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ON THE RECORD

Watch "Wall-E"

On Friday, March 20, Northville High School's SADD Chapter will be hosting a free movie night with a showing of "Wall-E" at 7 p.m. in the NHS cafeteria. Arts and craft fun before the movie plus Detective MacKenzie



will discuss "Stranger Danger" safety tips! Refreshments will be on sale — all proceeds go to educational programs put on by SADD during the school year. Children under 13 must be accompanied by a parent. Please contact Carolyn Miranda, SADD adviser, for more information at (248) 344-8420 or mirandca@northvilleschools.org.

Maple sugaring



March is maple sugaring month in Michigan. Bundle up and join naturalists at Cass Benton Park in Northville (off Northville Road north of Six Mile) for outdoor programs starting at the picnic shelter at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. or noon on Saturday, March 21.

All ages welcome, but trail is not stroller friendly. Cost is \$4 per person. Advanced registration and pre-payment are required.

You will only be registered for the program when payment is received. Payments may be brought in to the Park Office or mailed to Nankin Mills, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, Michigan, 48185. Payment may be cash or check only, made payable to "Wayne County Parks." No refunds unless Wayne County cancels the program.

Art books sale

The Northville Art House is holding a special sale of unique art books purchased from museums throughout the U.S. and Europe from 1-5 p.m. on March 28-29 at 212 W. Cady St.

This sale will benefit both the Northville Art House and the Friends of the Northville District Library.

Books will be value-priced to sell. For more information, call (248) 344-0497 or (248) 344-0954.

DDA may encompass Civic Complex

No decision made by board members yet

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Expanding the boundaries of the Downtown Development Authority to include the Civic Complex could be good for several reasons.

"The big benefit of (adding) this area is promotion of events," said Greg Presley, DDA chair.

The Civic Complex includes city

hall, the Northville District Library, the Northville Senior Community Center and the open space behind city hall.

"You have to believe that what's good for the area is good for downtown," said David Larsen, board member.

Expanding the boundary to include this area would allow the DDA to program, co-sponsor or promote concerts or other events in the grassy area behind city hall. Mayor Chris Johnson said the City Council is in favor of incorporating this area into the district.

"I think what we're trying to do is make a healthy downtown, which

benefits everybody," Johnson added.

Although a meeting took place the morning of March 12 regarding the possible expansion of the Northville Downtown Development Authority boundary, no decisions have been made yet. One of the reasons no action could be taken was because there weren't enough board members present for a quorum.

The meeting was a continuation of one that took place last November. Board members discussed the potential for a DDA boundary expansion in the downtown area and reviewed pros, cons and potential impacts such as an expansion would have on the city as well as to determine what, if any,



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LORI WARD,
DDA director

steps need to be taken.

"It's important for city events to remain downtown," said Lori Ward, DDA director.

The seven areas discussed at the

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Abstract Attraction

Artist likes color, texture

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Alex Casadei used to push a broom or a mop.

Now he puts paintbrush to canvas, creating colorful mixed media acrylics for people's homes and offices.

TO CONTACT THE ARTIST

Those interested in learning more about Alan Casadei's work can go to www.casadei-fineart.com, e-mail him at acasad7@aol.com or call him at (734) 422-7342.

Northville has become a new venue for the Livonia artist's work, as his pieces are currently being sold at the Solid Grounds Coffee Shop at Northville Square, 133

W. Main St., and across the street at Starring, The Gallery.

"My paintings are a mixture and blend of many colors and textures," he said. "There are layers of paint to give them a feeling of depth and motion. In the beginning, I might have a thought of what colors I will start with, but as I go along, the painting develops by itself ... I enjoy abstract painting because it makes us use our imagination."

Casadei's interest in art began about age 5 or 6 when he started drawing cartoons in address books and the margins of phone books. His work with acrylics didn't begin until later, however, since he married at age 20 and had to support a family.

He worked for Great Lakes Steel for a few months, then landed a job in the maintenance department of General Motors, working as a janitor at the GM facility in Warren.

He eventually started taking art classes at the College for Creative



JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Artist Alan Casadei adjusts one of his acrylic paintings on display at Northville's Solid Grounds coffee shop located inside Northville Square. Casadei's exhibition will continue for another two months.

Studies. Then, after he suffered a layoff from General Motors for four years beginning in 1988, he returned to school and earned an associate's degree in fine arts from Wayne County Community College.

"My wife used to call it Generous Motors because the company paid for my schooling," he said.

When the couple moved to Livonia, he took more art classes at Madonna University.

Casadei worked for GM for 35 years and planned to retire in September 2007. Then the firm offered him a buy-out package in January 2007, and he turned to art full time.

He went to a few galleries to see if they would display his art. But, he only had about a dozen paintings.

For three months, he worked in his basement to boost his collection to about 50 pieces.

A few months ago, one of the volun-

teers at the Northville Art House asked him to display some of his paintings there, since he was looking for exposure. That connection expanded to having his work displayed at the other local venues.

Casadei would also like to work with local interior decorators and design shops to bring his work to residents and businesses throughout metro Detroit and even offer his work out of state.

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Wife of former Northville schools superintendent dies

Freida Spear worked with special needs students

BY CAL STONE
EDITOR

Freida O. (Turner) Spear, wife of former Northville Public Schools Superintendent Ray Spear, died March 9 at Rhode Island Hospital. She was 75.

Mrs. Spear joined Northville Public Schools in December 1975 as an ISEP assistant, working with special needs children until resigning in July 1978.



Mrs. Spear

Her husband served as superintendent from 1967-78, and was assistant superintendent and an elementary principal prior.

"In the late 1960s, the federal government put on a big push for people in institutions with no formal education, to get them out and involved in schools," said Ray Spear. "As superintendent at the time, I recommended to the school board that we assume the responsibility."

He also hired Leonard Rezmierski, Northville's current

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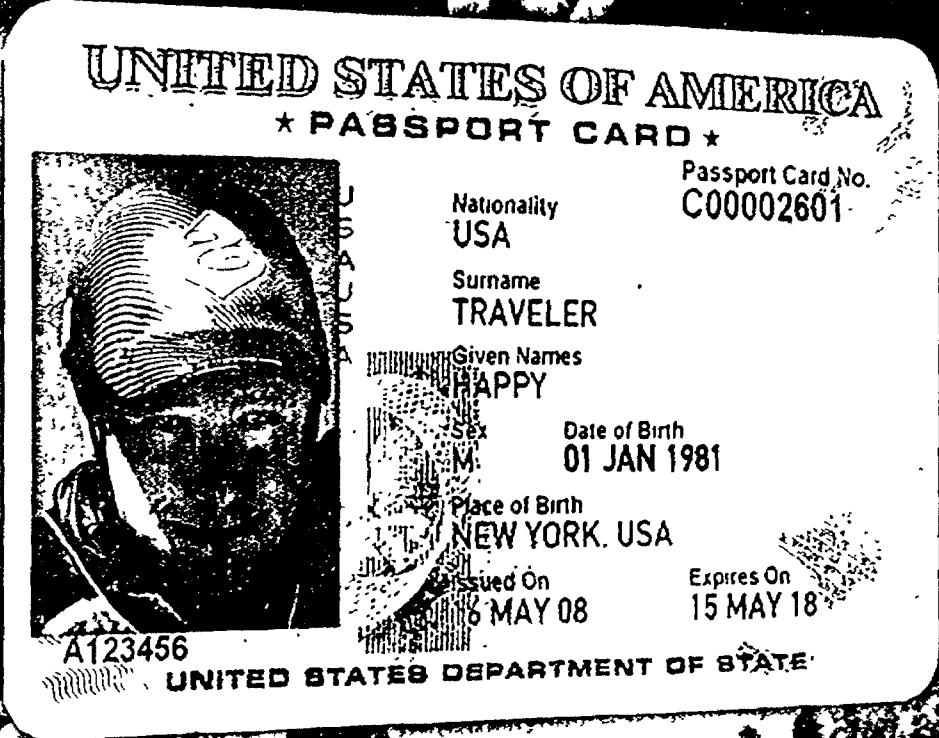
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History Sunday

The First United Methodist Church is celebrating its 175th anniversary each month with a special History Sunday presentation. On March 15, John Gardner (aka Fred Shadko), a local farmer in 1893, returned to the Northville United Methodist Church to reenact his gift of a clock to the Village of Northville. The clock faces were ground glass, 5 1/2 feet in diameter, and lighted for all to see. The village council voted to pay to have the clock housed in the steeple of the Methodist Church on Center and Dunlap. Gardner made the donation at the age of 79 to give back to the community that had supported him during the deaths of his wife and young children. The irony is he never saw the clock because of failing eyesight.



SLIGHTED BY RICHARD ALLEN

References that work for you

What should we give to a prospective employer who asks us for references? Usually, this request comes after an interview and is a signal that the employer is interested in us. Sometimes, it is a section on an application form that needs to be completed with a reference's name, address, and telephone number. Once in



Martha D. Adamson

a while, employers ask for references to be submitted with an application packet that includes a cover letter, resume, transcripts, and other documents required for consideration. As soon as you begin a job search, you should select three to five people to serve as professional references for you. These should not be relatives unless you have worked in a family business and have no other options. References can be former supervisors or managers, peers and co-workers and people with whom you have conducted business, such as customers and suppliers or vendors. Select people with whom you had a positive and productive work relationship. This is your choice, so go to people who are likely to say good things about you.

A prospective employer may also choose to go to the Human Resource department of previous employers to check details on your resume. In most cases, the HR department will confirm job titles and dates of employment only. Occasionally, your former supervisor may be contacted and they may be told by HR to limit the information they share to the same limitations. However, if you had a good relationship with your supervisor, you may be able to agree that if contacted using their personal address, phone or e-mail, that they will give a more complete statement of your relationship and capabilities. There are no laws governing references. HR staff are being cautious to protect the employer from possible litigation if former employees learn that negative information has been shared with a prospective employer.

Ask each contact if they are willing to serve as a reference, and if so, collect their current title and preferred method of contact - address,

phone, e-mail and whether they prefer to be contacted at home or at work. Keep them up to date on the kinds of positions you are seeking.

Create a one page document to collect the information on your references. Use the same letterhead as your resume, then use a topic heading 'REFERENCES.' Then list each reference on the left margin or centered, in this format:

Name
Title
Address (indicate home or office)
Telephone (indicate home or office)
E-mail (indicate home or office)
Relationship: (state work relationship, such as 'Former Supervisor')

Bring this with you to interviews. If you are asked for your references, you can present this to the prospective employer. Then, when you get home, contact each reference to let them know that they may be contacted by this employer and coach them. Give them information on the job, employer and any details of the interview that might be informative.

Many of us leave our jobs with letters of reference from a former boss or co-worker and wonder what to do with them. If you have these, you can make good quality copies of these and offer them to a prospective employer along with your reference page, but they should never substitute for it.

Most employers will want to have a conversation with your references and they put more faith in those conversations than in letters of reference which they can only read.

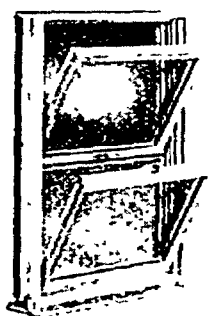
Your references can be extremely valuable to you. Treat them with special consideration.

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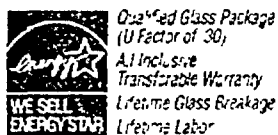
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Get ready for dance, music competition

■ Talent for the Title submissions taken in April

Spring forward and reach for the stars in the music and dance competition: Talent for the Title hosted by Broughton Music Center, Miss Harriet's Dance Studio and Starring, The Gallery. Applications are available now for vocalists, singer/songwriters, instrumentalists, bands, solo dancers, duo/trio dancers and group dancers. All interested competitors will need to submit an application and audition tape in April 2009.

Judges will select finalists to compete in a series of public performances throughout the city of Northville. The final showcase will take place on the first Friday of June (the 5th) as the kick-off to the Friday Night Concert Series in Town Square, located on Main Street in Downtown Northville (between Center Street and Griswold).

Laurie Jarski of Broughton Music Center, Terri Irer of Miss Harriet's Dance Studio and Mary Starring of Starring, The Gallery will serve as the co-chairs of this event.

"Everyone is mesmerized by the talent displayed on Dancing With The Stars, American Idol and other star search programs. We see amazing talent day after day in our studios," Irer said. "It's time we showcase that talent and have a little fun."

Jarski agreed. "There is so much talent throughout the state of Michigan. Northville is home to a world-class music school, a 60-year-old dance studio, a professional theater, a dinner theater and a children's theater within one square mile. It's only natural to bring extraordinary talent to a town dedicated to the performing arts."

"Northville is being recognized throughout the state as a community of artists," said Starring. "The First Friday Art Walk has become a terrific event that brings visitors from all over to our town to enjoy a unique evening filled with fabulous art and a heartwarming hometown atmosphere."

On Thursday, May 28 and Friday, May 29 there will be exciting elimination rounds at several venues throughout Northville.

The finalists will be narrowed down for a performance showcase that promises to be as exciting and entertaining as any nationalized television program. Live in Northville on June 5, a host of prominent judges will be on hand to crown the winners. The most exciting element to the evening will be the opportunity for audience members to participate in selecting the junior and senior Talent for the Title!

The titles brings with them: a cash prize, photo shoot, performance opportunity and an artisan designed trophy.

Details (including rules) will be available at the participating sponsors or by contacting the Talent for the Title hotline at (248) 349-1114, Broughton Music at (248) 374-5596 or visiting the website talentforthetitle.com.

THE JUDGES

MARY STARRING is the owner of Starring "The Gallery" in downtown Northville. Mary caters to special events in support of local businesses and artists. She received the 2008 and 2009 People's Choice Award for Best Art Store. Mary earned her BA from MSU. She is married and has two grown children. Her professional career background includes 14 years at Ford Motor Company and nearly five years at Hollingsworth Logistics. In 2005

Starring

she opened Starring "The Gallery". Mary has served as an officer on the Northville Central Business Association (NCBA) and is currently on the Board of Directors for Northville's Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

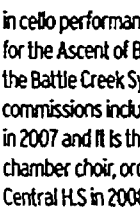
TERRI IRER has both taught and danced professionally for over 25 years. She is the owner of downtown Northville's only full service dance studio, Miss Harriet's Dance Studio. The studio has



Irer

been located in Northville Square since 2007. In 2009, Miss Harriet's Dance Studio celebrates the 60th Anniversary of teaching dancers of all ages and abilities. Terri is the youngest daughter of "Miss Harriet". She literally "grew up at the dance studio" and went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business and Marketing from Michigan State University. "Miss Terri" is also an active equestrian, competing in the Hunter/Jumper circuit.

LAURIE JARSKI is a cellist, composer and guitarist. She performs a variety of styles including classical, folk, blues, rock, modern, acoustic instrumental, jazz, Celtic and original material. Laurie is the owner of Broughton Music Center in two locations serving both the Kalamazoo and Northville communities. At age 9, writing songs was a natural means of exploring the guitar. By 1980 Laurie had composed 25 songs, for several years performing her original compositions at Northville's Folk & Bluegrass Festival for the benefit of Huntington's disease research. She earned a Masters of Music degree from Western Michigan University with a emphasis in cello performance and composition. Laurie's Fanfare for the Ascent of Balloons was commissioned in 1997 by the Battle Creek Symphony Orchestra. The most recent commissions include Travel Modalities for 16 Cello for EMU in 2007 and It Is the Star To Every Wandering Bark for chamber choir, orchestra and hand percussion for Portage Central HS in 2008.



Jarski



STARRING

Live on Stage: 'Little Mermaid'

This spring, enjoy the musical "Little Mermaid" in downtown Northville at the Historic Marquis Theatre March 14-April 26. Swim deep in the ocean and meet the Little Mermaid who loves to hear about the world above the waves. The play also stars Novi Middle School student Emma Howe. Performance dates and times are: 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, March 21, 28, April 4, 18, 25; 2:30 p.m. Sundays, March 22, 29, April 5, 19, 26; and 2:30 p.m. weekdays April 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17. Tickets for all performances are \$8.50. Please no children under 3. For ticket sales, group rates and reserved seating for 20 or more, call (248) 349-8110 or visit www.northvillamarquistheatre.com. The Marquis Theatre is located at 135 E. Main Street, in downtown Northville.

