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+ An American Red Cross Blood Drive is slated from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 1, at the First United Methodist Church, 777 Eight Mile in Northville. Scheduling an appointment is preferred, but walk-ins will be welcomed. To make an appointment, call Janet at (248) 349-6592.

Foreclosures

State Reps. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, Deb Kennedy, D-Brownstown, and Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, threw their support behind a plan to keep more Michigan families in their homes by putting a 90-day moratorium on foreclosures for struggling homeowners who seek help.



Corriveau
"Foreclosures aren't just about the pain that individual families go through — they hurt whole neighborhoods, communities and business districts," Corriveau said. "We must do everything we can to prevent more homeowners from falling into foreclosure."

The plan provides a 90-day reprieve from foreclosure for homeowners who commit to working with their lender and a housing counselor. Counselors are available through the Michigan State Housing and Development Authority and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Michigan ranks seventh in the nation for foreclosures, according to RealtyTrac. In Wayne County, there were 3,361 foreclosures in January — one out of every 249 housing units, according to RealtyTrac.

Brownfields

The Charter Township of Northville Brownfield Redevelopment Authority invites all residents to a Brownfield Educational Seminar at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3, in the Community Room at the Northville Township Municipal Offices, 44405 Six Mile.

The seminar is free of charge and will be presented by Paul Bohn, Fausone Bohn, LLP, and Joe Martin of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

Township wants hospital property

■ Voters would have to pass August millage

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Supervisor Mark Abbo had a big grin on his face after the Northville Township board meeting Thursday night.

That's because the township board had just passed a resolution allowing officials to sign a letter of intent with a purchase price of \$23.5 million for about 323 acres of the former

state hospital property on Seven Mile from developer REIS-Northville. The entire parcel consists of about 414 acres.

REIS-Northville is partnership between Real Estate Interests Group and Schostak Brothers and Company.

The remainder of the property reserves about 58 acres for REIS-Northville for commercial development, possibly 25 acres more for a medical office building, which is still

being negotiated, and the rest for municipal purposes.

The township would still assume responsibility for cleaning up the property through a brownfield redevelopment plan, which would be paid for by the commercial property retained by REIS-Northville.

Harvesting of major trees on the property has also been halted for the next 30 days until a purchase agreement can be signed.

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"While the letter of intent does not lock us into buying the property, it does allow us to meet with residents and decide if this is something that they believe we should pursue."

MARK ABBO, Northville Township supervisor



THEATER REVIEW

'Rabbit Hole' brings realistic family drama

The Tipping Point Theatre has been offering some pretty light-hearted performances to date, but its production of "Rabbit Hole" offers some realistic family drama.

David Lindsay-Abaire's Pulitzer Prize-winning plot focuses on the death of a child and how it affects the family.

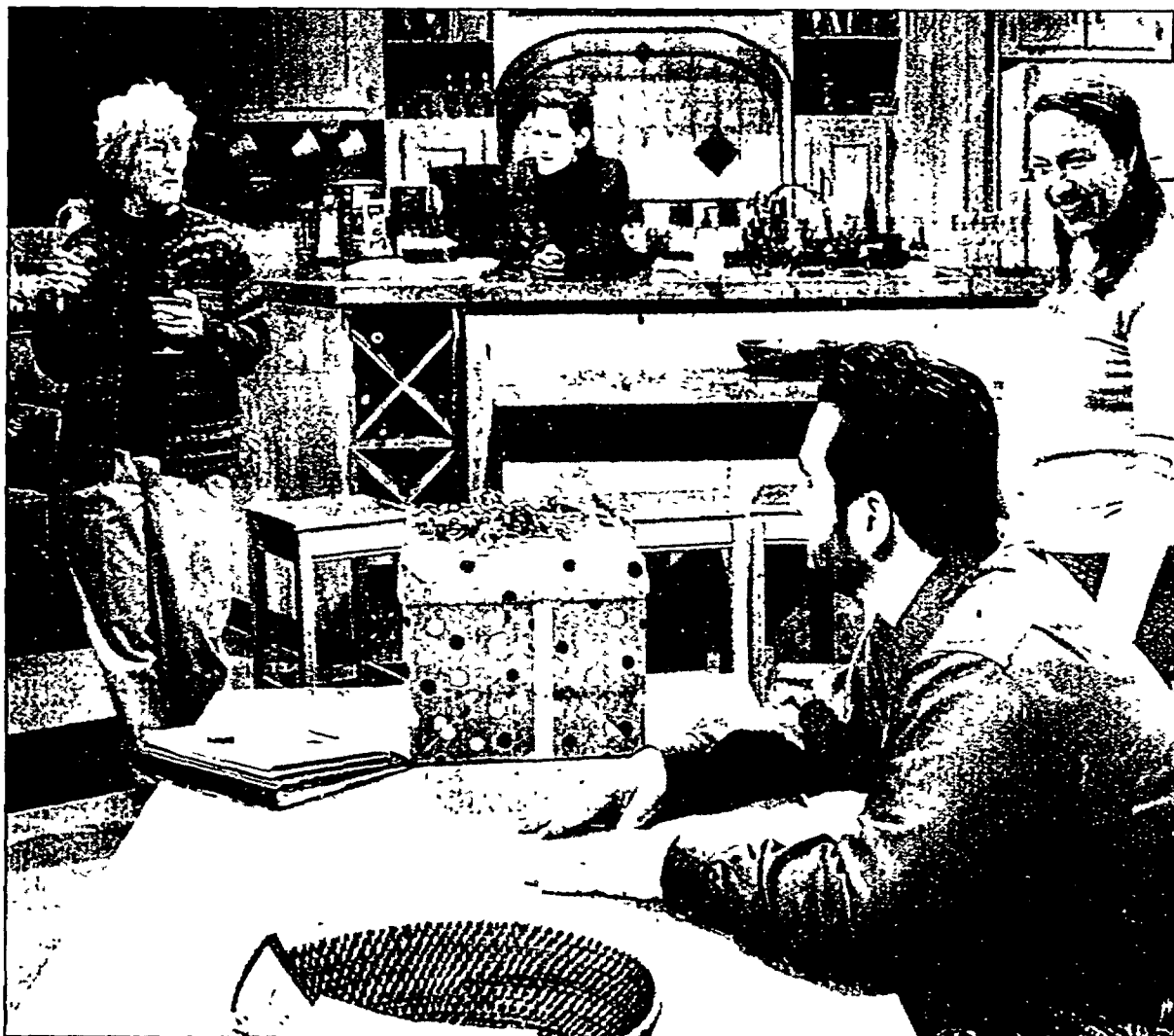
Although it's a little slow-moving in the beginning, providing the agonizing, meaningless small talk that real-life couples often engage in, such as, "And how was your day?" it's basically a truthful glimpse into a dysfunctional family.

Most of the two-hour performance is fairly heavy, dealing with such family dynamics as anger, denial, not-so-construcive criticism, and acceptance amid a host of difficult family situations. However, there are

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DETAILS

"The Rabbit Hole" runs through March 15, with performances at 8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays; and 2 p.m. Sundays. Ticket prices range from \$18-\$28 and are available at the box office from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; noon to 5 p.m. Saturday; and 90 minutes before all performances. For more information, call (248) 347-0003 or go to www.tippingpointtheatre.com.



PHOTOS BY TRACY L. SPADA

Clockwise from left are Ruth Crawford, Maggie Meyer, Hallie Bard and Jeff Thomakos, starring in the Tipping Point Theatre's production of the Pulitzer Prize-winning drama "Rabbit Hole".

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Architectural firm excited about new Northville office

■ Relocation scheduled for mid-April; open house Feb. 27

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

HKS Architects may be an international architectural firm, but its Metro Detroit employees like the small-town feel of Northville.

"We were outgrowing our office space in Farmington Hills," said Steve Jacobson,



Jacobson

senior vice president and director of the HKS Detroit Regional Office. "Because of the growth, we needed to move."

"The architects also wanted to be more connected to a community and have close access to amenities such as parks, restaurants and coffee shops within walking distance," he said.

The firm plans to relocate from Farmington Hills to the Water Wheel Centre on South Main Street at Griswold in mid-April.

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City of Northville Web site is up and running

■ New look, more elements

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

The city of Northville's administrative staff has taken yet another move toward a more user-friendly Web site this year, with a redesigned site making its debut Feb. 20.

The city launched its award-winning Web site, www.ci.northville.mi.us, in 2002. Since then, however, expectations of Web sites have changed

as well as the technology used to develop them.

In June 2008, city council members authorized city staff and staff from Municipal Web Services in Birmingham to redesign the city's Web site.

The site features new Victorian-inspired colors of maize, burgundy, green, rust and rose, provides a wider-screen format; and has photos that rotate along the top of the screen that city staff can change with the various seasons of the year.

"It's always exciting introducing a new Web site," said Curt Anderson, president of Municipal Web Services.

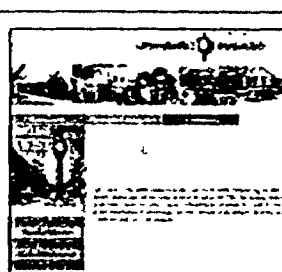
The new site highlight such city amenities as passports, the Northville Art House and Mill Race Village.

The site is now ADA-compliant for those who are vision impaired.

Other new items are a more extensive event calendar and a new city "slogan" at the top of the Web site - City of Northville: Historically Distinctive.

It also has a new element called "Reference Desk," and Municipal Web Services employees added some new security features.

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WHAT'S DIFFERENT?

The goals of the redesign were to:

- provide more information in a compact space without it appearing to be overcrowded;
- offer more dynamic information on the homepage;
- accommodate larger monitor sizes and allow for more information to be viewed at one time;
- update graphics and interface with the site;
- provide more engaging features;
- better highlight timely information;
- improve Americans with Disabilities Act compliance tools;
- improve the speed of accessing items on the site;
- reorganize data available on the site; and
- create a site capable of incorporating future improvements.



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY JOANNA HARRIS, SPECIAL EVENTS COORDINATOR, NORTHVILLE PARKS & RECREATION

Luau

The snowy weather couldn't keep dads and their hula girls from Northville Parks and Recreation's Daddy/Daughter Luau 2009 Saturday. Thanks to sponsor R.O.C Church and also Russell Designs for donating the beach balls.

Martial arts coming to Marquis

■ Event this Sunday afternoon

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Normally the site of children's performances, Northville's Marquis Theater on East Main Street will offer something a little different on March 1.

The theatre will welcome members of the Japanese Shotokan Karate-Do Association, who will host their third annual martial arts demonstration, "Budo Sai: A Man and His Martial Art," in memory of O-Sensei James V. Morrone, Jr., Carole M. Morrone's late husband.

The event will take place from 2-5 p.m. at the theatre at 135 E. Main Street. Doors will open at 1:30 p.m.

TICKETS/INFO

For reservations, call Morrone at (313) 724-9311 or e-mail her at sensei@jskamichigan.com. For more information, go to www.jskamichigan.com. No children under age 6 will be admitted.

martial art techniques, katas (forms); kumiite (sparring), self-defense techniques and Tameshiwari (traditional breaking). In addition to Shotokan Karate, the event will feature demonstrations of Koei-Kan Karate-Do, Chief Instructor Brian Frost, African Martial Art from Kilindi Iyi and the Tamerrian Institute and Sense Jay S. Penfil, Tang Soo Jutsu.

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NEIGHBORS

Culpepper enjoys spot as new arts commissioner

■ He's collected art for 40+ years

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Gerry Culpepper's fascination with art began when he was a student at Edsel Ford High School in Dearborn.

Now a Northville retiree, he is enjoying his role as the new treasurer of the Northville Arts Commission.

He was appointed to the Northville Arts Commission on Oct. 20, 2008, for a three-year term expiring June 30, 2011.

A Michigan native, he graduated with a degree in business administration from the University of Michigan. He retired in October 2006 from Flint Group, a global ink manufacturing company where he worked as director of internal auditing.

Culpepper has been a serious collector of Latin American Colonial Arts for more than four decades. During 10-year stint as an executive in Brazil, he traveled extensively through Latin America, collecting art and meeting dealers.

"I've always had an interest in art, even though my background is financial," he said, adding that he took several art classes in college.

His collection includes a wide variety of Latin American objects d'art, including paintings, statues, oratorios, furniture, pottery and weavings. The collection's major focus is on 18th century paintings.

Titles of paintings in his collection include, "The Judgment of the Souls," and "The Massacre of the Innocents."

"Basically, the artists were copying etchings or paintings from Europe that the priests had brought over to South America," Culpepper said.

Many of the paintings tell a story from the Bible or feature images of the Madonna, mother of Christ, saints and other religious figures.

WHY HE'S INVOLVED

Culpepper wanted to become an art commissioner because he had the time and was interested in supporting the community in any way he could.

"My original goal was to bring some additional financial expertise to the arts commission from a budgeting and fund-raising activity standpoint," he said. Funding for the Northville Arts Commission comes from the city government.

"All government entities are having some major fiscal problems, particularly with the value of real estate declining, which is the tax base," he said. "Northville is probably one of the more conservative and fiscally strong cities in the area; they're being very proactive."

Before becoming an arts commis-



Gerry Culpepper is enjoying his role as the new treasurer of the Northville Arts Commission

NORTHVILLE ARTS COMMISSIONERS

Members of the Northville Arts Commission include Kathleen Tabaczynski, chair; Ellen Bennett, vice chair; Sue Taylor, secretary; Gerry Culpepper, treasurer; Galina Koriduzki; Jeff Cancelosi; Sharon Rossow; and Mary Step. Nancy Darga serves as the city council liaison, with Michele Fecht as the council liaison alternate. Dawn Northey is the Art House director. For information, call (248) 344-0497.

sioner, he joined the commission's Exhibit Committee and became involved setting up the Northville Art House's monthly exhibits. The next exhibit, which starts March 6, will be "One Year and Out," A College for Creative Studies Illustration Alumni Exhibit.

He will display some of his collection in the Northville Art House's second floor

gallery beginning May 1. Coincidentally, the show will be the same week as Cinco de Mayo. Commissioners will send invitations to the Metro Detroit Mexican community as well as the religious community, particularly Catholic churches in the area.

COLLECTION INCLUDES RETABLOS

More recently, Culpepper expanded his collection to include folk "retablos" from Mexico. According to Gloria Fraser Giffords' book "Mexican Folk Retablos," these paintings of religious images on sheets of tin were a popular folk art tradition in central Mexico in the 19th century.

The small paintings can be found today in Mexican homes and shrines and in many antique and curio shops in Mexico and the United States. This primitive art offers insights into the Mexican society of the past, according to Giffords.

