busiest time," Massa said.

"We're anticipating a high voter turnout," a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday for absentce ballots.

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These aren't your average Halloween decorations

■ Local retired engineer will go all out tomorrow

BY PAM FLEMING

Les Osenkowski looks forward to Halloween all

In fact, it's probably safe to say it's his favorite holiday.

And, this year, the Northville Township resident who lives in the Ravines of Northville on the west side of Sheldon Road between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads has even more in store for trick-or-treaters.

The retired body engineer from the former Chrysler and current part-time real estate agent uses Halloween as a chance to dabble in his field. This means creating animated Halloween displays that feature moving parts, smoke and audio.

Local broadcast personality Jay Towers was so

impressed with his description of the display when he met him during Fox2's Zip Trip last summer in downtown Northville, that he suggested Osenkowski contact Fox2's Connie Smith. Towers came out Oct. 18 to have the segment taped. The piece aired the morning of Oct. 19.

Last year he had scary holograms on the side of his home, as well as a coffin moving in and out of a crematorium, a prisoner in an electric chair with a cooking brain, an animated skeleton and moving bats, all of which he will have again this year.

"We had quite a crowd last year from this subdivision as well as neighboring subdivisions," Osenkowski said. "People found their way here."

New this year are a cage with King Kong, a guillotine with a decapitated head and a huge spider whose legs actually move.

The spider walks up to people and walks back," Osenkowski said. "This was constructed will all homemade materials." His wife, Pat, assisted as seamstress, helping to make the covering for the spider's body.

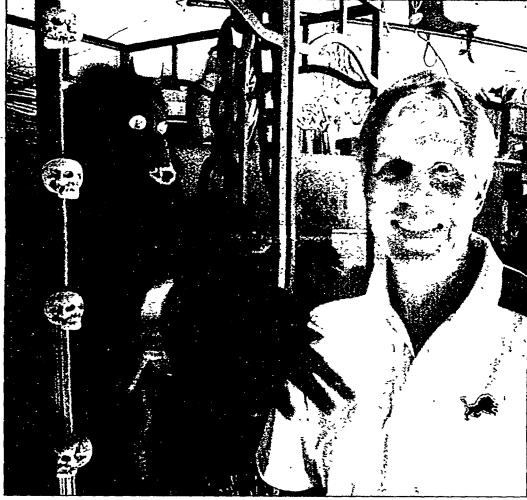


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Northville Township resident Les Osenkowski has put his passion for engineering and Halloween on display again this year in his garage in the form of this animated King Kong model that will surprise trick-or-treaters.

PARTY FRIDAY NIGHT

Members of the Northville City Council approved the closure of Rayson Street from Grace to Hutton from 5 p.m. until midnight tomorrow for a neighborhood Halloween block party. Residents asked that the street be closed to help ensure the safety of the numerous children and adults who will attend the party or be trick-or-treating in the area. The party will include residents of Rayson and Hutton streets.

He wanted to do something with King Kong, since 2008 is the 75th anniversary of the movie by the same name with Fay Wray, Robert Armstrong and Bruce Cabot. According to Wikipedia, King Kong is a 1933 landmark black-and-white adventure film about a gigantic gorilla named "Kong" and how he is captured from a remote, lost prehistoric island and brought to civilization against his will

Osenkowski used the frame for Kong's cage out of a neighbor's windblown canvas gazebo that had to be scrapped. He purchased a gorilla costume on eBay, engineered it so that it's arms and legs move and even found a blanket for \$2 that reads "King Kong, 8th Wonder of the World" to hang beside it. Then he searched You Tube to find a recording of the 1933 trailer from the movie "King Kong" to play as part of the display.

The Osenkowskis have three grandchildren, one of which was just baptized on Oct. 18. They encourage area children to stop by to see the Halloween display in their

Osenkowski's been doing this for three or four years. It's a labor of love for him, and a project he hopes will bring a smile to people in this rather dreary time in Michigan's economy. With area haunted houses charging a fee, this is something area children can see for free.

"It's the engineering intricacies that are challenging to me," he said.

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Tax Tribunal rules on former hospital property

■ SEV now set at \$10 million

BY PAM FLEMING

On Oct. 21, Michigan Tax Tribunal Judge Kimbal R. Smith III entered a State Equalized Value of \$10 million on the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital property in Northville Township into the consent judgment previously decided in federal court.

This makes the taxable value on the property \$5 mil-

The tavable value of all property in the state of Michigan is half the amount of the State Equalized Value.

"The court had a hearing, and Judge Smith found suf-ficient evidence to enter this value into the consent judgment called for by the federal court consent judgment," said Ernie Essad Jr., attorney for Northville Township.

This order is important because it provides a vehicle in which the brownfield redevelopment plan on the property can be funded. The brownfield will mean that the property will be cleaned up and abandoned buildings demolished. It also ends the final aspect of litigation between the developer REIS and the township.

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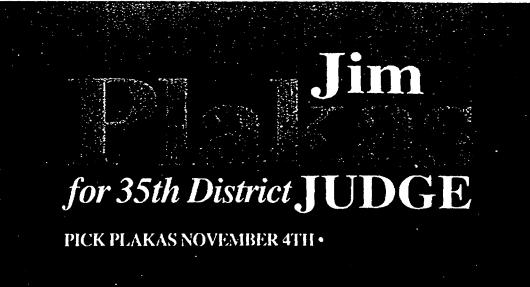
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Parents, do you know what to do in an emergency?

■ Nov. 6 forum will focus on the parent's role in school emergencies

The critical role school parents play in preventing and responding to school emergencies will be the focus of a special free forum open to the public and sponsored by Northville Public Schools at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 6 in the Hillside Middle School auditorium, located at the corner of Eight Mile and Sheldon roads.

Families with students in the school district's preschool, elementary, middle and high school programs are encouraged to attend the forum, titled School Emergencies: The Parent's Role. School officials,

along with school parents, local law enforcement officials and experts from the nationally recognized emergency preparedness consulting firm Patriot Services, will share important information including:

· Safety and security measures in place in the district's schools to recognize and react to potential threats with the goal of preventing an incident.

• Tips to help school families and community members identify and report potential safety issues (such as suspicious vehicles or individuals on or near school grounds) and report

them to school or law enforcement officials.

• The district's emergency response protocols including an explanation of school "lock down," "shelter-in-place" and evacuation procedures.

 The district-wide automated telephone call-out and LISTSERV email systems in place to alert school families in an emergency, provide regular updates, and let parents know when and where they can be reunited with their children once the incident is over.

There also will be time set aside to answer questions about the district's security measures and emergency response protocols.

"In an emergency, our first instinct as parents is to pick up the phone and start calling the school or to rush to the school and get our children," said Northville Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services Dave Bolitho. "But, the truth is, this only complicates matters from a safety and security standpoint. The best thing parents can do is stay close to their phone and e-mail for regular updates and instructions.

Our goal in hosting this forum is to assure parents that in an emergency the safety and wellbeing of their children is the top priority and to provide them with information about how they can help.

Northville Public Schools is part of a six school district consortium awarded a \$569,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education to help enhance and fortify readiness and emergency response management plans in their schools. Other

school districts participating in the Western Oakland-Wayne (WOW) Safe School Consortium are South Lyon, West Bloomfield, Huron Valley, Plymouth Canton and Walled Lake.

The Nov. 6 parent forum is just one component of the consortium grant. Over the past year, crisis teams at each of Northville's 11 school buildings have participated in National Incident Management System (NIMS) and threat assessment training, as well as "tabletop" exercises in which they talked through how they would respond to an emergency using district protocols. In September, the district conducted a full-scale disaster simula $tion-including\ participation\ from$ local police, fire and other community support agencies — at Meads Mill Middle School.



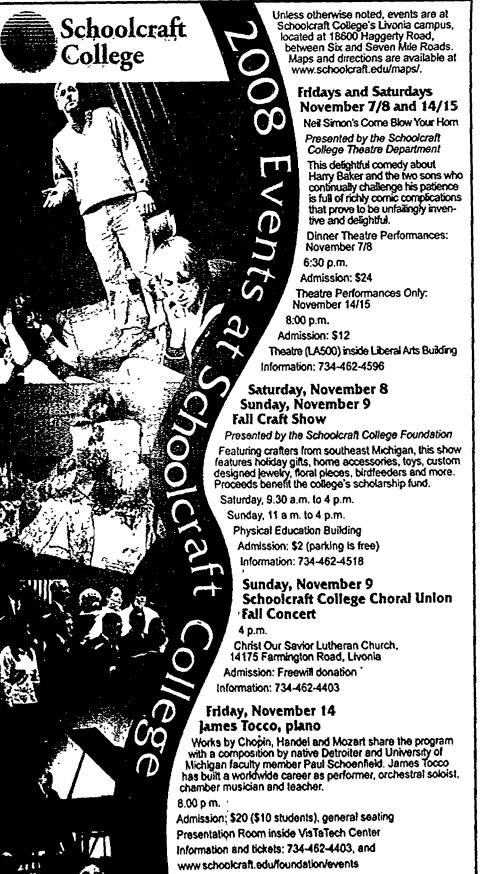
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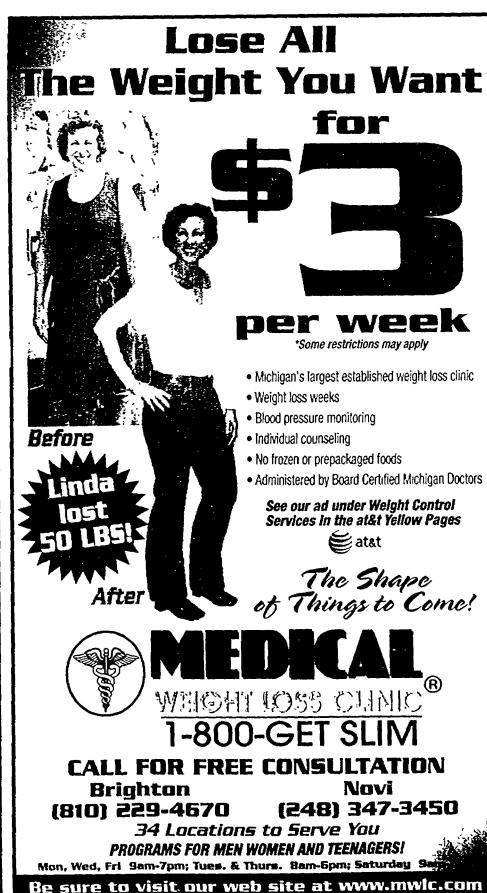
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Resident aids leukemia victim

Two meet week of girl's 16th birthday

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BY PAN FLEMING STAFF WRITER

Shari Pitcher wanted to learn more about the person to whom she had donated her bone mar-

But last week, almost eight years after the patient had received the precious substance, that person was standing in her

Pitcher, of Northville Township. got to meet Annika Juergensen,

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a German girl whose life she just may have saved.

The two met Oct. 14 when Annika and her father, Michael, flew from Suederbrarup in northern Germany to the United States for the first time to meet Shari. Annika also celebrated her 16th birthday on Oct. 20.

It was Shari's husband, Jim, who notified the Record about the Juergensens' visit.

"I want everyone to know how giving my wife is and to demon-

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strate the fact that people can save lives by joining the National Bone Marrow Registry," he said. He explained that in the summer of 1995, when Detroit radio

personality J. P. McCarthy was diagnosed with leukemia, and a bone marrow drive was initiated to find a suitable match, the Pitchers both attended the drive and were added to the registry.

"One of my neighbors joined the registry, too," Shari said. "We just thought it would be a good idea."

In the summer of 2000, Shari received a call from the American Red Cross indicating she was a potential match for a 7-year-old girl and was asked if she would be willing to undergo further testing. Having four children, sons J. P., and Kevin, and daughters, Julianne and Katelyn, both of whom were in that age range, she felt she had to proceed.

Annika learned she had leukemia at age 5, with the cancer going into remission for about 18 months, then returning.

We tried to help J. P. McCarthy, but it didn't work," Shari said. McCarthy died in August 1995. "We were so surprised when we got that call (about Annika)," Shari said. "It was five years later."



Annika Juergensen (middle) came to the U.S. along with her father, Michael, to visit the Northville resident Shari Pitcher who donated bone marrow to her eight years ago when she was dealing with leukemia. Annika is now free of cancer, and visited the U.S. for her 16th birthday.

A PERFECT MATCH

It was quickly determined that not only was Shari a perfect match but the only known match for this girl who was very ill. While apprehensive about the bone marrow extraction surgery, she agreed to proceed. All indications showed that the girl would have no chance of survival without the marrow transplant. The surgery took place at the University of Michigan's University Hospital in

late November 2000, and the bone marrow was flown to Annika that

"As a rule, a donor cannot know any details about the recipient, and vice versa, aside from gender and age, until the waiting period is over and both parties agree to exchange information," Jim Pitcher said. "After the one-year waiting period, Shari inquired and learned that the waiting period was two years in the recipient's community. Until

that time, all we knew was that the girl was doing well."

THE PICTURE OF HEALTH After the waiting period ended, Shari and the girl finally began to learn about each other. Eight years after the transplant, Annika and her father traveled to the U.S. so she and Shari could meet. The father and daughter also traveled to Chicago and Niagara Falls while in the U.S.

Annika is now the picture of health. One would never know meeting her today that she once spent 18 weeks in the hospital.

"I like to ride horses, read and listen to music," Annika said. Her favorite group is the German rock

band Die Ärzte. "We've been writing and sending pictures, but it's really different now that we know them," Shari said after spending a few days with Annika and Michael. "We actually used to live in Austria for a couple of years, so it would be nice to visit the Juergensens and our other neighbors we used to live near. We'd like to meet the rest of Annika's family," which includes mother, Sonja, and brothers Jan Niklas, 13, and Finn Lass, who just

turned 5 Oct. 22. "We're very thankful," Michael Juergensen said.

For more information about how to become a blood marrow donor, go to www.marrow.org.

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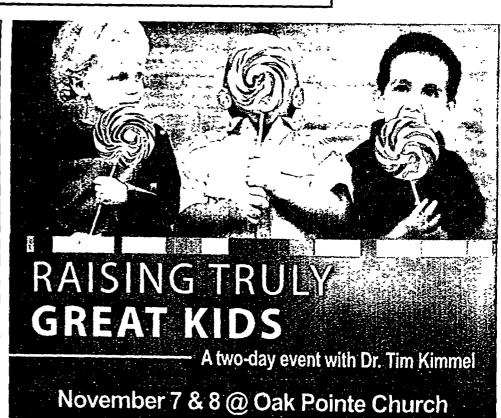
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McCotter led fight against Bush financial plan

BY HUGH GALLAGHER OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter was a leader in a revolt by House Republicans against the sitting Republican president George W. Bush and his Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and their plan to help financially distressed Wall Street investment banks.