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OBITUARIES

MAGGIE (BUTNER) ASKINS

Of Jackson, MI; age 80, passed away March 10, 2009. Maggie lived in the South Lyon area for 20 years before moving. She is survived by five sons: Giles Carl Askins, Joe (Lois) Askins, James (Debbie) Askins, Wayne Askins, Sam Askins, nine grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, and a number of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Giles Askins, her daughter-in-law Doreen Askins, her parents Lonas Butner, Sally P. Butner (Potter), and her siblings Earl Butner, Bill Butner, Lewis Butner, Rosie Stewart, Ellen Murphy, Ruth Brauson, Dorothy Hollifield and Ann Reel. A private family service was held. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon.

DONALD F. CARNEVALE

Age 67, of Highland and formerly of Livonia, March 12, 2009. He is survived by Carol, his beloved wife of 45 years; children, Louis (Lisa), Diana (Bill) Wiljanen, Donald II (Michelle); grandchildren, Medley, Andrew, Louis John, Joseph, Nicholas, Michaela; nephew, David (Eileen) Kastura and many loving extended family members and dear friends. A Funeral Mass was said at St. Mary Catholic Church, Milford, March 17, 2009. Fr. Ron Anderson officiated. Burial St. Mary's Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice. For further information contact Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com.

PATRICIA A. COOPER

Age 70, of Oscoda, formerly of South Lyon, passed away March 15, 2009. She was born on August 27, 1938, in Detroit, to Harvey and Alice (Fleming) Little. Patricia is survived by her beloved husband of 55 years Wayne Cooper, six children: Vicki (Dan) Fabian, Madonna Lehrkamp, Nancy (Azzaz) Athar, Kimberly Kix, Michael Cooper, Dianne (Stacy) Dunlap; 13 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, her mother Alice Little, and brother James Little. She was preceded in death by her father Harvey Little and brother Donald Little. Visitation was held from 12-9 pm, Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. A funeral service was held at 12:00 pm, Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

CLARENCE M. DROUILLARD

Age 77. Died March 7, 2009 at his residence in Northville. Mr. Drouillard was retired from Schoolcraft College. He is survived by two sons, John (Natalie) and Mike (Wendy) Drouillard, two grandchildren: Jonathan and Shannon Drouillard, and three siblings, Ronald Drouillard, Marilyn LeBlanc and Donna Szacz and their families. Memorial services were held at the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home in Northville on Friday, March 13, 2009. Deacon Don Quigley from Our Lady of Victory officiated. Interment was in Greenlawn Memorial Cemetery in Windsor, Canada. Memorial contributions to the U of M Trauma Burn Center, Attn: Susan Polan, 1327 Jones Dr., Suite 107 A., Ann Arbor, MI 48105 would be appreciated.

CATHARINE L. SHERRICK

Age 92. Died March 5, 2009 in Providence Park Hospital. Mrs. Sherrick was a retired Occupational Therapist. She enjoyed gardening, sewing, dried flower arranging and was the first female bus driver in Plymouth. She is survived by her children: Peter (Ruth) Sherrick and Linda Dowsett, four grandchildren, Anne Kuhns, Barbara Knighton, Dana Segrest and Kristine Hayes; and nine great-grandchildren and a sister Doris Close. Services were conducted 11 a.m., Saturday, March 7, 2009 at Orchard Hills Baptist Church in Novi. Pastor Jon P. Hox officiated. Interment was in Rural Hill Cemetery. Memorial contributions to the church or the American Cancer Society would be appreciated. Arrangements by the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home.

DONALD CHARLES SCHMIDT

Age 85, of South Lyon, died Thursday, March 12, 2009, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Don was born on January 1, 1924, in Livonia, MI, to Charles and Anna Schmidt. He grew up in South Lyon, MI, where he went to school and worked on the family farm until age 17. He was then drafted into the Army, serving in WWII, in Germany at the Battle of the Bulge. His service earned him the Purple Heart, the Bronze Medal of Honor, and the Army Good Conduct Medal. After the war, Don returned home and became a local business owner, played/coached sports, became a husband and father, and participated locally in the VFW. His interests were vacationing with family "Up North", sports, mechanics, cooking for his family, and tending his garden and lawn. Don is survived by his wife Westlene Schmidt, daughter Nancy Schmidt of South Lyon, son Brian (Amy) Schmidt of Brighton; grandsons: Shawn Chouinard and Gabriel Schmidt of Brighton, daughter Donna Johanson of Howell, sisters Eve Graham of St. Johns, Elsie Heidt of South Lyon, and several nieces and nephews. A Memorial Service will be held on March 21, Saturday, at 1 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 West Lake Street, South Lyon. Afterward there will be a reception/potluck at the VFW, Hall, 125 E. McHattie St., South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made directly to Westlene Schmidt, and collected at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake St., South Lyon, MI 48178. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

HARRY E.B. TUCKER JR.

Age 80, of Northville, died March 6, 2009. Beloved husband of the late Aida Louise. Loving father of Jacqueline (Jeffery) Parko, Diane L. Wessels, Carlton B. Tucker. Dear grandfather of six. Dear brother of Robert E. Tucker. Also survived by many other loving and caring friends. He was a Disabled American Veteran and a faithful employee of Ford Motor Company for more than 40 years. Services will take place at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens in Norfolk VA, at a later date. Serving the family Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Walled Lake. Condolences at www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

CAROLE LYNNE (NEE OLIVER) WARREN

Age 42, of West Bloomfield, formerly of Milford, suddenly, March 8, 2009. Survived by her beloved husband, Glenn, loving parents, Harold and Helen Oliver; dear brothers, Harold (JoAnne), Rodney (Ruth), Michael (Kristin) and twin sister, Cheryl (Michael) Shamo. Mrs. Warren is also survived by many nieces, nephews, extended family and dear friends. A funeral service was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford, Saturday March 14, 2009. Rev. Frank Pies, Jr., Rev. Christopher I. Thoma officiated. For further information please call 248.684.6645 or www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

V. SHIRLEE YOUNG

Age 80, of Milford and formerly of Redford Twp., March 3, 2009. Beloved wife of Donald. Loving mother of Michael (Kate), Lori (Gary) Sansocie, Christopher, the late Patrick (Dorothy) and the late James (Lori). Grandmother of Aleana, Katie, Sarah, John, D.J., Becky, Ely, McKaila and Seth. Great-grandmother of Sanzeray, Kaitlin, Ashlynn. Also survived by her extended family and dear friends. A Funeral Mass was held at St. Mary Catholic Church, March 6th, 2009. Fr. Manuel Curcop officiated. Burial Milford Cemetery. Memorials made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen appreciated. For further information, contact Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

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Paying
Tribute
to the
Life of
Your
Loved One

EDUCATION

Northville Board of Education honors outstanding educators and employees

Six Northville Public Schools teachers and staff were honored by the Board of Education at its March 10, 2009 meeting as the district's recipients of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency (WCRESA) 2008-09 Outstanding Educators and Employees awards.

Northville's honorees are:

- Elementary Teacher of the Year — Margie Carroll, Amerman Elementary School learning consultant, with the district for eight years.
- Middle School Teacher of the Year — Janet Gillies, Hillside Middle School seventh grade math teacher, with the district for 13 years.
- High School Teacher of the Year — Scott Szukaitis, Northville High School science teacher, with the district for five years.
- New Teacher of the Year — Morgan Cox, Northville High School English and social studies teacher, with the district for three years.
- Support Employee of the Year — Candace Bingen, Moraine Elementary School administrative aide, with the district for 12 years.
- Ancillary Professional of the Year — Trish Murray, Hillside Middle School learning consultant, with the district for 24 years.

"We are very pleased to be able to honor these exceptional individuals," said Northville Superintendent Dr. Leonard R. Rezmierski. "They personify the incredible group of teachers and staff who every day touch the lives of the nearly 7,000 students in our schools."

In nominating Margie Carroll for Elementary Teacher of the Year, Amerman Principal Dr. Stephen Anderson said, "Mrs. Carroll's positive relationship with students, colleagues, and parents is enhanced by her passion for her subject. Her enthusiasm comes through in everything that she does and helps to encourage and motivate students. On a given



Northville Public Schools Teacher and Employee of the Year honorees (from left) Candace Bingen, Morgan Cox, Trish Murray, Janet Gillies, Margie Carroll and Scott Szukaitis.

day, you can find Mrs. Carroll working with small groups or going into classrooms to demonstrate reading and writing techniques. With her encouragement and support students explore new techniques and then feel empowered when they are successful."

Hillside Principal Jim Cracraft said in nominating Janet Gillies for Middle School Teacher of the Year, "Mrs. Gillies has a natural rapport with middle school students and has the ability to bring out the best in each of them. Seventh graders are naturally inquisitive and Mrs. Gillies demonstrates great skill in promoting student inquiry and participation. Her ability to relate to students with warmth, enthusiasm and encouragement is a true strength. She is an educator who never takes 'no' or 'I can't' for an answer and constantly seeks ways to make a lesson relevant to all learners."

In nominating Scott Szukaitis for High School Teacher of the Year, Northville High School Principal Rob Watson said, "As a teacher, Scott actively shares his passion for the environmental sciences with his students through experiences that enable them to see first-hand

how they can make a difference. Scott regularly takes advantage of the high school's proximity to Maybury State Park and Maybury Farm. Working in partnership with the farm's staff, Scott and students in his Michigan Natural Resources and Advanced Placement Environmental Science classes develop, plant and maintain the 15,000-square-foot organic garden at Maybury Farm."

According to Watson, New Teacher of the Year Morgan Cox has done an exceptional job working with students in her English as Second Language class, even meeting with some of them over the summer to ensure their success in learning English. "Having observed Morgan numerous times I have been very interested in how she motivates students new to the English language," he said in nominating Cox for the honor. "Her easy-going, thoughtful attitude comes through very clearly to the students. I have personally witnessed her students' enthusiasm for the class."

Moraine Principal Denise Bryan can't imagine Moraine without Candace Bingen in the office. "Mrs. Bingen is a self-motivated worker who is focused on quality," Bryan

said in nominating Bingen for Support Employee of the Year. "She does the work that needs to be done efficiently, yet kindly. Her interaction with staff, students and families is unfailingly kind and friendly. Mrs. Bingen is frequently the first to arrive in the morning, ready and eager to start the school day."

A former award-winning Varsity Golf coach, Trish Murray's coaching expertise comes through in her work with struggling students at Hillside Middle School, said Principal Jim Cracraft. "Trish both inspires and motivates students to do their best," he said in nominating Murray as Ancillary Professional of the Year. "Communication and follow through are strengths for Trish. She builds relationships of caring and understanding throughout our building as she advocates for kids, parents, and colleagues. She is a true team player and an asset to the entire learning community at Hillside."

All six Northville honorees also will be recognized at the Wayne County RESA 23rd Annual Celebration of Excellence in Education on May 5, 2009 at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

District putting finishing touches on Summer School program

■ Classes held June 22-July 23

The Northville School District is in the process of finalizing the details for the 2009 Summer School program. This is to provide information regarding dates for the Northville Public Schools Summer Connections program, along with an overview of the anticipated course offerings. Course offerings will be finalized over the next several weeks. A follow up ListServ communication will be sent to families as soon as the Summer Connections brochures are finalized and posted on the District website.

NPS continues to offer a Summer Connections program which includes enrichment opportunities along with credit recovery options for students, as well as to give high school and incoming high school students the opportunity to fulfill some of the Michigan Merit Curriculum requirements over the summer. This summer program opportunity provides students with greater flexibility in their schedules in order to explore elective courses and/or to take additional higher level courses.

The majority of classes will be held from June 22-July 23 for high school and middle school students, and from June 22-July 22 for elementary school students. All classes will be held at Northville High School, unless otherwise noted.

HIGH SCHOOL CONNECTIONS

A variety of credit classes will be offered to high school students including English Nine and English Ten, Algebra I, Biology, Earth Science Essentials, U.S. History, Civics, International Issues, Economics, Physical Education, and Seminar. New to the schedule this year will be an Algebra I Concepts & Skills class, Geometry, and Health.

Summer Connections will also offer Michigan Virtual School Student Direct courses for high school students in Algebra I, Geometry, English 9 and English 10, Civics, U.S. History, Biology and Chemistry. The online courses are an additional credit recovery option for students who have previously taken the course as part of their regular academic schedule and need to recover credit. These classes are student-directed, self-paced and entirely online with some support from a mentor teacher.

Also under consideration are opportunities for students to take additional Michigan Merit Curriculum aligned courses offered by Michigan Virtual High School under the FLEX program, which provides online instruction beyond what is offered in the Student Direct program.

Additionally, several non-credit classes which are shorter in duration are being

considered to help students better prepare for the rigorous math and science courses required by the Michigan Merit Curriculum. A two week class focused on the "Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens" is yet another course option under development.

Incoming ninth graders may earn credit for successful completion of Algebra I, U.S. History or Physical Education over the summer. Current eighth graders considering this option should be passing all of their eighth grade classes and are strongly encouraged to receive a recommendation from one of the Northville middle school principals who will consider the student's overall GPA, class selection and general school performance.

Classes for High School Transition (for current eighth graders entering high school) and Middle School Transition (for current fifth graders entering middle school) students are being offered again this year through Summer Connections. The courses build confidence and self-esteem by strengthening academic, organization and study skills. Students also have the opportunity to meet classmates from the other middle schools and elementary schools and get answers to questions about social issues, lunch hours and other components of the middle and high school day.

REGISTRATION/SUGGESTIONS

Registration for Summer Connections classes will run May 11-June 22. Classes offered are dependent upon sufficient enrollment. Questions regarding Summer Connections may be directed to the Office of Instruction at (248) 344-8447. Finally, suggestions regarding the Summer Connections offerings that would support learning are welcome. Please contact Bob Boshoven, summer school principal, at BoshovRo@northville.k12.mi.us; and/or Janice Henderson, curriculum facilitator at HenderJa@northville.k12.mi.us.

ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL CONNECTIONS

In addition to the Middle School Transition course noted above, middle school offerings will include math and English classes, along with an English Language Learners class.

Elementary classes will include First Grade Development, Reading and Writing Workshop I and II, and Investigations into Math and Science I and II. Fun Friday Enrichment classes will also be available, including Animal Adventures, Claying Around and Mad Scientists.

Additionally, our nationally accredited Early Childhood Program has summer offerings for pre-K and school-age children, and Camp Invention is back by popular demand.

Check us out on the Web every day
at hometownlife.com

SAVVY SENIOR

Online Resources for Advice Seeking Caregivers

Dear Savvy Senior,
I rely on the Internet for many things but what Web site do you recommend to those caring for an aging parent?

Seeking Information

Dear Seeking

There's no shortage of free online resources when it comes to caregivers seeking advice. The question is, which Web sites provide the most practical and comprehensive information and are easy to navigate.

TOP CAREGIVING SITES

With approximately 52 million Americans serving as caregivers today, the need for fast, useful information has never been higher. While there are dozens of sites that offer good caregiving information, here are a few I've found to be particularly helpful.

• **AGIS.com:** Short for Assist Guide Information Services, this is a fabulous Web resource for caregivers. At www.agis.com you can get information on topics such as home care, daily living aids, long-term care solutions, support services, legal and financial help and more. It also lets you ask questions, links you to other caregivers for support and information, and offers a variety of checklists that suggest tips on what to do as a caregiver and how to do it.

• **Caring.com:** Relatively new on the scene, www.caring.com is another wonderful site that offers tons of practical information, articles, caregiving-to-do lists, links to local resources and much more.

• **The Family Caregiver Alliance:** This is the oldest and perhaps most respected organization that's helped serve the needs of caregivers. They also have a handy Web site (www.familycaregiver.org) that offers a Family Care Navigator map which lists a broad range of caregiving services in each state.

• **Family Caregiving 101:** Created by the National Family Caregivers Association and the National Alliance for Caregiving www.familycaregiving101.org is a great site for finding assistance, answers, new ideas and helpful advice for you and the person you're caring for.