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NORTHVILLE WEDDING

Tomasak & Reynolds

Lindsay Nicole Tomasak and Craig Martin Reynolds were married on Aug. 23, 2008 at Houghton Lake with the Rev. Mark Bohlen officiating.

Lindsay is a 2003 graduate of Northville High School and a 2007 graduate of Adrian College, with a degree in biology, where she played softball. She is currently completing a graduate assistantship for Eastern Michigan University while she works to complete her master's degree in orthotics and prosthetics.

Craig is a 2002 graduate of Pinckney High School. He also attended Adrian College, where he played baseball, graduating in 2006 with a degree in business management. He works in management at Home Depot.

Serving as Lindsay's bride's



maids were Kelli Szczepanski, Amelia Araiza and Stephanie Jones.

Attending Craig were John Smith, Dave Zalma and Trevor Lumadue.

The reception was held in Houghton Lake and the couple honeymooned in New York City. They reside in Northville.

NORTHVILLE ENGAGEMENT

Berger & Snearly

Mary Berger of Northville and Michael Berger of State College, Penn., announce the engagement of their daughter Kathryn Mary Berger of Charlotte, N.C. to Charles Leroy Snearly IV of Charlotte, son of Vicki and Charles Snearly III of Novi.

Kathryn is a 2003 graduate of Northville High School, a 2007 graduate with a double major in English and Spanish of Albion College and is a Spanish teacher in the Weddington Intermediate Schools in Charlotte.

Charles is a 2003 graduate of Northville High School. He graduated from Albion



College in 2007 with a major in communication studies and a minor in journalism. He is a freelance writer in Charlotte.

The couple plan a July 2009 wedding at the Northville Hills Golf Club with a honeymoon in Alaska.

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Hallie Bard and Jeff Thomakos play a grieving couple in the Pulitzer Prize-winning drama, *Rabbit Hole*, at Tipping Point Theatre.



DRAMA

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quite a few comedic moments as well to provide balance.

This family puts the "fun" back into dysfunctional.

Questions that arise in one's head from time to time while watching this family's interactions unfold include, "What would I do if I suffered the death of a child?" and "How DO you get on with your life?"

All members of the cast are outstanding — Hallie Bee Bard of Eastpointe as Becca; Jeff Thomakos of Hazel Park as her husband, Howie; Ruth Crawford of Ann Arbor as Becca's mother, Nat; Maggie Meyer of Chelsea as Becca's irreverent sister, Izzie; and Matt Hollerbach of Scio Township as Jason, the person responsible for the accidental death of the child.

Meyer is especially appeal-

ing as "the little sister you love to hate," by being the exact opposite of her older, more-conservative sister.

Crawford as the outspoken and often caustic mother and mother-in-law also provides a fine performance, as the audience can always count on her to say the wrong thing at the wrong time.

If nothing else, the story helps us by allowing us to witness the many painful, yet meaningful, steps family members go through while dealing with the untimely death of a loved one and how it can eventually bring individuals closer together in the end.

The message is that as much as we hate to admit it, and face it, death is a part of life, and although it's never easy to deal with, it can make us stronger.

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OFFICE

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and signed a 10-year lease at the Northville location.

"The combination of the downtown area and the historic Water Wheel Centre were both attractive qualities for relocating to Northville," Jacobson said. The firm also likes the close proximity to the Detroit Metro Airport, since the firm is international.

The new space in Northville will cover about 14,000 square feet and house 44 employees; the Farmington Hills office had about 9,000 square feet.

"It's designed for between 50 and 60, so we'll have room to grow," Jacobson said, who has been with the firm for 18 years.

Current local HKS design projects include the North Patient Tower at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor and Mott Children's Hospital at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. International projects include the King Hussein Cancer Center in Amman, Jordan, and a Women's and Children's Hospital in Abu Dhabi, UAE (United Arab Emirates).

OPEN HOUSE

On Friday, Feb. 27, the firm

will host a Design Fellowship in the space soon to be the Northville office.

"We're inviting local professors from U of M and Lawrence Technological University as well as the architectural critic from the *Detroit Free Press*," Jacobson said. The event will combine interns from HKS and architectural students from the local universities. Five students will be presented a design problem to solve, and the outcome will then be reviewed and critiqued by the various professionals, including the HKS Director of Design from Dallas.

"It's a way to promote design, design discussion and development of young professionals," Jacobson said. The firm hopes to make the fellowship an annual event.

THE BUILDING

Formerly the Historic Ford Valve Plant, the building has been a significant landmark in downtown Northville. The art deco, Albert Kahn-designed facility was built in the late 1930s for Henry Ford Sr. to manufacture tractor valves and components for the Model T. The plant was purchased by R.D. Cox, and converted into office space for a variety of design firms.

Today, the renovated building features expansive glass

windows allowing daylight and views to the Rouge River and park as well as a fully operational, decorative 19-foot-high by 7-foot-wide water wheel. The Water Wheel Centre downtown setting offers tenants shops, boutiques, galleries, theaters, restaurants, businesses and professional offices.

According to Jacobson, the firm will seek Silver LEED CI (commercial interiors) certification for the office.

"HKS is committed to sustainable design and being stewards of the environment," he said. "Our new office's design will incorporate many of the nation's leading green design concepts including using paints, adhesives, stains and finishes that are free of, or very low in, volatile organic compounds; using Energy Star-qualified equipment and appliances; purchasing materials with a high percentage of recycled content; and implementing fixtures that reduce excess water use."

"The new office location is a meaningful and inspiring place that reflects our commitment to our people, our communities, to sustainable design and to our rich regional heritage," said Carol Kartje, vice president and director of interior design for HKS Detroit.

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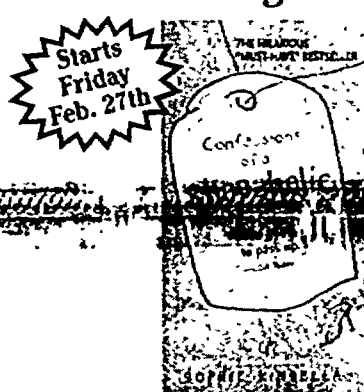


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EDUCATION



Members of Bonnie Bisio's fourth grade class at Amerman Elementary School are joined by school principal Steve Anderson and Northville Civic Concern's Marlene Kunz on Feb. 13. The students collected and redeemed 4,200 cans and bottles to present Kunz with a \$420 check for Civic Concern.

What a difference a few cans can make

It started as a seed of an idea in late January. Collect empty pop cans and bottles, redeem them, and make a small contribution to Northville Civic Concern as part of the class' Valentine's Day celebration.

Then the idea started to grow. The kids went to every classroom, asking for support. The principal and custodian got involved.

And, on Feb. 13, Bonnie Bisio's fourth grade class from Amerman Elementary School presented Northville Civic Concern's Marlene Kunz with a check for \$420.

That's 4,200 bottles and cans collected and redeemed in two short weeks.

According to Bisio, "The kids jumped in with both feet. They loved the idea. I wasn't surprised as they are a great group of kids. However, I was surprised at how enthusiastic they were. They went out and collected from neighbors, friends, and relatives on their own. And they are thrilled with the results."

Bisio, along with class mom, Leslie Evans, talked to

the students last month about performing a service project as part of their Valentine's Day celebration. The idea of a can/bottle drive came up.

"What started as something from the heart for our Valentine's Day celebration ended up bringing tears to my eyes," said Bisio. "I can't tell you how proud I am of them."

Civic Concern's Kunz shares the same sentiment.

"This is totally awesome," she stated. "I cannot begin to express what I think their community service means. If all kids did projects like this, the world would be a much better place."

Kunz went on to say that a number of people will be helped thanks to Bisio's class. "I am pleased as can be that they put in all that effort. This will feed a lot of people. My heartfelt thanks to everybody."

Anyone interested in helping Northville Civic Concern can reach Marlene Kunz at (248) 344-1033.

Submitted by Tracy Bins

■ Moraine kindergartners sew little dresses for Africa

BY NATHAN MEMOIAN
SPECIAL WRITER

Moraine Elementary teacher Jan Loeffler watched film last November with her morning and afternoon kindergarten classes learning about orphaned kids in Central Africa.

"Their clothes were ragged and thin. We wanted to help them and joined with a group from Brownstown, Michigan called Little Dresses for Africa. They organize efforts throughout the state to provide basic clothes and necessities to the orphans," said Loeffler, who has taught at the school for 21 years.

The clothing project will benefit young children in the villages of Malawi, located in Central Africa. Many children there have become orphans because of the AIDS disease and poverty.

As the project started taking shape, parents donated new pillowcases from which the simple dresses were made, along with other needed materials. Sue Fairchild, another teacher at the school, and her kindergarten students worked on the project too. A total of 66 students participated in the Little Dresses for Africa school project.

Classroom students traced and cut armholes from a pattern, then around the bottom of the garment they put in elastic, and at the top they attached binding. In the last two months they completed 45 dresses.

"We made them in different colors and sizes, plus added pockets. You can wear these sundresses over shirts," she



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Students in Jan Loeffler's kindergarten class at Moraine Elementary are helping African children through a program called Little Dresses for Africa.

said. "It was all about teamwork. I helped assemble the patterns and brought in a sewing machine from home. The kids also helped me steer the fabric, and push the pedal on the machine."

The students didn't forget about the orphan boys either. T-shirts and shorts were collected for them and will be sent along with the dresses to Brownstown for shipment overseas.

Textbooks, bicycles, shoes, toiletries, vitamins, and a nutrient-enriched porridge to alleviate hunger and boost the orphans' immune systems will be shipped by the organization as well.

"Part of our social studies class is understanding how children the same age live in other areas, Africa traditionally," Loeffler said. "We pretend that we travel overnight, and saw this as an opportunity to help provide them with clothes and hope for a better future."

The dress project also ties in with the school district's participation in Children Against Hunger, collecting food to send packages here and abroad.

From the film, the students also observed how Malawi orphans drew their water from a local well. The kindergartners constructed

water pipes from classroom math cubes, pretending to send fresh water to the villages.

Throughout her 34-year career as a teacher, Loeffler says she has learned that young students can do much more than people think.

"When the project ended, the kindergartners were a little saddened it was finished, but would have loved to see it continue," she said. "Kids are so willing to help. This effort helped them get involved in something bigger than themselves."

Nathan Memoian is a freelance writer living in Milford.

NORTHVILLE STUDENTS ON CAMPUS

Northern Michigan University

Michell M. Stevens graduated with a bachelor of science degree in geography/physical in December 2008.

Cornell College

The Dean's list for the fall 2008-2009 semester has been

announced, including senior Jillian Liu, who has received an Honors designation.

Hillsdale College

Evan Duey, a junior economics and marketing major was named to the Dean's list for the 2008 fall semester.

Evan Duey is the son of Claire and David Duey of

Pittsburgh State University

Kyle Hutchison a senior majoring in manufacturing engineering tech achieved all A's to qualify for the Dean's Scholastic Honors.

Northville and is a 2006 graduate of Northville High School.

University of Notre Dame

Kristina Sinutko of Northville has been named to the Dean's List in the College of Arts and Letters for outstanding scholarship during the fall 2008 semester.

She is the daughter of Richard and Vita Sinutko.

NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

SILVER SPRINGS ELEMENTARY

• There will be a general PTA meeting on Tuesday, March 3 at 9:15 a.m. in the Rondelle. We'll have the opportunity to hear from the PTA Board, school principal and school district representatives. Light refreshments will be provided.

• The PTA Science Fair will be from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 5 in the Multipurpose Room.

WINCHESTER ELEMENTARY

• Volunteers are needed for Art Appreciation in Mrs. Roney's and Mrs. Papo's AM Kindergarten classes. You don't need to know a lot about art - all the supplies and materials are provided, along with the topic to be discussed. The time commitment is only once a week for three weeks (15 minutes for each class). Contact Vicki Webster at vickiwebster@wowway.com or (734) 420-4626.

• The PTA is looking for donations of toilet paper to add to new emergency kits we hope to provide for each classroom in the event of a lockdown situation. Please bring in a roll of toilet paper from March 2-6 to the collection box in Winchester's lobby, or bring it with you to the March 4 PTA meeting.

• March 2 (10:15-11:15 a.m. and various times in the afternoon) Author Visit: Mark Criley. In the morning, 3rd-5th graders will get to enjoy hearing author/illustrator

Mark Criley speak about his life and how he came about to write his Akiko and Billy Click series. Criley will read from some of his books, will demonstrate some illustration techniques, and will answer questions the students may have. In the afternoon, 3rd graders will participate in a writing workshop with Criley.

• Sadly, we have had several incidents of theft in the past few months. For this reason, no one will be allowed in classrooms before or after school hours. Custodians have been asked to help support this position, so your cooperation is requested and appreciated.

• March is Reading Month, and volunteers are needed to tabulate hours. Tabulation of hours read by first-fifth graders is done weekly during the month of March. The amount of volunteer time is small but the benefit is huge. One hour of your time, weekly, is all that is needed to get this piece done. Karen Alameddine has created a program that simplifies the job. So, if you can spare some time on the following dates, please e-mail Mary Wilson at wilsonma@northville.k12.mi.us to volunteer. The tabulation dates are all in the Media Center at 9 a.m. on: Wednesdays, March 11, 18 and 25 and Monday, March 30.

THORNTON CREEK ELEMENTARY

• Interested fifth grade students have an opportunity

to participate in D.A.R.E., a health and safety curriculum taught by the Novi Police Department. D.A.R.E. participants are recognized at our Fifth Grade Awards breakfast. D.A.R.E. will be held before or after school on Tuesdays (you choose your schedule), for a five-week period, starting March 3.

• Each year, Thornton Creek third grade students hold a vitamin drive for children and families in Zambia, Africa. These vitamins provide the necessary support to allow the body to fight off the affects of malnutrition. We are asking for donations of large bottles of multi-vitamins.

Because vitamins are considered medication in schools, they must be brought to school by parents, not students. We will have a box to deposit the bottles available during Gator Gala.

Parents are free to bring them to the office at any time.

• There will be a general PTA meeting on Wednesday, March 18.

• March 5 Credit Union Deposit Day, Grades 1-5
• March 10 Teacher Professional Day - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
• March 17 Java Chat, 9 a.m.
• Reese Haller, the youngest published fiction author in America, will be visiting Thornton Creek on Monday, March 23. He will be presenting "The Traits of Writing, Catching the Writing Bug: One Kid to Another" to students, and read-

ing sections from his books. For more information about Reese Haller or his books, please visit his website www.reesehaller.com.