The premise of the Paulson plan was that responsible working people would have to bail out irresponsible powerful people or responsible people will be hurt. That did not have to happen," McCotter said in an interview with Observer and Hometown editors last

McCotter is running for a fourth term as a representative of Michigan's 11th Congressional District. He faces Democrat Joseph Larkin, Libertarian John Tatar and Green Party candidate Erik Shelley.

McCotter said Republican and Democrat legislators were **ABOUT THE CANDIDATE**

Age: 43

Residence: Livonia

Education: bachelor's degree in political science, University of Detroit; law degree, University of Detroit Profession: Three-term U.S. representative; chair

Marital status: Married, three children.

Republican House Policy Committee; member House Financial Committee; served as state senator, Wayne County commissioner, Schoolcraft College Board trustee.

Web site: www mccotterforcongress com

"jammed" by the administration to approve the \$700 billion bailout proposal. He voted against the original bill that failed in the House and the Senate bill that finally won approval in the House and

DRAWING INVESTORS

and emergency aid.

Senate, with an additional

\$100 billion in tax cuts, credits

McCotter favored a plan that would have used government insurance and tax incentives to draw private investors to acquire the "toxic" mortgag-

es that have put a strain on the worldwide financial system. He said the Senate and House leadership in both parties wouldn't allow alternatives to the \$700 billion plan. (The interview with McCotter was before a shift by the Treasury from buying assets to direct investment in bank shares.)

He said the program has already been judged a failure and that actions by Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke to pump money into the credit market have had a

"Not only was the Paulson plan unfair, but we were voting on a plan that failed, because it could not address the problem of community banks, it was aimed at investment banks," he said.

He said the House Republican plan would have gotten investors off the sidelines and working on cleaning up their own mess.

We tried the best we could. Democrats, in fairness to them, were jammed, too. We tried to work with Blue Dogs (fiscally conservative Democrats) but they didn't want to go along," he said.

He said the \$700 billion figure was pulled out of the air by the administration to impress Wall Street. He said even the graduated plan finally approved gives too much discretion to the Treasury Secretary.

McCotter had expected support from Republican presidential candidate John McCain.

"McCain put himself in an interesting position. At

the White House meeting, he said he liked what House Republican were doing. Then the next day, he decided it was his job to get House Republicans to support the bailout," McCotter said.

He said it is a lot harder for McCain to complain about \$70 billion in earmarks when he pushes for a \$700 billion bailout.

He said one of the things that "grates" on conservatives is that President Bush has governed as a "centrist neo-conservative" rather than a true conservative.

TIES TO EUROPE

Going forward, he said the U.S. has to work with Europeans on monetary reform.

You have to have some standard, whether the gold standard or a bimetallic standard, there has to be a standard undergirding the monetary system. Fiat policy and fiat money has not worked very well and it has put us in a position where you have

people making up values on paper, values that turn out to

be false," he said. He argued that more attention needs to be paid to restoring balance to the economy by recognizing the value of man-

ufacturing and agriculture. He said it was important to look hard at trade policies that have made labor a commodity. He said efforts have to be made to keep jobs here in the United States. He said on issues like trade and Corporate Average Fuel Economy, the Michigan delegation often works across party lines.

On foreign issues, McCotter said he isn't bothered by Iraq setting a time line on U.S. withdrawal as they are a sovereign government. He said things seem to be turning in the right direction.

He said more will have to be done in Afghanistan. He said Barack Obama needs to say that if \$10 billion is pulled from Iraq, most of that money will have to be redirected to

Larkin calls financial crisis legislation 'a rescue bill'

BY HUGH GALLAGHER OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Joseph Larkin, Democratic candidate for the 11th Congressional District, doesn't like the media referring to the recent legislation on the financial crisis as a "bailout."

"I don't like when people refer to it as a bailout bill, this is a rescue bill," Larkin said in an interview with Observer and Hometown editors. "A bailout means you give something for free and nothing comes back. This is effectively a loan to our economy to keep credit flowing, to keep people's investments from tanking."

Larkin, a Livonia attorney making his first run at public office, is critical of incumbent Republican Thaddeus McCotter for voting "no" on

ABOUT THE CANDIDATE

Age: 43

Residence: Livonia

Marital status: Divorced, no children. Education: bachelor's degree in political science, University of Michigan, law degree, University of Michigan.

Profession: attorney, 19 years, Larkin Legal Services, Livonia

Website: larkinleadership.com



both the initial House legislation and the Senate legislation that was eventually signed into law by President George Bush. He said the first "no" vote in the House set off panic selling on the New York Stock Exchange that resulted in a \$1.2 trillion loss.

Larkin faces McCotter, Libertarian John Tatar and Green Party candidate Erik Shelly in Nov. 4 general elec-

"The United States government and taxpayers can actually make a profit," he said. "This was proven to be true when we did this under Franklin D. Roosevelt, In Roosevelt's time not did it help the economy but taxpayers

made a profit."

He also cited the federal loan to Chrysler and the buying of assets in the Savings and Loan scandal of the early

He added that the final bill was still a "bad bill" with a lot of added expense but still better than not doing anything in the crisis.

"I would like to see stronger protection for homeowners to protect against foreclosures,"

Larkin said he wants to "get back into common sense regulation" and was critical of the 1999 banking legislation that allowed investment banks to handle mortgages and other commercial bank activities.

'We need to change bankruptcy laws and allow someone who has filed bankruptcy to renegotiate their interest rates and payments to keep people in their homes," he said.

Larkin said that a top priority should be the redeployment of troops from Iraq.

"That should save us \$100 billion a year," he said. "I've highlighted how we can redeploy from Iraq. Politicians should not influence the decisions, they should be military decisions."

Larkin opposed the invasion of Iraq and has criticized the war effort and McCotter's support for the war.

"Mr. McCotter has been adamant about staying in Iraq until whatever vague goal he has in mind has been reached. I think that goal has already been achieved. It's time to let the Iraqi people do what they want for themselves."

He said he opposes subsidies for oil companies and prefers shifting investment to alternative energy.

One of the greatest things that I am looking forward to in the (GM) Volt car," he said.

He said the car would be assembled in Hamtramck.

The most important thing we have to focus on is to make sure jobs are created and maintained in the United States," he said.

Larkin said his opponents approach is vote negative on progressive legislation.

"He's a spoiler, a grandstander who voted with George Bush and is now trying to distance himself from George Bush," he said.

Larkin said he has been unable to set up a forum with McCotter's office.

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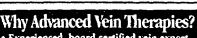
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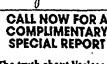
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EDUCATION



BETTY W. CONZELMAN

Age 83, of Northville, passed away peacefully on October 24, 2008. She peacefully on October 24, 2008. She was born on November 30, 1924 in Detroit, Michigan to Walter and Hilda (Ferstead) Walt. She proudly served her country in the Navy WAVE as a Seaman First Class during WWII, where she flew with a pilot when they transported the sick and wounded from coast to coast. Betty was united in marrange to Chades E was united in marnage to Charles E. Conzelman on March 20, 1948 and they spent 60 loving years together. Betty, a homemaker, had been a resident of Northville for 22 years. For the past 28 years she and her husband enjoyed their winters in Florida. Betty cherished the time she spent with her children and grandchildren. She loved antiques and had a beautiful collection of milk place. ful collection of milk glass. She was a member of Questers and The Detroit Historical Society. She is survived by her beloved husband Charles E. Conzelman; her children Jim (Pat) Conzelman, Paul Conzelman, Janice (Walter) Davison, and Nancy (Steve) O Connor, and her grandchildren Daniel, David, Robert, Julie, Scott, Peter and Andrew. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Doris Fisher, and her Aunt Blanche Davidson and Unde Howard Davidson. A Funeral Service was held last Tuesday at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville. Pastor James N. McGuire from Fellowship Presbyterian Church of Livonia officiated the service. Betty was laid to rest at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, where she received full Naval Military Honors. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County, 638 Starkweather, Plymouth, MI 49170

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Home-schooling with pride

A trio of Northville families share their experiences

BY NATHAN MENOIAN SPECIAL WRITER

Northville parents exercising their legal right to home-school are doing so with pride.

Their decision is based on what they believe can be done better as families spend more time together, rather than what public schools aren't doing.

Over the years, school districts have kept a critical eye on home-schooling. Among their concerns: home-schooled children don't always learn from updated curriculums, students taught at home aren't involved in regular socializing with other children and adults; and there isn't enough accountability on home-schooling overall.

Compared to other states, Michigan has fewer restrictions regarding the matter, such as no testing requirements for students taught at home.

Three Northville families share their home school experiences here.

Cheri Pelic, a Northville resident for 18 years, says she enjoys spending as much time as possible with her two children, Molly, 11, sixth grade, and Max, 9, fourth

"It's not being selfish on my part or theirs, but instead making sure that as a family we learn and grow together. I know at home they're being taught to learn, and they've shown they love doing that," said Pelic, who began home-schooling seven years ago.

Each day inside the Pelic home the two pupils receive age-appropriate curriculums on math, science, English, history, geography, reading, civics, and spelling. And their learning isn't confined to just what they get

"Right now, Molly takes a German course through a co-op, which is one of the neat things about home-schooling -so much is available through co-ops and

going online," Pelic shared. She isn't following any one particular curriculum for her kids, but instead pulls from different ones.

'We do a lot together at different levels with math, where as world history and geography they can study together. We do read a lot of historical fiction, non-fiction and, of course, visit the library quite often," she said. "Right now, we're studying Africa from a book called 'Around The World in 180 Days', and did American history before

As Christians, Pelic said they connect with other Christian home-school families, but there are several families of other faiths they interact with as well. At home, they hold Bible studies with their children as part of their education.

She and her husband agreed homeschooling was the route for them when their daughter was still in preschool. They plan to home-school through high school.

"We're closer as a family," Pelic shared.

"For us, life is learning and learning is life.

We do things together. I feel my kids love learning; they don't dread any of the stuff they have to do."

"I wouldn't say public schools don't do that, Northville has pretty good schools. My husband wanted to be a part of our children's learning achievements, sort of a natural extension of what we did with

them as very young children." The Pelics are part of about 100 local families enjoying the advantages a group that size can generate: Group pricing on field trips, more socializing for the kids and interaction with other adults, as well as information swapping through a group newsletter. And, she adds, groups are putting together yearbooks and holding an annual prom.

Nowadays local Park and Recreation programs are designed for home-schooled students with baseball, football, swimming, tennis and other activities for all age levels.

THE KILPATRICKS

Laurie Kilpatrick, is home-schooling her daughter Shannon, 15, 10th grade, and son Conor, 10, fifth grade.

Her oldest son Iain (pronounced as Ian) recently enrolled in Schoolcrast College. Kilpatrick began home-schooling him at age 5 continuing on through high school

Iain, 18-years old, says he liked being home-schooled, and even more so because it wasn't always done at home. There were co-ops, and plenty of social interaction with other kids his age, participating in basketball and swimming activities at

His ACT score was 25 and he believes home-schooling was right for him because there was a lot of temptation taken away that is more prominent in public schools. He gives credit to his parents for their



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Gathered around Cheri Pelic's Northville kitchen table are home-schooled kids Molly Pelic, 9, bottom, Connor, 10, and Shannon, 15, Kilpatrick and Max Pelic, 9, right. The quartet were analyzing liquids to see whether they were base or acid.



Home-schooled student Molly Pelic, 11, works on analyzing base and acid liquids in her mom Cheri's Northville kitchen. To the left is Molly's brother Max, 9.



Home-schooling moms Cheri Pelic, left, and Lauri Kilpatrick look at their kids working on science problems in Pelic's Northville kitchen.

commitment and always being there for

Next year he'll be attending the College for Creative Studies in Detroit.

When she was first pregnant and undecided about private-, or home-schooling, Kilpatrick recalls hearing neighbors complain about public schools.

"You know how you start hearing things and start looking around. I heard wonderful things about home-schooling," she said. "Once we started with that, my thought was we would stop if it wasn't working, but it worked out well."

They participate in field trips to the Detroit Science Center, Cranbrook, Greenfield Village and Detroit Institute of

Her choice of home-school courses is through Nankin Mills publishing. The kids also take part in classes for wildlife, Native American history, parks and recreation classes for outdoor badges, and are involved in field biology at U of M

There are so many possibilities to pick and choose from. Trinity Church opens up their facilities to accommodate college professors and retired teachers coming in to teach groups of home-schooled students," Kilpatrick said. "Many of the kids through co-ops take chemistry classes, fencing, drama, Spanish, and French."

Kilpatrick maintains test scores, course credits, and other pertinent information to track each child's progress.

The point of home-schooling is not to shelter them, but to make sure you know what they're learning and why," she said.

Her husband loves science, math, histo-

ry, and the languages. She said he's always interested in what they're involved with, helping them with any math questions.

Kilpatrick said that along with regular courses and learning, is some voracious reading. "For our home-schooling we read tons of

books and scholastic fiction."

Carol Waldo has eight children with each being taught at home, but not all at

Her oldest son graduated from U of M, and her two daughters are studying in Japan with Eastern Michigan University.

The remaining five sons are still part of The Waldo Academy, her name for their home school.

"We started this 14 years ago," Waldo said. "Three of our children were already in elementary school, but my simple thought was that I missed them. It seemed all we did was stay busy taking and picking them up to school. I wanted a slower life style where we could enjoy each other and grow up together."

As Christians, they are able to put their faith perspective into everything.

*Once finishing the academics and what we wanted to achieve, the real reason to continue was to work on each other's character," Waldo said. "We strive to raise them with strong character, not trying to make them perfect but work on traits like honesty, generosity, and faithfulness."

She believes with kids gone all day at a public school, the parents don't have as much time to accomplish character instruction with their children.

"My husband is very involved and without support from him this would be next to impossible. We do try to invest in each other's life. God ordains that we stick altogether and make the most of it," she said.

I have a 12th, 10th, seventh, fifth and second grader. We start our day about nine each morning. We watch for them to learn that they're doing for themselves, not for mom and dad; and once they get a hold of that concept they really strive to master it."

From her point of view academics are important, but somewhat secondary.

'I see school as a tool to learn how to manage life, give kids a chance to time their own schedule, manage it, and branch off into their real desires" Waldo said. " Life is who you are and how you respond to what happens."

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Major paving project slated at Northville's Community Park

2009 budget approved at Oct. 16 meeting

Some big improvements are on the horizon for Community Park in Northville Township, with commissioners meeting last month to reset prioritles.

In March, Parks and Recreation Commissioners met to establish priorities for improvements at the park at the northwest corner of Five Mile and Beck roads. One of the improvements discussed was paving the parking lot. Traci Sincock, director of the Parks Department, said \$157,648 remains from the

2008 budget for park improvements. However, funding for already-approved projects will reduce that amount.

At the Oct. 2 township budget hearing, members of the township board recommended an estimated \$100,000 be earmarked to pave the lot. The proposed 2009 budget was approved at the Oct. 16 board meeting. The parking lot paving had been delayed because of unanticipated costs to remove the infrastructure during construction of the park in 2006.