• **AARP:** At www.aarp.org/family/caregiving you can find tips and worksheets and on a wide range of issues including long-distance caregiving, as well as access to their Caregiving Tool Kit.

• **Strength for Caring:** Sponsored by Johnson & Johnson, this site (www.strengthforcaring.com) provides tip sheets on fitness and nutrition for caregivers, balancing work and family, respite care, reducing stress, caring for specific conditions and home safety.

MEDICARE HELP

To help with your caregiving/Medicare questions the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services recently created a new Web site called Ask Medicare. At www.medicare.gov/caregivers you can find out what Medicare and Medicaid will cover, search for and compare home care and long-term care options and much more.

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVING

Caring for a person with Alzheimer's disease or some other form of dementia can present some unique and difficult challenges. To help, a top resource is the Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org), or call (800) 272-3900. It puts caregivers in touch with local

resources, support groups, medical professionals and provides caregiving tips to handle every behavior and phase of the disease. Also see the Alzheimer's Disease Education and Referral Center at www.nia.nih.gov/alzheimers.

CANCER CARE

If you're caring for a cancer patient, a top Web site is www.cancercare.org, which provides cancer support services including counseling and education, as well as where to find financial assistance and get practical help. You can also call 800-813-4673 and get help over the phone.

CARE COORDINATION

If you're sharing caregiving responsibilities with other family members, friends or a home care aide there are Web resources that can help you coordinate together. Sites like www.lotsahelpinghands.com and www.caregiverhelp.com let caregivers post updates about medications being taken, doctor's appointments, meal plans and anything else you want to communicate. These sites can help reduce the stress and time it takes to inform all caregivers involved so something isn't missed or overlapped.

Your Invitation to

Worship

Brighton

LORD of LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH
5051 Pleasant Valley Road • Brighton, MI 48114
810-227-3113
9:30 a.m. Communion Worship
10:45 a.m. Sunday School
Rev. Dale Hedblad, Pastor
www.lordoflifelca.com

HOLY SPIRIT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL
www.hscrc.net
at the corner of Winans Lake & Musch Rd.
810-231-9199
Fr. John Rocus, Pastor
Weekend Liturgies Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
Please visit our Street of Love Display and Book & Gift Shop

Farmington Hills

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN, ELCA
Farmington Hills • 23225 Gil Rd. • 248-474-0584
Between Grand River & Freedom
Saturday Worship 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Worship & Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Traditional/Choral
11:15 a.m. Contemporary
Sunday School - all ages 10:15 a.m.

Highland

HIGHLAND COMMUNITY CHURCH
2350 Harvey Lake Rd. (248) 887-4556
Contemporary Service
9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. Sundays
Men's Bible Study & Breakfast
2nd & 4th Saturdays at 8:15 a.m.
3rd-8th Grade Youth Tuesdays 7-8 p.m.
Pastor Nick Ruffler

HIGHLAND CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
1211 W. Livingston Rd., Highland 248-887-1402
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
11:00 a.m. Worship Service & Children's Church
6:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Fellowship
Wednesday - 9:45-11:15 a.m. Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday - 7 p.m. Adult Bible Study
w/full children's program

NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
120 Bishop St., Highland
off Milford Rd., 2-7/8 miles N of M-59
• Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
• Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
• Bible Study Wed. 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Danny Maitin
889-7253 or 887-4566

HIGHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
680 W. Livingston Rd. • Highland, MI 48357
248-887-1311 • www.mymhmc.com
Sunday Worship 8:00, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.
Kids Church 8:45 & 10:30 a.m.
Youth Night - Wed. 6:45 - 8:00 p.m.
Plus Young Adults, Recovery, Divorce & Kids, Grief & more

HIGHLAND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
1605 N. Hickory Ridge Rd. (248) 887-1515
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School for All Ages
10:30 a.m. - Worship Service & Kids Church (4 yrs. - 4th grade)
Child Care Provided
Wednesday Ministries for All Ages At 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
3700 Harvey Lake Rd., Highland (248) 887-5364
Rev. Leo T. Lukko, Pastor
Mass Schedule: Saturday 5 p.m.
Sunday, 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.; M-F-W-F 9 a.m.
Holy Day, 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.; First Saturday 9 a.m.
Confessions - Saturdays 11 a.m. & 5:15 p.m.
or by appointment

Livonia

FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Services held at:
Madonna University's Kresge Hall
36600 Schoolcraft Road - Livonia
Parking lot is NW Corner of Levan & Schoolcraft
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. - Worship 10:30 a.m.
Dr. James N. McGee, Jr. • Nursery Provided

Milford

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
PRESCHOOL & KDG. - Mo. Synod
620 General Motors Rd., Milford
Church office: (248) 684-0895
Regular Sunday Service: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Jun-Aug - Sunday Service: 9:30 a.m.
Monday Evening 7:00 p.m.
The Rev. Richard E. Pope, Pastor

FIRST BAPTIST OF MILFORD
VISITORS WELCOME!
133 Detroit St., Milford • 684-5695
Pastor Steve Swartz
Sunday School (all ages) 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 11 a.m. • Prayer Service - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Awards for age 3 to 5th grades
Middle & Senior High programs

SOUTH HILL CHURCH, S.B.C.
1250 South Hill Rd. Just south of downtown Milford
(248) 685-3550 • www.AboutSouthHill.com
Contemporary Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
10:05 Worship 10:15 a.m.
Bible Study for all ages 8:15 a.m.
Tuesday 7 p.m. Children - 8th Grade (5 groups)
Wednesday 7 p.m. - High School Youth
Call about our current small group studies.

WEST HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
11166 S. Hickory Ridge Rd., Milford, MI 48380
248-887-1218
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Bible Ministries 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday All Ages 7:00 p.m.

MILFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
238 N. Main Street, Milford MI (248) 684-2805
Sunday Worship: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School age 3 thru 5th grade @ 10:00 a.m.
Nursery care available @ 10:00 a.m.
R. John Harris, Pastor
A heritage of area worship since 1836

New Hudson

NEW HUDSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
56730 Grand River
Rev. Gerry Hunter
Worship 10:30 a.m.
248-437-6212
newhudsonumc@bellsouth.net • www.newhudsonumc.org

NEW HOPE - A Unitarian Universalist Congregation
57855 Grand River Ave., New Hudson, MI 48155
Phone 248-474-9108
Sunday Celebration of Life Service 10:30 a.m.
Rev. Suzanne Paul, Minister
Website: <http://www.newhopeuua.org>

Northville

NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN
Experience Life Each Week
Sunday Worship - 9:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.
Sunday School and Children's Programs
www.nccalife.org
41355 Six Mile Road
248-348-9030

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE
349-1144
8 Mile & Taft Roads
Sunday Worship Services:
8:00, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.
Rev. Dr. Steve Buck • Rev. Lisa Cook
www.fumnorthville.org

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE
200 E. Main St. at Hudson • (248) 349-0911
Worship & Church School - 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Children Available at All Services
Youth League Prog. - Wed. 6:15 to 8:30 M.S./S.C. W.
Singles Place Ministry - Thurs. 7:30 p.m.
Free lunch provided
Rev. James P. Russell, Associate Pastor

WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
40000 Six Mile Rd., Northville
248-374-7400
Sunday Worship:
Traditional: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., & 11 a.m.
Contemporary: 9:30 a.m.
Nursery & Sunday School during W. 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. service
Service Broadcast Sunday 11 a.m.
WROD-AM 560-The WROD Word Station

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH
770 Thayer, Northville
WEEKEND LITURGIES Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, 7:30, 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m.
Church 349-2621, School 349-3610
Religious Education 349-2559
Rev. Denis Theroux, Pastor

Novi

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
9 Mile & Meadowbrook
Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 8:45 a.m.
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Thomas E. Schroeder, Pastor • 349-0565

ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH NOVI
46325 10 Mile Rd. • Novi, MI 48374
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.
Reverend George Chamley, Pastor
Parish Office: 347-7778

FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi, 248-349-2345
1/2 mile west of Novi Rd.
www.faithcommunity-novi.org
WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10 AM
"Children, Youth and Adult Ministries"

MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
21355 Meadowbrook Rd. in Novi at 8 1/2 Mile
248-348-7757 • www.mbcccc.org
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
Rev. Arthur Ritter, Senior Minister

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY
24505 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI 48375
Weekend Hours
Saturday: 5 p.m. (English) & 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)
Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.
Fr. Timothy Hogan, Pastor
Rev. Henry Sands, Associate Pastor
Parish Office: 348-6647 • www.holyfamilynovi.org

HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL
10 Mile between Meadowbrook & Haggerty, Novi • Phone 427-1175
Sundays 7:45 a.m. and 10 a.m.
Holy Eucharist • Sunday School & Nursery 10 a.m.
Rev. Dr. Ray Babin, Interim Rector
www.churchoftheholycross.com

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50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi
Saturday Worship 5:15 p.m.,
Sunday 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.
Casual, contemporary service
Phone (248) 912-0043
www.oakpointe.org

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(Missouri Synod) Pastor Terry Nelson
437-8810 • 486-4335 • Griswold Rd. at 10 Mile
Worship 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Adult Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church
22200 Pontiac Trail South Lyon Ave. at 10 Mile Road
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Sr. High Sunday at 6:30 p.m.
Mid High Wednesday at 7 p.m.
Rev. David Brown, Pastor
248-437-2222 • www.fellowshippepc.org

The Church of Christ
21860 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon, MI 48178
248-437-3585 • www.southlyoncc.org
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Praise and Worship
Wednesday Midweek Ministries 7 p.m.
Rob Callicott, Pastor

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
10774 Nine Mile Road
Rev. M. Lee Taylor • 449-2582
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Worship, 11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.

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"WHERE THE SON ALWAYS SHINES"
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Nursery Care Provided
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248-437-2875 • 205 E. Lake (10 Mile)
Rev. Dr. Annemarie Kidder, Pastor

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22183 Pontiac Trail behind Jazzerette and Oyst
10 a.m. Sunday Celebration
Pontiac Trail and 9 Mile (between Shopping Center)
(Nursery & Children's programs)
Office 248-486-4400
www.solidrocksouthlyon.org

For Information regarding this Directory, please call Senny Lee at 586-977-7651 or e-mail: sslee@dnps.com

Westland

STS. CONSTANTINE & HELEN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
36375 Joy Rd., Westland
Sunday Services
Matins 9:00am, Divine Liturgy 10:00am
Rev. Fr. Theodor Petru
Parish Office: 734-525-6789
www.sticons.org
Hellenic Cultural Center Banquet Hall
734-525-3550

White Lake

WHITE LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
4805 Highland Rd. (between Bope Lk. & Ormond Rd.)
(248) 887-4654 Deborah V. Kerr, Pastor
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Children Church School 10:00 a.m.
Child Care Provided
"The Friendly Church" Established 1835

Whitmore Lake

Living Water
North Campus of St. Luke Lutheran Church Ann Arbor
Worship Celebration Sunday 10:15 a.m.
Whitmore Lake High School
7430 Whitmore Lake Rd. • Whitmore Lake, MI 48189
Dan Flynn, Minister
734-426-4006 • www.livingwatermi.org

South Lyon

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
640 S. Lafayette (248) 437-0760
Sunday Worship: 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Nursery Provided
Reverend Sandra Walboe
southlyonfumc.org

FAMILY LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH A/G
62345 W. 8 Mile Road 437-1472 • www.familylifec.net
Sr. Pastor Joseph R. Tabbi
Sunday Christian Education 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Christian Education and Family Night 7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SOUTH LYON
60820 Marjorie Ann St., South Lyon 48178
Phone: 248-437-5980
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Senior Pastor Rob Freshour / Assoc. Pastor Randy Meeks
Website: www.fbcsofthlyon.com
• Email: fbcsofthlyon@bellsouth.net

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH
28900 Pontiac Trail (Across from Erwin's Orchard)
Saturday Service 5 p.m.
Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.
Contemporary Worship • Relevant
Bible Based Messages
(248) 486-0400 • www.crossroads.net

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
Wisconsin Synod • Reynold Sweet Pkwy.
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Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.
All Classes 9:00
Pastor Scott Miller, (248) 437-2289

CROSSPOINT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Services held at: Kent Lake Elementary
30181 Kent Lake Rd. S. Lyon
Sunday Service Times
9:30 a.m. - Meet & Greet
10:30 a.m. - Morning Service
Rev. Kenneth Warren-596-531-2021

The truth about the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

There's a great deal of information, and some misinformation, being circulated about the ARRA. We'd like to clarify a few points and offer some suggestions in how you communicate with your community and staff about this very important piece of legislation.

First and foremost, we are appreciative of the financial assistance to schools from the federal government. These dollars will help support existing programs that might otherwise be eliminated or reduced, and create new programs that wouldn't otherwise be possible. Simply stated, we don't know yet how the funding will be divided between K-12 and higher education so it's too early to tell what will be left for discretionary spending.

With that said, there are very important caveats to keep in mind when considering use of these dollars: The rules and regulations for the distribution of these funds aren't complete. No one at this point can say definitively how these funds can be utilized at the district level or how

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much will get to the local district. Funding will only be available for the next two years. We recommend that schools avoid using ARRA funds for ongoing expenses. To use one-time money for ongoing costs will create a local "structural deficit" analogous to what Michigan has done over the last decade. Additionally, use of these funds may in some instances create an obligation on the part of your district to continue programs you started with the ARRA funding. A large portion of the funding is targeted to specific programs

and won't be available for general operating expenditures. There are three major funding "pots" of money that will be distributed nationally. Two of the large pots are for IDEA and Title 1 programs, which must be used for those purposes and aren't discretionary. The third pot is the state stabilization money that must be used to fund any shortfalls in the budget for K-12, higher education and community colleges. The shortfall in these areas keep growing, so it's hard to judge how much, if any, will be available for district discretionary spending.

The ARRA doesn't reflect a "windfall" that will allow schools to maintain all existing programs and/or support ongoing expenses like pay increases. The good news is that a portion of the funds that go to states must be used for maintaining 2009 funding levels. This means that Lansing will use a portion of these funds to avoid the anticipated \$230 million cut to schools for 2009-10. While that is helpful, with schools' costs rising at the rate of inflation,

keeping our funding at existing levels may be a lifeline, but not a fully equipped lifeboat and certainly not a yacht! To be able to assist you with clarity and detail on how these funds may be spent, we'll have to wait until further clarification comes from Washington, and on actions of Michigan's legislature and governor for the portion they control. We believe it's important that school board members, superintendents, all school staff and your community have a realistic view of what the ARRA really means, and we appreciate your assistance in establishing reasonable expectations of what this means to your district.

MASB and MASA will continue to monitor this very important matter and represent your interests in the decision-making processes that will follow. Please contact the legislative departments of either of our organizations for questions or more information.

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Ruth Johnson, Oakland County clerk and register of deeds, strongly supports the measure. Upon passage of the original bill last year by the Senate, Johnson said, "Families should have every opportunity to save their homes. It's only fair. We used to perform this service, and we could do it for a quarter of the current cost. I wish to thank Sen. Cassis for all her hard work."

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TIME/DATE: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday

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CONTACT: For more information or to register call (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org.

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TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday

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CONTACT: Joy Ruby at joy@oakpointe.org or call the church.

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Angela Leonardo works on a custom order for a tutu.

BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

In the land of tutus

■ Plymouth mom makes tutus fun

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OGE STAFF WRITER

Angela Leonardo makes tutus fun for everyone — not just dancers. Just ask her daughters. That might be difficult, though, because as soon as Toni and Olivia don the frilly skirts they're off and running across the living room of their Plymouth home. At ages 3 and 5, the two look like little whirling dervishes as they twirl round and round.

Nothing bad happens in the land of tutus, laughs Leonardo as they continue playing. The 31-year-old mother should know. She began making and selling the costumes usually worn by ballerinas after losing her job a year ago as bartender at The Chase Bar & Grill in Northville. Since then, she's sold as many as 15 tutus a week to everyone from moms to photographers who use them as props in children's portraits. The items come in all sizes and colors. Some of the tiniest were ordered for infants. Leonardo made herself a lady bug tutu for Halloween. Olivia and Toni wear them over jeans and a T-shirt. They have a variety to choose from as Leonardo throws her seconds into the girls' dress-up trunk.