• Please join us at our next PTA meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 18 at 9 a.m. in the cafeteria.

• With the leadership of student council, students voted to have monthly spirit wear on the following Fridays: Feb. 27; March 27; April 24 and May 29.

• Friday, Feb. 27 is the 12th Annual Gator Gala where Thornton Creek is transformed into a carnival-like environment.

MORRAINE ELEMENTARY

• There is no school on Tuesday, March 10.

• Moraine is now taking names for incoming kindergartners for the 2009-10 school year. Please call the Office for more information.

KIDS AGAINST HUNGER EVENTS CHANGE

There is a date change in the Kids Against Hunger Packaging Events Schedule.

The Feb. 24 event at Fort Street Church has been changed to March 18 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Schools: Thornton Creek Elementary School, Northville and Neinas Elementary School, Detroit

Location: Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 West Fort Street, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

OBITUARIES

JOHN E. KACHALLA

Age 65, of New Hudson, died 2/19/2009. Funeral service was held last Saturday at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon. Contributions to American Cancer Society appreciated.

MARGARET LOUISE THURMAN

Our beloved mother died peacefully on February 19, 2009 surrounded by her family. She was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Lawrence, and two children, Rhoda and Paula. She is survived by her children, John (Mary Alice), Eunice (Jim) and James (Michelle); grandchildren, Michael, Katie and Luis; step-grandchildren, Paul and Peter; great-grandchildren, Ryann, Britt, Erik; also many other dear family members, friends and caring church members. Besides being a faithful and caring mother, Margaret worked many years in health care serving older adults. Most importantly, she was faithful to her Lord and Savior throughout her life. The funeral was held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Northville. Memorials may be made to Bethesda Lutheran Home, Watertown Wisconsin, St. Paul Lutheran School Northville.

CANDIS M. WOODSTOCK

Age 62, of Lyon Twp., passed away 2/17/2009. Beloved wife of Robert Loving mother of Robert T. Scott, and Melanie Hatton. Adored grandmother of 8. Services were held last Saturday at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon (248) 446-1171.

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Obituaries received after these deadlines will be placed in the next available issue.



NICHOLAS J. PLENNERT

Age 87, passed away February 17, 2009. He was born on Jan. 1, 1922, in Detroit, to the late Eberhart and Eva (Wing) Plennert. He lived for his family. Nicholas is survived by his loving wife Irene Plennert, his children John (Mary) Plennert, Linda (Bob) Fenech, Nick M. (Angie) Plennert, his sister Betty Loch; 14 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his grandson Ron. A funeral was held Saturday, February 21, 2009 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

Paying Tribute to the Life of Your Loved One

Portfolios and work samples

Have you accumulated a file of certificates for all the training and development courses you've completed over the years? Do you have copies of letters of recommendation, professional awards, or other recognition of your efforts? Where is your diploma? How about copies of performance reviews? Do you have samples of the projects you've been part of that you can use to showcase your talents?

This is a good time for you to find all of these documents and put them together into a portfolio. A three-ring binder will work well. Use clear plastic sheet protectors that will hold a full 8.5" x 11" sheet of paper. These plastic holders have a tab on one side that has holes for the binder rings. If you use a binder that has a clear over-



Martha Adamson

lay, you can create a nice looking cover sheet to slip into it to personalize your portfolio. You can also add index tabs to organize your portfolio by what type of document you have.

You may wish to put your resume in the front of the portfolio. Follow that with your diplomas and certificates from training or certification courses. If you have licenses related to business, these can come next.

Samples of projects you have managed or contributed to can also be included. If you intend to show these samples to prospective employers, be careful not to divulge confidential information. You may need to black

out client names, dollar amounts or other specific information which should not be shared outside of the company. Photographs of projects or finished products might also be included, but only if you are not violating confidentiality.

If you have evaluations of your performance evaluations, you should include these in your portfolio for your own use. It may be helpful to you to review these past evaluations to help recall specific strengths and weaknesses that you discussed during your reviews. This information can be useful during interviews if you are asked the dreaded "Tell me about your strengths" or "Tell me about your weaknesses" questions.

Spreadsheets you created, databases you designed or managed, designs and business writing that

you produced may also be useful to include if they showcase your ability to use or manipulate software, generate reports, or create effective, attractive or powerful messages.

Once you've assembled your portfolio including work samples, keep it somewhere accessible during your job search. You may wish to use some of the items to demonstrate your abilities or accomplishments during a job interview. You will probably never need to carry the complete portfolio with you, but you may need to document that your licenses are current, that you actually did receive a Bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan, or prove that you completed a certain type of required training.

Once you have your portfolio created, be sure to keep it up to date by adding certificates, performance

reviews, letters or rewards, and work samples to it as you continue your career. You will always know exactly where to find the documents that might be crucial to your landing your next job.

Martha D. Adamson is a consulting professional with a diverse background in Human Resource Management and Career Development. She is a Certified Career Development Facilitator, a Certified Career & Job Search Coach, and a Certified Professional Resume Writer. She is the co-author of Job Search Navigator, a workbook-style guide to assessing yourself and managing your job search (www.jobsearchnavigator.com) which was first published in 1999 by Prentice-Hall and revised and republished by Success Press in 2005. From 1993 to 1996, she authored a monthly column "Your Job Search" in the Saratoga Springs, NY newspaper - The Saratogian.

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

OUR VIEWS

Land purchase sounds good

More details are needed at this point, but it sounds like Northville Township's resolution to purchase 323 acres of the former state psychiatric hospital property from developer REIS could turn a less-than-perfect situation into a win-win.

Ugly is probably the best word to describe the last year revolving around the property, which reached its lowest point when the city of Livonia attempted to annex the property. Voters in that city shot it down in November, and all parties concerned then began to try and heal the wounds and work together.

In this current economy, developing 414 acres just doesn't make business sense, whether it's commercial, office, residential or all of the above. Although still being negotiated, REIS could retain between up to about 90 acres, a much more manageable chunk to develop.

The township's purchase price of \$23.5 million for 323 acres would have to be approved by residents in a millage vote in August. In the meantime, the township will have to present all of the facts and figures — repeatedly — so there are no more rumors of "backroom bargaining." Residents must know exactly what a new millage will cost them; what the township plans to do with the property; and what REIS plans to do with its acreage.

The proposal indicates REIS would cut back commercial development by 50 percent, down to 475,000 square feet, which is something many residents complained about when the developer unveiled its initial plans for the property. If voters do not approve the millage, the consent agreement signed last July would be used.

Township officials say they wanted to buy this property but couldn't when REIS purchased it in 2005. Now there is an opportunity to do just that, preserve green space, reduce the amount of commercial development on the property and reduce traffic and infrastructure woes.

This sounds like the beginning of a new era for property that has been both an eyesore and a diamond in the rough for far too long.

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COMMUNITY VOICE

What words of encouragement would you offer to someone who just lost their job?



"I'm sorry. It's a scary time to be going through that."

— Tracey Barr



"Have faith in God. Put your trust in divine providence."

— Pat Tovey



"I just lost my job. There are jobs out there. Keep looking and don't give up."

— Clyde Jokinen



"There are jobs out there. You've just got to search for them online. It's never over. Sometimes you've got to go out of state."

— Bill Haynes

LETTERS

Obama's home affordability and stability plan

President Obama's mortgage stability plan announced today is good news for both home owners in Wayne County facing the threat of foreclosure and those lenders who are willing to work in good faith to avoid having to foreclose on properties.

The guidelines the president announced will, among other specifics, require lenders participating in the plan to reduce payments to no more than 31 percent of a borrower's income. That means thousands of homeowners now facing foreclosure in Wayne County could be able to renegotiate affordable terms for their loans and stay in their homes.

The moratorium on foreclosure sales I announced at the beginning of February already has resulted in 3,500 families being spared losing their homes through forced sales in the intervening weeks. Had their home been sold, these families would have lost their rights to negotiate a modification in their loan. They now can seek to avail themselves of the president's plan and stay in their homes. That also is true for thousands more Wayne County families who have received foreclosure notices and been scheduled for future sales.

I congratulate President Obama for his aggressive approach to this crisis which is affecting the entire country, but which has had a particularly devastating effect on Wayne County.

I am grateful that the moratorium which I put in place at the beginning in February will enable thousands of Wayne County families to negotiate new affordable terms that will allow them to stay in their homes. That is good for the families involved, for their neighbors who also would be impacted by having a vacant home next door, for lenders who now will begin receiving payments again and for all of Wayne County.

Sheriff Warren Evans
Wayne County

McCotter's next

I live in Farmington Hills. We in the 9th District removed the Republican Knollenberg last election and replaced him with a Democrat, Gary Peters. It looks like the next target should be McCotter in the

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11th who again has proved that main street Americans cannot count on him to represent their interests. He voted against the recovery legislation and has followed the Republican line, supporting the wealthiest of our citizens consistently. Only out of fear did he vote to extend health care to our children. In the past he has voted against it and supported Bush's veto of the health care for kids act. He has to go in 2010.

Chuck Collins
Farmington Hills

A slow burn

Are you choking up a little on your debt quickly rising beyond the trillions? With current smoke-and-mirrors men, who appear focused more often on the big picture and connecting dots, are alarmee counterparts worrying about clogged toilets. Governments easily control a population with a load of debt and claim crisis. Our liberal Congress will restate the "Pelosi Plunder" is being done for the children. Thank you, Jimmy Carter, for the idea that initiated the kiting of home mortgages and a leftover of Carter economics.

In an approach to deal with problems, Washington is introducing worse problems. Remember the lyrics of "There was an old lady who swallowed a fly". The outcome of her death was a much more serious disaster than more simple digestion.

What gooey liberal political plan directs this new cash flow anyway? The bulk went to protected salaries for massive government jobs in electoral rich and friendly blue and bankrupt states, loading debt upon their residents and more money for

those who drove toward bankruptcy. Most attention to States with unionized government and educational employees with a "new story" about millions of government jobs saved, not jobs created. New, heavy growth of people shackled to government spending on health care. Political reinforcements neatly available with possible nationalization of the auto industry workers through the UAW negotiating directly with Congress. Illegals soon will be organized and certified as new soldiers in the movement. Our young minds of mush, sway in the hope dance, expecting gifts of higher education with the vanishing employers. Finally, Acorn conducting census ... bingo! Extraordinary control for the party of hype. Only then will our government be fully engaged in shouting down and squelching the dispirited and dissenters.

What needs to be confiscated to pay down a ballooning national debt? Those familiar with history will remember the FDR effort to confiscate gold in 1933. Financial institutions under national ownership may have a resources needed with the remainder of your 401(k), CD's, dividends and savings accounts. Maybe an IOU for you! King George III the infamous tyrant simply challenged with a tiny tax. There will be the announcement suggesting disaster avoidance claims by spending trillions to save billions for a hapless, helpless public. So it goes when government defines its chosen winners and losers. Much better for banks to simply put toxic debt up for auction or go bankrupt.

Our distressed economy will recover and limp along weakly into the future; the party in control like many politicians becoming as smelly as old fish but explained in elevated terms by a twisted media. Usually overstated positive change will be attributed to the Pelosi Hustle and wreckage, of course, to the Republicans. The often heard Michigan phrase is still ringing in my ears "you will be blown away," and it appears others will follow our example. The frantic and enslaved taxpayers and vital investors could feel cornered with benefits multiplied and stacked toward the government funded. A slow burn for those who actually fuel any economy.

Jim Nowka
Northville

IN YOUR VOICE

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

Northville Township wants to purchase former hospital property from REIS

After the way REIS treated Northville Township, we are supposed to bail him out? I say let him sit on it and lose his behind. Let him pay taxes on it for a couple years; maybe it will end up in bankruptcy. If Abbo has any guts, he'll offer him half the asking price. I will vote NO regardless. I have had enough of this mess and don't want any of my tax dollars going to help out a corrupt deceitful property owner or his cohorts at City Hall.

tempbox

Tempbox - while I certainly understand your frustration (and share it!), I don't want to cut off my nose to spite my face. The route we've traveled to get here is unfortunately long, but I think this will be the best thing for Northville. I'm very interested in some more details and am encouraged at the prospect

of "not" having to deal with a six story senior center and a "Twelve Oaks South" in my backyard.

doncarauna

tempbox... I don't think you can vote if you don't live in the township. Nothing personal, but if you think we have a City Hall, I have to question where you live and if you have a motive. The taxes on the property are virtually nothing at this point. The state dropped the SEV not too long ago. There are single houses in Northville that probably get a bigger tax bill. As of today, CPARD has not taken a position on this matter. Personally though, I will point out one thing: The township guaranteed REIS a brownfield of up to \$17 million. No matter what, \$17 million in township property taxes will be used to clean the land. So, in this case we do not just get the land; the captured \$17 million will clean our land (become essentially equity for the township) instead of just cleaning REIS' land. \$23.6 million gets us the land and it gets us the \$17 million.

SteveEmsley

Thank you, trustees. As a long-time resident of Northville Township, I think this is

welcome news! A step in the right direction for Northville Township's long-term future

Northville Lib

Steve, I live in Northville Township and have for over 12 years. I have been to the township offices (city hall) many times. I have voted every single election. I will be voting NO and urge the rest of you to do the same. You are short on memory if you don't realize REIS is going to be getting almost what he paid for the property in that botched "auction". But he will be retaining the most valuable land of the parcel. Do you honestly think the economy is going to get better within the next couple years to the point of retailers and others wanting to invest millions at 7 and Haggerty? That property is going to continue to plummet in value as our homes have. Didn't you already state you live in the apartments on 6 Mile? You have no property to be devalued. But the rest of us know values are in a freefall. I say offer him half. He has done none of us any favors. This is basically another fatcat bailout. If he wants to be a good citizen, he should donate the land. We will name a park after him. Vote no.

tempbox

I don't think I'd call this a "bailout". You

need to realize the developer is under no obligation to develop more than that corner anyway, at least not in the foreseeable future. He also doesn't have to move fast on the brownfield either. Actually, he's doing Northville a favor. He only pays \$250,000 a year on the whole piece of land, and a quick little bit of commercial will take care of that. As far as the cost of the land, they sunk about \$4 million into the previous attempt, plus the \$8 million that would be left over. That means REIS would have paid over \$200K/acre for the property he has. Do the math on the remaining acreage the township gets - it's under \$70K/acre. And we've got the brownfield to clean it up? Pretty sweet deal, if you ask me. Still want to see more details, but so far, I'm voting for it.