The installation of sand volleyball courts and basketball courts at the park were both deemed to be low-priority improvements. Projects that

moved up on the priority list included walking trails at the north and south ends of the park.

A grass amphitheater was discussed as a long-term project for the park as was a ring road around the north end of the park by Revival Outreach Center Church on Beck Road.

That will be a significant project," said Mark Abbo, township supervisor.

The board has set the vision for the park," Sincock said. "If funding becomes available, some of these projects may be developed regardless of their priority level."

The installation of additional rest rooms at the park was discussed as a long-term improvement, as was artificial turf for the soccer fields and an enclosed fieldhouse.

But a shelter and a water source for the

dog park were discussed as high priorities. These improvements will be included in the \$200,000 recommended for park improvements next year.

"More than 400 households currently use the dog park system," Sincock said.

Skate park update

Discussions are ongoing about a permanent skate park to be erected by Hillside Middle School, with the proposal to be presented to administrative services subcommittee members at their Nov. 4 meeting. Members could recommend the proposal then be discussed at the Nov. 11 Northville Board of Education

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Schoolcraft College moves elections to November

Starting in 2010, elections same day, the entities can for the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees will be held on even years in conjunction with the November general election. Previously the board's elections were held on odd years in May.

The change was approved by the board following a public hearing at its regular monthly meeting October 22. It is expected that the college's expenses for running each election will be reduced by approximately \$100,000.

The decision will extend the terms of two trustees by 18 months, Phil Carsten and Carol Strom, whose seats were up for election in May 2009. The seats will now be contested in November 2010.

Entities that hold elections - including cities, townships, counties, school districts and community college districts - must cover the cost of running an election. When more than one entity is holding an election on the

share the costs.

Schoolcraft elections involve 14 entities, including eight townships and six cities. Because some school districts in the area hold elections in May, Schoolcraft has been able to share expenses with seven of these entities. The remaining seven would not normally have an election in May; this required that Schoolcraft cover 100 percent of the expenses.

For May 2009, those expenses were projected to be \$116,754. By moving to the November general election - when every entity is engaged in the election process - Schoolcraft's share of the cost drops to \$11,950.

In addition to reduced expenses, board members also cited as a benefit the increased awareness of the college that will likely result from the higher voter turnouts experienced in November general elections.



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Addison Nicole Brooks

Jason and Amy Brooks of Northville are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Addison Nicole, born Sunday July 27, 2008, at Providence Hospital.

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Win tickets for four to see the Cheetah Girls

BY PAIN FLEXUNG

Who cares about candy when there's a chance to win free tickets to see the Cheetah Girls?

As a prelude to the downtown Northville trick-ortreating festivities from 6-8 p.m. Friday, AM 910 Radio Disney will throw its second Rock-O-Ween Halloween Party from 3-6 p.m. at Northville Square. Area children and teenagers can join the AM 910 Radio Disney Road Crew for music, games, prizes, face painting and fun for the whole family at 133 West Main St. at Wing Street.

This year's event is being sponsored by the new Monroe Bank & Trust, Miss Harriet's Dance Studio, the Northville Downtown Development Association, Northville Square, Spillane & Reynolds Orthodontics and local dentist Dr. William Demray.

THE TRAIL OF TREATS

Follow the Trail of Treats by visiting local businesses, picking up treats along the way and registering to win four tickets to see the Cheetah Girls live at The Palace of Auburn Hills on Tuesday, Dec. 2, on the One World tour.

Northville Square and Miss Harriet's Dance Studio are the premier sponsors of the event.
In addition to Cheetah Girls tickets, Monroe Bank &

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The other big feature will be the "Guess How Many Ping Pong Balls Are in the Vintage Volkswagen Contest" sponsored by Drs. Spillane, Reynolds and Demray, with the prize being a Wii.

There will be plenty of fun things to do at this three-

hour event," said Denise Jenkins of Miss Harriet's.

Any business can have a table at the event, and the business doesn't have to be Halloween-related to participate. However, each table must provide candy or some sort of treat for the hundreds of children and teenagers. Business owners interested in having table at the event can contact Jenkins at (248) 349-1111 by the end of the day on Thursday. Cost is \$250 per table.

Last year, about 1,400 people attended Rock-O-Ween. "We're expecting about 2,000 at this year's party," said Margene Buckhave, co-owner of Northville Square with her husband, Bob Buckhave. "We've received a lot more sponsorships this year. I think we have the coolest downtown Halloween celebration of any city in the

A registration table will be set up at the event where all the details of the contests will be explained.

For more information, visit www.northvillesquare. com or visit the Radio Disney Web site at radiodisney.

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Last year's "Post Mortem Players" show "Dancing With the Scars" on Dunlap Street, hosted by Ed Skullivan, featured Egor, Frankenstein and Dracula dancing with costumed volunteers selected from the audience. This year's 15-minute show will run continuously from 6-8 p.m. on Halloween.

Group to offer Halloween skit

■ Third candidate for U.S. president will make special appearance

Look out John McCain and Barack Obama. You've got a little competition coming your way.

A group of Northville residents known for staging a continuously-running skit on Halloween in the front yard of a home on Dunlap Street will offer something special this election year - a surprise third candidate for U.S. president, who will make a special whistle-stop appearance.

The skit's organizers are Greg Presley, Thom Barry and Dave Schmidt, and their only-seenat-Halloween "Post Mortem Players," including regulars Terri Denhof, Janisse Larsson, Laurie Marrs, Drew Romeo, Mary Poole and others who help build the set and assemble props.

Schmidt, spokesperson for the group, said: The candidate and his running mate will be taking questions from the audience. It should be interesting, since neither one of them are the same species as the better-known Democratic and Republican candidates."

In last year's show, "Dancing With the Scars," Egor, Frankenstein and Dracula danced with costumed volunteers selected from the audience and were immediately critiqued and scored by a judging panel. The shows were hosted by Ed Skullivan.

As always, the 15-minute episodes this year will run continuously from 6-8 p.m. on Halloween as part of the informal festivities in downtown Northville on Dunlap Street between West and Linden streets.

Since the mid-1990s, the group has staged a variety of parodies with ghoulish twists, including last year's "Dancing with the Scars," "Pirates of the Hallowee-an" in 2006, and "Extreme Makeover: The Monster Edition" in 2005.

Journey to Hell' slated at ROC

■ Play offers glimpse into Satan's place

Just in time for Devil's Night – the night before Halloween – a local church is providing some devilish entertainment.

Revival Outreach Center in Northville Township will host the play "Journey To Hell" at 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday and at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Friday at the church at 16115 Beck Road north of Five Mile Road on the west side of the street.

The play offers a glimpse of hell as interpreted by the author, Sonny Hennessy of Plymouth.

This is the third city in which we've offered the production," Hennessy said. "I've presented the play in Memphis (Tenn.) and Tampa (Fla.), with thousands attending.

"Basically, it's about people who are in hell," Hennessy. "It's about a woman who has a vision of going into hell," she said. "It features people who are pleading to get out of hell, and the woman's experience of being in hell."

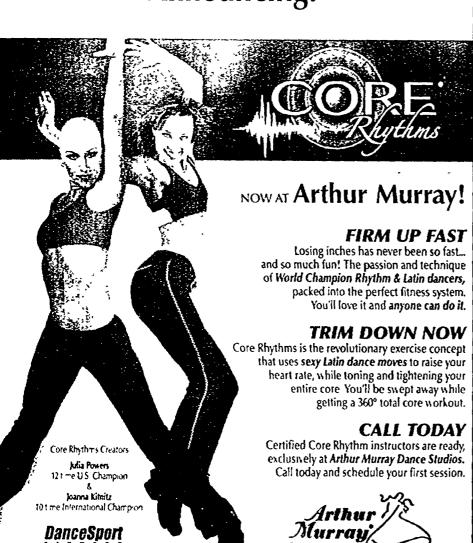
The performance runs 50 minutes and will feature about 45 people on stage, with a total production crew of about 75, including set designers, costume designers, demon guides, music director, sound director, lighting director and other stage person-

There is no charge to attend the performance, which is open to the public.

The play has been rated PG-13 by the author, so children under age 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

For those who would like more information or would like to discuss the play, it has a myspace page — myspace.com/rocjour-neytohell.





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It's not too early to start thinking about Christmas

■ Northville High presenting Dickens' classic tale of Scrooge

BY CAL STONE EDITOR

What could be more appropriate in these harsh economic times than "A Christmas Carol," presented by the Northville High School drama department Nov. 12-15?

It's Charles Dickens' classic tale of Scrooge, a wealthy man who hold his money tightly until the spirit of Christmas makes him realize he needs to give back to his community.

And to drive home the point, there will be donation boxes in front of the Northville High School auditorium for folks to drop off canned and nonper-ishable goods, which will all go to the local charity Civic

"We picked this play spe-cifically because of the current economy, and because of the generosity of Northville people," said Debbie Kinde. "All our costumes were donated by community members who we asked to do so during the Victorian Festival.

She noted that there are many more people in need this year, and to reflect that, ticket prices have been lowered to just \$10 for adults; \$5 for students. And there will also be a special "Thank You to Heroes Night" on the 12th when anyone who has a family member in the military or fire or police department will get in for free by calling (248) 773-7655 for

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tickets. Kinde's official title is costumer ("I'm the crazy lady," she said."), but she's also the wife of the director, Kurt Kinde. He directed plays at NHS years ago, took about a dozen years off while remaining a teacher there, and is making his return with this production. He presented "A Christmas Carol" nearly 20 years ago, and decided that it was so well received then in Northville that it was time to do it again.

"He picked this version in June after looking at 25 scripts," said Kinde, noting that her husband presented it nearly 20 years ago "This one was quite a bit different and involved quite a large cast.

Indeed, there are in fact 69 Northville students - from elementary to middle school to high school - in the production, which features Chad Spencer in the starring role of

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Scrooge.
'This is his first time on the Northville stage, and he's doing a phenomenal job," said Kinde of the NHS junior. "He's on stage the entire play. He's just been a real surprise."

In fact, 90 percent of the cast is first-time performers, and they've been working on the play since the second week in September. The cast also includes a high school teacher, Elise Morrison, and a cameo appearance by Chris Johnson, city of Northville mayor.

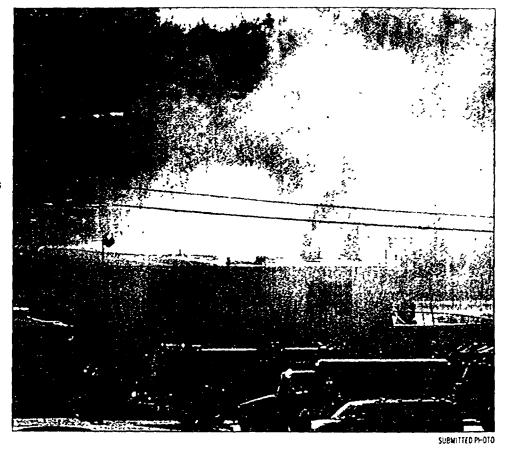
Another newcomer, Kathy Crook, is donating her time as the choreographer, and the sets are being built by Brian Johns, the auditorium technician at the high school.

"There's a lot of surprises and a lot of unusual things happening with the set - trap doors, ghosts appearing, etc." said Kinde. "It's about two hours. This is the Royal Shakespearean production, which is a little different than the typical version. It's good for all ages; we've taken all the scary stuff out."

The drama department puts on two shows a year. In the spring, it will be "Fiddler on the Roof."

"Normally, our fall production has 10 to 12 kids; this time it's 69," said Kinde. "We're trying to do it with the same budget. 'Fiddler' will have approximately 80 kids. We want to make sure that every kid who wants a drama experience gets a drama experience.'

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A fire at Northville Downs race track Oct. 18 is still under investigation.

Fire at Northville Downs caused by fan malfunction

Roof damage on second floor of track's annex

BY PAN FLEMING STAFF WRITER

A portion of the roof of the annex building at the Northville Downs race track suffered significant damage in a fire on the afternoon of Saturday, Oct. 18.

The fire occurred on the second floor of the building just east of the race track's main building. This portion of the mostly one-story building houses the race track's office of the Michigan Racing Commission.

The second floor also suffered water damage, according to Lt. Stephen Ott, Northville Fire Department.

The department received a call about a possible structure fire at 12:56 p.m. on Saturday, with five vehicles responding to the blaze - two fire engines, a ladder truck and a rescue vehicle from the city of Northville, with another a fire engine from the Northville Township Fire Department being dispatched at 1:13 p.m.

Some employees were present when the fire was reported, but no one was hurt. Although no flames were visible, fire fighters

saw smoke coming from the roof, so they had to open up the ceiling. Because the fire took place in state agency

offices, state employees are handling the inves-

State police were on the scene Oct. 23, according to Ott.

"While it may take a while for the report to be prepared ... the cause of the fire appears to have been an electrical malfunction in a bathroom ceiling fan," Ott said.

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Oakland prosecutor: Broken or not?

2 candidates for office spar over the issues

BY JAY M. GROSSMAN STAFF WRITER

They didn't exactly take off the gloves, but the two candidates in the Oakland County prosecutor's race tossed a few barbs back and forth last week.

Former Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Jessica Cooper and state Rep. David Law of Commerce Township are vying to replace outgoing prosecutor David Gorcyca. The two squared off in a lively 75-minute sponsored by League of Women Voter's debate at the Bloomfield Township Public Library.

Running on the Republican ticket, Law, 39, introduced himself by saying he likes how fellow Republican Gorcyca ran the prosecu-

tor's office for the past 12 years.
"I feel strongly the office is moving in the right direction," he said.

Cooper, 61, a Democrat from Beverly Hills with 28 years of experience behind the bench, disagrees.

My opponent believes the office runs well and I believe it's broken," she said. "I believe a change is needed so we have a professional office and not a political one."

She has the support of Harry Philo, a longtime Troy resident who believes it's possible for a Democrat to win a county-wide office in conservative Oakland County.

The county's changing, the world's changing," Philo said. "We can see it walking around the neighborhoods. I know people who voted straight Republican are planning to vote for at least one Democrat this year."

Wearing a Barack Obama button on her sweater, Marcie Lipsitt of Franklin Village also plans to split her ballot.

"I'm a strong Democrat but I'm voting for David Law for prosecutor," she said. "I just think he cares more about the community, and I think he'll do a better job fighting for the children.

On a more personal note, Lipsitt thought Cooper handled herself poorly on the podium. jgrossman@hometownlife.com | (248) 901-2529

"Whether it's John McCain or Jessica Cooper, I'm tired of the smirks and the sarcasm," she said. "We have serious problems in the county... it's time for some bipartisan-

Philo, on the other hand, brought up Gorcyca and his recent handling of some highly-publicized child sexual assault cases.

We need a prosecutor who isn't engaged in personal vendettas," he said, "It seems like there's a lot of work the prosecutor has to do there's some things the office should not be involved in."

For the most part, Law plans to continue existing practices in the prosecutor's office, including a no plea-bargaining policy that goes back to when L. Brooks Patterson ran the office.