"I was looking for a creative outlook," said Leonardo. "I like things that not everybody has. I don't like cookie cutter. I love ruffles, the girly look. They're more of a skirt,

more of a wearable for special functions, daddy and daughter dances. I've done ones for Valentine's Day and Christmas."

Most recently customers on Etsy.com were inquiring about custom orders for St. Paddy's Day. Leonardo sells her tutus primarily on the site which showcases only hand-made goods. So far, the items have been so well-received she moved her daughters in together so she could have a sewing room. It's obvious Leonardo loves color by the stacks of tulle filling the shelves like a rainbow.

"I get lots of orders for first birthdays. They're easy to wash in Woolite or baby soap," said Leonardo who names the colors of her tutus after food.

It seems only natural to call them Blueberries and Cream. Her husband, James, is executive chef at Mosaic restaurant in downtown Detroit. James's job keeps him away from home from morning to evening so the hours can seem long especially with energetic ballerinas who never seem to stop. Sewing allows Leonardo some quiet time when the girls are down for a nap or in bed for the night.

INSTANT GRATIFICATION

"My favorite part of the day is when I sew. It's instant gratification. There's no waiting to see what you're making," said Leonardo, who started sewing 1½ years ago

after her mother, Martha Kuciban, taught her the basics.

Olivia seems to be following her mother's footsteps when it comes to having a love for sewing, so she's getting a machine for her birthday. Leonardo's mother bought her one for her eighth birthday, but she never used it. Olivia, on the other hand, likes helping her mother pin fabric. Leonardo plans to hone her skills as well by taking classes and expanding her line to include wedding gowns and flower girl dresses.

She almost hit a snag recently when the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act went into effect to protect children age 12 and under from overexposure to lead. Manufacturers of the components that go into the tutus already test for lead, but Leonardo put her product under an XRF Analyzer gun anyway to make sure there were no more than 600 ppms. The legislation came about after thousands of toys were recalled in late 2007.

"I use the best," said Leonardo. "I want the tutus to be safe. I put them on my own daughters."

Leonardo tries to get Toni to stand still to fluff the layers of the tutu which can have as many as eight. It's almost impossible because the little girl is having so much fun. Olivia has one word for the tutus — good.

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Registration will be open from April 6-20 at the Department of Elementary and Special Program, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia 48154 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

All candidates MUST meet the ACAT selection testing criteria.

For complete information on the application process, visit www.livonia.k12.mi.us or contact Charlotte Worthen, Director of Elementary & Special Programs at 734-744-2589.

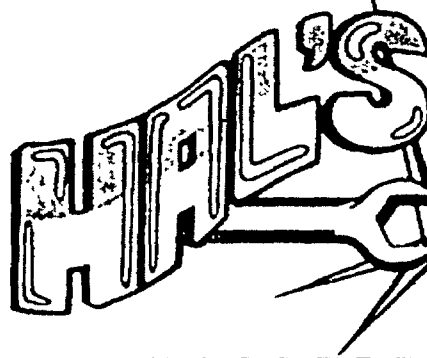
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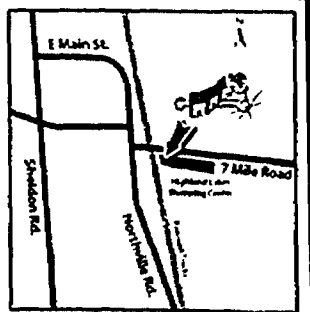
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NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Free health program

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan is hosting a free health workshop in Northville from March 30 to May 11. The Personal Action Toward Health (PATH) class will meet on Mondays from noon-2:30 p.m. at the Northville Senior Center on 303 W. Main Street.

The PATH workshop provides information and skills to adults with ongoing health conditions such as arthritis, heart disease, chronic kidney disease, diabetes, bronchitis, asthma and depression. Workshops are run by trained lay leaders who hold informal, small group discussions and provide easy-to-understand course materials. Instructors explain ways to reduce pain and stress, cope with fatigue, use medications wisely, and benefit from exercise. Participants also learn about self-help devices that can enhance daily activities and are given an opportunity to ask questions about health concerns.

Registration for the PATH Workshop is necessary and enrollment is limited. Contact Dennis Smith at (248) 349-4140 or call the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan at 800-482-1455.

Get Started

The Breast Cancer 3-Day season is kicking off with Get Started Meetings in the Northville area this month. Invited to attend are prospective participants and individuals who are already registered to learn about training and fundraising.

The next meeting is 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, March 19 at Botsford Hospital (Zieger Administration and Education Building), 28050 Grand River Avenue, Farmington Hills.

Another meeting takes place from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 28, at Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth.

First Gentleman promotes leadership

As The Page Turns Bookstore & Gallery will host a book signing with Daniel G. Mulhern, First Gentleman of the State of Michigan, from 4-6 p.m. on April 25.

Mulhern's book is titled *Everyday Leadership: Getting Results in Business, Politics, and Life*. Mulhern is a graduate of University of Detroit Jesuit High School; Yale, where he received a BA in religious studies with magna cum laude distinction; and Harvard, with a JD degree with a cum laude distinction.

He will be at As The Page Turns bookstore at 149 N. Center Street, Suite 102, in downtown Northville. Call (248) 912-0085 for more information.

Sen. Patterson offers tax help

By visiting Senator Bruce Patterson's website (www.senatorbrucepatterson.com), you can learn how to effectively appeal your property tax assessment. There are also hard copies of this information available around the district. If you would like one mailed to you, please contact Senator Patterson's office by calling 1-(866) 262-7307 and pressing #1.

Patterson is also offering free tax guides to assist constituents with tax questions. The guide includes information for the 2008 year on property taxes, homestead property tax credits, farmland and open space tax relief, the home heating credit program, the Michigan Income Tax, the Single Business Tax, and other tax related subjects.

Tax guide pick up locations include Northville City Hall and Northville Township Hall and Northville District Library. Patterson's

district representative, Sue Trussell, will be conducting office hours from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, March 20 at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady Street.

Cleanup Day scheduled at Thayer's Nature Area

Area residents are encouraged to come out to the next Thayer's Corner Nature Area Cleanup Day from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 4.

The Northville Township nature area is located on the east side of Napier Road just north of Six Mile Road.

Volunteers are asked to wear gloves and bring rakes if possible.

Lunch will be served at the end of the project. People are asked to sign up prior to the event, so enough food will be available for volunteers.

To sign up, call Marv Gans of the Friends of Thayer's Corner Nature Area at (734) 420-0790.

ReLeaf fund-raiser

Global ReLeaf of Michigan, a 501 c 3 non-profit tree planting organization, is selling 4'-6' tall (depending on species) bare root trees and shrubs for spring planting. The shrubs and evergreens are approximately 2' tall.

Spring is a great time to plant trees and shrubs. Orders will be accepted through April 9. The trees are \$30 each or \$28 each for three or more. The shrubs and evergreens are \$18 each or \$15 each for three or more. Specialty trees are \$50 each.

All orders must be picked up April 25 in Redford Township. For additional information, an order form and map to the pick up location, call 1-800-642-7353 or go to www.globalreleaf.org

NORTHVILLE ENGAGEMENT

Laabs & Klipper

David and Susan Laabs, of Northville, announce the engagement of their son, Denver David Laabs, to Ashleigh Victoria Klipper, daughter of Ray and Vickie Klipper, of Oakley.

Denver is a 2004 graduate of Northville High School and received a bachelor of science degree in music and outdoor recreational leadership in 2008 from Central Michigan University. He is employed as a district executive with Northridge District for the Detroit Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Ashleigh is a 2004 graduate of Michigan Lutheran Seminary in Saginaw and received a bachelor of applied arts degree in public relations in 2007 from Central Michigan



University. She is employed in the communications department of Detroit's Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan.

The couple will marry on May 9 at Mill Race Historical Village in Northville.

NORTHVILLE BIRTH

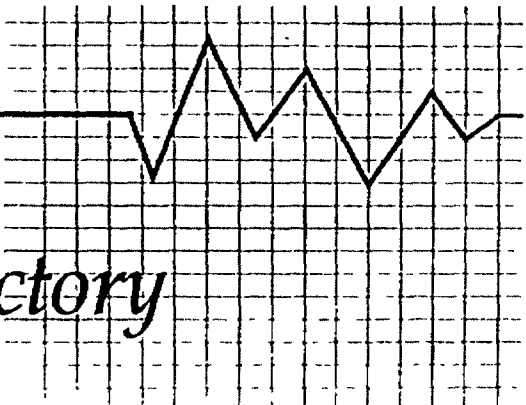
Juliana M. Bartel

Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Bartel of Northville announce the birth of their daughter Juliana Marie Bartel on January 5, 2009, at Novi Providence Hospital.



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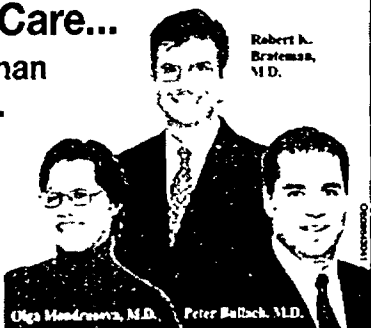
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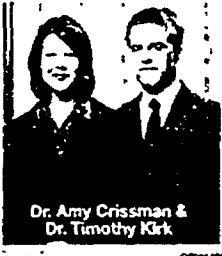
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He took the shot ... he scored!

Wine lover gets hockey star's autograph

BY CAL STONE
EDITOR

Zeke Gikas scored a hat trick, and he doesn't even play hockey.

In December, the Northville resident learned that former Detroit Red Wing Igor Larionov would be visiting the Simply Wine store downtown on N. Center Street.

He wanted to buy a few bottles of Larionov's wine, which are Australia and California products on the Hattrick and Triple Overtime labels, and of course he wanted to meet the man and get his signature on bottles.

But he also wanted Larionov's signature on a very unique photograph — one that appeared in *Sports Illustrated* magazine 12 years earlier. The photo shows Larionov delivering a nasty check to an opponent at Joe Louis Arena — but seated directly behind the glass are Zeke and his wife, Eileen.

"Some friends of ours saw the article first and then called us up to let us know about it," said Zeke. "When I walked in to work the next morning, somebody had scanned it and put it on the desktop of my computer. I had to chuckle."

Zeke bought five copies of the April 29, 1996, magazine and stashed them away.

The photo was taken a few weeks after Eileen gave birth to their only child, Christopher, and it was their first night out in a long time.

"We had been talking about the possibility of Larionov signing it for years, but the opportunity never presented



PHOTO BY CAL STONE/EDITOR

Dar Capistrant (right) shows Zeke and Eileen Gikas a bottle of wine at Simply Wine, 109 N. Center, in downtown Northville.

itself," said Zeke.

When he heard about the hockey star/wine merchant's appearance in Northville, he called up the store and asked if it would be OK to bring the magazine and have it signed (typically, bringing memorabilia for signing isn't encouraged). The store owner contacted Larionov's agent, who didn't think it would be an issue.

"The key was that it was such a low-key, casual atmosphere," said Zeke, who left work in Dexter a little early that day

to attend the mid-afternoon signing. "There weren't a lot of autograph hounds, so it was much more possible under those circumstances."

So after purchasing six bottles of wine, Zeke approached Larionov and showed him the magazine.

"He was very nice about it," said Zeke. "He was more than willing to sign it. He started looking at the picture, almost reminiscing about that time. He made a comment about the old glass on the boards versus

the new glass. He remembered it was his first year in Detroit."

The Russian center is considered one of the best passers of all time. He won three Stanley Cup championships as a Red Wing, and he was inducted into Hockey Hall of Fame on Nov. 10, 2008. He finished his NHL career with nearly 200 goals.

And now Zeke Gikas has a score of his own to brag about.

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Zeke (glasses, dark hair) and Eileen (striped top) Gikas are the couple above the opponent being checked by Detroit's Igor Larionov. The photo appeared in *Sports Illustrated* in April 1996.



A copy of the *Sports Illustrated* magazine and bottle of wine, both signed by Igor Larionov for Northville residents Zeke and Eileen Gikas.

CORRECTION

The HP Notebook Computer model #HPG70250US/34099 in our Tab for the week of March 15th should read: \$50 MAIL-IN REBATE. We apologize for any inconvenience to our ABC Warehouse customers.

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The project includes the construction of approximately 2,400 l.f. of 8" Water Main, 580 l.f. of 12" Water Main, 2,200 l.f. of 16" Water Main, and all related work as described in the Bid Documents. Such documents may be obtained on and after March 9, 2009, at the office of the consulting engineer, Atwell-Hicks, located at 500 Avis Drive, Suite 100, Ann Arbor, MI 48108; telephone 734 994 4000, contact Craig Kantola, P.E.

No fee will be charged for bid documents — limit one set per bidder.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a cashiers check or a certified check made payable to the Charter Township of Northville, or a Bid Bond issued by a surety licensed in the State of Michigan that holds an "Excellent" or "Superior" rating from the AM Best Company, in the amount of 5 percent of the total bid price. A bid, once submitted, becomes the property of the Charter Township of Northville. The Charter Township of Northville, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to allow a bidder to reclaim submitted documents provided the documents are requested and retrieved no later than 48 hours prior to the scheduled bid opening.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory performance, maintenance, labor and material bonds in the amount of 100 percent of the bid price and satisfactory insurance coverage.

No Bid may be withdrawn for a period of 120 days after the time of the bid opening. The Charter Township of Northville reserves the right to accept any Bid, to reject any or all Bids, to waive irregularities and/or informalities in any Bid, and to make the award in any manner the Charter Township of Northville believes to be in its best interest.

All bids must be submitted on the attached Proposal form and signed by an authorized representative of the bidder. Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope labeled "Charter Township of Northville Clerk's Office, Edenderry Hills 2009 Water Main Improvements".

Any further information may be obtained from the Project Engineer, Cliff Seiber, P.E., of Atwell-Hicks at 248 231-9036. Questions regarding the project shall be brought to the attention of the Project Engineer by mailed letter or by fax, at 734-994-1690. Questions will not be accepted if received less than 7 calendar days before the bids are due.

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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

DDA expansion looks promising

There are many pros and cons involved with the possible expansion of Northville's Downtown Development Authority, but if proper care is taken to determine what the DDA's eventual responsibilities will be, this could be a win-win for all involved.

In this day and age, expanding the boundaries will probably not provide any additional tax revenue for the authority. The bulk of the DDA's funding comes from tax increment financing (TIF), a non-discretionary DDA millage on a portion of property taxes collected on buildings within the boundaries.

In previous years, that's been a fairly sizeable amount. Last year, it was \$1.75 million, and the DDA used almost \$1 million to pay off a bond. (They'll no longer be able to capture that revenue stream, so it's a wash.)

The fiscal year that starts July 1 shows TIF revenue projected at \$750,000. An operating levy of 1.8407 mills in 2009 will provide 10 percent of the DDA's funding.

The big players — like the city, county, community colleges, metro parks, etc. — cannot opt out of the original boundaries established by Northville City Council a decade or so ago. But, if the DDA expands, recent legislation would allow those entities to not participate if they chose to do so.

A 1.8-mil levy would automatically include individual property owners within the new boundaries, and everyone within the district would pay. Lou Mascolo, who owns Gardenviews on West Main Street, has actually asked to be included in the DDA boundaries. He feels the amount he would pay with a 1.8 levy (a few hundred dollars a year) would be less than the benefits he would gain — being included in the DDA's maps, brochures, event promotions, etc.

But some of the areas the DDA is considering expanding into — the Civic Complex, Mill Race Village, the post office — are off the tax rolls and would not produce any additional revenue for the DDA.

So the question is, does the DDA want to take on the added responsibilities without gaining funds?

The DDA, rightfully so, does not want to get into a position of having to do upkeep on historic buildings at Mill Race Village, or capital improvements on structures that may not bring the DDA TIF funding.

In fact, Mill Race Village did petition the DDA several years ago to market its area on the DDA's Web site and include it in printed materials. Those are huge benefits for any business. The DDA could also act as a matching grant, in a situation where the Village was eligible for funding, providing the seed that leads to bigger funding.