DonCarauna

Slow down and give the township some time to put together the details; they may pleasantly surprise us all. Let us not kill something before it is fully explained. The cost per household may be about the same as joining a health or swimming pool club with far greater long-term benefits

Stevengab

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE WITH STATE SEN. NANCY CASSIS

TAXPAYERS WANT TRANSPARENT, OPEN AND EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT

People in Michigan, and nationwide, are concerned about how their government spends their money. Their trust in government has been shaken due to the recent federal bail-out of the banks and the stimulus bill subsidized by taxpayers. The lack of accountability in those measures has made the need for transparency greater than ever.

Our new president and his administration has touted the benefits of transparency and already signed executive orders to make the federal process more open. Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox has been a leader on this issue and forged important ground with transparency in his department. Additionally, several states including Texas, Minnesota, Missouri and South Carolina have passed legislation requiring free, searchable Web sites with detailed information about state expenditures.

This is not a partisan issue. Transparency is a good government, taxpayer-friendly policy.

While rewriting the main business tax my fellow lawmakers and I did not have up-to-date information



Nancy Cassis

and were unable to verify key data. My experience during that process taught me that if lawmakers don't have access to critical information when writing bills, even well-meaning legislation can be inaccurate or incomplete. Requiring disclosure of this information can help avoid unintended consequences and errors.

To bring sunshine to the decision-making process, I introduced legislation that will bring transparency to Michigan government and the package of bills was recently approved by the State Senate. My bills were modeled after an acclaimed program in the state of Washington.

Senate Bill 70 will require the Department of Treasury to share aggregate 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.

SB 71, specifically requires that the Michigan Economic Growth Authority (MEGA) annual reports

include specific information, such as the actual number of jobs created by MEGA credit recipients.

Another proposal, SB 72, would require Treasury to create and post on its Web site a database detailing all of the Michigan Business Tax credits available to businesses, how many companies are claiming the credits and how much is claimed annually.

This essential legislation is good public policy that bolsters a system of checks and balances as well as safeguards our companies privacy and confidentiality.

I am heartened as the legislation heads over to the House for consideration, because a group of 25 House Republicans recently joined Minority Leader Kevin Elsenheimer and the attorney general at a press conference expressing their support of government transparency. House members from both parties pledged to make transparency a cornerstone of the new term and that is promising news.

COMMITTED TO ADDRESSING MICHIGAN'S FORECLOSURE CRISIS

My resolve to address our state's alarming foreclosure rate has never

been stronger. Recently, the Senate Banking and Financial Institutions Committee, of which I am a member, heard from the Filene Research Institute and the Rochester Institute of Technology on how to reduce foreclosures.

The research team identified major factors that have contributed to the rise of mortgage foreclosures and recommended 10 policy changes that could help decrease the foreclosure rate. The report is a valuable guide for policymakers working to help Michigan families stay in their homes.

The full 56-page report is available at http://filene.org/filestore/section/27/Filene_Michigan_Report_Final2.5.09.pdf.

In addition, I will be reintroducing legislation to allow county registers to calculate a home's redemptive value in an effort to help homeowners keep their homes. I introduced SB 1390 last year with the support of Oakland County Clerk Ruth Johnson. The measure was approved by the Senate but died in the House.

FREE MICHIGAN TAX GUIDES AVAILABLE

Free copies of the latest Michigan

Taxpayer's Guide are now available through my office. The 2009 guide is designed to help residents prepare their tax forms. This extremely valuable resource informs residents about changes in the tax laws and how the changes may affect them.

The booklet contains information on Michigan's taxes and tax credits and includes a year-long taxpayer's calendar with reference to important tax dates and filing deadlines. Also inside are copies of the most commonly used tax forms, as well as addresses and phone numbers for obtaining state agency tax information assistance.

For free copies of the tax guides please visit my Web site at www.SenatorNancyCassis.com and click on Publications. Or contact my office toll free at (888) 38-NANCY to have a copy mailed to you.

State Senator Nancy Cassis, R-Nowi, 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 Wolverine Lake and the cities of Novi, Northville (the Oakland County portion), Orchard Lake, South Lyon, Walled Lake and Wixom.

No wonder it's called Outdoorama

■ 36th annual show at Rock Feb. 26-March 1

Want to catch a trout? Eat an elk burger? Learn how to butcher a deer? These and more opportunities await outdoor enthusiasts who plan to attend the 36th edition of Outdoorama, Michigan's premier attraction for pursuits from bass fishing to bird watching, from marksmanship to, well, mushing with sled dogs.

The show is February 26 to March 1 at Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Avenue in Novi. It's packed with specialty seminars — all free with admission — as well as educational



Outdoorama appeals to families because of all the kids' activities: pellet shooting range, stocked trout pond and beach play area. This young man battles a huge sailfish on the Virtual Fishing Simulator.

and entertaining features for the whole family.

It's also a selling show. A large number of lodges, outfitters, guides and charter

boat captains from Alaska to Africa have reserved space. You'll find fishing boats, duck hunting boats, pontoon boats, canoes, kayaks and

pleasure boats along with docks and other accessories. Many specialty vendors with hunting equipment, fishing gear, and camping supplies are also in the show.

Patrons get free crossover admission to the 2nd Annual Cottage and Lakefront Living Show. That show is also at Rock Financial Showplace and shares the same dates and times as Outdoorama.

Kevin Batchelder, a professional musher from Harsens Island is bringing a sled and some of his Siberian huskies, both adults and puppies, to the show.

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- Have your old Coleman

DETAILS

Outdoorama show hours are 2-9:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$4 for children 6 to 14, and free for children 5 and under. Participating Wendy's restaurants have discount coupons, or you can order your ticket online and avoid the box-office queue. For more information, call (800) 328-6550 or go to www.Outdoorama.com.

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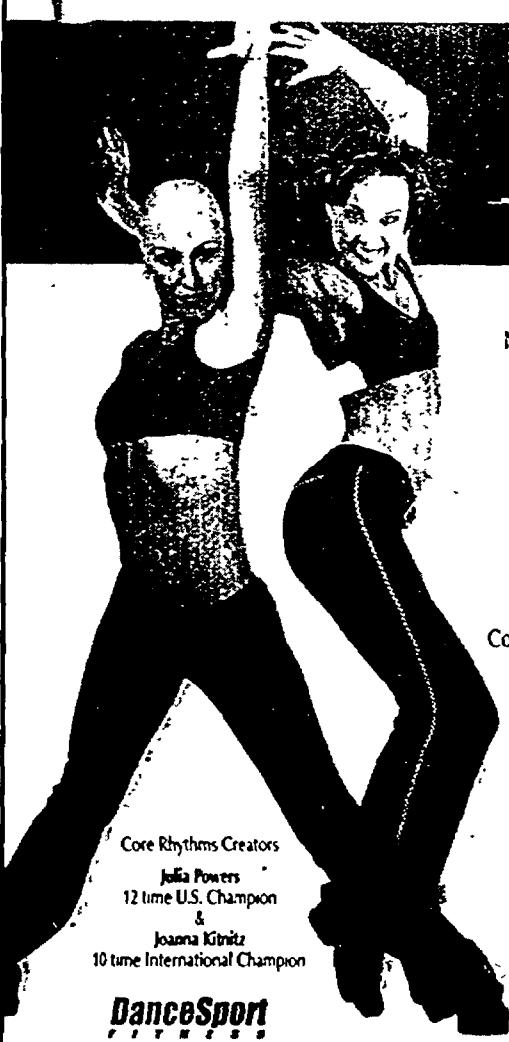
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PUBLIC SAFETY

BRIEFS

Council approves new police car purchase

Members of the Northville City Council approved the purchase of a new Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor model at their Feb. 17 meeting.

The department has five marked patrol cars for patrol duties, special events and emergency response. Two of these vehicles are 2007 models; two are 2008 models; and one is a 2003 model.

Chief Gary Goss has also converted two 2003 patrol cars to unmarked administrative vehicles.

The new Crown Victoria will replace one of the two 2003 patrol cars that has more than 108,000 miles on it.

The lowest of the two bids from Macomb Signature was accepted at \$20,791, with Oakland Jorgensen coming in at \$20,824.95.

Cops switching to .45s

Northville City Council members approved the purchase of new handguns for officers at a cost of \$10,300 at the Feb. 17 meeting.

City staff had budgeted \$14,400 for this purpose.

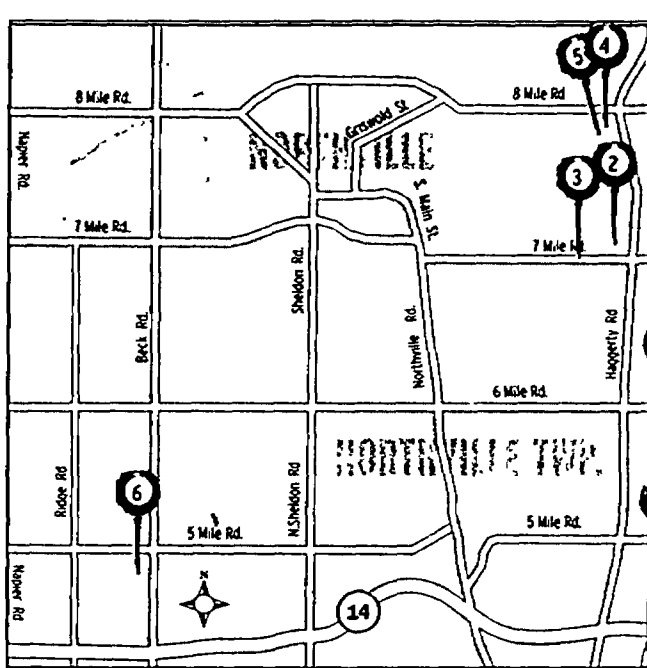
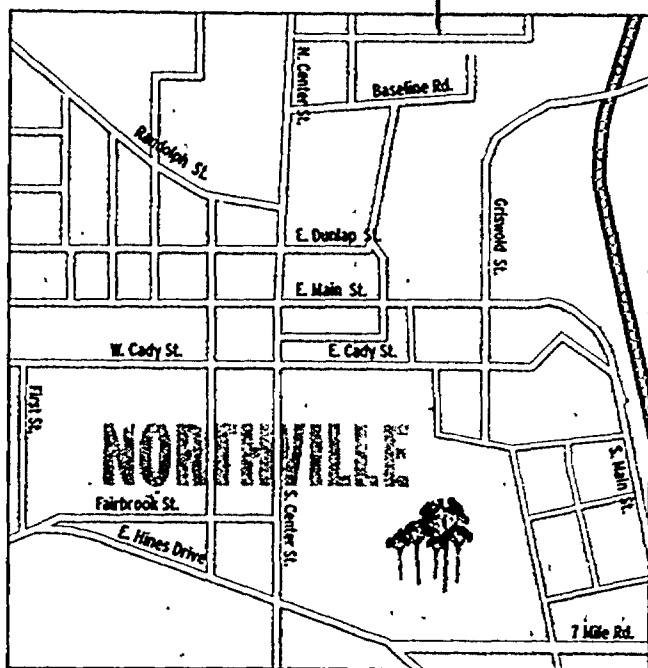
Officers currently use a 9 mm handgun purchased around 1995 or earlier. The useful life of these guns is eight-10 years. Also, a study performed by the FBI showed that this caliber of handgun is not sufficient for law enforcement purposes, particularly in northern climates, where there have been cases in which a 9 mm bullet can't penetrate heavy winter coats.

Police administration researched new sidearm literature and tested a variety of guns. The tests include more than half of the department's full-time officers. The final decision was a Smith & Wesson .45 caliber semi-automatic pistol used by police and military personnel.

The department will acquire 18 of the guns at \$475 each, 18 holsters at \$70 each and 18 magazine pouches at \$22 each. Staff will also trade in 10 of the 9 mm handguns for \$310 each.

Ammunition for training will amount to 8,000 rounds at \$297 per thousand and 2,000 rounds for duty use at \$409 per thousand.

Police administration will purchase the new guns from Michigan Police Equipment in Charlotte, Mich.



NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

City of Northville

Domestic violence

1 Police arrested a 43-year-old Northville man for assault and battery following a domestic dispute after being called to a home on Dorisa Court at 3:10 a.m. on Feb. 14.

The victim, a 28-year-old Livonia woman, was waiting outside the residence on the porch when police arrived. Police noticed a substantial amount of blood on the shoulder and sleeve areas of her coat. She told police her boyfriend tried to choke her and had punched her in the face numerous times.

She was able to push him away at one point and go outside, at which point she called the police.

Police noticed her lips were swollen and a cut on her lip that appeared to have been bleeding.

They also found a substantial amount of blood on the boyfriend's clothing.

He told police he was

sleeping when the woman knocked on his door. When he let her in, she allegedly started "going crazy," tearing his house apart, breaking dishes and throwing things around. He believed she was upset because she had found out he had another girlfriend.

He stated that he had not hit the woman but had cut his hand picking up pieces of the toilet she had broken.

The woman told police her boyfriend was angry because she stayed out with a male friend the two had been with at a bar earlier. He accused her of sleeping with the friend, which she said was not true.

Northville Township

Malicious destruction

2 A 44-year-old resident of Legend Court told police that someone drove over his yard, destroying a 15-foot-tall Bradford pear tree

between 10 p.m. Feb. 13 and noon on Feb. 14.

During the incident, the vehicle snapped the tree clean about a foot or so from the ground. There were no witnesses and no evidence at the scene.

Operating while intoxicated

3 Police arrested a 48-year-old Northville man for operating while intoxicated at 2:28 a.m. on Feb. 14 on Seven Mile Road.

While monitoring the flashing red light at Seven Mile and Beck roads, an officer saw a van run the light. The officer tried to make a traffic stop by activating all of his patrol vehicle's emergency equipment, but the vehicle failed to stop.

The vehicle finally came to a stop after pulling into a driveway off Seven Mile Road just east of Heather Ridge.

The man said he had just left the Eagles Club of Northville. When asked how much he had had to drink, he said he had consumed three

of four beers and that he did feel "buzzed." The officer smelled intoxicants coming from the vehicle and noticed that the driver slurred his words while talking with him.

Retail fraud at Meijer

4 Police arrested a 19-year-old Farmington Hills man for shoplifting at 7 p.m. Feb. 12 at the Meijer store at 20401 Haggerty Road.

A loss prevention officer told police he saw man enter the liquor aisle pushing a shopping cart. The man selected three bottles of liquor and placed them in the baby seat of the cart. He then placed six heart-shaped boxes of Russell Stover Assorted Chocolates in the seat.

After entering the Fast Scan checkout, he placed all of the items into plastic bags without scanning them or paying for them and left the store.

A bottle of raspberry Smirnoff vodka was valued at \$26.99. A bottle of Burnett's was valued at \$8.77. The boxes of chocolates were val-

ued at \$9.99 each.