Cooper would consider plea bargains under the right circumstances.

"If you have a good case, you should be tough," she said. "But you need to be smart about crime."

If elected, she wants to focus on mortgage fraud and other white-collar crimes. She also wants to revamp the warrants division and create a more diverse workforce inside the prosecutor's office.

'I can't imagine an office that size with such little diversity," she said.

Law, who spent six years in the prosecutor's office before running for the state Legislature in 2004, placed an emphasis on

"Even though the front door is locked and the window are closed... if there's a computer in the house, that predator has access to the kids," he said.

Following the debate, Pontiac resident Mike Martinez thought both candidates held

"I thought the questions were good, and I thought both candidates were sharp," he said. "As a debate it went pretty well, but I'm not sure it would change anyone's mind."

38th District: Democratic state rep candidate represents working class

BY KELLY MURAD STAFF WRITER

ELECTIONS

As a union commercial carpenter, 23-year Novi resident Chuck Tindall, intends to bring a working class perspective to Michigan's legislature as state representative of the 38th District.

"I'd like to get in and try to right a few wrongs and protect working class people," he said.

Tindall, 54, is the Democratic Party candidate, representing the communities of Novi, the Oakland County-portion of Northville, South Lyon, Lyon Township, Wixom and Walled Lake, in the race for state representative Craig DeRoche's, R-Novi, term-limited seat.

Although Tindall has no political office experience, he led a grassroots citizens' group in the 1990s, which allowed voters to amend the City of Novi Charter, and stopped that city council from constructing a golf course on city parkland.

"I think getting some people in there that are a little naive might not be a bad idea," he said. "It's not just the district.

Chuck Tindall

It's the state, and we're all in this together." Tindall

said the most pressing issue at the state level is the economy and recommends

eliminating the outsourcing of services.

We need to get the whole philosophy and mentality of shopping at home," he said.
"Support your local business. It would help Michigan to spend the dollars here.

Cutting spending from the state's department of correc-tions and elected officials' lifetime health care are areas Tindall believes are unnecessary considering Michigan's economy.

"We're locking up more people than other surrounding states. I'm fully in favor of justice, but we need to look at ways of being more fiscally responsible in our justice," he said. "The Michigan Legislature is the second highest paid legislature in the nation. I don't think anyone

should get lifetime health care as an elected official. I think

that's unjustified." As a representative of the working class, Tindall hopes to repeal taxes on unemployment

*If your income goes down, your tax should go down, Tindall said, explaining in order to keep the budget balanced, the unemployment tax should be replaced by those who are employed. "If you're making money, you're paying the tax. If you're not making money, you're not paying the

Similarly, Tindall supports some tax incentives for businesses, but believes the state needs to be fair about taxing.

He is an advocate of environmental issues and supports the state seeking alternative sources of energy.

Tindall has been married to Carleen for 26 years and is the father of two Novi High School graduates, Christopher and Chad.

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County commissioner runs for state rep

STAFF WRITER



Hugh Crawford

Life-long Novi resident Hugh Crawford believes in reducing taxes, restoring Michigan's business climate and transparency of government.

Taxpayers deserve to know where their money is being spent," he said. Crawford, 66, is running for state representative of the 38th district, which includes Novi, the Oakland County-portion of Northville, South

Lyon, Lyon Township, Wixom and Walled Lake, representing the Republican Party.

Current state Rep. Craig DeRoche, R-Novi, is term limited.

'I think the role of state representative is to be a liaison between your communities and the state, and to be an advocate of your communities to the state," he said. "You certainly have to have some experience to serve as

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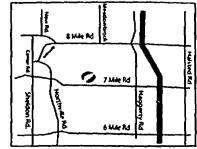
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Double Dog Dare hits the city

■ Cash from canine aids grief support center

STAFF WRITER

Allison Shelters is a bit of a prankster - but in a good way.

The daughter of owner Chris Shelters of Edward's Cafe & Caterer on East Main Street has challenged the area to a Double Dog Dare, with the proceeds going to the New Hope Center for Grief Support on Dunlap Street.

In this canine caper, a small concrete dog that normally sits outside the cafe is dressed or decorated for the challenge then passed on to another downtown

The recipient is then double dog dared to pay \$25 to redress or redecorate the dog and then pass it on to

This all started a few weeks ago, with the dog landing at Starring "The Gallery" on Monday. The doggie deed is a prelude to tonight's Sing for Hope fund-raiser from 7-10 p.m. at NOMI restaurant at 133 W. Main St. The event will feature karaoke, with local notables such as Mayor Chris Johnson hitting the stage.

"Some of the costumes (on the dog) have been great," said Chris Van Dam of Van Dam's Boutique, one of the organizers of tonight's fund-raiser for the grief support center.

"People are really getting behind this (cause)." "We originally had a full-sized toilet that we'd put in people's yards a couple of years ago for Relay for Life," said Sarah Kennedy, Shelter's daughter, who works at Edward's. (Relay for Life is an annual fund-raising event for the American Cancer Society.) "You'd have to pay \$10 to have it removed or \$25 to have it dropped off somewhere else. We would come and get it, however, if somebody really didn't want to pay the \$10."

Tonight's event, which is the second such fund-raiser, is free and open to the public, with donations of any amount being accepted throughout the evening. Guests can enjoy a wide range of French-American entrees, desserts and signature martinis while listening to the karaoke participants. For more information, call Van Dam at (248) 449-4282 or Steve Williams at (248) 231-7636.

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Diane Wright, of Northville's Starring Gallery, kneels by the "Double Dog Dare" dog statue that's making its way around downtown merchants' shops and is uniquely decorated by each business. The statue, and funds raised by its decoration, are to benefit the upcoming fundraiser/karaoke event at Northville's Nomi restaurant on Oct. 30 - all to benefit Northville's New Hope Center for Grief Support.

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state representative and I believe I have that experience."

Crawford was elected Oakland County Commissioner of the 9th District in 2000 and currently serves as the vice chairman of the board. Prior to his county commissioner role, Crawford served 15 years on Novi City Council and has been actively involved with various boards and commissions.

He retired from Xerox after more than 20 years and served four years in the Marine Corps.

"I enjoy what I'm doing and I think I'm good at what I do," he said. "I know Michigan is going to rebound. I don't have all the answers, but we've got to change the way we're doing business."

Although Crawford said he is not going to Lansing with an agenda, he believes being business-friendly and providing jobs is key to turning Michigan's economy around.

"It's an opportunity to go to the state level and hopefully make some changes," he said. "I think my philosophies of no more tax increases, in fact tax cuts, need

to be seriously considered."
One example Crawford suggests is eliminating the 22 percent surcharge on the Michigan Business Tax.

"I've always been fiscally conservative as a county commissioner," he said. We're not in better economic times right now and we need to make some tough decisions."

According to Crawford, everything at the state level is up for grabs when it comes to restructuring and making cuts, except for Medicaid and education.

Although he doesn't want to abandon the state's focus on the automotive industry, Crawford believes Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson is on track with targeting emerging industries in the field of medicine, research and robotics.

Crawford has been married to Novi City Councilwoman Kathy Crawford for 44 years. They have three children and two grandchildren.

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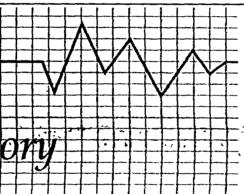
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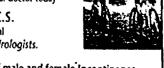
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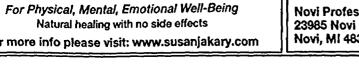


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Northville Township Board of Trustees

Four Republicans – incumbents Marjorie Banner, Mary Gans and Christopher Roosen as well as challenger Mindy Herrmann – and one Democrat, Carol Poenisch, are vying for four (four-year) seats on the township board. The other three members of the seven-member board are incumbents running unopposed – Mark Abbo, supervisor; Sue Hillebrand, clerk; and Richard Henningsen, clerk. In the August primary, the Record endorsed Banner and Gans, and we'll reiterate that here.

Banner is currently serving her second term on the board, and we feel she not only deserves to be re-elected, but that it is crucial that she remain on the board. She realizes that the financial future of this township is at the top of the priorities list. As a member of the Economic Development Council, Banner is focused on bringing well-paying, high-tech jobs and is willing to offer tax incentives to do so. She is committed to preserving open green space and making our zoning ordinances livable, and she realizes that communication – from the top on down – needs improving. She is organized, works well with her peers, is focused on strategic planning and offers a balanced viewpoint that is one of the most valuable assets a trustee can offer.

Gans has been on the board since 1996. He has seen first-hand the township move from rural to suburban all the way back to when he was a planning commissioner in 1977. He knows full well that people move to Northville because of the high property values, and he's committed to maintaining those. He's in favor of more study sessions for the board, a better sound system at the township hall and broadcasting of board meetings, and he's not opposed to multi-story buildings – in the right location. He has been a major advocate of recreation land, almost to the point of being his single interest, but the community has reaped the fruits of his labor via soccer fields, bike paths, Community Park and Thayer's Corner Nature Area.

Ironically, two candidates the Record did not endorse in the primary, Herrmann and Roosen, were the top two vote-getters in August. Unfortunately, in our one-on-one interviews with the candidates in July, we didn't hear anything that made us want to commit to either candidate. Herrmann seemed focused solely on finding fat in the township budget (although she's no sure where) and cutting it and Monday-morning quarterbacking the annexation issue. We heard her confident voice during the Oct. 13 candidates forum, but still little detail on her budget thoughts. Roosen is obviously a young, energetic, intelligent man who captures info quickly and retains it. He works in the auto industry and is looking to bring high-tech businesses to the township while being cautious on spending.

During the heat of the annexation battle, Carol Poenisch probably could have run for state rep – and won, her rally cry was that popular around here. But Nov. 4 isn't a popularity contest. It's an election to pick future leaders of this township. She can obviously get passionate about an issue and sink her teeth into it, and she cares deeply about Northville. But our big concern is whether we're hearing her voice or that of Mark Abbo, township supervisor. We're not looking for a trustee who is going to butt heads with the township's top official at every opportunity, but this community cannot afford having leadership that might not challenge and question.

The Record endorses Marjoric Banner and Mary Gans on Nov. 4

Northville Public Schools Board of Education

As record numbers of Americans are registering to vote in Tuesday's election to determine our next president, many local races are drawing attention as well. In Northville, four individuals are vying for a pair of four-year trustee seats on the Northville Public Schools Board of Education. Voters will have to think hard about what they want, specifically, from their school board because each of the candidates is strong.

The lone incumbent, Joan Wadsworth, is the current president and has been on the board 15 years. That can be a pro or a con, depending on your view of the board's actions during her tenure. She certainly understands the complexity of the district, something which will take any of her challengers awhile to get up to her speed. Although her three children attended Northville schools, the youngest graduated several years ago. Some folks believe a board member should have children in school to have a better perspective; although we can understand that reasoning, we're not convinced it's a necessity. Wadsworth has a resume of relative experience that is unmatched by the other carididates and is without question one of the pillars of this community. She has acknowledged a lack of communication on the district's part and has pitched several ideas for improvement. If re-elected, she must make this a priority.

We find similarities, possibly to a fault, in Dottie Garrity, a mother of two Northville students who says she's been contemplating a run for the board for the past two years. She has faithfully attended board and subcommittee meetings; picked the brains of administrators and staff; and done her homework when it comes to learning the mechanics of the district. She says the board needs to think longer-term, not just two to three years down the road, and she also indicated the need for better communication (like taping and broadcasting sub-committee meetings). Garrity says she'll speak her mind but is more of a listener. We hope that doesn't translate to being a follower. If elected, she'll need to make sure the fresh perspective she touts is firmly presented to her colleagues.

Candidate Jacob Espinosa impressed us much more in a oneon-one interview than at the Oct. 20 candidate forum. As a high school teacher (in Dearborn), he would definitely bring a unique view to the board. Espinosa also holds master's degrees in education and early childhood development. With a special needs daughter, he feels the district isn't doing enough for those students

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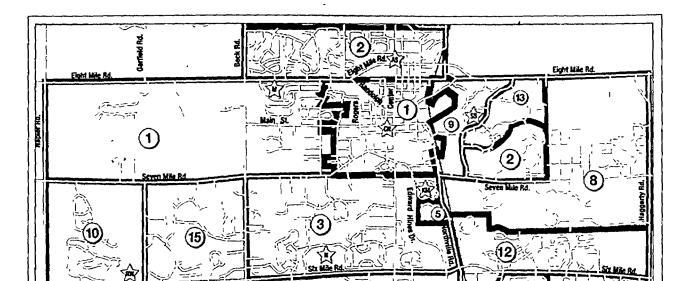
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or for those students who need to be challenged more. At first blush, he may seem like a oneissue candidate, but there are many other areas - multi-cultures, spending, communication - that he has grasp on and wants to improve in the district. Like Garrity, he is a six-year resident.

Carol Grimmer was endorsed by the Record, and lost, in the last school election in May 2007. She appears to have toned down a bit, but is still vocal and opinionated about how the district functions and the board's united 7-0 front on most decisions. Unfortunately, finding a liaison to address her concerns - teaching for a global society, possible consolidation of districts, overlycompetitive sports programs, lack of communication, fiscal responsibility - will be her biggest challenge if elected. She has children in all three levels of Northville's school system and is confident she can meet the time commitment being a board

member requires.

Here's how we see the candidates lining up: If you're satisfied with Northville schools currently and feel the board is heading in the right direction, go with the Record's endorsements of Joan Wadsworth and Dottie Garrity. If, on the other hand, you feel the district needs to change, then Jacob Espinosa and Carol Grimmer should be your choices.

Wayne County 10th District Commissioner

The 10th District county commission race features incumbent Republican Laura Cox facing Democrat Susan Clark. Cox wants to secure parks millage funding for a pedestrian walkway in Hines Park along Sheldon Road which will connect Northville Township and the City of Northville. Cox believes difficult decisions will need to be made on county services for the \$2.2 billion budget. Her public safety background makes her a strong advocate for budget requests from the sheriff and prosecutor. She supports economic growth through reducing taxes, employing smart growth patterns, and providing economic incentives. Cox has shown that she has an understanding of the importance of bringing tax dollars back to the five communities she represents. We believe Laura Cox deserves another term as the 10th District county commis-

Wayne County Treasurer

Raymond Wojtowicz, 79, will face former Wayne County Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy, 48, the Republican candidate for Wayne County treasurer.

In 2004, when he was the county auditor, Dunleavy issued a devastating audit of the treasurer's Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund. In the audit, Dunleavy was

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highly critical of the treasurer's accounting practices, the awarding on no-bid contracts and other "irregularities." Dunleavy's audit says that when questioned for information, Wojtowicz refused to cooperate. Wojtowicz dismisses the audit as politically motivated and says current audits have given his department a clean bill. Dunleavy offers some interesting ideas on how to group and dispose of foreclosed properties and work on changing state law to give delinquent taxpayers more time to pay their taxes.

We believe it is time for a change in the treasurer's office. We urge voters to vote for Brendan Dunleavy.