Other areas eyed for possible boundary expansion include Cadytown and Northville Downs Race Track. In the former, two areas are ripe for development and both properties are for sale right now. If that area was within the boundaries, the DDA would have the ability to play an active roll. And the Downs' 50 acres, which are contiguous to downtown, will have a huge impact when and if they're ever developed.

Of course, there are other tools besides the DDA that are useful in redevelopment, and each situation should be evaluated fully to determine if others are more useful. But having that option would be beneficial.

All of the areas being considered for inclusion in the DDA's boundaries bring their own set of issues with positives and negatives. If the DDA can form partnerships, pool resources and work together with them through marketing, promotions, special events and even streetscape improvements, the benefits will be enormous. On the other hand, major building renovations are costly. And with no real increases in funding, it would be unwise for the DDA to consider expansion.

The full DDA board is to meet again March 24 to discuss the pros and cons. If the benefits to the DDA outweigh the added responsibilities, we're all for it.

COMMUNITY VOICES

What current movie would you recommend?



"'He's Just Not That Into You.' I saw it with a bunch of friends. It's a good movie to go see and have dinner. It was fun."

— Laura Zurdema
(with daughter Ally)



"One of the recent ones I like is 'The Curious Case of Benjamin Button.' It was about life; beautifully photographed. Cate Blanchett is always great. It's a long film but you never really think about the time."

— Jill Ford



"I can only think of older ones, like 'Napoleon Dynamite.' 'Kung Fu Panda' is great. I'd recommend 'The International,' too, although it seemed more like a documentary."

— Shannon Lemon



"'Slumdog Millionaire.' It was decent. I would rather see that win awards than the standard industry machinery. My favorite is a 1990's documentary, 'How's Your News?' It's awesome."

— Zach Lemon

LETTERS

Businesses support SADD

Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) is an organization at Northville High School. We work within our school district to help students become aware of the dangers of drugs and alcohol and to make positive life choices. We also try to work in the community to educate and prevent alcohol-related injuries and fatalities.

Alcohol involvement remains one of the leading factors in motor vehicle deaths. St. Patrick's Day is approaching and when it comes to alcohol-related crashes the statistics show that unfortunately the numbers are not far behind New Year's Eve.

For the past seven years, we have initiated a project to remind people on St. Patrick's Day to be responsible. We have designed a table tent with the logo: Don't let your luck run out! Always wear a seat belt and never drive drunk. A friendly reminder from the students of Northville High School SADD.

SADD would like to recognize the following restaurants that have decided to support this project by displaying the table tents at their establishments: Applebee's Neighborhood Grill (Northville); Border Cantina (Novi); Nassau Grill & Bar (Plymouth); Poole's Tavern (Northville); Rio Wraps (Plymouth); Rocky's Of Northville; Sheehan's On The Green (Plymouth).

We are grateful their support and hope their patrons will be just as appreciative.

Any establishments that would like to participate in next year's campaign, please contact Carolyn Miranda at (248) 344-8420, ext 353 or mirandca@northville.k12.mi.us.

Carolyn Miranda
Student Assistance Coordinator, SADD
Advisor
Northville High School

Education overhaul needed

The film "Gran Torino" showcased serious national problems. Money alone does

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not provide good public education in troubled districts. These kids are boxed in and the strong, small fiefdoms maintain control.

We are left with an educational malaise limiting outcomes for America's young. The public educational leadership only calls the situation "unacceptable," but parents are forced to accept what is, or leave. These stonewalled systems cry for change beyond the cosmetic nips and tucks by bureaucrats. While America is the heavy spender on education, dirt poor India sees significant results. Our paradigm surrounding public education should be unraveled and rearranged.

Edward Deming, an American engineering genius, changed history in the world of quality in manufacturing. His was a systems approach of continuous quality measurement. His truly big idea was ignored by domestic automakers — until the Japanese saw it, asked for it, employed it, and demonstrated phenomenal value. But our well funded public systems unlike competing private businesses are under no pressure to change anything. The problems in Detroit are not rooted in generations of poor teachers, but perhaps in a bad structure. In Michigan, many K/12 school districts are struggling with the awful trend of student under-performance. Good schools require good leaders. Could revised methods and a

different plan improve results?

So why not redesign threatened areas of public education? In threatened districts, split students into separate sex schools after the third grade and at least until the 10th grade. The idea is to short stop the hormonal influence and replace it with academic focus for full development of individual skills. Girls separated from boys would be naturally more inclined to compete with each other, not preen. It might be the kindest gift for kids to have a few hours of rest away from the mesmerizing, hammering media, with its sexual emphasis on every social equation. Also, too often in co-ed learning environments girls hold back, slowing down to match sometimes lesser interested boys. Boys in separate school environments would simply thrive in a disciplined environment with emphasis of goals in their bearing, achievement and respect. Having a mission seems to make men! Actual military veterans as teachers present outstanding resources as mentors and exhibits for young men. Character training is priceless and available from our best Americans. Currently, boys who struggle too often are left aimless, never finding the pattern, presence, or the confidence to reach their potential.

Desperate action is needed to keep boys distant from prison and our girls safe and moving toward filling their dreams. Public education systems should never promote or allow failure to flourish...ever. Children are required to trust others, and not one kid is expendable since the cost of lost potential to our nation is enormous.

Lansing has formidable power but delights with repeatedly genuflecting to regressive unions who appear to manage education or to other lame, unimaginative bureaucrats. Crippled by these handicaps compared to other developed countries, our "return on investment" is not as good.

Jim Nowka
Northville

Corriveau responds to program fallacies

Each month I submit a legislative update to your paper to keep our community informed about the issues being debated in the Michigan Legislature, and I have been impressed by the constructive dialogue that has been generated as a result.

I have already heard from many of our neighbors over the phone, via e-mail, and at office hours about the challenges we face as a state and how we can best craft solutions for a stronger Michigan. I would further encourage anyone interested in, or concerned about an issue/vote to contact me or visit my office hours to discuss the matter. I am always happy to explain my reasoning and vote on an issue.

In that spirit, I would like to take the opportunity to correct some flawed information found in a letter to the editor regarding the Hire Michigan First plan that was published on March 12 in the Northville Record. The letter suggests the plan meddles with the free market by prohibiting folks who live outside of Michigan from seeking employment in our state. This is not true; rather it simply requires that when the state is the customer and taxpayers foot the bill for a project, we should insist on hiring Michigan workers first to do the job.

The best example of why this legislation is necessary occurred in Maryville where a

company received tax breaks to construct an ethanol plant. Instead of hiring from the pool of qualified workers in Maryville, the company brought out-of-state and undocumented workers to the site. These workers did not settle in Michigan, and many were later arrested and deported after the company's scheme was discovered.

Let me be clear, with Hire MI First in place, Michigan would still welcome people from out-of-state to move and work here. However, to qualify for tax incentives or state contracts to do work supported by taxpayer dollars, we would require that a company first seek to employ the very Michigan residents who pay taxes and reinvest in our state.

A second letter, also published on March 12 in the Canton Observer, erroneously indicated that the legislature recently voted to give legislators lifetime health benefits by voting for House Bills 4071-4079. That suggestion is just wrong. The bills in question make changes to health care for public employees to reduce cost by consolidating the administration of benefits and allowing the state and local governments to pre-fund for retiree healthcare. Pre-funding healthcare is a proven mechanism to reduce costs, saving taxpayer money in the long run.

As it happens, I am on the record sup-

porting a resolution to end lifetime health benefits for legislators. These benefits are a holdover from before term limits were enacted when legislators would serve a career in public office. With term limits restricting legislators to six years in the House and/or eight years in the Senate, it makes no sense to provide them with lifetime benefits. I have voted to end them along with voting for a 10-percent pay reduction for legislators because I believe legislators have a responsibility to tighten our own belts first as we seek to reform state government.

I would ask that concerns and questions regarding my votes be asked of me directly so as to avoid the spin and erroneous information that often dominates when the topic is political. Likewise, please feel free to ask me about an issue should you have any doubts about the accuracy of reports from other sources.

Clearly, the challenges we face are too big to think that one person has all the answers. I look forward to continuing a constructive dialogue with all those who are interested in contributing to common-sense solutions. I thank the paper for assisting me in that endeavor.

Rep. Marc R. Corriveau
20th District

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CHURCH

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Sunday Worship

TIME: 9:45 a.m.

Healing Service and Holy Communion

TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of

every month

Peace Vigil

TIME/DATE: Noon, first Sunday of every

month

LOCATION: In front of the church

DETAILS: Members of the congregation

and the community will stand united in

prayer for peace.

Advent Service

TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. Sunday

Musical Notes

DATE: Sunday, April 5

DETAILS: The Easter Cantata will be presented during the Sunday morning worship service. The Cantata this season will be *Save in the Cross*. Created by Mike Harland and Chris Machen with arrangements by Richard Kingsmore. This lyrical drama is written from the perspective of Paul's evangelistic preaching about the sacrifice of Jesus.

Spring Into Summer

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday,

June 13

DETAILS: Annual Juried Art/Craft Show.

Go to www.umcnovi.com to view some last years vendor booths. All hand made crafts including but not limited to painting, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, needlework, lawn art, doll clothing, photography, glass, stained glass, wood carving and scrolling, sewn items, stone work, candles, wine lamps, children's books, face painting, frames, mud mats and UMW bake sale. CONTACT: For an application to this juried show, e-mail your request to Pam Davis.

WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile Road

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

Sunday Worship

TIME: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Traditional: 9:30 a.m. Contemporary

Nursery and Sunday School during the 9:30

a.m. and 11 a.m. services.

Service Broadcast

DETAILS: 11 a.m. every Sunday on WRD1-AM

560, The WJWZ World Station.

Single Point Ministries - 45 and older

TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. Sunday for fellowship

and Bible study

Single Focus Ministries - 35-50 years

TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. Sunday to deepen

your personal relationship with Christ.

Single Purpose Connections - 20-30

years

TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. Sunday in the Chapel



SUBMITTED

Labyrinth Walking Prayer

During these stressful times, people of all faiths are finding that labyrinth walking prayers are a calming practice. Several churches in the region offer walks, including First Presbyterian Church of Northville. From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 21, there will be a joint "Healing in Body, Heart, Mind and Soul" through walking prayer workshop with Stephen Ministry grief counselors from FPC, First United Methodist Church of Northville, Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church and Faith Community Presbyterian Church of Novi.

for singing, Bible study, and fellowship

DETAILS: For single adults. Active ministry

offering various Bible study classes,

volleyball, bicycling group, tennis group,

support groups, support group for wid-

owed over age 50, fellowship, friendships

and more. Contact the number below for

more information.

CONTACT: (248) 374-5920

Bible Studies and Prayer Nights

Learner's Bible Study

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Mondays Room A101

Men's Bible Study

TIME/DATE: 6:30 a.m. Wednesday Single

Adult Ministries office

Single's Bible Study

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second and fourth

Mondays, Room C309

Singles Book Club Discussion Group

TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m., April 5

DETAILS: Discussions from a single adult,

Christian perspective. Currently reading

"Under the Overpass" by Mike Yankoski

CONTACT: (248) 374-5920.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

LOCATION: 24505 Meadowbrook Road

CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org

Mass Schedule

TIME/DAY: 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15

p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday,

Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m. Tuesday,

Wednesday, Thursday; 7 p.m. Tuesday;

5 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Saturday

Holy Days 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Reconciliation, beginning 9 a.m.

Saturdays or by appointment

Adoptive Parent Networking Meeting

TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. last Wednesday of

each month

DETAILS: Free, informational meet-

ing open to all adoptive families in

Oakland County. Child care is available.

Registration is required.

The Gospel According to John

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., March 23

DETAILS: Leonardo DeFilippis will star in

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ages 7 and older. Admission is \$8 per

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CONTACT: For more information, call

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DETROIT FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

LOCATION: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of

Eight Mile Road

CONTACT: (248) 348-7600 or visit dfnazarene.org

Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship ser-

vice with Praise Band, children's Sunday

School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15

a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m.

Traditional worship service, Children's

Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult

Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service,

Children's program, Youth Worship

Service

Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:30 - 11:15

a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with

childcare available for through age 5, 6:45

p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study; 7 p.m.

Men's Evening Bible Study

Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family

Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7 p.m.

Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study,

Quilling, Adult Classes, Youth Blast

Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of

Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC

LOCATION: 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi

CONTACT: (248) 347-7778

Mass Schedule

TIME/DAY: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m.

Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday

Mothers Group

TIME/DATE: 9:30-11 a.m. first and third

Wednesday every month, through May 20

DETAILS: Providing fellowship, support

and opportunities to grow faith. Childcare

available. Suggested donation \$20. Don't

have to be a parishioner to join.

CONTACT: Becky at (248) 305-5924 or

Jeanne at (248) 380-6361

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE

LOCATION: 277 N. Wing

CONTACT: (248) 348-1020

Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Tuesdays

Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday

of every month

FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN

LOCATION: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road

CONTACT: (248) 349-2345 or visit faithcommunity-novi.org

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

Cantata "I Believe"

TIME/DATE: 4:30 p.m. every Wednesday

DETAILS: A celebration of the Apostle's

Creed in scripture and song

Maundy Thursday and Seder Meal

TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. April 9

Easter Worship

TIME/DATE: 7 a.m. sunrise worship, 10

a.m. traditional worship and reception of

confirmands

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

LOCATION: 201 Elm St., Northville

CONTACT: (248) 349-3140

Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m. Blended, 11

a.m. Contemporary; 11:30 a.m. Traditional

MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL

LOCATION: 21355 Meadowbrook Road,

between Eight and Nine Mile roads

CONTACT: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior

Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc.orgor e-mail to office@mbccc.org

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

YogaFit Classes

TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. every Monday

DETAILS: Eight weeks, \$55 continuous or

\$8 per drop in session.

Merry Widows Luncheon

TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of

each month

Spiritual Journey's

TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. every Sunday

Lenten Programs

Potluck and Theatre

TIME/DATE: 6:15 p.m., Wednesday, April 1

Palm Sunday

TIME/DATE: 10:00 a.m., April 5

DETAILS: Worship followed by Pancake

Breakfast

Maundy Thursday Worship

TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 9

Community Good Friday Service

TIME: Noon

LOCATION: Holy Family Catholic Church

Easter Sunday

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m., April 12

DETAILS: Worship with youth partici-

pation, 10 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday

TIME: 11 a.m. Traditional Easter service

YogaFit classes

TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m., Mondays

DETAILS: \$55/8 weeks, \$8 a drop in

class

Rummage Sale

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m., Friday, March 27

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH

LOCATION: 770 Thayer, Northville

CONTACT: (248) 349-2621 or olnorthville.org

Saturday Worship

TIME: 5 p.m.

Sunday Worship

TIME: 7:30, 9, 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

GRACEPOINT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LOCATION: The Novi Civic Center,

Council Chambers

CONTACT: Rev. Brian C. Sleeth, Pastor

(248) 497-3178 or gracepointe@mac.com,and gracepointepca.org

Sunday Worship

TIME: 10 a.m.

DETAILS: Nursery staffed by Nanny

Poppinz

OUR SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LOCATION: 140 N. Center, above Tuttle

in Old Church Square, Northville

CONTACT: Pastor Bill Burke at (734)

927-0891

Sunday Worship: 11:30 a.m. with fellow-

ship and food after service

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NOV-FAMILY

INTEGRATED CHURCH

LOCATION: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road

CONTACT: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptist-churchofnovi.org

Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.

Family Worship: 11 a.m.

Bible Study: 6 p.m.

Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth

Sunday of every month

NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY

LOCATION: 41355 Six Mile Road

CONTACT: (248) 348-9030

ORCHARD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

LOCATION: 23455 Novi Road

CONTACT: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665

Preschool/Kids Choir

TIME/DATE: 7-8:15 p.m. every

Wednesday

DETAILS: For ages three to six; ongoing

event, no need to pre-register; all are

welcome

CROSSPOINTE MEADOWS CHURCH

LOCATION: 29000 Meadowbrook Road,

south of 13 Mile Road

CONTACT: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m. to 3

p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org

Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.

Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages

DETAILS: Nursery and older children

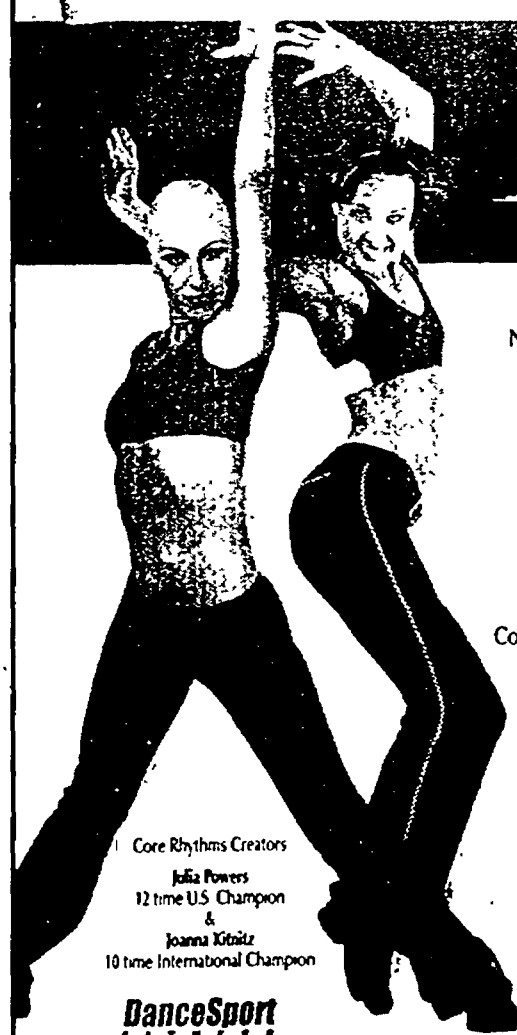
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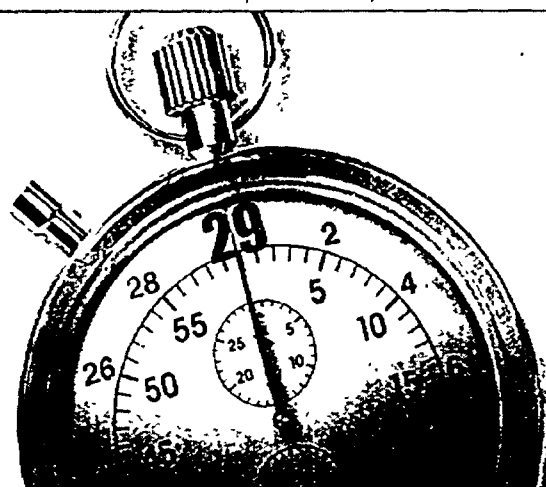
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superintendent, as his special education director.

"When I first came here in 1975," recalled Rezmierski, "she was hired as a paraeducator. She worked in the Center Program, which is Old Village School today. She was very active and very involved — and not because she was the wife of the superintendent. That's the type of person she was. I knew it right after I met her. She was a very compassionate individual who did a great job with multiple-impaired students."

Freida graduated from Logan High School in West Virginia, going on to join the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War, with an honorable discharge in 1955. From 1955 to 1957 she worked for the Atomic Energy Commission, at the University of California.

As a stay-at-home wife/mom, Freida volunteered her time to the Brownies, then the Girl Scouts and the PTA. The Spears lived in Northville from 1965-78.

She and Ray were married 53 years and had been residing in Coventry, R.I., since 1980. He is the Coventry Town Council vice president and retired superintendent of the Coventry school system.

Freida was the mother of Carol L. Crawford and Scott T. Spear; mother-in-law of Dr. Kim J. Crawford and Lisa K. Spear; grandmother of Christopher S. and Katherine R. Crawford, Colby A., Braden J., and Trenton S. Spear. She is also survived by her four brothers and two sisters.

A funeral service was held March 16 in the Christian Hill Community Church. Burial with military honors was in the Rhode Island Veterans Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to Re-Focus Inc., 1228 Westminster St., Providence, RI 02909 will be appreciated.

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Suburban Hockey Schools will conduct the popular Learn to Check clinics at several locations prior to the spring hockey season, including Kensington Valley Ice House in Brighton (March 17), Dearborn Ice Skating Center (March 24), Lakeland Arena (March 25), Suburban Ice – Farmington Hills (March 26, 28 & 31), Suburban Ice – Macomb (March 31 & April 5), Ice Box Sports Center (April 1), Novi Ice Arena (April 2), Onyx-Rochester Ice Arena (April 6) and St. Clair Shores Civic Arena (March 23).

The program is geared toward squirt players moving up to the pee wee level, as well as pee wee and bantam players who need instruction on the techniques of checking. Enrollment is limited for players age 11-14. For more information, call (248) 478-1600 or visit www.suburbanhockey.com.

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. to 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.



Pet donations

Ridge Wood school kindergarten teachers Heather Zoldak and Kim Gall wanted to make the donation experience more concrete for their students. "To begin with," said Gall, "we chose an organization that was in need, one that the children could connect to. We decided that the children could identify with the concept of helping dogs and cats, since many of them have had experience with pets. That is when we contacted the Humane Society of Huron Valley. In class the students made dog biscuits, cat toys and fleece blankets. We also asked parents to donate items that were on the Urgent list that HSHV had posted." Once everything was made and all the donations were collected, the items were to be taken to the shelter. The students and families of the a.m. (pictured) and p.m. classes were invited to drop off the items at the shelter on Feb. 21. When the families arrived at the shelter, Kelly Schwartz, director of Volunteer Programs, spent about 45 minutes talking about the shelter, the animals that it houses and how the donations would be used followed by a tour of the shelter. The students got to see some of the animals that were waiting to be adopted. The tour concluded with the students taking the donations from the kindergarten classes into the shelter and giving them to the volunteers of HSHV.

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meeting included the Civic Complex, Mill Race Village, Wing Street, the post office, Ford Plant, Cadytown and Northville Downs.

Ward pointed out that Northville is one of the few "traditional" downtowns that doesn't have its city hall within its DDA district.

RELATED ISSUES

Presley said Mill Race Village has some of the same issues as this area as far as event promotion and sees the village as a real asset to the downtown area.

He believes the city's involvement with the village should be only in event promotion, however, rather than in making capital improvements.

As for the Northville post office, Pat Sullivan, city manager, said he would like to know plans for the future before it's incorporated into the DDA. There has been some talk in the past about moving the sorting operation and leav-

ing the retail operation downtown, but nothing has happened in the past few years.

Members discussed that the two most-visited spots in Northville are the post office and CVS Pharmacy. The post office building's lease does not expire until 2011.

In the Wing Street area, which includes the west side of Wing from Main to Dunlap streets, the board said the owner of the Gardenvues property on the corner of Wing and Main streets would like to be incorporated into the DDA district.

But, there were concerns about including the rest of this area, which is a mix of residential and commercial.

BROWNFIELD AT CADYTOWN?

The board discussed Cadytown on the south end of downtown at length, with the main point being that the city would benefit the most by having this area designated as a brownfield.

Funding opportunities are abundant with brownfields, since the Michigan Business Tax credits can be as much as the tax increment financing. Brownfield funds can also

be spent on more things than DDA funds. However, a city can have a brownfield within a DDA district.

"This is going to be a very challenging area to redevelop," Sullivan said, as half of Cadytown lies in a floodplain, and several buildings would have to be demolished.

But, a local developer has said he believes the area would be a great place for a farmer's market and river walk.

"The question is, 'Do we want to incorporate it into the DDA district?'" Presley said.

The board discussed holding off on including Northville Downs as part of the DDA district for now.

Before the DDA district could be expanded in Northville, a public hearing would need to take place in which taxing jurisdictions would be notified, and the City Council would have to approve the expansion.

Presley would like to have a motion prepared on a DDA boundary expansion proposal for discussion prior to the next board meeting on March 24.

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The project includes the construction of approximately 19,300 square yards of remove and replace asphalt paving, and all related work as described in the Bid Documents. Such documents may be obtained on and after March 9, 2009, at the office of the consulting engineer, Atwell-Hicks, located at 500 Avis Drive, Suite 100, Ann Arbor, MI 48108; telephone 734.994.4000, contact Craig Kantola, PE.

No fee will be charged for bid documents – limit one set per bidder.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a cashiers check or a certified check made payable to the Charter Township of Northville, or a Bid Bond issued by a surety licensed in the State of Michigan that holds an "Excellent" or "Superior" rating from the AM Best Company, in the amount of 5 percent of the total bid price. A bid, once submitted, becomes the property of the Charter Township of Northville. The Charter Township of Northville, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to allow a bidder to reclaim submitted documents provided the documents are requested and retrieved no later than 48 hours prior to the scheduled bid opening.

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All bids must be submitted on the attached Proposal form and signed by an authorized representative of the bidder. Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope labeled "Charter Township of Northville Clerk's Office, Edenderry Hills Paving Improvements SAD".

Any further information may be obtained from the Project Engineer, Cliff Seiber, P.E., of Atwell-Hicks at 248.231.9036. Questions regarding the project shall be brought to the attention of the Project Engineer by mailed letter or by fax at 734.994.1590. Questions will not be accepted if received less than 7 calendar days before the bids are due.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

NORTHVILLE POLICE REPORT

City Moving day trouble

1 Police responded to a caller at a duplex on South Wing Street at 1 p.m. on Feb. 28 about a possible private property personal damage accident.

Upon arriving at the scene, the officer met with a 45-year-old Novi woman who was helping her daughter move out of one of the units at the address.

About an hour after parking her vehicle in the northern half of the driveway while she and her daughter loaded a van parked in the southern half of the driveway, the woman noticed that a neighbor, a 31-year-old woman, had parked her vehicle so close to the woman's vehicle that the bumpers were touching.

The neighbor then came out and moved her vehicle to the street.

Neither vehicle was dam-

aged, and neither party wanted to file a police report.

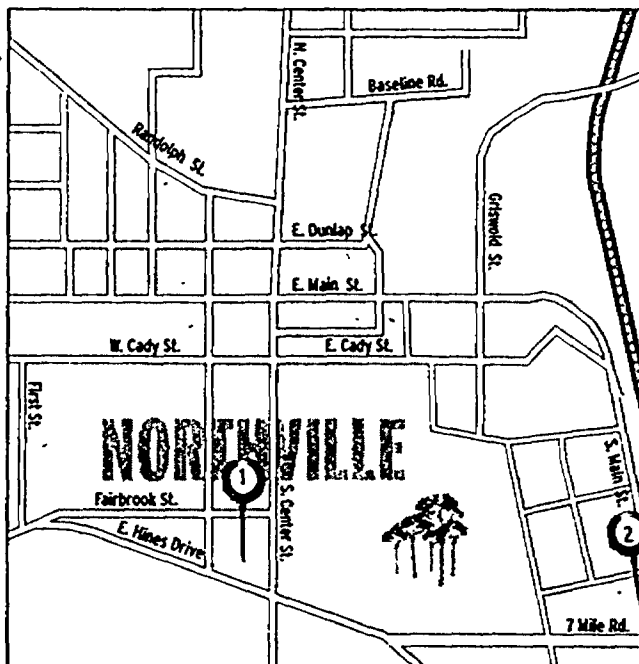
Both parties were arguing about something unrelated to the parking incident, and police had to tell them several times to stop arguing.

Operating while intoxicated

2 Police arrested a 37-year-old Northville Township woman for operating while intoxicated at 2:35 a.m. on March 6 at Seven Mile Road and Silver Springs Drive.

Police pulled the woman over because the vehicle she was driving was seen weaving within its own lane and crossed over into the center turn lane and over the fog line several times.

The woman's breath smelled like alcohol, and she said that she had consumed three beers throughout the course of the



evening.

During the field sobriety test, however, she said that she may have had four beers while at Champs Restaurant in Livonia. The woman's alcohol level was

more than twice the legal limit allowed for safe driving in the state of Michigan.

Compiled by Pam Fleming/staff writer

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE - Chapter 170

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on March 31, 2009 at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan. The Planning Commission will consider the following amendments to the Zoning Ordinance Chapter 170: Article 17 (Consumer Industrial District), Article 40 (Administration, Enforcement and Penalties), Article 41 (Zoning Board of Appeals), Article 43 (Amendment to Zoning Ordinance), Article 24 (Landscape Standards), Article 28 (Private Roads), Article 33 (Site Plan Review), Article 35 (Site Condominium) and repeal Article 3.3 A, B and C and 3.4 A (Fences). The public is invited to attend this hearing and express their comments and questions. A complete copy of the proposed changes is available at Township Hall during regular business hours, 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. Written comments regarding the proposed changes will be received by the Township Planning Commission, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. Richard Allen, Chair, Planning Commission.

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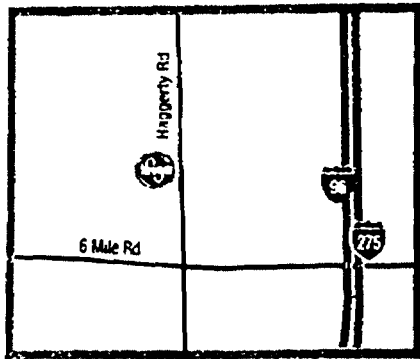
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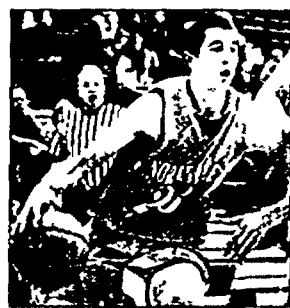
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Northville falls
to CC in district
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STATE FINALS WEEK



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEICER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Northville sophomore Kevin Bain, pictured competing during Regional competition, placed third at last weekend's Division 1 state meet at Eastern Michigan.

Northville 12th at Division 1 state swim meet

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Several Northville High School swimmers and divers made a significant splash at last weekend's Division 1 state meet at Eastern Michigan University.

A pair of Mustangs earned All-State recognition by turning in top-eight finishes in their respective events to help their team place 12th with 59 points.

Northville's top placer was diver Kevin Bain, who placed third in the diving competition with 411.70 points. The sophomore qualified for the state meet as a freshman in 2008, but didn't survive the first cut.

Bain's teammate, Will Price, also fared well, placing 12th with 338.35 points.

Also garnering All-State accolades was Ben Schoenek, who placed seventh in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 52.70 seconds.

Nate Lunn placed 12th in the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:46.48 while John Lubisco was 16th in the 100 backstroke with a clocking of 56.28 seconds.

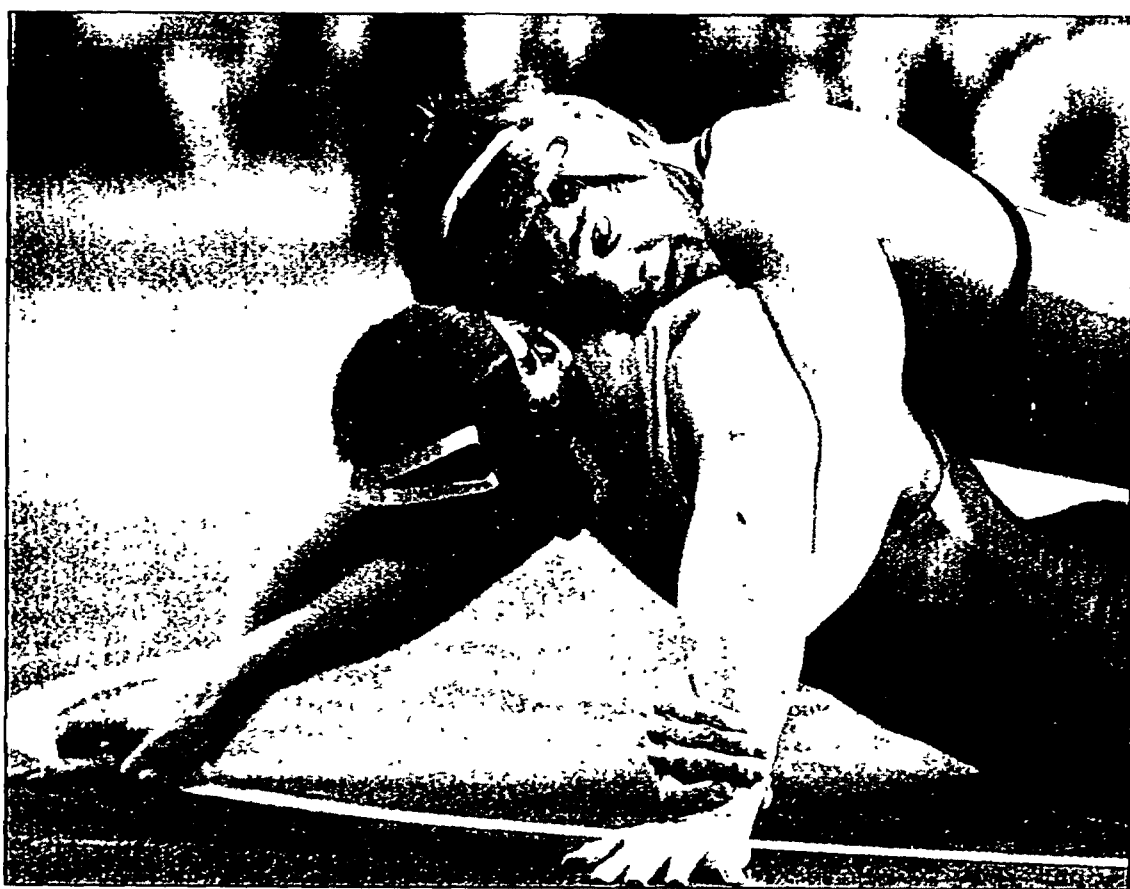
Two Northville relays contingents placed in the top 16 of their respective races. The Mustangs' 200 freestyle relay foursome placed 16th in 1:31.44 while the 400 freestyle relay quartet was ninth in 3:16.37.