Larceny at Meijer

5 A 79-year-old Livonia woman told police someone stole her wallet from her purse while she was shopping at the Meijer store at 20401 Haggerty Road at 8:50 a.m. on Feb. 12.

She was in the bakery area and turned her back from her cart for less than a minute to select some donuts. She noticed her wallet was missing when she tried to pay for the donuts. The woman had \$80 cash in the wallet, which was valued at \$30.

Marijuana arrest

6 Police arrested a 32-year-old Garden City man for possession of marijuana at 2:50 p.m. at Five Mile and Beck roads.

An officer was traveling south on Napier Road when he approached a van without a license plate. He pulled the driver over in the Home Depot parking lot at Five Mile and Beck roads.

The officer noticed that the driver would only partially roll down the window when questioned about the license plate. He said he had a temporary registration, which he provided.

The officer asked the driver to open the door so he could obtain the vehicle's Vehicle Identification Number, which he did. Police then noticed the odor of burnt marijuana coming from the vehicle.

The man initially denied having any of the drug in the vehicle, then admitted to having some under his seat and that he had smoked in the van earlier in the day.

Police found a purple plastic container under the seat containing marijuana and rolling papers plus a marijuana grinder, bag of marijuana and partially burnt marijuana cigarette behind the seat on the floor of the van.

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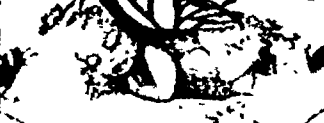
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NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Nagler exhibit

Providence Center for the Healing Arts presents Statements of Light, a showing of original photography by world renowned artist and photographer Monte Nagler. This exhibit features a collection of photography from Michigan and around the world. Farmington Hills resident Monte Nagler is a master photographer who studied under Ansel Adams.

The public is cordially invited to attend an artist's reception to be held Wednesday, March 11 from 6-8 p.m. in the Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery. The gallery is located in the Assarian Cancer Center on the Providence Park campus at 47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi. The show will be on display March 2-April 30. The art gallery is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Plan to restore faith in government

State Representatives Dian Slavens (D-Canton) and Marc Corriveau (D-Northville) announced a package of government reforms that will close the revolving door between lobbying groups and

lawmakers, force elected officials to disclose their finances and dock lawmakers' pay for each day of session they miss. The pair also called on the Republican-controlled Senate to pass 10 percent salary cuts for lawmakers, a measure passed by the House two weeks ago.

The government reform plan will:

- End the revolving door between lawmakers and lobbying firms by prohibiting legislators from becoming lobbyists for two years after leaving office.
- Increase financial disclosure requirements to require candidates for elected office and state officials to submit personal financial statements and reports to the Bureau of Elections.
- Dock lawmakers' pay each time that they miss a day of House session.

"Lawmakers who don't show up for work don't deserve to get paid," said Corriveau, who had a perfect voting record in the 2007-2008 legislative session. "It's an honor and a privilege to serve in the Michigan House of Representatives. The residents we represent have put their faith in us, and we can't let them down. Docking the pay of



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Helping others

Silver Springs Elementary Cub Scout Pack 712 held its second annual Father/Son Cake Bake and Auction on Jan. 29. The scouts raised \$1,000 for Detroit's Bennett Elementary School's media center that was damaged in a fire last year.

lawmakers who don't show up to do their job is the right and fair thing to do."

Economic outlook

Top economists from the University of Michigan will present their report on the economic future of Oakland County at the 24th Annual Economic Outlook Luncheon on April 30 at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. The 2009-2011 Employment Forecast for Oakland County, a joint venture of the Oakland County Planning & Economic Development Services (PEDS) and the Institute for Research on Labor, Employment and the Economy at the University of Michigan, will be presented at the luncheon, scheduled from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Hosts for the luncheon are Chase, Oakland Community College and Oakland County.

The cost is \$40 per person. Online registration begins March 16. Call (248) 858-8706 for information.

Oscar contest winner

Dorothy Deitch of Southfield is the winner of the *Observer & Eccentric/Mirror/Hometown Weeklies* online Oscar contest.

Eight contestants picked the winners in six different categories and four tie-breaker questions (see below). Deitch was selected in a random drawing. She won a year-long movie pass for two to Emagine Theaters of Canton and Novi. Seven other winners will receive a pass for

two for a single showing at Emagine Theater. They are Bonnie Burkhardt of Canton Township, Jimmy Orsag of Rochester Hills, Brent Rau of Novi, Denise Burke of Livonia, Mayda Sagherian of West Bloomfield, Penelope Vert of Livonia and Margie Hengstgen of Dearborn.

The winners answered the following questions correctly: Best Picture, *Slumdog Millionaire*; Best Actor, Sean Penn in *Milk*; Best Actress, Kate Winslet in *The Reader*; Best Animated Feature Film, *Wall-E*; Best Supporting Actor, Heath Ledger in *The Dark Knight*; Best Supporting Actress, Penelope Cruz in *Vicky Cristina Barcelona*. Tie Breakers: Best Directing, *Slumdog Millionaire*; Best Musical Score, *Slumdog Millionaire*; Best Cinematography, *Slumdog Millionaire*; Best Documentary Feature, *Man on Wire*.

Keep hydrants visible

Capt. Guy Balok of the Northville Township Fire Department asks citizens to help keep fire hydrants accessible by removing snow and ice from around them. "In the past, responses to similar requests from the fire department have been outstanding," Balok said. "Families and businesses throughout Northville Township have worked together to help the Fire Department maintain a continuously high level of fire protection."

Let Parks & Rec host your outing

Northville Parks & Recreation would like to host your next outing at the Recreation Center at Hillside pool, located at the corner of 8 Mile and Center Street, inside Hillside Middle School.

Your "campers" will enjoy exclusive access to our warm water, indoor pool. The pool depths range from 3 1/2 to 10 1/2 feet deep, which is great for all ages and swimmers. You'll be provided with American Red Cross certified lifeguards, noodles, water toys and a list of pool games. Some lifejackets will be available for your use. Best rental times are Monday-Friday from noon-6 p.m.

Basic fees are \$98/hour residents; \$153/hour non-residents.

The basic cost provides you with all of the above amenities, with two rotating guards. Additional lifeguards for over 30 guests are \$20 per hour, for a maximum of 125 people. The number of additional lifeguards needed is based on the age range and number in your group. Contact Lindsey Butzin, aquatic supervisor, at (248) 349-0203 ext. 1410 to book your reservation.

Friends of the Rouge needs frog surveyors

It may be hard to imagine that in as little as one month, our skies will fill with the calls of amorous amphibians. If you are interested in

learning more about why and where frogs call, consider signing up for Friends of the Rouge's annual frog and toad survey workshops.

The workshops teach residents all about the 7 frogs and one toad found in the Rouge River Watershed (the 466 square mile area drained by the Rouge River, including much of metro Detroit). Attendees go home with an assignment to learn the 8 calls from a cd they are provided.

Learning the calls is one of the things that volunteers really enjoy about the survey. Once spring comes, they will be expected to venture out to a nearby wetland after dark and determine what type of frogs and toads are calling. Volunteers are encouraged to sign up in teams and children over 5 are welcome when accompanied by a responsible adult.

Interested volunteers need to choose one of the below workshops and register by calling (313) 792-9621 or e-mailing monitoring@therouge.org.

Survey blocks are 1/4-square mile areas with wetlands that drain to the Rouge River which includes the west side of Detroit and its west and northern suburbs.

• Wednesday March 4, 7-9 p.m. Canton Summit on the Park, Walnut Room, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton

• Saturday March 14, 10 a.m.-noon Farmington Hills Council Chambers, 31555 W. Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills

• Saturday March 21, 10 a.m.-noon Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth

Friends of the Rouge is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River ecosystem through education, citizen involvement and other collaborative efforts, for the purpose of improving the quality of life for the people, plants, and animals of the watershed. The Rouge Frog & Toad Survey has been coordinated by Friends of the Rouge since 1998. For more info, visit Friends of the Rouge's website at www.therouge.org.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE INVITATION TO THE RESIDENTS BROWNFIELD EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR

The Charter Township of Northville Brownfield Redevelopment Authority invites all residents to a Brownfield Educational Seminar. The seminar will be presented by Fausone Bohn, LLP, and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation on Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at Township Municipal Offices, Community Room, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI. The seminar begins at 6:00 PM.

Michael Hale, Chair
Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

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SYNOPSIS

FEBRUARY 19, 2009 - REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, February 19, 2009

TIME: 6:00 p.m. Closed Session - 7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting

PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Abbo called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Marjorie Banner, Mindy Herrmann, Christopher Roosen ABSENT: Richard Henningsen, Marv Gans

CLOSED SESSION: (6:00 PM)

Motion to enter into Closed Session as permitted under the Michigan Open Meetings Act (PA267) of 1976 or MCL 15.261 -

1. Consult with attorney regarding pending litigation as permitted under the OMA, Section 8 (e) in the case of Sackill Investments, LLC vs. Northville Township and to consider the purchase or lease of real property. Section 8 (d) Meeting ended at 7:00 p.m. Open meeting resumed at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

1. Agendas: A. Approve Consent and Regular Agendas and add 5 E - letter of intent
2. Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements: A. Appoint Joseph A. LoPiccolo to the Board of Review alternate - approved
3. Public Hearings: None
4. Brief Public Comments: Representative Corriveau gave the Board an update on the Stimulus Plan
5. New Business: A. Distribution System Improvements - C O & payment request - approved B. DPS - Beck Road Pressure District Feasibility Study - approved C. Public Safety - Detective Bureau vehicle lease - approved D. Thayer's Corner Park - Site Plan Requirements - approved E. Letter of Intent to purchase property from REI - approved
6. Unfinished Business: None
7. Ordinances: None
8. Bills Payable: A. Bills payable in the amount of \$1,940,380.36 - approved
9. Board Communication & Reports: Reports were given by Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Marjorie Banner, Mindy Herrmann, Christopher Roosen, Chip Snider
10. Any other business or public comment for the Board of Trustees: Several residents commented on the Board approving a letter of intent.
11. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM. The unapproved draft of the Board minutes will be available after March 4, 2009

Respectfully submitted:
Sue A. Hillebrand, CMC

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PUBLIC NOTICE NOVI TWP.

The Novi Twp. Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for fiscal year 2009-2010 at 44536 Chedworth Ct. on March 11 at 7:30. A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at 44020 Cottisford Road. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the clerk at (248) 231-6210.

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE 2009 BOARD OF REVIEW WAYNE AND OAKLAND COUNTIES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review of the City of Northville, Wayne and Oakland Counties, will meet at the City Hall, 215 West Main Street, for the purpose of reviewing and adjusting the 2009 Assessment Rolls of the City of Northville on the following dates:

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2009	8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Administrative Meeting 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2009.	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2009	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2009	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2009	9:00 a.m. until finished for Deliberations
TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2009.	8:00 a.m. Final Administrative Meeting

Pursuant to Act 165 of 1971 and based on the proposed changes to assessed value for 2009, the Wayne and Oakland County Equalization Departments have set the following tentative equalization factors relative to the 2009 Real and Personal Property Assessments: WAYNE COUNTY - Commercial Real 1.00; Industrial Real 1.00, Residential Real 1.00, All Personal Property 1.00. OAKLAND COUNTY - Commercial Real 1.00, Industrial Real 1.00, Residential Real 1.00; All Personal Property 1.00.

ALL TAXPAYERS wishing to petition their property's taxable value or assessment in person with the Board of Review will be seen by APPOINTMENT ONLY. To ensure every appeal is heard it is requested that appointments be scheduled prior to Tuesday, March 10, 2009. Mail-in Petitions must be received by March 19th 2009. Please contact the City of Northville Tax Department at (248) 449-9901 for an appointment or with any questions you may have regarding your 2009 taxable or assessed value.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE 2009 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

The Northville Township 2009 Board of Review will conduct hearings on the following dates for appeals from citizens, regarding the 2009 assessment, at the Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road. All appeals are by appointment. Beginning Monday, February 23, 2009 you may call (248) 348-5810 to schedule an appointment. Letters of appeal must be received by March 17, 2009. Postmarks are not accepted.

Tuesday	March 03, 2009	4:00 - 5:00 pm	Organizational Meeting
Appointment Dates:			
Saturday	March 07, 2009	9:00 am - 3:00 pm	
Monday	March 09, 2009	9:00 am - 12:00 noon 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	
Tuesday	March 10, 2009	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	
Thursday	March 12, 2009	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	
Saturday	March 14, 2009	9:00 am - 3:00 pm	
Wednesday	March 18, 2009	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	

All persons protesting their assessment must complete a petition (form L-4035) which can be obtained at Northville Township Hall or at www.michigan.gov/treasury. Click on Forms, then click Property Tax, Board of Review (L-4035).

Sue A. Hillebrand, C.M.C.
Clerk

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On sale

Hilda Matz, left, and Shirley Crawford shop the Ol' Bag Sale last week at the Northville Senior Community Center. The sale features items like purses and jewelry that are donated to the center by local residents. Proceeds of the sale benefit the NSCC and its programs.

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GROWING EPIDEMIC

There are 26 million Americans that have chronic kidney disease today, and 20 million more are at risk of developing it, yet most people haven't got a clue. That's because kidney disease develops very slowly over many years before any symptoms arise.

And left untreated, the disease can eventually require people to spend hours hooked up to a dialysis machine or get a kidney transplant. Even mild kidney problems can double a person's risk of heart attack and stroke as well as cause anemia and bone loss.

The reason kidney disease has become so common today is because of the growing epidemic of type 2 diabetes and high blood pressure, both of which strain the kidneys. Another factor is the increasing number of people who take multiple medications, which can overtax the organs. People over age 60 are especially vulnerable both because they tend to take more drugs, and because kidney function normally declines somewhat with age.

GET TESTED

Because kidney disease has no early symptoms, the only way to catch it before it advances is to have a simple blood and urine test by your doctor. So, if you have diabetes, high blood pressure or heart disease, a family history of kidney disease, or are age 60 or older you need to get tested. African, Hispanic, Asian and Indian Americans along with Pacific Islanders are also at increased risk.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

If you're diagnosed with kidney disease you need to know that there's no cure, but there are steps you can take to help contain the damage, including:

- **Control your high blood pressure:** If you have it, that means getting your pressure under 130/80. If you need medication to get it under control, ACE inhibitors and ARBs are good choices because of their proven ability to protect the kidneys.

- **Control your diabetes:** If you have diabetes, keep your blood sugar as close to normal as possible.