Oakland County Executive

For the first time in his 16 years as Oakland County executive, L. Brooks Patterson is facing a credible challenge for re-election. And that challenge from Southfield Mayor Brenda Lawrence comes at a time when the state's "economic engine" is starting to feel the same pains as the rest of the region. While Lawrence brings a legitimate set of qualifications to her candidacy, she simply cannot match Patterson in either his accomplishments as executive, or his continued vision for the region. For these reasons, we urge Oakland voters to re-elect L. Brooks Patterson as county executive. These are uncertain times for Oakland County, and it makes no sense to change its

leadership at this time. Oakland County 9th District Commissioner

Voters in Michigan's Ninth District Oakland County race should select Republican Party candidate Kim Capello for the commissioner position. Capello comes to the table with more community experience than his Democratic opponent, Karen Zyczynski. The candidate from Novi presently serves as the City of Novi Mayor Pro Tem, and has shown a penchant for rising to the top through leadership positions. He has a combined 15 years of experience serving on Novi's planning commission and city council. We urge all voters in the Ninth District to vote for Kim Capello on Nov. 4.

Oakland County Prosecutor, Clerk, Treasurer, Sheriff & Drain Commissioner

Oakland County needs an intelligent, insightful and inspiring individual to serve as prosecutor—someone who is intimately familiar with the courts and driven to pursue the guilty and protect the innocent. The best person to fill that role is Democrat Jessica Cooper, a candidate with strong legal credentials and the maturity to make sound decisions. Cooper, 61, was a judge for nearly 30 years, serving at the district, circuit and appellate court

levels. She has a track record as a tough but fair jurist, is no stranger to high-profile trials and is poised to be a prosecutor with no further government advancements in mind. Her opponent is Republican David Law, 40, who hails from a political family and spent six years as an assistant prosecutor before winning election to the Michigan House of Representatives.

In the races for the other countywide offices, we believe Oakland County residents have been well-served by the incumbents and therefore endorse all for re-election: Ruth Johnson for clerk, Patrick Dohany for treasurer, Michael Bouchard for sheriff and John McCulloch for drain commissioner.

35th District Court Judge

When voters go to the polls on Nov. 4 and vote to replace retiring 35th District Court Judge John MacDonald, they'll have to choose between two strong candidates.

Jim Plakas and Joe Barone were the top two vote-getters during the August primary election, and now face each other for the six-year term, which pays \$139,272. Voters can select only one candidate. We believe that candidate should be Jim Plakas.

Plakas seems to have been training for this particular job most of his career. He's been a prosecutor, a city attorney and a defense attorney. He's handled all manner of cases in a variety of courtrooms. He comes from an experienced legal background, has a sound judicial temperament and has the backing of many judges.

Michigan House of Representatives 20th District

There were more than a few raised cycbrows two years ago when Democrat Marc Corriveau of Northville won a state House seat, the 20th District, that had been owned and operated by Republicans forever. His re-election – which we believe voters should provide – should come as far less a surprise.

Corriveau faces Republican
Jerry Vorva of Plymouth, a
former 20th District representative. Corriveau's performance
in his first term has earned
him the right to continue serving his district, which includes
both Plymouths (city and township), the Northvilles (city and
township), the City of Wayne
and a small portion of Canton

Corriveau went to Lansing with a promise to keep his constituents in mind, and we believe he's done that. He'd barely gotten his seat warm when he and other legislators had to tackle issues such as removal of the Single Business Tax (he believed eliminating it without a suitable replacement already in hand was a mistake) and the huge deficit

in the state budget. Say what you want about his decisions, but Corriveau took into account what his constituents wanted when he cast his votes. And one of the things we like best about Corriveau is his willingness after those votes to put himself out there to explain his thought

Corriveau has the ability to work without regard to party lines. He talks regularly to the elected officials in his district, many of whom are Republican, and most of whom speak well of him. We believe Marc Corriveau has earned re-election in the Nov. 4 general election.

Michigan House of Representatives 38th District

Although Doug Curry demonstrates a strong skill set for problem solving and a refreshing outlook, we endorse Hugh Crawford for District 38 State Representative. Crawford has a realistic view of partisan politics and the experience needed to get things done. Crawford is a current Oakland County Commissioner and a 15-year veteran of the Novi City Council. He values education and Medicare and has a realistic approach to making decisions on program cuts, revamping the state's approach to retaining and maintaining our business sector all while promising to be "a fresh face with new ideas in Lansing."

U.S. Congress 11th District

Michigan's 11th Congressional District has been a safe seat for Republican incumbent Thaddeus McCotter. This year McCotter's Democratic opponent, Joseph Larkin, is a Livonia attorney with no government experience. He offers basic Democratic talking points and seems honestly concerned about the war in Iraq and the foreclosure problems. But he has a superficial understanding of some issues and no record of government service that would suggest that he could play a

meaningful role in Congress.

McCotter is a bright, articulate man, who comes prepared to interviews with some complex and nuanced positions and observations on national issues and politics. He sees himself as a true conservative and, as chair of the Republican House Policy Committee, he helps the party set its conservative agenda. In that role, he was one of the leaders of a House Republican revolt against the Bush bank rescue plan.

Given his intelligence, his
flexibility on issues of local
importance, his broad legislative
experience, his regular presence
in the district and his constituent
service, we support the re-election of Thaddeus McCotter for
a fourth term.

Rootin' for Roosen

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Northville Township Trustee Candidate Forum held Oct. 13 provided attendees an opportunity to listen to the candidates' views and opinions regarding the state of the township, and I strongly believe Chris Roosen is the candidate that has the interest of the township citizens at the top of his agenda. He excels at reviewing issues, analyzing situations and questions doing business as usual. He brings to the table a fiscal responsibility that will serve the township well during the next

several years. Chris Roosen is committed to serve the community and he believes that the role of the trustees is to be a service based business to its citizens. Chris Roosen is approachable and seeks citizen input on issues facing the township to ensure the citizens

I encourage all voters to reelect Chris Roosen for Northville Township Trustee.

> Debbie Grant-Kelterborn Northville Township

Poenisch responds to Lomske

In a guest column, Steve Lomske alludes that the Northville Township Seven Mile Road consent agreement is bad, we spent a lot of money and lost. Mr. Lomske's "flyover" reveals a disturbing amount of commercial and loss of trees but misses important aspects of the agreement. Among others, they include:

• The environment in which the agreement was signed was very different from the environment in which a 2006 site plan was offered. The township board negotiated the agreement under court-ordered facilitation, under threat of annexation. Generally, "site plans" show greater detail, and an agreement merely articulates parameters and procedures. Much of the things Mr. Lomske assumes the agreement may be lacking will be presented when a new site plan comes before the township planning commission.

 I was in the trenches helping to defeat the annexation. I, with many of our neighbors, went door to door, made phone calls and worked the polls on the date of the election. I truly believe the signing of the

consent agreement helped the "no vote" campaign by impressing upon Livonia citizens that Northville was able to constructively negotiate with the developer and that we were serious about moving forward to provide jobs (estimated at 8,000), an increased tax base and much-needed economic stimulus for Michigan.

Most stores mentioned in the commercial part of the agreement do not have a second floor, and the "several" references to WalMart Mr. Lomske mentions are just to give an example of the type of hyperstore mentioned in the agreement. Actually, there are only two references to WalMart.

Mr. Lomske claims that the taxes could drop to \$120,000 a year for the township. This is just not true. The SEV (State Equalized Value) adjustment applies only to the past two years. His assertion is that the taxes will remain at that amount throughout the term of the brownfield. As the property increases in value with development so will the property taxes. The purpose of the drop in the pre-development SEV from \$15 million to \$5 million is so that the cost of the brownfield can be paid off sooner, (i.e., the brownfield is paid off by incremental taxes, which increase when the tax base is lower.)

 The agreement states that if the developer does not develop, thus generating revenue for the site to pay for the brownfield, the developer must pay for the cleanup. I understand the agreement binds the landowner. The township could place a lien on the property for the cost of the cleanup if it's not done in 10 years.

The oil rights belong to the state of Michigan. A third party has been contracted to pump the oil and remove it.

• The developer donated 100 attractive acres to the township that is adjacent to a 17-acre township owned parcel. When combined, it becomes a much more usable piece with access to Seven Mile Road.

 Roads are still required to be approved by the county but the agreement requires that land be reserved on Seven Mile Road and on Haggerty Road for future rightof-way. All roads will be built at the developer's expense.

• I see no changes from our current design standard ordinances and those on water, tap, sewer fees, sidewalks, liquor license, roads, residential rental, and utilities.

• The potential tax revenue to the township as the property gets developed is estimated at about \$1.5 million a year. This will be huge for Northville and for Northville schools. Tap fees and sewer usage fees will add additional millions to the township and will help keep resident fees

I believe the agreement helped keep Northville whole. Had the property been annexed to Livonia. Northville would have no control over the project, the teardown of the buildings, the environmental cleanup, density and no tax revenue from the project. We would have gotten the traffic, congestion and Livonia development standards.

Had the consent agreement not been signed, we would be looking at the threat of a \$100-million lawsuit that could have been a great loss to the community and concessions made to avoid the litigation may have been worse than the consent agreement itself.

Looking back to say what we could have done is not productive. It will never be known what the outcome may have been if a different path had been taken.

Carol Poenisch Northville

Grimmer for school board

It is very clear to me that the best candidate for the Northville School Board is Carol Grimmer. I read with interest the interviews of all four candidates in the Oct. 16 issue of the Record. Carol is the only one who mentioned specific answers to the questions. No fluff answers from her. She talked about the Michigan Merit Exam challenges that will face the class of 2011 and beyond; she talked about fiscal responsibility and what must be done; she said that the school administration must be accountable to taxpayers; she offered suggestions for negotiating teacher contracts, etc. Carol has obviously done her homework. She knows what she is talking about and offers viable solutions to the problems facing the schools today and in the future. Please do your homework and you, too, will see that Carol Grimmer is the best choice for the Northville School Board. She has my vote!

Susan Hatch Northville LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Transparency proposals will shine the light on state government

was pleased recently to see Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox outline a way to increase transparency in government spending. His proposal establishes an online searchable database to track state spending. Like the attorney general, 1 am a proponent of transparency. This year, I sponsored three transparency bills that have passed out of Senate Finance Committee

and now await action on the Senate floor.



Nancy Cassis

My measures will promote open government by enabling legislators to make decisions on tax policy based on factual, reliable data. Senate Bill 1015 will require the Department of Treasury to disclose summary tax information by business category with the chair of the Senate Finance Committee, the chair of the House Tax Policy Committee and the directors of the House and Senate fiscal agencies. This is information in the aggregate and therefore preserves the confidentiality of individual taxpayers.

SB 1540 would call for Treasury to create and post on its Web site a database detailing all of the MBT tax credits available to businesses, how many companies are claiming the credits and how much is being claimed annually. The bill is modeled after a Washington state law requiring transparency of tax incentives. SB 1541 would require that the Michigan Economic Growth Authority (MEGA) include specific data in their annual reports such as the accurate number of direct jobs created. It also authorizes the Auditor General to audit MEGA's annual report and submit the findings to the chair of the Senate Finance Committee, the chair of the House Tax Policy Committee, the chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, the chair of the House Appropriations Committee and the directors of the House and Senate fiscal agencies.

This legislative package is essential to ensure that a system of checks and balances are in place to serve the public good. Open, transparent government provides for appropriate disclosure which is vital in making policy decisions that avoid unfortunate, sometimes costly, mistakes as well as to reduce the likelihood of unintended consequences that invite expensive litigation.

For more information, visit my Web site at www. SenatorNancy Cassis.com. Or contact me toll free at 1-888-38-NANCY.

State Sen. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, represents the 15th Senate District, which includes the townships of Commerce, Highland, Holly Lyon, Milford Novi Rose, West Bloomfield and White Lake, as well as the villages of Holly Milford and Wolverne Lake, and the cities of Novi, Northwile (the Oakland County portion), Orchard Lake South Lyon, Wa'led Lake and Wixom

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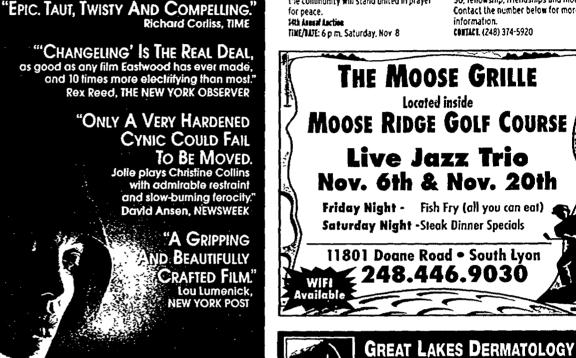
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The U.S. is having a fire sale; is China buying?

ould China buy/bail out the domestic automakers? The value of Ford Motor Company and General Motors stock are at bargain basement levels. The chill of a potential bankruptcy swirl



around the carmakers. China is sitting on mountains of U.S. securities/cash.

Certainly the players on the top floor of Ford's Glass House and the

Renaissance Center will scoff publicly at the idea of selling an American icon. Some would suggest that digging a hole to China is more possible than such a business alliance with China.

Perhaps. But what if the impossible isn't?

We need to stop looking at the world through a telescope. With our myopic 20th Century view, is it possible that we have lost sight of how the world has changed? With the BRIC countries (Brazil. Russia, India and China) opening to the world, we have

four billion new capitalists and it is becoming the new Ford consumers looking for part of the "American Dream." In a flattened world, are we able to see over the horizons with our inward looking, nationalistic field glasses?

WHAT WE ONCE HAD IS NOW GONE

The companies that helped put the world on wheels are going to have to make some dramatic changes to survive the disruptive, transformational global changes taking place. The domestic auto industry has not been able to cut itself to prosperity. Both Ford and GM are burning through a billion dollars of cash each month and sales are tanking domestically and internationally.

There is an old Chinese proverb: "Pick up a sesame seed, lose sight of the water-

When asked about the likelihood of bankruptcy at GM, Rick Wagnor, the CEO, scoffs at the possibility while Wall Street keeps up the bankruptcy chatter. Mark Fields, Ford's president of the Americas and the executive vice president, has repeated his statement, "Change or Die," so often that

mantra. Yet, they don't seem to be able to change fast enough.

And perhaps the most famous quote, from GM Chairman and CEO Alan Mulally, is "China Rocks!" after China's President Hu Jintao visited a Boeing plant, his old company, and announced the purchase of 80 of Boeing's jets. Yes, they do, and they are sitting on mountains of cash.

As Ford and General Motors continue to pick up the "sesame seed," one has to wonder if the auto leaders are not taking their eyes off the "watermelon" by exploring private alliances with one or more of the multiple manufacturers that make up China's auto industry.

There could be benefits for both sides, including:

■ Infusing much needed cash into the domestic auto companies.

Creating an instant Chinese presence in the United States.