Ann Arbor Pioneer nearly lapped the competition by amassing 364 points.

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Northville's Ben Schoenek placed seventh in the 100-yard butterfly at last weekend's Division 1 state finals at Eastern Michigan University. The effort earned Schoenek All-State honors.



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Northville junior Jon Nelson excelled in his first varsity season. The 145-pound grappler qualified for the individual state meet (above), where he went 1-2 and placed 12th. He's pictured above during a 16-6 loss to Clarkston's Alex Popp.

Full Nelson

Mustang junior fares well at first state meet

BY ED WRIGHT
RECORD STAFF WRITER

A few short months ago, Jon Nelson was just happy to be a varsity wrestler.

On Saturday, the Northville junior was competing with and alongside the elite high school grapplers in Michigan on the floor of an arena that only welcomes the best of the best.

Nelson was the lone Mustang to qualify for last week's Division 1 state individual wrestling meet, which was hosted by the Palace of Auburn Hills.

The experience, in his words, was awe-inspiring.

"I was fine until I walked out onto the floor for the first time," said Nelson. "Then I got a little nervous."

"To be honest, at the beginning of the season I wasn't expecting this at all. It's my first season on varsity, so I was just happy to be on the team."

Nelson represented himself well, going 1-2 with the two losses coming against All-State placers.

"I thought he did extremely well," said Northville coach Jeff Balagna. "I thought he kept his emotions in check and he didn't let the magnitude of the surroundings get to him much."

"Jon was a little nervous the first match, which is to be expected. But the two kids he lost to were both top-six finishers."

Nelson lost his opening 145-pound match to Jenison's highly regarded Jordan Alvarez, 8-2. He bounced back strong in his second match, outpointing Flushing's David Yanta, 7-4.

However, the curtain came down on Nelson's first state finals experience when Clarkston's Alex Popp defeated him, 16-6.

"To do what Jon did his first year on the varsity is awesome," said Balagna.

Nelson admitted he learned some important lessons that will aid him if he makes it back to the Palace next season.

"You have to tell yourself that it's really no different than any other tournament," said Nelson. "Everyone here is more skilled, but you have to treat it like every other tournament."

Nelson, who also is a member of the Mustangs' lacrosse team, said he'll more than likely move up to 152 or 160 next season.

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NHS gymnasts beaming following All-State effort

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Northville's gymnastics team was in "seventh" heaven Friday at the Michigan high school state meet.

The Mustangs capped a spectacular season with a seventh-place finish at the elite meet, compiling 144.675 points. Champion Grand Ledge set a state-meet record with 150.825 points to edge runner-up Livonia Blue (147.375). Farmington earned third with 147.275, Sturgis was fourth with 146.425 and Troy Athens rounded out the top five with 145.75 points.

The Mustangs made the weekend extra special on Saturday when five gymnasts earned All-State recognition by placing in the top 10 of their

respective events.

"Our team finish wasn't exactly what we were hoping for, but the level of competition this year was pretty amazing," said Northville coach Erin McWatt, whose squad placed fourth at last year's state meet. "The girls kept at it all day Friday during the team competition. We had some uncharacteristic mistakes on a couple events, but what's great about these girls is their phenomenal attitudes and ability to pick themselves right up and keep moving forward."

Earning All-State individual honors were Division 1 competitors MaKenna Pohl, Chloe Presley and Cassidy Winter; and D2 gym-

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BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Northville's Cassidy Winter, pictured during a meet earlier this season, helped lead the Mustangs to a seventh-place finish at Friday's state meet at Rockford High School.

GAME WRAPS

Ignition fall

In the first of two straight games between the two top teams in the Xtreme Soccer League, the Detroit Ignition was defeated 13-2 by the Milwaukee Wave on Sunday.

The loss dropped the Ignition to 8-7, while the Wave improved to 9-6.

Both teams have just five games remaining in the regular season, including a rematch of Sunday's game set for Friday, at Compuware Arena.

The Wave, which has tallied just one win at Compuware in three years, tied the season series with the Ignition with Sunday's win.

Milwaukee owned the game's first half, racking up seven unanswered points with goals from Marco Termini and Nilson Pernambuco. The Ignition was held scoreless for over 44 minutes — the team's only goal came at 14:16 of the third, when Zach Wilkes booted in a restart pass from Droo Callahan.

Kickoff for Friday's match against the Wave is at 7:35 p.m. at Compuware Arena. The Ignition will sport their special-edition green jerseys for the team's annual "Green Jersey" night, where fans have the opportunity to bid on their favorite Ignition player's jersey during a silent auction held during the game.

Winners of the auction will be announced at the Ignition game Friday, April 3.

College baseball

MADONNA 12, BEREA (KY.)

2: Designated hitter Scott Boyer went 2 for 5, including his first homer of the season, and added two RBI Sunday as Madonna University (15-2) belted Berea College (5-6) in a non-conference game Sunday at Derby City Field in Louisville, Ky.

The Crusaders unloaded for 17 hits and pitcher Tom Hansen ran his record to 4-0, allowing just four hits, a walk and two earned runs in six innings. Hansen struck out seven.

Robert Fraser (Westland John Glenn) pitched two scoreless innings, while Trent Pohl kept Berea off the board in the ninth.

Aaron Hacias chipped in with three hits, while Kevin Zerbo (Farmington Hills Harrison) and Matt Kay (Canton) added two each.

Mike Gansser and Shawn Litte (Canton) each knocked in two runs.

Berea starter Trey McMillan, who gave up two earned runs on nine hits in 6 innings, took loss.

MADONNA 13, SPALDING (KY.) 2: Matt Kay (Canton) went 2-for-4 with a homer and three RBI Saturday as the Crusaders downed host Spalding (2-16) at Derby City Field.

Shawn Little added two hits and three RBI, while Kevin Zerbo and Aaron Hacias each contributed two hits and two RBI.

Winning pitcher Jeff Sonnenberg (3-1) went all seven innings, scattering seven hits. He struck out four and did not allow a walk.



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Shamrocks shake Mustangs in district semifinal, 83-43

BY ED WRIGHT
RECORD STAFF WRITER

It's a wonder the heat emanating from Novi Catholic Central guard Brett Smith's right hand didn't make the sprinklers turn on in the Novi High School gymnasium Wednesday night.

Led by Smith's hot hand, the Shamrocks rolled to an 83-43 victory over Northville in a Class A District semifinal tilt.

The senior sharp-shooter sparked the winners' 20-9 first-quarter roll by draining his first three triple attempts and four of his first five shots to finish with a game-high 27 points — 21 of which came in the first half.

CC earned a rematch with Novi in Friday's District final, which they won going away.

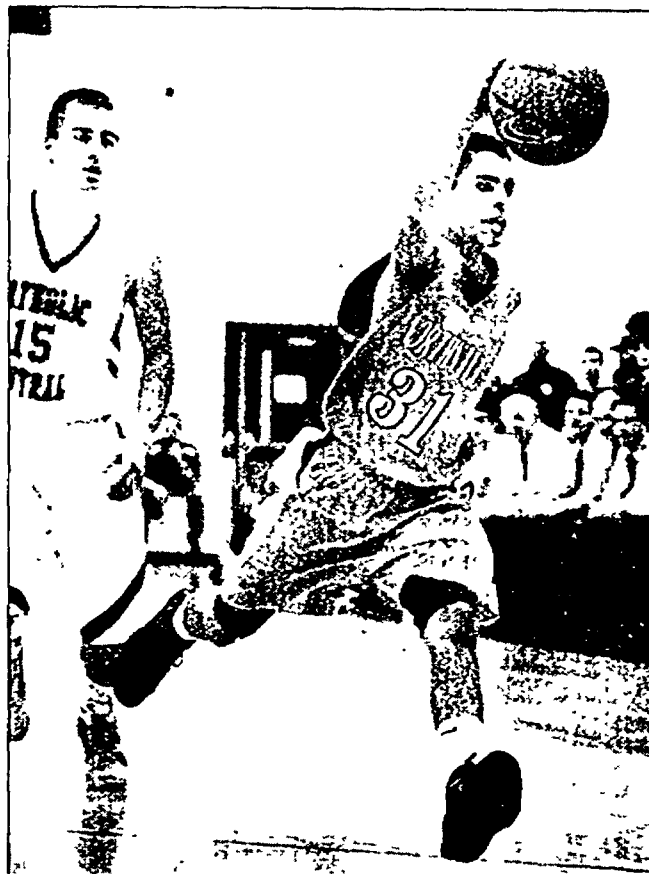
"We got beat by a senior-heavy team that is very good," said Northville coach Todd Sander. "In a lot of ways, they're where we want to be in a couple of years. They had a lot of younger players up like we did two years ago."

"Although we didn't end the season with a good game, I hope the kids remember this season for what they accomplished leading up to the last game. We won five of our last six games with a very young team, so I'm very encouraged about the future."

CC coach Bill Dyer said his team's defensive play had a lot to do with its high shooting



Northville's Tim Hasse is pictured taking the ball to hoop during last week's District semifinal game against Novi Central Catholic.



Northville's Bryce Groshek, pictured trying to corral a pass, led the Mustangs with 18 points in their 83-43 loss to Novi Catholic Central in last week's Class A District semifinal game at Novi High School.

percentage.

"We played really good defense, which allowed us to get the ball down the court quicker and get easier shots," said Dyer, explaining his team's sizzling 16-for-23

shooting during the opening 16 minutes. "Playing in the league that we do, we're battle-tested, which helps us in the post-season. We're in a dog fight every Tuesday and Friday during the regular season."

When we come out here, the game doesn't seem as physical as we're used to."

The setback ended the Mustangs' season at 8-13. Sophomore Bryce Groshek was the lone bright spot for

Northville, netting a team-high 18, including a half-court triple just before the half that reduced his team's deficit to 41-23. Scott Wagner, one of just two seniors on the Mustangs' youthful roster,

added seven points.

Senior Steve Harding and freshman Matt Doneth added 12 and 11 points, respectively, to the Shamrocks' cause. Senior Tim Dezelski chipped in with eight points and eight boards.

"Brett, Steve and Tim have been kind of like our 'Three Amigos' this season when it comes to scoring," said Dyer. "Any of them could go for 30 while the other two sacrifice their points for the betterment of the team. Or they could go 16-15-14."

"Tonight it was Brett's turn to shine."

CC shut down any hopes the Mustangs may have of a second-half rally by scoring the first four points of the second half to go up 45-23. The Shamrocks eventually outscored their younger foes, 23-5, in the third quarter.

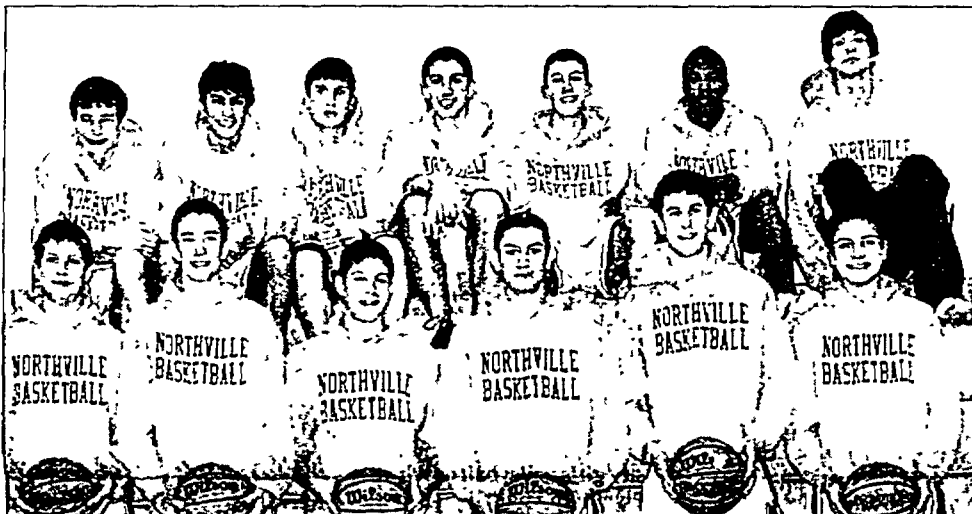
"They're a very young team and I think Todd (Sander) has done a great job with them," said Dyer. "I was in the same spot two years ago when we had three of these kids up on varsity as sophomores. You have to go through the process. They'll get a lot better, just like we did."

CC cooled off a tad in the second half, but not much. They finished hitting 31 of 54 field goals (57 percent) while the Mustangs connected on just 16 of 43 shots (37 percent).

The Shamrocks made 14 of 26 free throws (53.8 percent). Northville was 8 of 12 from the line (66 percent).

Magnificent Mustangs

Northville's freshman boys basketball team defeated Plymouth in overtime 48-45 on Feb. 26 to put the wraps on a highly successful 17-3 season. The KLAAC Central Division champion Mustangs were mentored by head coach Chad Dickens and assistant coach Bret Turner. Andrew Wright was the high scorer against Plymouth with 17 points and Jeffrey Hewlett contributed 17 points to lead the team to victory against Walled Lake Central, 54-50, in the season's second-to-last game.



Whalers head into OHL's postseason

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Sunday's Ontario Hockey League regular-season finale between Plymouth and Sarnia proved to be much more than a pre-playoffs tune-up for both teams.

The Whalers' 6-1 triumph earned the OHL's hottest team home-ice advantage in the their first-round, best-of-seven playoff series against the Sting that faces off Saturday at 7:05 p.m. at

Compuware Arena.

Sunday's resounding victory improved Plymouth's fourth-place Western Conference record to 37-26-5-0, two points better than fifth-place Sarnia, which finished 35-26-4-3.

On paper, the Whalers are favored to advance to round two based on their 4-1-1-0 mark against the Sting this season. They also carry a load of momentum into Saturday's opener, having won 15 of their last 20 contests.

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Splendid season

Pictured above is the Northville High School girls hockey team, which finished its season 9-2 following last week's 1-0 loss to Cranbrook-Kingswood in the quarterfinal round of the Michigan Metro High School Girls Hockey League playoffs. The Mustangs were the lone team to defeat Grosse Pointe South during the regular season.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Colts, Stallions player registration

Registration opportunities for new players and cheerleaders interested in playing or cheering for the Northville Colts and Stallions youth football programs will run from March 11-25.

The programs are available for kids between the ages of 8 and 14.

More information is available at the Web site www.northvilleyouthfootball.com.

The teams for which the youth will be placed on are based on the school district he or she resides. The Colts coverage area includes Hillside, Amerman, Moraine and Thornton Creek; while the Stallions area encompasses Meads Mill, Ridgewood, Silver Springs and Winchester.

A limited number of new player openings are available. Placement will be determined via a lottery if the number of registrations exceed capacity.