- **Change your diet:** Generally this means reducing the amount of protein and phosphorus you eat, and cutting down on sodium and possibly potassium. Your doctor can help you determine an appropriate eating plan, or you may want to talk to a dietitian. Also see www.kidney.org - click on "Kidney Disease" then on "Nutrition Diet" to find lots of tips and information on this topic.

- **Watch your meds:** Many common medicines can also damage the kidneys, especially when taken in high doses over long periods such as ibuprofen (Advil), naproxen (Aleve), celecoxib (Celebrex), aspirin (Excedrin) and acetaminophen (Tylenol). Talk to your doctor about all the prescription, over-the-counter and herbal products you take to identify other potential problems. They can also help you find a safe alternative solution.

- **Adopt three healthy tips:** If you smoke, quit. If you're overweight, lose it. If you're inactive, exercise. All three will lower your risk for diabetes and high blood pressure, which can lead to kidney disease.

Savvy Tips: For more information on kidney disease visit the National Kidney and Urologic Diseases Information Clearinghouse at www.kidney.niddk.nih.gov (or call 800-891-5390) where you can order dozens of free publications, find out about clinical trials and more. Another great service is the National Kidney Foundation's Kidney Early Evaluation Program (KEEP), which offers free screenings in many communities across the country, and is available to anyone at risk. It also provides free screenings in at least 20 additional cities on World Kidney Day coming up on March 12. To find a site near you visit www.KEEPonline.org or call 800-622-9010. The American Kidney Fund also offers free screenings in the Atlanta, Chicago, New York City, and Washington, D.C., metropolitan regions. See www.kidneyfund.org or call 866-300-2900 for screening dates and locations.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit www.savvysenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

PROPERTY

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REIS-Northville will limit commercial to 475,000 square feet and comply with all zoning ordinances.

"Since the hospital ceased operations in 2003, residents have been asking the board to find a way to purchase and preserve the property," Abbo said. "The township never had the opportunity to purchase the property from the state, and Board of Trustees members have been meeting with the owners to negotiate a transaction that could be presented to our residents. While the letter of intent does not lock us into buying the property, it does allow us to meet with residents and decide if this is something that they believe we should pursue."

MILLAGE VOTE IN AUGUST

Funding for the \$23.5 million purchase will depend on passage of a millage by township voters in August.

"It took a downturn in the economy to force the issue and allow us to buy the property at a price that was affordable to the township," said Margie Banner, trustee. "Yet it comes at a time when all residents are challenged by economic conditions. I am excited by the prospect of less commercial, future tax revenues for the township and control of the remaining property but realistic in knowing that it is a push to ask our residents for extra money to fund this."

Banner said the board expects to have more information available in the next month, during which time the board will conduct its due diligence on the property, work out the exact millage required to pay for the land and over what period of time.

In the proposed agreement, REIS would keep the northeast corner of the site at Seven Mile and Haggerty roads plus 25 acres adjacent to that part of the property that was to be devoted to a medical office building, residential and senior housing.

The proposal would reduce the commercial part of the property by 50 percent — from 950,000 square feet to 475,000 square feet.

The property the township would purchase is next to the

100 acres REIS already donated to the township.

Ernie Essad Jr., attorney for the township, said title issues with the state still need to be worked out, and an appraisal on the property must be done, all of which are part of the due diligence that would precede a sale of the property.

"This document (the letter of intent) kind of gives us a road map to the purchase agreement," Essad said.

The township board voted 5-0 on the resolution to approve the signed letter of intent Thursday night; Marv Gans and Richard Hennings had excused absences.

"We've been speaking with REIS about this for a long time," Abbo said. "We've always sought the opportunity to purchase the property, but we've never had the opportunity until now. I only pass on the opportunity to the voters."

Abbo said, however, if voters fail to pass a millage to fund the purchase, the consent judgment signed last July on the property would stand.

"It will take a coordinated effort on a lot of people's parts to make this a reality," he said. "We're going to try to make it (the amount of the millage) as palatable as possible."

REIS-Northville is cooperating with the Northville Township Board of Trustees on the proposal to buy the majority of the 414 acres of the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital.

In response to the board's approval of the resolution, David Schostak of Schostak Brothers and Company (a REIS-Northville partner) said, "We have worked cooperatively with Mr. Abbo and the Northville Township Board to find a way to both better the community and advance the development of this site. This proposal is a way for Northville Township residents to actively help shape the future of land use in the township. We can also advance our development plans on the remaining land in a spirit of cooperation."

REIS-Northville LLC acquired the site from the State of Michigan in 2005 and has been working to put together a viable development plan for the property, according to Schostak.

"The township did not have the opportunity a few years ago to acquire this property and likely will not have the opportunity a few years from now," he said. "We are prepared to work with the residents of Northville to make this happen this summer."

A 'GREAT OPPORTUNITY'

"I think it's a great opportunity," said Carol Poenisch about the proposed purchase. Poenisch spearheaded the Stop the Annexation grassroots organization last summer when REIS attempted to have Livonia residents annex the property. The ballot proposal failed in the August primary election.

"I'm not sure about all of the details of the proposal," she said. "There are probably a lot of things that need to be worked out. It's really looking into the future for Northville, preserving something that could be very valuable for us."

In the proposed agreement, REIS would keep between 70-95 acres of land and the township would own the remaining 319-344 acres.

"Throughout the annexation process and still today, residents have called upon the Board to find a way to limit the density on the property and to maintain as much green space as possible," said Sue Hillebrand, Northville Township clerk. "This agreement does just that, and the voters of the township will have the opportunity to vote on the best way to move forward."

"The thought of turning the old psychiatric hospital property into a nature preserve where residents can enjoy the historic trees and the natural wildlife is something that I, and many of my neighbors, can enthusiastically support," said Fred Shadko of Citizens for Northville, another local citizens group concerned about the development.

"I know that these are tough times for everyone and asking voters to shoulder any additional burden is difficult," Abbo said. "However, the board strongly felt that we needed to provide the voters the opportunity to let their voices be heard on this issue."

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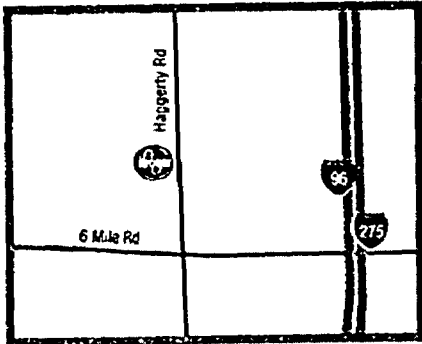
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Northville gymnasts second at KLASA meet - B2

Mustang icers net first KLASA conference crown

BY ED WRIGHT
RECORD STAFF WRITER

It's officially hunting season for Michigan high school hockey teams — a three-week period when the state's elite squads take aim at some much-coveted trophies.

And, not surprisingly, the team whose uniforms include hunter's orange trim is off to a blazing start.

On Saturday at the Novi Ice Arena, Northville overwhelmed Salem, 5-0, to capture the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's Kensington Conference title.

The victory improved the Mustangs, ranked No. 2 in Division 1, to 17-3-3 and propelled them into Friday's KLASA Association championship showdown against state-ranked Brighton.

The title game is at 7 p.m. at the Novi Ice Arena.

The Mustangs set the groundwork for the win by securing a 2-0 first-period lead while outshooting the Rocks, 17-5.

"The No. 1 thing we've been focusing on is playing three complete periods, which is some-

thing we've done our last two games," Northville coach Clint Robert said. "A lot of times this season, we've played well in two of the three periods, but Saturday the guys stayed focused from beginning to end."

"This was a nice win because Salem has been one of the five hottest teams in the state the past month. They're a very fast team that has proven they belonged in this game."

The contest remained scoreless for the first 11:40 thanks to a pair of stellar saves by Salem netminder Adam Powers, who denied Alex Brewin of a breakaway goal at the 6:15 mark before stuffing Jake Atkinson's effort from the doorstep 46 seconds later.

The Mustangs eventually solved Powers with a pair of late first-period lamp-lighters, the first coming when Wesley Gates lashed a slap shot over Powers' right shoulder from the top of the left faceoff circle.

Joey Close doubled his team's lead with 1:41 left in the period when he scored off assists from Matt Kreager and Gates.

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Northville captain Matt Kreager netted a goal and an assist in Saturday night's 5-0 win over Salem.

Seven Mustang matmen move on to regional

BY ED WRIGHT
RECORD STAFF WRITER

The Northville wrestling team's performance at Saturday's Division 1 individual district tournament at Livonia Stevenson reflected its season-long effort: dynamic.

The Mustangs, who finished 25-5 as a team, qualified seven grapplers for this Saturday's D-1 individual regional meet at Woodhaven High School.

Leading the Northville contingent will be 171-pound district champion Nick Mudar, who improved to 46-2. He won the district title by edging Dearborn Fordson's Hassen Berry, 4-3, in a thrilling championship match.

"Nick is on an incredible roll," Northville coach Jeff Balagna said. "He hasn't lost in over a month. He gives 100 percent every time he steps on the mat. He has a legitimate chance to finish in the top four at the state meet."

A pair of senior captains — 215-pound Colin Maresh and 152-pound Matt Hagan — also moved on thanks to top-four efforts in their respective weight classes.

With the exception of Mudar's gold-medal effort, probably the most impressive effort from a Mustang was sophomore Ian Stirling's fourth-place finish at 103.

"Ian only weighs about 90 pounds, so for a sophomore to give up that much weight and still do as well as Ian did is awesome," Balagna said.

The final three regional qualifiers are all juniors: 119-pound Greg Lorrain, who improved to 38-15; 140-pound Harry Eichholtz, who upped his record to 28-22; and 145-pounder Jon Nelson, who is now 40-10.

Of all the regional qualifiers, it was Eichholtz who best exceeded his pre-tournament expectations.

"Harry was seeded seventh, so he had to upset a couple of very good wrestlers," Balagna said. "He's really stepped it up the past month."

Northville fell in the championship match of the Feb. 18 team district, 41-27, to Novi Catholic Central.



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Northville captains Matt Hagan and Colin Maresh are pictured recently in their home-away-from-home — the Mustangs' wrestling room. The two seniors will take a combined record of 78-14 into Saturday's Division 1 individual regional tournament at Woodhaven High School.

Leading by example

Senior captains lead wrestling renaissance at Northville

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The recent resurgence of the Northville High School wrestling team is covered with the fingerprints of Matt Hagan and Colin Maresh.

And the fingerprints are sweaty due to the never-take-a-day-off work ethics the two senior captains have demonstrated while helping revive a program that has seen its record improve from 5-20 three years ago to 25-5 this winter.

"Matt and Colin, along with our third captain, Kevin Mantay, have been excellent leaders by example for our younger wrestlers," Northville coach Jeff Balagna said. "Their leadership doesn't come as much from them being vocal as much as the day-to-day hard work they put in

the wrestling room and the way they carry themselves."

STRONGER EVERY YEAR

Both Hagan and Maresh's varsity records reflect the steady climb of the stock market — in the good old days.

Maresh went 1-9 during an injury-plagued sophomore year before chalking up a 27-19 mark as a junior. On Saturday, he'll take a stellar 41-9 mark into the Division 1 individual regional tournament at Woodhaven High School.

While the 215-pound standout acknowledges the on-the-mat success has been fulfilling, he takes as much pride in his role as one of the team's three captains.

"I still remember my freshman year, sitting there looking up at the captains when they talked to the team,"

Maresh said. "They seemed so big and important."

"Now, to be one of those guys means a lot to me. I feel a responsibility, especially to the younger guys, to keep the team up every day, every practice."

EARLY START

Maresh started learning about reversals, takedowns and pins at an age most kids are learning to ride a bike.

"When I was 5, I started going to camps in Walled Lake and then I joined their youth club," he said. "My dad (Ed) wrestled in high school and a little bit in college, so he's the one who introduced me to the sport."

"I like the independence of wrestling. You're part of a team, but once you step

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Northville's Kelsey Baskins (left) and Erin Hughes double-team a South Lyon East player during the Mustangs' 51-33 victory.

Lady Mustang cagers upend Cougars on off night, 51-33

Northville's girls basketball team didn't have its "A" game Feb. 17 at South Lyon East, but the Mustangs still prevailed, 51-33, in a Kensington Lakes Activities Association Central Division contest.

The win improved the Mustangs' record to 9-8.

"Our girls played flat tonight," said Northville coach Todd Gudith. "You could tell we were not focused. Maybe it was the level of competition, but we need to continue to play like everyone is better than us."

"After we played the other night against South Lyon, I thought we turned the corner. Our girls have to realize that the kind of effort tonight gets you beat most nights. It was tough for us to get

into a flow with all the fouls that were called. Forty-six foul shots combined is a lot. It seemed like the game was always being stopped."

Northville sped to an 11-4 first-quarter lead before taking a 25-15 edge into the halftime break.

The Mustangs extended their advantage to 40-21 after three quarters.

Senior Johanna Poterala led the winners with nine points while senior Kelsey Baskins and sophomore Katie Giacomini both netted seven.

The Mustangs sparked at the defensive end, limiting the Cougars to just seven field goals.

Taylor Jones led the Cougars with 12 points, and Courtney Emery tallied 10.

GAME WRAPS

JV cagers still unbeaten

The Northville High School junior varsity girls basketball completed league play with an 18-0 record after upending Livonia Stevenson, 36-32. Sarah Tuohy netted eight points and seven rebounds for the victors, while Alex Moines contributed 12 rebounds and two blocked shots.

Earlier in the week, the JV Mustangs beat South Lyon East, 66-14.

Four Mustang players scored 10 points each in the win over the Cougars: Sarah Tuohy, Ally Weaver, Carly Fisher and Alex Moines, who also hauled down six rebounds. Meredith Williams had seven assists and 16 steals, while Rachael Beger chipped in with six points and three rebounds.

Freshman hoop results

Northville's freshman girls basketball team defeated Livonia Stevenson on Friday, 40-20, to finish the regular season 14-3.

Laura Pond paced the Mustangs' attack with 12 points and 12 rebounds. Maggie Stewart added 10 points and Allyson Coppock scored eight.

Shelby Minnick contributed seven steals, four points, three rebounds and three assists. Rachel Deacon added five assists, three rebounds and two steals in the victory, while Cayla Rhodes grabbed five rebounds.

On Feb. 17, the freshman Mustangs upended South Lyon East, 45-27, after bolting to a 31-9 halftime advantage. Every player scored in the victory, with Allyson Coppock leading the way with 10 points. Laura Pond added eight points and Maggie Stewart scored seven.

The leading rebounders were Pond (six), Cayla Rhodes and Coppock, who both pulled down five.