■ Creating a distribution system through the U.S. Dealerships which would help struggling dealers, many that may go under without help

■ Adding an inexpensive Chinese low-end auto to the domestic automakers mix.

Providing much needed Research and Development and technology transfer to, and from, Chinese partners.

■ Providing the expertise to the Chinese to navigate the costly and tough process of meeting safety and emissions standards in the U.S.

A good offense also is a good defense. In this competitive global auto market the correct global partner could block a competitor (think Toyota, VW, Honda) from doing the same.

While GM has a significant market share in the China market, Ford does not. Ford is a latecomer to China, and the right Chinese alliance would create a bigger footprint in this exploding global market.

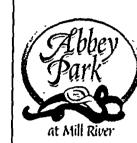
China has excess capital and is looking for global partners. As a student of China, having become attracted to its history, culture and people through a great fourth-grade teacher many years ago, hav-

ing visited China many times since 1989, and serving as a China business and education consultant to the Emmy award winning CBS-Detroit documentary: Building Bridges: From the Great Lakes to the Great Wall (www. wwjtv.com), I know that no business moves into China's fast lane without building strong, personal relationships, or "guanxi." Both top executives at Ford and GM have nurtured relationships at the highest levels in China that

could be cashed in on today. In the 1840s, the Chinese looked at America and saw a "gold mountain." Perhaps in the 21st century, a true gold mountain exists for the Chinese as the stock prices at both Ford and GM are at "fire sale" levels. The domestic auto crisis certainly provides the opportunity to think differently and create anew.

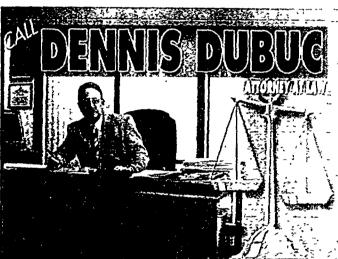
All reality begins with a dream. The domestic auto industry is facing a nightmare today. In this flattened, fastpaced, global world, perhaps it is not so farfetched to think the impossible.

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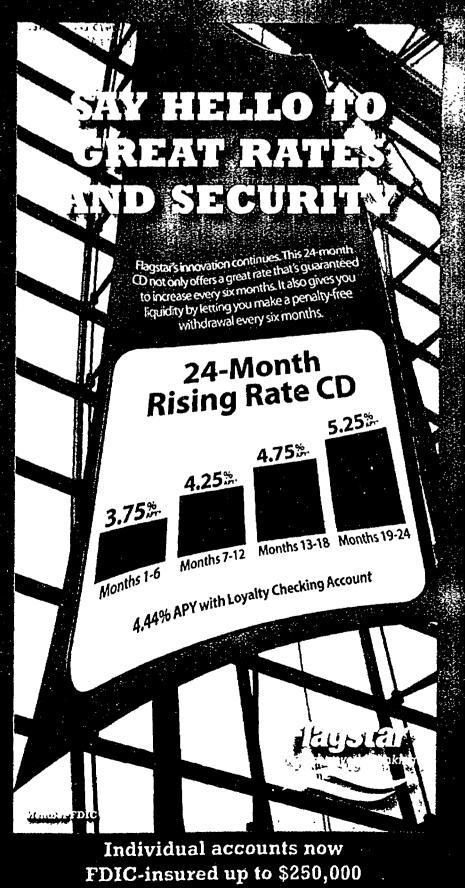




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The Boosters will be giving away 25 monetary prizes that total more than \$30,000 on Dec. 13 at the Holiday Afterglow Party. Only 1,000 raffle tickets will be sold, so the odds are in your favor that your \$100 ticket will win one of the following:

1st Prize: \$15,000 2nd Prize: \$6,000 \$3,000 3rd Prize: 4th Prize: \$2,000 5th Prize: \$1,000 6th-10th Prize: \$750 11th-15th Prize: \$300 16th-25th Prize:

The funds raised from the raffle are used to support the 750 students who participate in Northville High School's choir and band programs, one of most successful music programs in the state. Raffle proceeds during the last two years have helped to defray the cost of many items for the program, including:

Two new tubas, a timpani set and new drum heads for the band, along with several instrument repairs

Strings accompaniment for the Spring choir concerts and a new projector system for the choir room, along with financial support for the annual Spring choir trip.

In addition, both the choir and band received new music curriculum and new AP Music Theory books for a new course being offered at NHS

To buy a raffle ticket and support the NHS music programs, contact Mary Jo Ring on 248-231-2793, or pick one up at any of these upcoming musical events:

• Friday, Nov. 21: Marching Band performs in Northville Holiday Lighted Parade

• Friday, Dec. 5: Band-O-Rama with all high school bands in auditorium at 7 p.m.

• Wednesday, Dec. 10, Thursday, Dec. 11 & Saturday, Dec. 13: NHS Holiday Concerts with select bands and choir groups at each performance. All performances start at 7 p.m. Tickets go on sale Dec. 1 and cost \$7.

• Saturday, Dec. 13: Holiday Afterglow Party after the concert (approx. 9 p.m.) in the NHS Cafeteria. The event highlight will be the NHS Music Booster Raffle Drawing.

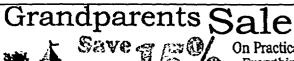


An Evening in Bollywood

Caroline Boudreaux, left, of Austin, Texas, founder of the Miracle Foundation charity that helps fund orphanages in India, with Northville Township resident Jasdeep "Renu" Sandhu at the Oct. 10 "An Evening in Bollywood" fund-raiser at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. More than 350 people attended the event, which collected about \$50,000 for the charity. Sandhu became involved after her brother, Nav Sooch. opened the Sooch Village Home for Children last year in India. For more information, go to www.miraclefoundation.org.

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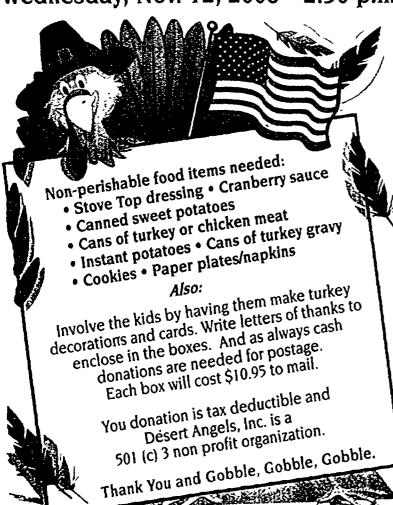
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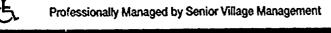


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TIME/NUTE: 7-10 p.m. Tonight LOCATION: Nomi Redefined Restaurant BETALS: An evening of Karaoke featuring Northville celebrities and stars. Proceeds benefit New Hope Center for Grief Support. Sponsored by Yan Dam's Boutique and Nomi Redefined.

Smalls and Smalls LOCATION: St. Paul Lutheran Church, 201

Elm St. METARS: Treats, moon bounce and more on Halloween night. Also, free hot dog dinner and gift basket raffle. Free parking.

NATE: Month of October LOCATION: Yan Dam's Boutique, III E. Main St. **DETAILS:** Stop in anytime and try on a pair of French Dressing Jeans. For every try on, \$1 is donated to the Susan B. Komen Cancer Society.

Bridal Fair at Bris Jewelers TIME/IMITE: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday LICATION: Orin Jewelers, 101 E. Main St. DETAILS: Bridal Fair includes wedding ideas, fashions, vendor and sponsor information and giveaways. Enter to win a \$500 gift certificate from Orio Jewelers. CONTACT: For more information, call Orin Jewelers at (248) 349-6940.

YFN Pancake Supper TINE/MATE: 5-7 p.m., Saturday **LOCATION: VFW Post 4012, 438 S. Main St.** METALE: All you can eat buffet for \$6.8 p.m.-midnight. Dance to music by Stone Country. Open to the public CNTACT: Dan Cook (313) 920-1996

Martiville Bemocratic Club Mana Yari Siges Still Available MTLLS: Free Obama signs available on porch at 39771 Gotfview Dr., off Seven Mile Road near Haggerty Road. Toler III Phone Bank

THE/MIE: 6 p.m. Tonight LOCATIONS Solid Grounds CONTACT: Carol Munsell. (734) 420-2663 Voter IB Phone Banking and Convessing for Mana THE/MIE:10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 1-5 p.m. and 4-8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday LOCATION: 44099 Deep Hollow Circle, in the Ravines Subdivision, Six Mile and Sheldon

NETALLS: To volunteer, contact Susan at (248) 374-3992 or SNich96@aol.com. Defreey of Ithania Materials

THE/MIE: 9 a.m., 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Monday DETARS: Yolunteers deliver door hangers to about 20 percent of Northville homes of known Democrats and Obama supporters. To volunteer, call Susan at (248) 374-3992 or SNich96@aol.com.

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DETAILS: Volunteers needed to work at polis keeping track of Democrats who have voted and forwarding names of those who have not voted yet to Get-Out-The-Vote so they can be called. Fun and non-confrontational Contact Scott Craig at (248) 465-1995 or SCraig27@comcast.net to

volunteer. Watch The Betwee Party TIME/NUTE: 8 p.m. Tuesday LICATION: Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia METALS: Sponsored by Speaker Andy Dillon. Cash bar

5th Annual Salute to Veterans Gata TIME/BUTE: 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6 LOCATION: VisTaTech Center, Schoolcraft

MINAS: Guest speaker, Senator Yalde Garcia, shares thoughts about Yeterans Day Benefits Michigan paralyzed veterans. Sponsorships available. Prizes, silent auction, dinner and more. Cost is \$55 per person. Please pre-register. CNTACT: Jachyn at (248) 476-9000 Ext. 06

THE/MIE: 2-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7 LOCATION: Hulfside Middle School, 755 N. Center St. NETARS: The blood drive is sponsored by Northville Public Schools.

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233rd Birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps TIME/MITE: 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7 LOCATION: American Legion Post 32, Livonia **NETALS:** All current, former and family members of Marines welcome. Tickets \$20 per person or \$30 per couple. CONTACT. Visit semperfil62 ora for ticket form or call Wallace Dixon at (734) 260-4191 for

"Reckend Casseing in Michigan" Sook Signing THE/MIE: 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov 8 LOCATION: Border's Books and Music, 43075 Crescent Blyd., Novi DETURS: Doc Fletcher, author of "Weekend Canoeing in Michigan. The Rivers, The Towns, The Taverns" signs copies of his

PlymouthCanton Symphony Occhestra "Mesic from the Heartland" THE/MIE: 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8 LOCATION: Ward Presbyterian Church MTMLS: Honoring musical masterpieces form the Great Midwest; a world premiere of University of Michigan professor James Aikman's "Tempus Fugit" (Time Flies): Pranist David Syme performs Grieg's Prano Concerto in A. Minor"; and Dyorak's "New World" Symphony No. 9, Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors and \$10 for children and students. Tickets can by purchased by calling (734) 451-2112, or going to www plymouthsymphony org

Northville Gardes Chib Meeting TIME/HATE: 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 10 LOCATION: Cady Inn. Mill Race Village DETAILS: Pine cone and bow workshop All CONTACT: Kate Uberti at (248) 347-9947

Containers and Ranging Baskets for Outdoor Winter

TRE/NUTE: 6:30 social, 7 p m. program, Monday, Nov. 10 LOCATION: Northwille City Hall METALLS: Gardeners of Northville and Novi present this program with Gina YanHorn. CMTACT: gardenersnorthyille-novi.org or Marcia (248) 349-2352

Joint Meeting of Nothville City Council, Planning nission and PAA Board TENE/MITE: 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 10 LOCATION: Council Chambers **PETAILS:** Discussion of the proposed DDA Boundary expansion. **CMTACI:** www.downtownnorthville.com

Instant Piago for Ropelessty Dasy People

THE/MIE: 6-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov 12 LOCATION: Hillside Parks and Recreation Center NETAILS: This is a beginning course in chord piano techniques aimed at adults who always wanted to learn but never had time. Class helps you learn how to play pop music for your own enjoyment. Cost is \$75 including workbook and CD. CONTLCT: (248) 349-0203 for more information, or go to, www northyrlleparksandrec.

Evening of Bone Fund-raiser TME/MITE: 7-10 p.m. Thursday, Nov 20 LOCATION: Genetti's Hole-In-The-Wall METALS: Fund-raiser for Sarah Simkins who has been completely debilitated by a stroke. Tickets are \$50 pre-sale by calling (248) 474-7077 or \$55 at the door includes preat food, cash bar, silent auction and

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LICATION: New School Church, Mill Race

NETALLS: Registration is 6 p.m. for Historical Society members, 7 p.m. for non-members, on Nov. 7 at 218 W. Dunlap, NorthysBe. Children in orades 1-6 are invited to make seven old fashioned, hand-made gifts for those on their Christmas lists. Intent is to surprise family members. Cost is \$15 per child.

CONTACT: The Stockhausen's at (248) 349-

Beckridge Chorale "Sounds of the Season" TIME/MATE: 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6; 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7 LOCATION: Northvilse High School DETAILS: Tickets are \$13 and \$16 with a special offer of buy five, get one free, if purchased before Nov. 9. CONTACT: (734) 416-9885 or go to www beckridgechorale org

Northville Destrict Library Weekly Activities LOCATION: 212 W. Cady St., near Northyslle

TIME/MIT: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday. CONTINCE (248) 349-3020 or northvillelibrary org for information regarding programs and library materials

THE/MIE: 10:15 a.m. Mondays; 10:15 a.m. Wednesdays; or 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays **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 Storytime for Fours, Fires and Linderparts TIME/MITE: 4 p.m. Mondays and 10:15 a.m. or 2 p.m. Tuesdays

MIMAS: These are six-week series of 45-minute storytimes with fun, creative activities. Register now. Brop in Horning Starytime TIME/INITE: 10:15 a.m. Today MINUS: All ages are welcome Caregivers

must accompany children age 3 and younger. No registration required. Internet Basics Class TIME/NUTE: 10 a.m.-noon Monday MILLS: Learn how to view web sites and search the Internet. Must know how to use

a mouse. Call to register. Boa't Secone a Victim of Mentity Theft THE/NATE: 7 p.m. Wednesday DETAILS: Representative from the Better Business Bureau talks about how to keep your identity safe. Call to register.

oppiers on the Straits TIME/MITE: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12 DETAILS: Learn about smuggling on the Detroit River. Presentation, by Curator Joel Stone, includes photos of artifacts in the exhibit at the Dossin Great Lakes Maritime Museum. Call to register.

TIME/NATE: 4-5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11 DETAILS: Make a pinecone turkey, All ages welcome. No registration required. Junior Books, Clust and Chore for 4-5 Graders TIME/BATE: 435 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19 METALLS: Make friends, enjoy treats and a book discussion of Elizabeth George Speare's novel "Sign of the Beaver".

Edz Time for Grades 1-3 TIME/NATE: 4.30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13 DETAILS: Fun after school program "All About Native Americans", features stories, games and crafts. Registration begins Nov. 1

Senitti's Little Theater LOCATION: 108 E. Main St. CONTACT: Call for reservations (248) 349-0522 or genittis.com

THE/NATE: 6.30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1 and 15; 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6; and 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14 Also Lunch Show: 11:30 a.m. Thursday Call Genitti's for more dates and times.

PETILLS: Interactive Comedy Dinner Theater spoofing the popular Wholesale Marehouses. See a day in the life of und paid sales associates and their high maintenance customers. Buying in bulk never felt so good. Dinner tickets are \$49.95,

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TIME/SAITE: TE30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8 - The Reflections (Just Like Romeo and Juliet) NETAILS: The cost for the dinner theater

shows are \$49.95 per person. The cost for the matinee funch and show is \$35. Genitti's Acting Workshops MIE: We will open any date for 10 or more

DETAILS: Enjoy our famous family-style funch 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 CMTACE: (248) 349 8110 or visit northyli-

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Tipping Point Theatre LOCATION: 361 E. Cady St. CONTINCT: (248) 347-0003 or visit tippingpointtheatre org

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CONTACT: (248) 347-0003

Author Meet and Greet with Lem Barney Book Signing with Lisa Wolfe THIE/MIE: 7-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7 DETAILS: Author shares her first novel, "The Journal of a Lifetime." look Signing with Versandra Lennebrew

TME/MTE: 7-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14 DETAILS: Kennebrew's book, "Thank God for the Shelter - Memoirs of a Homeless Healer" details her time living in a home-

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LOCATION: Northwile Art House, 215 Cady METALS: 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

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tota like like TIME/BATE: 6-9 p.m. every Tuesday Roger Ponder and Hell Smith, blues and folk singer CAMPBET PART

TIME/DATE: 7 p m. every Thursday Carol Smallwood, classical guitarist TIME/NATE: 10 a mu-noon every Saturday

Open 1-5 p.m. every Thursday Sunday; 1-9 p.m. no "First Fridays" of the month. LDCATION: 215 Cady St. MTAILS: Admission to Art House shows is

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TIME/MITE: 7:30 p m. first Wednesday of the month, Oct. through Dec. **PETABLE:** Fascinating slide presentation and fecture designed to complement the DIA's current exhibition Nov 5 is "Monet to Dali: Modern Masters from the Cleveland Museum of Art". Requested donation

Torth Programs Creative Kids-Zad Saturdays TIME/BATE: 10-11.30 a.m. Saturday, Nov 8

and Dec. 13 DETAILS: Yarious art activities in conjunction with professional exhibits on display For grades 1-5. Cost is \$18/20 per date. Creative Eds-Art Aread the World

TIME/DATE: #:30-6 p m. Tuesday, Nov 18 and Dec. 16 NETAILS: Hands-on with arts and crafts exploring different painting techniques and fearn about a different country and

artist each month. For grades 1-5. Cost is \$18/20 per month plus material fee of \$2. TIME/DATE: 9:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday DETAILS: Learn hand building techniques using clay All work will be glazed and

fired For ages 4-7. Cost is \$33/40 plus a material fee of \$5. Intermediate Sculpture

TIME/MATE: 11 a m. to 12 30 p m. Saturday **DETAILS:** Explore sculpting techniques and begin to use a potter's wheel Pieces finished using clay slips and fired. For ages 8-11. Cost is \$50/60 plus a material fee of \$7

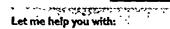
Parent/Child Class: Discovering the Masters Together TIME/BATE: 2:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov 18

DETAILS: For ages 3-5 and a half, Using activity stations, parent and child create art inspired by a famous artist. Dress for a mess Cost is \$15/\$20 per date plus a material fee of \$2 per date. Exploring Alternative Materials in your Art Family

TIME/BATE: 2-4 p m. every Sunday, Nov. 2-16 DETAILS: Explore the use of alternative materials in art. Includes drawing a live model and a still life. For grades 7 and up Cost is \$66/72 plus a material fee of \$15.

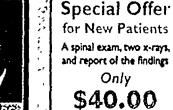
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Northville ends year 5-4 with 41-0 shutout



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Anthony Sergi dives low while Josh Pratt wraps high on a Walled Lake Northern runner Friday. The defense pitched a shutout against Northern, 41-0.

BY JEFF THEISEN SPORTS WRITER

Northville head coach Matt Ladach wanted just one thing from his team Friday night — domination.

He got that and more in a 41-0 victory at Walled Lake Northern, giving the Mustangs a winning sea-

"This game was the difference between going out winners and losers," Ladach said. "The difference between 5-4 and 4-5 is huge. Our

guys know they're winners.
"I couldn't be more proud of
them."

The Mustangs scored in every quarter and kept the Knight offense

in control throughout the game.
Trystin Scott got the scoring
started with a 16-yard diving catch
in the corner from quarterback
Matt Kreager just more than five
minutes in.

"He made a really good catch for me," Kreager said. "It's a great feeling to go out with a winning season and get the program rolling."

The extra point went wide, one of the few things that went wrong offensively for the Mustangs.

Jake Weddle made it 13-0 a few minutes later with a 1-yard run. Kreager called his own number

EISEN and scored on a 9-yard run with
7:33 remaining in the first half.
Prott Smith backs from for a 63

Brett Smith broke free for a 63yard run to make it 27-0 before the half.

Darius Whitlow scored the lone touchdown of the third quarter on a

48-yard scamper.

The running clock got started just five seconds into the fourth quarter when Kyle Galdes scored from 9

yards out.

The fourth quarter was filled with unsportsmanlike and personal foul penalties, but it didn't stop Ladach and his crew from enjoying a win

penalties, but it didn't stop Ladach and his crew from enjoying a win to end the year. The last winning record for the Mustangs came in 2004 at 7-2, also the last time they made the playoffs.

"I can't say enough positive things about my seniors." Ladach said.

about my seniors," Ladach said.
"And I want to compliment coach
(Ryan) Hockman. He did a great
job teaching football to these guys.
He demanded a lot from them, and
me coming in with those players
already have those expectations, it
was easy for me to enforce my own
expectations.

"I compliment him and I compliment these kids for working their butt off and doing everything that we've asked them to do."

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Mustangs fourth at XC regional

BY JEFF THEISEN SPORTS WRITER

The Northville boys cross country team finished one place away from qualifying for state, but that doesn't mean the Mustangs were shut out.

Frank Griffiths and Jack
Dalton cracked the top 15 and
will be moving on to Saturday's
state finals at Michigan
International Speedway in
Jackson.

Catholic Central won the meet with 49 points, followed by Pinckney with 58 and Novi with 87. Northville finished fourth with 111.

The top three teams and any individuals not on a qualifying team but finishing in the top 15 places move on.

Griffiths led the Mustangs with a fourth-place finish, crossing the finish line at 15:55.1

"Frank had a career day,"
Northville head coach Chris
Cronin said. "He's been coming
on for a few weeks. I'm real happy
for Frank. It's a great accomplishment."

Dalton wasn't far behind, finishing in 16:20.9 for 11th place. "Jack ran very well," Cronin said. "I'm glad Jack had the

said. "I'm glad Jack had the opportunity to make it out again. This will be his second time at

Please see RUNNING, B5



JOHN HEIDER/NORTHYILLE RECOR

Mustang Jack Dalton finishes 11th at last Friday's MHSAA regionals last Friday. He and teammate Frank Griffiths advanced to the state meet.

Mustang girls sixth at regional tournament



JOHN HEIDER/NORTHYALE RECORD

Northville's Becky Reynolds takes off with her teammates at Friday's MHSAA regionals meet at Huron Meadows.

BY JEFF THEISEN SPORTS WRITER

Miserable weather and track conditions didn't stop the Mustangs girls cross country team from putting up a valiant effort, but it wasn't enough to move on.

The Mustangs finished sixth with 139 points. Brighton (48), Pinckney (65) and Novi (88) advanced to the state meet. The top three teams and top 15 qualifiers move on.

Gina McNamara finished just a half second away from advancing, but she placed 16th, one spot out of qualifying. McNamara finished in 19:36.0, just 0.4 behind a North Farmington runner.

"I couldn't have asked them for anything else today," head coach Nancy Smith said. "They went out and competed and gave their all today.

"This was one of the toughest regionals in the state with the top nine runners running under 19:00 and the 15th place time of 19:35. The girls should be proud of their accomplishments this season."

Becky Reynolds wasn't far behind in 19th place (19:37.6). Also scoring for the Mustangs were Amy Baditoi in 32nd (20:05.0), Mario Rocco in 33rd a half second later and Stephanie Hamel in 39th (20:15.5).

A day earlier, Smith sent a winning group to the Redford Union Reserve meet at Cass Benton.

Three freshmen helped lead the winning performance: Claire Naughton in second, Erin Keiffer in third and Lisa Hamel in fourth. Sophomore Alie Jezak broke the top 10 with a ninth-place finish.

"The future looks bright for the Mustang team in the years ahead with the talented freshman class we had this season," Smith said.

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Novi's Elle Robinson, teft, and Northville's Gina McNamara compete at Friday's regional at Huron Meadows.

CAROL ZINSER

Mustang JV fends off wild comeback

BY DAYID UBERTI

Northville JV football survived a nail-biting finish to knock off Walled Lake Northern 30-27 to finish 5-4 for a winning season.

The weather may have been cold and blustery, but the game was heated with action.

Running back Devon Pearson continued his stellar season with a rushing touchdown on fourth-and-goal at 3:37 in the first.

After Northern tied the

game with a scoring pass, the Mustangs went back in front.

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Mike Wegzyn scrambled for a score, and Brandon Love ran for a 44-yard touchdown and a 13-point lead.

A Northern drive was stymied by a Bobby Wood interception with 43 seconds left in the half, setting up a 30-yard field goal by Victor Bodrie as time expired. Northville sat comfortably ahead 23-7.

Love appeared as though he put the game away with a 68-yard touchdown four minutes into the second half, but Northern came alive, taking the field like a completely different team.

Northern scored on a 25yard touchdown pass and began the fourth by adding an additional touchdown toss, this time a 34-yard score with 10:57 to go.

Northville, visibly on its heels, could do little to stop the newfound vigor of Northern's offense. The Knights scored again on a rushing touch-

down with 7:09 to go, but the Mustangs managed to block the point after.

From what was seemingly a blowout, Northern battled its way back within a field goal of the Mustangs, 30-27.

Despite the flurry of action by the Northern offense, the Mustang defense did not ultimately break. Northville forced a fumble during Northern's last effort to score and ran out the clock and the Knights' hopes of a comeback win.



The Mustang JV work a running play against Walled Lake Northern.

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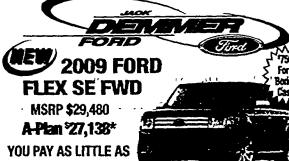
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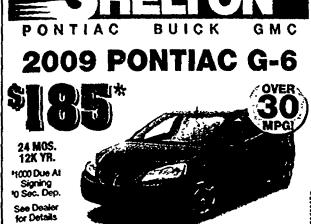
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Varsity Stallions win shootout

STORIES SUBMITTED

The Northville Stallions Varsity football team tore through the Rochester Ravens Saturday night under the lights, winning 58-35.

The Stallions came out strong in the first quarter with a 70-yard drive that featured a 35-yard run by Colin Bailey and a tough 8-yard run into the end zone by QB Jake Hansen. The TD and PAT were good, putting the Stallions up

The Ravens mounted their first offensive attack but were quickly shut down by an interception at midfield by Hansen. Great blocking by Christopher Patsalis helped set up Kevin Charara for back-to-back run gains giving the Stallions great field position. Bailey ran in from 7 yards for another Stallion TD and another successful PAT for a 16-0 advantage.

The Stallions powerful defensive line made up of Austin March, Chris Komorous and Greg Stewart stopped the Ravens from scoring in the first quarter.

The second quarter started off with a TD by Dominique Whitlow. The extra point kick was good for a 24-0 Stallion lead.

The Ravens finally posted a TD in the second quarter, but the Stallions quickly responded.

The next Stallions offensive drive featured a spectacular 30-yard catch by Matt Janke. Hansen ran in for the score, putting the Stallions up 30-7. The Ravens answered back quickly with a TD and extra point, making the score 30-14, but the Stallions charged right back. A pass by Hansen to Whitlow who ran 40 yards for his second TD made it 36-14.

The Ravens cut the lead to 36-21 by opening the second half with a touchdown.

Strong tackling by Kevin Piwowar, Tyler Gozdor, Ryan West and David Moorman frustrated the Ravens and gave the Stallions perfect field position. A 50-yard run by Bailey followed by a 15-yard TD run by Janke put the Stallions further out of reach with the extra point kick good, it was now 44-21.

Ryan Moore, Connor Keady, and Kevin Charara kept the Ravens' offense struggling all night.

Bailey scored another TD off a 50-yard run in the third quarter, putting the Stallions up 52-28.

Whitlow would score a third time late in the fourth quarter off a 15-yard run for a 58-35 lead, answering a Raven score.

The Ravens tried to score again but were stopped cold by Tim Eis, Andrew Meachem and Greg Stewart. Jake Cheslik ended the game with an interception and a long return.

The Stallions concluded their last regular season game 58-35, bringing their overall record to 4-3.

The Stallions take on the

Novi Bobcats 3 p.m. at Novi Middle School field at 11 Mile and Wixom roads.

NORTHVILLE JV STALLIONS BEAT ROCHESTER RAVENS

In the coldest, longest, most satisfying and final game of the regular season, the Northville JV Stallions scored a rousing victory, earning more points in this one game than in the entire season combined

The opening kickoff to the Rochester Ravens was a precurser of things to come: the return was fumbled by the . . Ravens and recovered by Evan Killeen. Nicholas Jones then carried the ball downfield, earning another first down. The Stallions marched down the field with runs by David Weber, Jack Meacham before punching in the score for a 7-0 lead.

Then, in what seemed like déjà vu, the Raven kickoff was fumbled again, and Northville recovered. The drive came up empty, but the defense would put points on the board when the Stallions gang-tackled the Ravens' ball carrier in the end zone for a safety, the Stallions' first safety of the season and a 9-0 lead.

The second quarter opened in familiar fashion, with the Ravens fumbling the ball and the Stallions recovering. Weber, Jones and Meacham kept up the pressure and moved the ball downfield.

Near the goal line, power running by Kyle Killeen punched it in and the Stallions went up 15-0.

The Ravens then returned not one, but two back-to-back kickoff returns and a fast ankle-tackle by Keenan Moss prevented the extra point to maintain a 15-13 lead.

The Stallions responded with a Preston McDowell touchdown for a 21-13 advantage. The remainder of the first half saw Noah Sobas outleap a Raven receiver for a turnover, and Jordan Kitna with an interception.

The second half continued the Stallions' domination, as McDowell sported a 28-yard kickoff return, setting up the Stallions for yet another touchdown when Connor Walters ran it in (27-13).

After the Ravens turned it over on downs, Robinson ran a 25-yard scamper downfield, and Meacham ran a quick cut-back against the grain, running into the end zone for a

33-13 lead.