Whalers triumph

After winning Friday in Sarnia and losing Saturday to Erie, the Plymouth Whalers — challenging the Guelph Storm for home-ice advantage in the first round of the Ontario Hockey League playoffs — defeated Saginaw, 4-1, before 2,421 Sunday afternoon at Compuware Arena. The victory improved Plymouth to 31-23-5-0.

Veteran Matt Caria assisted on all four Plymouth goals and goaltender Matt Hackett rebounded from being lifted in the first period in a 7-4 loss to Erie with 30 saves as the game's first star. Tyler Seguin (16), Ryan Hayes (23), Chris Terry (team-leading 34th) and Kaine Geldard (10th) scored for Plymouth. Jack Combs (28th) scored the lone Saginaw goal.

The Whalers scored the only goal of the first period and it came in transition when Caria hit Chris Terry with a pass on the left wing in the Saginaw zone and he found Seguin skating hard to the front of the goal. Terry threaded the puck from the left circle out in front to Seguin, who made no mistake in directing the shot past Saginaw goaltender Edward Pasquale at 3:20.

Plymouth took a 2-0 lead at 6:57 of the second period with the teams skating four-on-four. Whalers defenseman Beau Schmitz lifted a shot from the right point that was directed by Ryan Hayes from the right circle past Pasquale.

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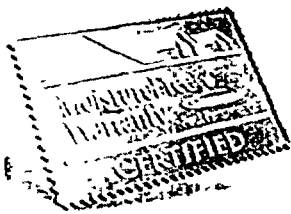
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Northville boys basketball team victimized by Chiefs' 'Senior Night' onslaught, 62-53

BY ED WRIGHT
RECORD STAFF WRITER

If everything goes as planned, you get fireworks on the Fourth of July, candy on Valentine's Day and at least a few unforgettable senior moments on "Senior Night."

The memorable moments — and a few dazzling fireworks-worthy plays — came at a fast and furious pace Monday night for the Canton basketball team's seniors, whose final home game netted a 62-53 victory over Northville.

Led by Marlan Glenn's 21 points, seniors accounted for all but 13 of the Chiefs' offense.

Dietrich Lever, who unfortunately for KLAAs foes won't be a senior for two more years, added 11 points for the winners.

"Senior Night" is big for the guys — they were really fired up," said Canton coach Dan Colligan, whose team improved to 9-8 with the KLAAs cross-over triumph. "The seniors commented before the game that they only have one more game on this floor and you could tell they had a special focus tonight. And we also had a good opponent, which is just as important."

For three quarters, it appeared the young but talented opponents may spoil the Chiefs' special night as the Mustangs raced to a 25-22 halftime lead before clinging to a 37-36 advantage after three stanzas.

However, Canton Lever's steal-and-lay-up sequence 15 seconds into the final quarter gave the hosts a lead they would never relinquish.

"I thought we played well in spurts tonight, but we had a



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Northville senior forward Scott Wagner, pictured during a game earlier this season, scored eight points in the Mustangs' 62-53 loss to Canton Monday.

few big defensive breakdowns that cost us," said Northville coach Todd Sander, whose squad slipped to 5-12. "Give Canton credit. They made the big shots when they had to and they knocked down open triples when they needed to.

"Whenever we'd get close toward the end of the game, they'd hit a three to spread their lead out again."

Joining Glenn in the senior spotlight for the winners were Sherif Hassanien, who scored nine points by nailing three of

four triple tries; Kiere Daniels, who netted seven points, five rebounds and four steals; Kyle Biega, who scored six points, including four clutch free throws down the stretch; Daniel Stoney, who pulled down five boards; and Joey Krizanek, who contributed four points in his first start of the season.

Daniels was the most scintillating senior. The 5-foot-9 spring-loaded forward started the night by winning the opening tip against a player at least four inches taller and he capped it with a highlight-reel baseline drive that resulted in an and-one with 2:47 left.

"I think Kiere might be the best rebounder under 5-10 in the league, without question," said Colligan. "He played at a high level tonight and we definitely fed off his energy."

Northville was led by sophomore Andrew Baldwin's 18 points and junior Tim Hasse's 13. Baldwin connected on seven of his first nine shots despite playing with a broken nose that he suffered in a triple-overtime victory over Salem earlier this month.

"Andrew does a lot of things for this team that don't show up on the score sheet," said Sander. "We count on him to make a lot of big decisions. Tonight, he kept us in it with his shooting."

Scott Wagner — one of just two seniors on the Northville roster — added eight points while sophomore Bryce Groshek chipped in with seven.

"With the way they execute their offense, they're going to be a dangerous team to play in the Districts," Colligan said.

Canton hit half of its 42 field-goal attempts and 12 of 15 free throws (80 percent).

Northville shot 44.1 percent from the field (19 for 43) and 88.8 percent from the line.

NOVI 52, PLYMOUTH 45: On Monday at Plymouth, the green-clad Wildcats ruined the host Wildcats' "Senior Night" by draining 10 shots from beyond the arc.

"We played well defensively and we did a nice job of executing our offense by powering the ball into the post," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner. "But even though we got a lot of shots from close range, we only went to the line nine times."

Sophomore Brennen Beyer led the Wildcats with 18 points and 10 rebounds. Fellow 10th-grader Justin Moss contributed 13 points and 10 boards to the 'Cats' cause.

Chris Bellamy lit up the scoreboard for Novi, registering a game-high 21 points — 12 the result of four triples.

Brandon Rydzewski also sparked for the winners, hitting four threes for 12 points.

Plymouth's fifth straight setback dropped its record to 8-9. Novi improved to 14-3.

"We started four of our five seniors tonight (the Wildcats' fifth senior, Brad Lineberry, was sidelined with an injury), and they played pretty evenly with Novi for the first four minutes," said Van Wagoner. "With the game tied late in the first half, we had the ball, but they got a steal and ended up scoring five points out of nowhere to take a 30-25 lead at the half."

Novi led 41-38 entering the final quarter.

Senior Cliff Buttermore added seven points for Plymouth.

The hosts canned 5 of 9 free throws while Novi was 6 for 13 from the charity stripe.

Mustang cagers sweep Cougars and Spartans

The Northville boys basketball team strung together its first winning streak of the season last week with victories over Livonia Stevenson (48-41 on Friday) and South Lyon East (55-32 on Feb. 17).

The triumph over the Cougars was Northville's first home win this season.

Tim Hasse led the way against East, netting a career-high 20 points. Hasse drained four triples and was 8-for-8 from the free-throw line.

Bryce Groshek contributed 13 points and Scott Wagner added 10.

Northville led 14-6 after one quarter, 20-12 at the half and 38-23 after three quarters.

"Our guys bounced back from our lackluster performance at South Lyon the game before," noted coach Todd Sander. "This was the first game where we sprinted ahead and stayed ahead. South Lyon did cut it to 23-26 in the 3rd quarter, but we answered with

a 14-0 run to take control of the game.

"This game shows how we have improved over the course of the season. Our first game against East was a battle all game long and we only won by two.

"Our guys are really buying in defensively. They are playing as a single unit on defense, creating some turnovers, and we're able to get some easy scores as a result."

Groshek led the Mustangs

with 14 points in the impressive win over the Spartans. Wagner poured in 11, including a triple with two minutes to play that put the Mustangs up two.

Andrew Baldwin added nine points and eight rebounds while Hasse and Al Myers netted seven points each.

Northville shot 49 percent from the field, 46 percent from beyond the three-point arc and 83 percent from the charity stripe.

"Defense was the name of the game early," said Sander. "For the third time in four games, we held our opponent to 12 or fewer first-half points."

"As expected, Stevenson made a run and played well in the second half. They cut the lead to four heading into the fourth.

"I was proud of how our guys kept their poise down the stretch. Over the course of the season, we've actually led in the second half of games."

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Mustang gymnasts vault to second at KLAAs meet

Northville's gymnastics team placed second at Saturday's Kensington Lakes Activities Association conference meet. Led by Chloe Presley's first-place effort in the all-around (37.85 points), the Mustangs racked up a season-high 147.175 points, which was second only to Livonia Blue.

"To be able to score like we did at the league meet gives us great pride," said Northville coach Erin McWatt. "We're headed into the post-season with repeat runner-up status at the conference meet and a lot of confidence."

MaKenna Pohl (eighth place, 36.15 points) and Cassidy Winter (10th place, 36.125) also excelled in the Division 1 all-around competition for the Mustangs.

Shining in the all-around at the Division 2 level were Julie Davison, who placed sixth with a score of 34.575, and Amy Reynolds, who finished seventh with 34.55.

The Mustangs suffered their first loss of the season on Feb. 19 when they lost to Livonia Blue, 145.30-144.80. Notable performances included Chloe Presley's second-place all-around finish (37.60); MaKenna Pohl and Cassidy Winter's pair of 8.95's on bars; Amy Reynolds' 9.35 and Pohl's 9.65 on beam; and Cassidy Winter's 9.05 on floor.

Co-captains Davison and Reynolds, as well as Paige Sable, celebrated "Senior Night" at the last dual meet of their high school careers.



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Northville's Cassidy Winter performs her floor-exercise routine during last week's meet against Livonia Blue.

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Rollin' down victory lane

The Northville High School varsity girls bowling team captured the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's Central Division title recently. Pictured are team members (back row from left) Jessie Sammut, Marie Samson, Shelby Curlew, (middle row from left) Angie Ramsey, Whitney Gusfa, Sarah Marilley, Rose Shelly and (front row) Shelby Foerg.

Northville pom squad (and friends) excite crowd with 'Guy/Girl' routine

The Northville Varsity pom pon team performed its annual 'Guy/Girl' routine during halftime of the Feb. 20 boys basketball game against Livonia Stevenson.

The girls and guys practiced for three days to learn the routine.

"It's a great way for the girls to have their guy friends participate in a fun dance routine and also so they can show the guys that pom is hard work too," said pom pon captain Nikki Metrusias. "The guys are usually thrilled to be asked and they all have a blast together participating in this fun Northville tradition."

As part of the tradition, the Guys/Girls have a team dinner prior to the performance. This year's dinner was held at Genitti's in downtown Northville.

Participating in this year's performance were: Megan Squires, Lee Schochter, Lauren Wysocki, Eric Borgstrom, Danielle Wesolowicz, DJ Lockman, Julianne Pitcher, Kris Baumgardner, Kendra Rays, Andrew Kelleher, Ellyn Marmaduke, Jack Marmaduke, Jillian Gray, Brett Smith, Erica Turner, Gar Harrison, Emily deBear, Eric Vandenberg, Barbie Gutmann, Nick Putman, Kelsey Wiska,

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Pictured are participants in last Friday's Northville pom squad's annual 'Girl/Guy' routine that was performed during halftime of the boys basketball game against Livonia Stevenson.

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on the mat, you're accountable for all your actions."

Hagen's wrestling career started during his fourth-grade year at Novi Christian School.

Like Maresh, his record has improved each year at Northville, ascending from 2-2 as a sophomore to 37-12 last year to 37-5 heading into Saturday.

"I like the fact that you have to be self-motivated to succeed," Hagen said when asked what he likes most about his favorite sport. "The toughest part is probably trying to stay healthy at the end of the season. You get so many little injuries and you have to try to avoid getting sick when everybody around you is."

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Hagen follows a pretty strict

diet throughout the course of the season.

"I eat mostly tuna fish (without mayo, he added), chicken and lean meats," he said. "I'll get a salad at school for lunch."

"The toughest part is when you go to a buddy's house and there's a pizza sitting there and you know you shouldn't have any. My family eats pretty healthy, though, so that helps."

Hagen's career came perilously close to ending last Saturday, when he lost his opening match at the district tournament. However, he rebounded to win his final do-or-die three matches and place third.

His final win came against his opening-round opponent.

"That's a sign of a good wrestler to be able to battle back and win three in a row like he did," Balagna said.

Both grapplers shine in the classroom as well, having achieved a 3.0-plus grade-point average.

HOCKEY

FROM PAGE B1

Northville senior goalie Ted Keranen's 18-save shutout was highlighted by a glove save of a Sam Ott rocket 2:10 into the second period.

Salem's Nick Hayes barely missed cutting his team's deficit in half, but his wrist from in front of the net slid wide by less than a foot.

The Mustangs extended their lead to 3-0 with 8:21 left in the second when Steve Prince scored after securing a slick pass in front by Brewin.

Northville's defense rose to the occasion less than a minute late when it killed a Salem two-man advantage situation that lasted 72 seconds.

Northville all but sealed the win with 2:39 left in the period when Matt Kreager banged home a rebound shot past Powers. Kreager's goal was assisted by Gates.

The Mustangs' final goal came with 7:15 left to play when Alex Belanger scored off assists from Matt Dembicki and Greg Taylor.

The Mustangs outshot Salem, 37-18.

The loss dropped the Rocks to 12-8-3.

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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A WITH JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS



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Jacquie Martin-Downs, LMSW, MA, has moved her therapy office from Northville's South Main St. to 215 E. Main St. She'll be having an open house March 6; RSVP at 800-940-3808.

How did the business start?

Years ago, while I was a teacher, I noticed that some children struggled with their schooling, in part because of their situation at home. 'How could I more positively impact them?' I wondered. With the input of a mentor, I decided that becoming an individual and family therapist would allow me the opportunity to not only work with kids, but work with families, who impact their kids. So back to school I went to pursue a master's degree in social work from the University of Michigan.

After graduation, I worked as a director of a substance abuse prevention program which oversaw school and community projects for out-Wayne County. Simultaneously, I worked as an evening therapist at Northville Counseling. Though I loved both jobs, I knew that down the road I would most enjoy having my own private practice. And I was right.

How has it changed since it opened?

The circuitous route to my new location included sub-letting from other therapists and renting a wonderful little office from a colleague in Northville. In February, I was able to open my practice in the central business district of Northville. The practice now includes clients from two to 92 and is now a big enough site to see entire families, if need be.

What makes your business unique?

One of the unique principles of my practice is that it is all about metaphors. I have developed numerous "props" over the years which serve to help the client embrace a concept by way of a visual. For the codependent who tends to be at other people's beck and call, I have been known to pull out a furnace filter to demonstrate how to "filter out" less than useful comments from others. I might also show people how a difficult person in their life might be on "a fishing expedition" to reel them in to doing something they're not comfortable with.

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I also thoroughly enjoy changing it up during the day and getting down on the floor while using play therapy with kids. A child's initial doubt about me can turn on a dime when they see me invent something kind of cool with Legos.

How has the recent economy affected your business?