The Ravens nearly returned the next kickoff for another touchdown, except that Stallion Dominick Tripoli stepped in and pushed the ball carrier out of bounds. The best run of the game came midway through the fourth quarter when Weber cut up 33 yards by plowing into the pile, cutting left, cutting right and breaking to the outside for yet another Stallion touchdown for a 20-point lead.

Robinson would score again for the Stallions, and a strong

defense, including Sobas batting down a Raven pass, kept the birds caged. The Stallions would go on to win the game in strong fashion, 45-33.

"I am extremely proud of our players," head coach Dan Weber said. "They never gave up and worked extremely hard for this win. They hung in there the whole game and helped post our first victory in two years. It was an awesome feeling."

Coach Weber added that the offensive line was the difference in the game.

NORTHVILLE STALLIONS FRESHMEN FALL SHORT TO ROCHESTER RAVENS

The Northville Stallions
freshmen came up short
despite a strong second-half
comeback in Saturday's game
against the Rochester Ravens,
26-12.

The Stallions got off to a tough start when the Ravens scored on their first possession of the game. A strong tackle by Mitchell Mulcahey stopped the Ravens' extra point attempt.

Despite successful carries by Ben Schmidt and Brennon Pelland, the Stallions suffered a turnover that ultimately resulted in a second Ravens touchdown and extra point putting the score at 13-0.

After a Stallion fumble on the kickoff, Tyler Hood was successful at breaking up what appeared to be a point-on pass. However, the Ravens scored a touchdown and extra point on their next possession for a 20-0 lead.

The Stallion defensive unit was on the field most of the first half. Strong defensive efforts by Shane Rankin, Cameron Dixon, Sean Jaszczur and Diaz Saunderson held the Ravens throughout the remainder of the half.

Offensive efforts by Steven Pennington, Matthew Stinebiser and Jack Peterson got them into the red zone, but the Stallions came up just short of a touchdown before the clock ran out in the first

ball.
Despite a notable quarter-back sack by Jack Peterson, the Ravens scored early in the third quarter, bringing the score to 26-0. David Alameddine's impressive tackle stopped the extra point.

A kickoff receive and a strong run by Jonathan Michalak rallied the Stallions early in the third quarter. Ryan Jankovich recovered a Raven fumble that resulted in a Stallions touchdown by Matthew Steinbiser. Jake Justice attempted a extra point kick that came just short of the uprights.

The Stallions scored again on their next possession with a great run by Justice and a touchdown by Pennington. Justice perfectly executed an onside kick for a Stallions recovery and the Stallions came close, but were unable to come up with any additional points before the time expired.



First-place finish

The Northville High School freshman volleyball team wins its third first place trophy; This time at the Romulus Invite. The Mustangs also placed first at the Trenton High School Invite. Pictured are (front row) Coach Meghan Polce, Charlotte Peterson, Jenna Borgstrom, Ellie Asher, Allie Blaisius, Meredith Williams, Xim Heinonen, Ball Girl Nicki Polce; (back row) Jennifer Buckingham, Kelsey Duvall, Taylor Young, Michelle Mueller, Madison Merlanti, Mary Rumbley and Jillian Dunn.



League champs

The Northville High School Softball Girls won the 2008 Total Softball Fall League championship.

Front row (from left) Megan O'Malley, Paige Wilson, Meredith Williams, Karly Fisher and Mary Rounsifer.

Back row: Natalie Demuro, coach Steve Doud, Sarah Rounsifer, Samantha Doud, Natalie Grimmer, Katelyn Fenech and coach Carl Wilson. Not picutred: Mariel Wilson and Nara DeMuro.



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League champs

The 13U Broncos took first place in the Total Sports Fall Softball 14U league. The Broncos were undefeated 14-0. Front row: Olivia Sılvestri, Maggie Stewart. Second row: Jen Buckingham, Suzanne Hasse, Laura Pond, Tess Bradley, Michelle Nelson, Rachel Deacon, Kayla Cannon. Third row: Jamie Bell, Ellie Asher, Marisa Hahn, Allie Chapekls. Back: coaches Henry Stewart, Dino Silvestri, LeRoy Asher, Tim Deacon, Marianne Nelson. Not pictured: Rachel Brown, Haley King, Micaela Petrucci. The Northville 12U and High School teams also won their respective championships, giving Northville a sweep of the Total Sports fall league.

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typically for K-5 grade. Tuesdays are the advanced class, typically

Mustangs swimming strong on senior night

BY JEFF THEISEN SPORTS WRITER

The Mustangs swim and dive team came up big on senior night with a 105-81 win against Plymouth.

"This was a great meet to end the season with," Northville head coach Brian McNeff said. "It was our senior night so we were able to have some fun with some relays and put some people in some different events.

The seniors were a big part of the team this year and they will all definitely be missed next year. I'm glad their last meet at Northville was a win."

Individual winning swims came from the Jessica Weber in the 50 freestyle (25.60), Kelsey Libbe in diving (162,90), Faith Miller in the 100 butterfly (104.44), Weber in the 100 freestyle (56.98), Susan Morris in the 500 freestyle (5:44.70) and Rachel Brown in the 100 backstroke (1:04.85).

The 200 medley relay team of Brown, Kelly Burford, Shannon Lohman and Weber also finished first (1:57.56).

Second-place finishes came from Brown in the 200 free, Lohman in the 200 individual medley, Becca Myers in the 50 free, Jennifer Jones in diving, Lohman in the 100 butterfly and Leah Erlandson in the 500 free.

The 200 freestyle and 400 freestyle relay teams both

"Now we just have to re-set our focus on the league meet and get ready for that," McNeff said, "It will be a lot different this year with all the new teams and the new rules, but one thing is staying the same and that is we need to swim fast, and we will."

The KLAA Central Division meet is Nov. 6, which doubles as a qualifier for the Conference meet two days



The Mustangs split a pair of games to close out divisional





Mustang Danielle Borthwick waits for the whistle to serve.

play in the KLAA. Northville beat Stevenson and lost to South Lyon; finishing 4-6 in the Central Division for fourth

Against Stevenson, the Mustangs won 25-13, 25-17, 21-25, 25-16.

Kelly Maise had a huge

night hitting, collecting 25 kills. Rachel Haung was next with 11. Shelby Temple set up 34 assists. Beth Foucher was busy in the back end with nine digs and 15 serve receptions to go with three aces.

South Lyon closed out the Mustangs in straight games, 25-12, 25-14, 25-23.

Maise was again the leading hitter with 12 kills. Other highlights included Temple with 16 assists, Claire Wixted with four digs and Madison Owen with eight serve receptions.

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Grand Blanc to join KLAA

BY BRAD EMONS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The newly formed **Kensington Lakes Activities** Association has added its final link for the 2009-10 season.

Grand Blanc High School will be leaving the Big Nine Conference to join the KLAA's Lakes Conference as a member of the West Division which also includes Brighton, Hartland, Howell, Milford and Pinckney.

The KLAA, which merged last spring with members of the Western Lakes Activities Association and two schools from the Oakland Activities Association, currently consists of 23 schools divided into two conferences (12 schools each)

and four divisions of six. Grand Blanc fills the void left by newly constructed Howell Parker, which never opened its high school doors because of lower than projected enrollment

figures and budget constraints. Three schools - Dearborn and Belleville, both current members of the Michigan Mega Conference, made presentations along with Grand Blanc this week before a group of principals, athletic and activities directors from the KLAA to become the league's 24th member.

Grand Blanc, will be leaving the Big Nine, which will be narrowed down to five schools next fall - Flint Carman-Ainsworth, Davison, Flushing, Flint Kearsley and Flint Powers Catholic.

CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Northville Planning Commission has prepared draft text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance regarding Article 21, Sign Regulations, for various sections. The proposed changes are

Section 21 01 b

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The proposed text amendments will be considered at a public hearing conducted by the Planning Commission at its November 18, 2008 meeting at 7:30 p m, at the City of Northville Municipal Building - Council Chambers, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300. The purpose of this hearing will be to receive public input on these proposed changes. The complete text of the draft amendments can be reviewed at the Building Department during normal business hours of 8 00 a m to 4:30 p m Monday through Friday. Written comments will also be received at the above address.

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Northville's Jake Weddle goes airborn to score a touchdown Friday against Walled Lake Northern.

Varsity Colts falter in second half

STORIES SUBMITTED

The Colts faced their closest rivals Sunday at the Novi Bobcat home field.

The Colts warmed up a blustery afternoon with a quick touchdown, brought in through a short pass to Rini Jusifi. The touchdown was followed by a twopoint kick by the consistent Zachary Wilds for an 8-0 lead.

The Colt defense pressured the Bobcats offense into throwing late, and the Colts' Ryan Gardner was able to intercept the Bobcats' first pass attempt.

The Colts were again in possession, but were quickly on the defensive again when the Bobcats intercepted a Colt pass. The Colts defensive tackle Robby Parks chased the Novi ball carrier several times, making essential stops and preventing a Bobcats touchdown. Ultimately, the Bobcats powered in for a touchdown, and with a good kick, the score was even, 8-8.

The Colts were primed to score again, making first downs after carries by George Hoy and Joey Hewlett. Another perfect kick by Wilds put the Colts ahead 16-8.

The Bobcats brought in another touchdown minutes before the half, tying the game at 16.

The Bobcats went on to score the final two touchdown and held the Colts off the board, ending the season for the Colts.

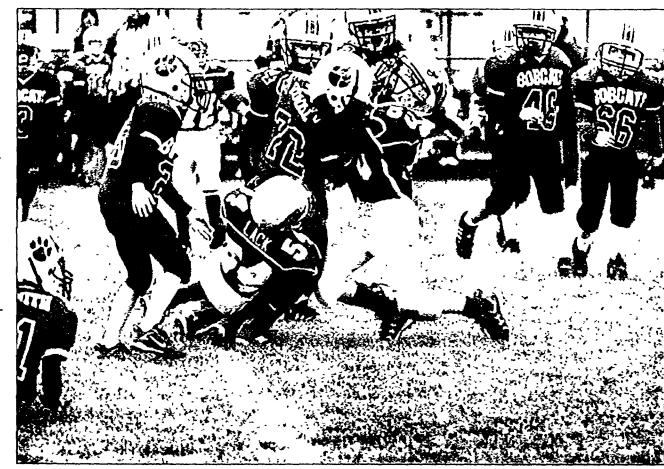
JV COLTS OVERRUN BY NOVI **BOBCATS IN SEASON FINALE**

The Novi Bobcat defense was stunningly effective on Sunday, shutting out the Northville Colts 25-0.

In the first few minutes of the game, the Novi team brought in two quick touchdowns for a 12-0 advan-

The Colts' ball carriers Owen Kipke and Anthony Redmond made no headway. The Colt defense performed well against a large and experienced Bobcat offense. Key tackles by the Colts' defensive linesmen, including Alec Coppock and Jacob Walker held the Bobcats somewhat, but they soon brought in two more touchdowns for 25-0 lead. The large deficit forced the Bobcats to remove their first string players from the field pursuant to league rules.

During the second half, the Colts were plagued by injuries, with four key players on the bench by the end of the game. The Bobcats kicked to the Colts at the start of the third quarter, and the Colts' kick return team produced a solid



The freshman Colt defense attacks a Novi Bobcat runner.



return, with blocking by Sam McMeekin and ball handling by Leo Keyes.

The Colts had a fighting chance and, although when the Colts offense took over they still could not move the ball, at least when the Colts lost possession on downs, the defensive team held the Bobcats scoreless in the second half.

The Colts' strong defensive line, with action by all the players and notable tackles by Nolan Landis, Mikey Grimes, and PJ Schnepp, caused the Bobcats to lose possession of the football on downs.

Still, the game ended a disappointing 25-0. The Colts face the Livonia Falcons next Saturday in

FRESHMAN COLTS SCRATCHED BY BOBCATS, 20-12

the JV playoff series.

The Freshman Colts closed their eight-game season Saturday with a 20-12 loss to the Novi Bobcats.

Cole Gingell scored the opening touchdown of the game with a 55-yard charge downfield, making it 6-0 The Bobcats retaliated

with a short pass play to tie it up. Connor Wright blocked the extra point to keep the game tied. Late in the second quar-

ter, the Bobcats landed a touchdown and extra point, making it 13-6 at the half.

On the opening possession of the second half, the Colt's "Green Machine," led by Nicky Cloud, Ben Brady and Andrew Lack, drove 50 yards deep into Bobcat

territory. On the next play, Gingell on a handoff by Nathan Holloway, shot the gap for a second touchdown, closing the gap to

13-12.

Late in the fourth quarter the Bobcats scored on a running play with the extra point good.

The Colts defense put up a relentless fight, let by Abe Khoury with nine power tackles, including two QB sacks and more than thirty lost yards for the Bobcats. Phillip Jovanovski delivered eight tackles and two sacks. Johnny Vallespir, Matson Heid and Benjamin Cracraft also provided key tackles.

Gingell carried 11 times for 44 yards, delivering both Colts touchdowns.



Northville's Frank Griffitsh finishes fourth at Fridays regional race at Huron Meadows.

the state meet and Frank's second time, first time for both as

Cronin knows it will take great runs by both to finish in the top 30 and make All-State, but after running in a competitive regional, he's not putting it past them.

"The way Frank performed today, he could be an All-State runner," Cronin said.

Rounding out the top spots for the Mustangs were Trent Johnson in 26th (16:49.6), Jeff Girbach in 31st (16:58.2) and Colin Riley in 39th (17:09.5).

"We had four guys break 17 (minutes) today, Cronin said. "All the guys ran well. We knew what we were up against today.

"We've got a lot of fourthplace finishes. We were fourth at the South Lyon Invite, Bath, fourth someplace else and fourth here at the regionals against three teams that could go onto the state meet and finish in the top 10."

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want our customers to visit other Northville businesses. We are always referring to other Northville busi-

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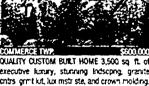
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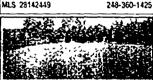
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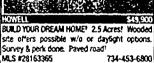
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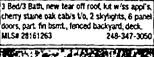






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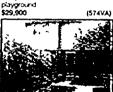


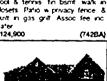


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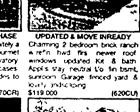






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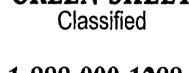






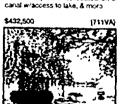


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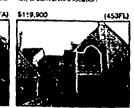


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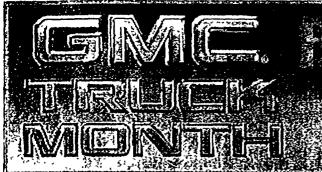
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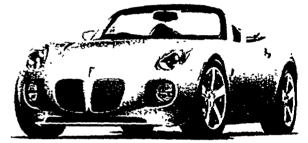
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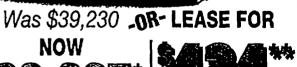
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