The Michigan economy has clearly increased people's stress levels. Relationships have suffered while phobias, addictions and fears have increased. So the bad news is that people's peace and serenity has decreased, but the good news is that my business has stayed steady.

Any advice for other businesses?

I am well aware that nothing comes without hard work, and I believe marketing yourself and your business on a constant basis is necessary to keep your name out there. Networking with other colleagues in the same business gives me more referrals and good ideas that I can use in my practice. I also have a website which allows potential clients to learn about me and my practice before calling me.

What's in store for the future of your business?

I am passionate about my work and will continue building a solid, stable business while incorporating more creative ideas into each session. I keep my ears and eyes open to new ideas all the time. I like to think that my clients walk away with more tools and insights which will help them to live a wholesome, healthy lifestyle.

NORTHVILLE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Community members can now join downtown on the Web

The Northville Downtown Development Authority has recently joined the social utility networks Facebook, MySpace and LinkedIn. Connecting and reconnecting with Northville residents, visitors, merchants and organizations who are part of the on-line community provides an opportunity to come together and support everything downtown has to offer - unique shopping, exquisite dining, year-round events and a vibrant business community.

With the step in to the social utility world, the Northville Downtown Development Authority is looking forward to becoming friends with everyone who loves Northville or with others who are interested in learning more about the downtown. Community members who are already members of Facebook, MySpace, or LinkedIn can show their support connecting with downtown Northville on-line.

For those who have considered joining any of the networks, having an account on the three sites is free and the sign-up process is simple. Everyone who joins downtown Northville's

groups will be kept up-to-date on all the happenings and just have a great time connecting with those who share the same interest in downtown Northville. Group members are also encouraged to invite friends in their networks to join downtown Northville on-line too.

To make it easy to find downtown Northville, the following search tips have been provided:

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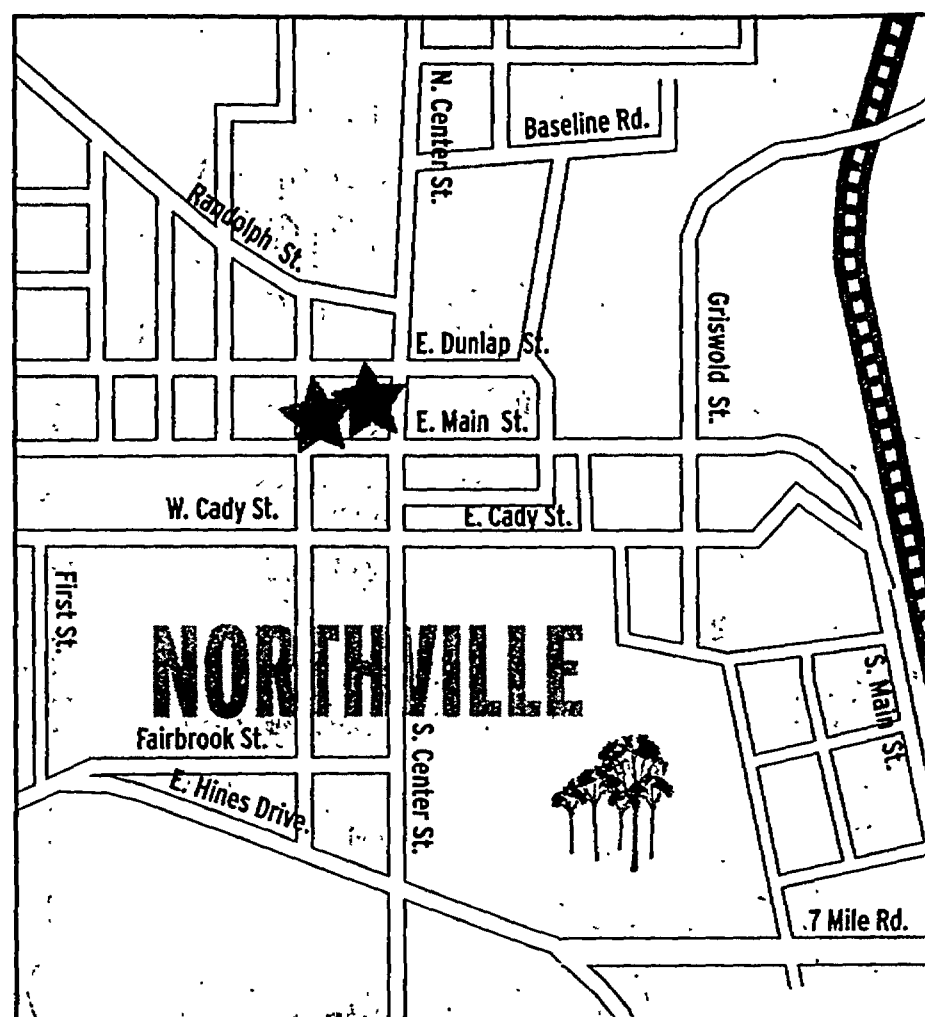
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LINKEDIN

For those more interested in the business side and opportunities of downtown Northville, join the downtown Northville LinkedIn group and connect business-to-business, professional-to-professional. To connect simply search the Groups section for downtown Northville and click on join group.

Jeanne Micallef, of IMJ Communications, is public relations consultant to the Northville Downtown Development Authority.



BUSINESS MILESTONES

EVENTS

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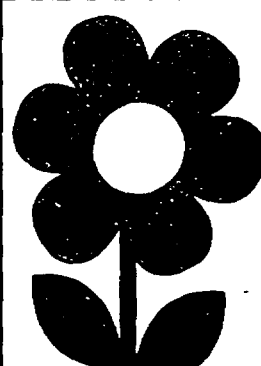


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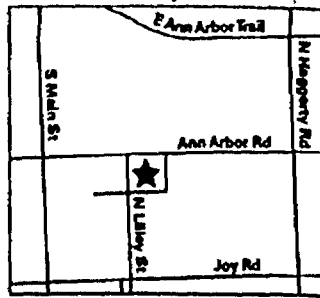
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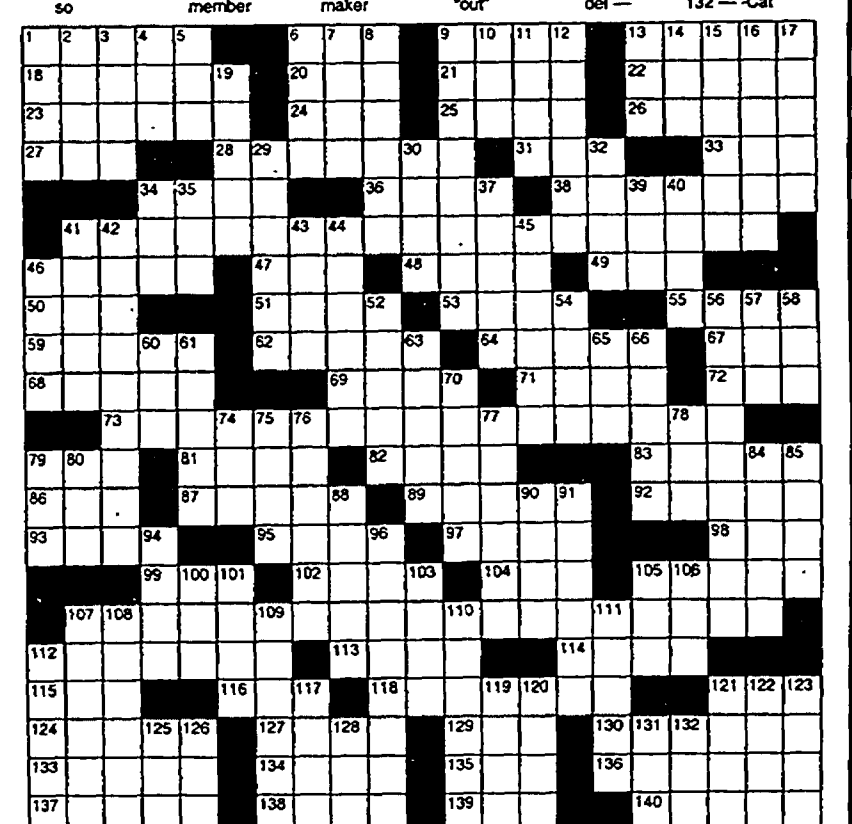
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133 Daybreak
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137 "The Brandon — Story" (98 film)
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1 Theatrical Joseph
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6 Make coffee
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10 Vinegar's partner
11 Chow
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19 Take care of
20 El —, AFI
30 Tapered beam
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37 Morocco's capital
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41 Writer Rogers St. Johns
42 Thingumbob
43 Got by, with "out"

44 Disappear
45 Laps —
46 Part of Q.E.D.
52 Canadian territory
54 "Only Time" singer
56 Destroy
57 Getz's instrument
58 Fairway accessory
60 Speedometer abbr.
61 "Blue —" (77 hit)
63 Blabby bird
65 Business abbr.
66 — drum
70 One of the Fords
74 Weasel word? .
75 First name in fashion
76 Finger food
77 Composer Jean-Philippe
78 "Platoon" setting
79 Gumshoe
80 Chicken —
84 Apollo's isle
85 Soothsayer
88 Witty
90 Vito center
91 Imitate
94 Punta del —
96 Link
100 Actress Thurman
101 Bunch of birds
103 "Pyramus and Thisbe," e.g.
105 Playground game
106 Luau instrument
107 Confederate
108 January
109 Earl Grey's place
110 William Sydney Porter
111 Man of the cloth?
112 Great time
117 Stubborn sort
119 Hayboy
120 Be bombastic
121 "Kon —"
122 Summer-time treats
123 — Ball
125 "Sister Act" extra
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OR ZERO DOWN LEASE \$230* PER MO. LEASE**
TOTAL DUE \$667 - 36 MO., 36,000 MILES

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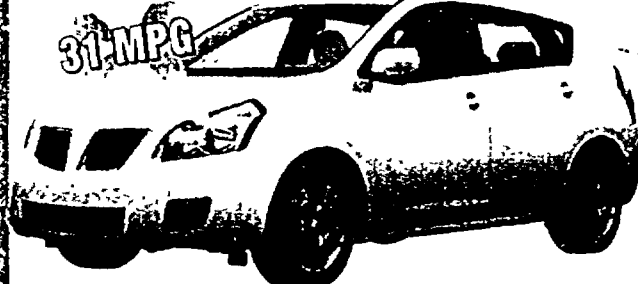
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2009 PONTIAC G5 XFE

Stock #90124

37 MPG
Was \$17,725 -OR- LEASE FOR
NOW **\$11,937*** **\$196*** PER MO.
36 MONTHS
\$0 Down Payment**2009 PONTIAC VIBE**

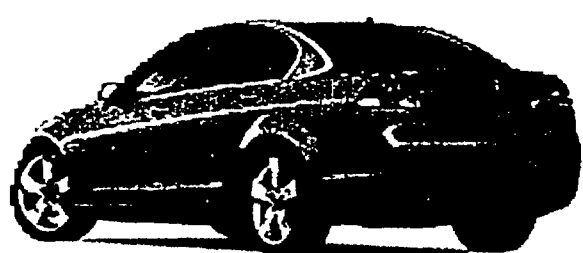
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31 MPG
Was \$18,880 -OR- LEASE FOR
NOW **\$14,880*** **\$204*** PER MO.
36 MONTHS
\$0 Down Payment**2009 PONTIAC G6**

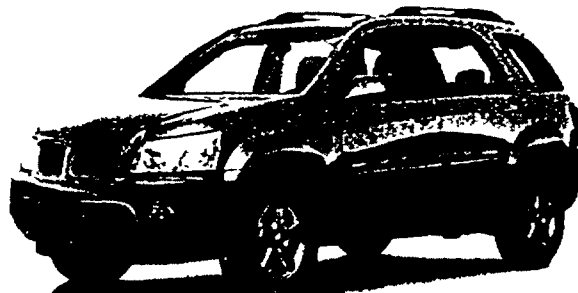
Stk. #90116

33 MPG
Was \$21,255 -OR- LEASE FOR
NOW **\$13,910*** **\$237*** PER MO.
39 MONTHS
\$0 Down Payment**2009 PONTIAC G8**

Stock #90177

Was \$28,875 -OR- LEASE FOR
NOW **\$19,796*** **\$298*** PER MO.
36 MONTHS
\$0 Down Payment**2009 PONTIAC TORRENT**

Stock #90202

Was \$25,810 -OR- LEASE FOR
NOW **\$18,550*** **\$319*** PER MO.
48 MONTHS
\$0 Down Payment**2009 BUICK ENCLAVE CX FWD**

Stk. #93052

Was \$35,385 -OR- LEASE FOR
NOW **\$27,995*** **\$443*** PER MO.
48 MONTHS
\$0 Down Payment**72 MONTH 1.9% APR AVAILABLE******2009 BUICK LUCERNE CX**

Stock #93099

Was \$30,030 -OR- LEASE FOR
NOW **\$23,212*** **\$398*** PER MO.
48 MONTHS
\$0 Down Payment**2009 BUICK LACROSSE CX**

Stk. #93035

Was \$26,390 -OR- LEASE FOR
NOW **\$18,880*** **\$337*** PER MO.
48 MONTHS
\$0 Down Payment**2009 GMC ENVOY**

Stk. #95036

Was \$31,650 -OR- LEASE FOR
NOW **\$21,750*** **\$366*** PER MO.
48 MONTHS
\$0 Down Payment**2009 GMC ACADIA**

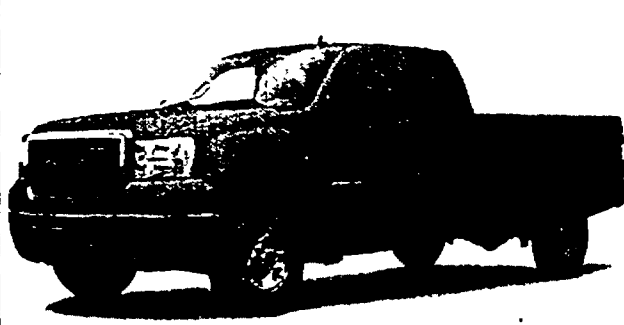
Stock #95098

Was \$32,700 -OR- LEASE FOR
NOW **\$25,571*** **\$395*** PER MO.
48 MONTHS
\$0 Down Payment**2009 GMC YUKON**

Stock #95111

Was \$38,345 -OR- LEASE FOR
NOW **\$27,194*** **\$473*** PER MO.
48 MONTHS
\$0 Down Payment**2009 SIERRA EXT CAB**

Stock #95073

Was \$25,605 -OR- LEASE FOR
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\$0 Down Payment**BOB JEANNOTTE****14949 SHELDON ROAD • PLYMOUTH**
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