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Boys and girls travel lacrosse teams are forming for the spring season in Northville for boys in grades fifth through eighth; and girls in grades sixth through eighth.

Players of all skill levels are invited to participate.

The boys season will run from March 18 through May 31 and cost each player \$285. The fee includes games, practices, tournaments and a jersey. Practices will be held Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The season will include 16 games and two tournaments.

The girls season will run from April 7 through May 31 and cost each player \$145. The girls will practice Tuesdays and Thursdays, and their season will include six to eight games.

Madonna expands Hall of Fame

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jerry Abraham now has company in the Madonna University Athletics Hall of Fame.

The MU women's volleyball coach, who was enshrined as the first-ever charter member in 2004, will be joined by four new inductees for the 2009 Hall of Fame class, which will be honored June 13 in a ceremony on campus.

Women's soccer All-America Jen Barker (Livonia Stevenson), volleyball All-America Kelly McCausland (Redford Union), baseball All-America Aaron Shrewsbury and former MU president Sister Francine Van de Vyver will comprise the inaugural class.

"The founding of our Hall of Fame is another step forward in the development of our program," MU athletic director Bryan Rizzo said. "It is particularly exciting to have such a prestigious class of inductees. This is truly a hall-mark moment for Madonna University athletics."

Barker, who played from 1998-2001, was a member of the first women's soccer team in school history and was named first-team NAIA All-America in 2000 and earned Defensive Most Valuable Player of the 2000 NAIA Women's Soccer National Tournament.

The two-time NAIA All-America Scholar Athlete is currently the varsity girls soccer coach at Livonia Franklin High School.

McCausland (1993-96) was a two-time NAIA first-team All-America and three-time All-Region selection. She ranks third all-time at MU for kills and appears on the top ten list in 15 different volleyball records.

She is currently the varsity girls volleyball coach at Plymouth High.

Shrewsbury (1996-99) was named first-team All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference twice and owns six MU all-time records including homers (48), batting average (.397), runs scored (195), hits (240), doubles (58) and RBI (195). He also was a two-time NAIA All-America Scholar Athlete.

Shrewsbury is now a Taylor police officer.

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Northville's Allison Kemp, pictured during a meet earlier this season, earned All-State honors at Saturday's individual state meet.

GYMNASTS

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nasts Allison Kemp and Amy Reynolds. Amy O'Brien also qualified for the D2 individual state meet.

Pohl and Presley tied for 10th on the balance beam with a score of 9.25. Presley also tied for ninth on the uneven bars (9.25) and third on the floor (9.5). Her all-around total of 37.35 was good for sixth in the state.

Winter also tied for eighth on the balance beam with a 9.325.

In Division 2, Kemp was fifth on the beam (9.275) while Reynolds placed ninth on the beam with a 9.05.

"I would say our biggest

accomplishment at states this weekend was putting up six individual finalists — both D1 and D2 girls — on Saturday and having five of them be recognized as All-State athletes," said McWatt. "Five of the girls of competed on the balance beam, and all five nailed their routines. Beam is our strength and it truly showed in these marvelous athletes' routines on Saturday."

"This weekend really was a great finish to one of the best seasons Northville has put together in several years, and for the banquet I'm looking forward to updating our record books. The fabulous All-State finishes the girls posted at individuals on Saturday was just icing on the cake."

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Catholic Central rallies past Stevenson 43-39

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

The teacher managed to lead off his former student Monday during the regional opener at Lakeland as CC beat Stevenson 43-39.

Catholic Central head coach Bill Dyer coached Stevenson's skipper Mike Allie back when both were at Stevenson.

The first half belonged to Allie's bunch, holding a 15-12

lead in a massive attempt to slow the game down and negate a size advantage for the Shamrocks.

"I played for coach Dyer at Stevenson. I love the guy like a brother," Allie said. "He got me in round one of the battle."

"I assure you we'll see him again in regionals, and I'll find a way to get him."

The second half belonged to Catholic Central, outscoring the Spartans 31-24 in the final two quarters to stay alive in

the state playoffs.

The Shamrocks hit just four of 25 shots in the first half. Luckily for them, the Spartans were 6-for-17 shooting, staying within three at the half.

Stevenson opened up a six-point lead in the third quarter before the momentum swung wildly to the Shamrocks.

CC's Steve Harding scored the final five points of the third quarter, helping the Shamrocks to a 24-23 lead heading into the fourth.

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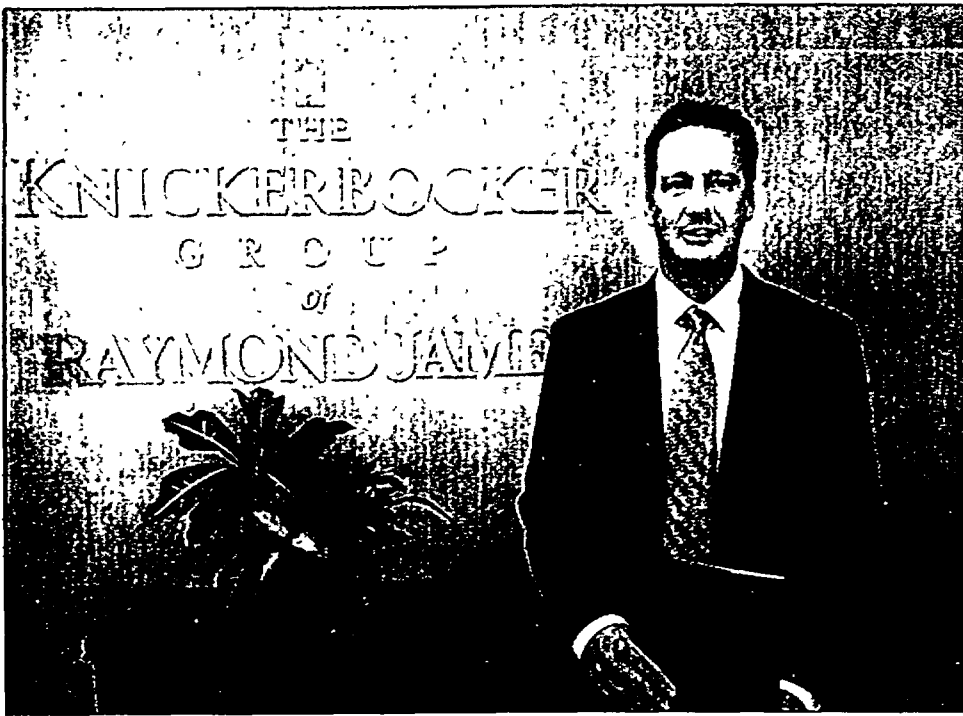
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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A WITH TODD KNICKERBOCKER



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Todd Knickerbocker, of the Knickerbocker Group of Raymond James investments in Northville.

Todd D. Knickerbocker, senior vice president, Investments, for The Knickerbocker Group of Raymond James in Northville, has received many recognitions, including:

- * February 2009 - Included in Barron's "Top 1000 Financial Advisors" for all 50 states including the District of Columbia (ranked 24th in the State of Michigan).

- * October 2008 - Ranked number 15th in Crain's Detroit Business "Top 20 Financial Advisors".

- * November 2007 - Included in Crain's Detroit Business "Top 25 Wealth Advisers" (ranked 12th).

- * December 2006 - Ranked 19th nationwide in On Wall Street's "Top Advisors Under 40".

How did the business start?

I graduated from Hillsdale College in 1989 with a bachelor's degree in Finance. I was hired by Edward Jones the day before I graduated. Growing up in Canton, I was aware of the surrounding metropolitan area. I chose to locate in Northville at that time due to its uniqueness, small town atmosphere and the fact that there was not a NYSE firm here at the time.

I built my business from meeting and greeting as many people in town as I could. From January of 1990 to March of 1991, I personally door-knocked almost every house in Northville and Northville Township at the time. By showing a personal approach, I was able to establish trust and confidence with many people and built my clientele. I chose the industry as I genuinely like to work with individuals and believed I could offer a valuable service over time.

How has it changed since it opened?

When I first came to town, there were about three to five individuals who practiced in the same profession as myself. Today, I would guess that number in Northville and the

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township is about 50. The pie has grown larger, but there's more competition, too. What hasn't changed is the fact that over time one must diversify and buy quality. Obviously, the last six months have shown that loud and clear!

What makes your business unique?

My business is unique in a number of ways. First, the Knickerbocker Group has been in town longer than any other New York Stock Exchange firm. We cater to working with individuals in this area. About 80 percent of our clientele is from Northville or the township. The other 20 percent come from surrounding communities via referral or have retired to other parts of our country. Second, The Knickerbocker Group is affiliated with Raymond James and Associates out of St. Petersburg, Florida. Our company prides itself on the fact that we have maintained our "independent" culture since our founding in the early 1960's. Being independent allows the advisor to work with any and all financial tools and investments that might be appropriate with a particular client's need. This trait has been shown in the tremendous growth of our firm over the last 30-plus years. Lastly, almost 100 percent of our compensation is derived via fee's vs commissions. I strongly feel that transparency and client needs are best met when the relationship between the client and the advisor is driven

by fees versus commissions. Simply put, the clients we work with are being provided a service that is based on advice, not based on the sale of a product.

How has the recent economy affected your business?

The economy has had a direct effect on our business. First and foremost, it has resulted in the market's dramatic decline over the last six months - not to mention the anxiety and fear it has created in the investors mind. On a positive note, our clientele has grown over the last six months. We believe this can be attributed to several factors. Our clients continue to refer business to our office; we have helped many clients who have been unhappy at their current firm (both service levels and account performance); and many investors who managed their own portfolio prior to the past six months have been seeking our professional guidance.

Any advice for other businesses?

Be proactive. In this environment, you cannot wait for business to come to you. You must seek it out! Continue to ask your satisfied customers or clients for referrals. Be optimistic. This economy will improve - the only question is how long will it take! Since 1933, every recession has been followed by an economy that has recovered and gone on to better days. This is a fact. People do business with optimistic people. You have to be optimistic.

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

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NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

Curves food drive

During the month of March, Curves of Northville will participate in the 11th Annual Curves Food Drive to benefit local food banks. Collectively, over the past five years, nearly 50 million pounds of food were distributed to local communities all over the world through the Curves Food Drive.

Curves of Northville is also giving back to the community by waiving its normal service fee for any new member who brings in a bag of non-perishable groceries and joins through March 28. This promotion will help the women of Northville manage their weight and their wallets by joining Curves for free, while also helping feed hungry people in the community.

"The Curves Food Drive is always exciting," said Leslie J. Rosaen, owner of the Northville club, located at 42965 Seven Mile Road.

"We have a chance to help so many people at a time when the food banks are lowest. Especially during these uncertain times, this food is needed more than ever. It's a win-win situation for everyone, and we're very proud to participate. All of our donated food will go to Civic Concern, Northville's local food bank, which is located right next door to us."

Others wishing to donate may drop off non-perishable food items at Curves Monday through Friday during business hours through the month of March. For more information, please call Leslie Rosaen at (248) 344-4466.

Hiller's hosts Food Fair

Continuing its mission to showcase local foods, Hiller's Markets will host its first Michigan Foods Fair, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. March 21-22, at its Commerce Township location. The store will be packed with more than 30 vendors hawking home state products — from milk and meat to cereal and cleaning supplies.

Hiller's has long been committed to showcasing locally-made, grown and produced food items like Garden Fresh Salsa, Pioneer Sugar, Guernsey Farms Dairy, Olga's Kitchen, Bareman's, Better Made, Hamilton Eggs, Old Orchard juices, Michigan navy beans, Polly's Pastries and more.

For months, the grocer has been featuring Michigan companies in its biweekly circular, and identifying Michigan products with smiling-mitten-state shelf tags.

"Buying and selling Michigan products boosts the local economy," says Jim Hiller, CEO of the 68-year-old company. "That helps our state economy and the families who live here. I have always been dedicated to working together with good people and good companies close to home."

Every vendor at the two-day food fair will demo their product, provide samples for shoppers to taste and exhibit signs with information about where the company is located and how many people they employ.

Hiller's groceries are located in Ann Arbor, Berkley, West Bloomfield, Northville, Plymouth, Commerce Township and the new 52,000-square-foot store at 3010 Union Lake Road in Commerce Twp. Call (248) 363-8718.

Business workshops offered

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars in offered by the Oakland County Business Center. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford. For location specifics and pre-registration, call (248) 858-0783.

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Taste of Northville

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Condos/Townhouses 4020

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WALLED LAKE 2 br wbsmt, garage, C/A, washer/dryer Clean! \$800 248-910-1077

Duplexes 4030

BRIGHTON 11345 Ford Rd. 2 br. washer/dryer, small pets okay! \$705/mo 810-623-2034

FOWLERVILLE. Ranches & 2 story, 2 br., washer/dryer hook up, \$600/mo - \$750/mo Sec. Deposit specials! Bad credit okay 248-302-8629

HARTLAND - 2 br ranch units, a/c, garage, no pets Start \$675/mo, 1/2 rent for 90 days w/13 mo. lease 734-497-0960

HOWELL 1/2 off 1st mo rent, \$750/mo 2br, 900 sq ft., Section 8 OK. Pets extra, 734-320-4410

NEW HUDSON 1 br 1 bath, private entrance, lg yard. Pay own utilities. Immediate occupancy! \$420 security \$395/mo 248-437-1660

NEW HUDSON Spacious 2 br \$4990 Grand River No pets \$600/mo + sec 248-437-2196

Northville- 2 bdrm, quiet, near downtown. Recently updated Must See! \$595/mo + security No dogs 248-474-2096

NORTHVILLE Studio apt with bsmt. No pets/smoking, \$535 mo 248-349-4437 after 5pm

PINCKNEY On 2 acres, 2 br. washer/dryer, Pets OK. \$675/mo 517-404-8456

SOUTH LYON 2 br., air, washer/dryer, shed and water/lawn service \$685 810-923-4313

SOUTH LYON 2 BR. appliances, NO PETS! \$550-675/mo 248-437-0600

SOUTH LYON - Recently renovated, cozy 1 br cottage, off, \$450/mo, \$250 sec dep. Low utilities, no pets, convenient parking 248-486-5886

WALLED LAKE Rent from \$465-\$600 1 & 2 bdrm, water & heat paid Very quiet! Move-in Special! 248-982-3281

Homes For Rent 4050

BRIGHTON, 3 BR., attached garage Lake privileges \$1,200/month. 810-599-0694

BRIGHTON 3 br ranch, 2.5 car alt garage, lake access \$1000/mo+sec 810-225-4540

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Homes For Rent 4050

HAMBURG - 8522 Rushnew. Lake access. All new, 1,200 sq ft., 2 br., 1 bath, garage fenced yard \$850/mo No pets 810-231-4863

HARTLAND M-59/US-23 area Newer 4 br., 2.5 bath, 2,055 sq ft., a/c, 2 car attached garage Unfurnished bsmt. \$1900/mo. + \$1900 security No smokers/pets Avail Now! 248-535-0369

Highland 3 bdrm 4050

HIGHLAND 3 bdrm \$750/mo 248-568-8900

HOLLY 3 bdrm ranch w/ garage, \$695/mo 248-568-8900

HOWELL, 3 BR., 1 bath, c.a., new paint. Very clean. Large yard & deck. 1/4 mile from xway \$800/mo 734-878-3961

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MILFORD - Downtown Small 1 Br home on river \$795/mo 248-933-5436

NORTHVILLE 4 Br. 2 bath, great room, family room 2 car garage \$1,295.00/mo (248) 374-7700

Novi/Walled Lake Schools 3 br 2 bath 1100sq ft. Appliances included, lg yard \$975/mo 248-926-1249

REDFORD Immaculate 3 bedroom, dining room, finished basement, 2 car \$1075/mo 248-421-6833

SOUTH LYON 2 BR. basement, NO PETS! \$700/mo 248-437-0600

WALLED LAKE - 2 Br. lake access, 2+ garage, appliances \$850 248-470-7352

WHITMORE LAKE 2 br., laundry, all appliances, lake access, fenced in yard, A/C, like new inside! \$750 517-861-0014

Lakefront/Waterfront Homes Rental 4060

BRIGHTON 2 br Lk. Chemung Bsmt, garage 6035 E. Gr River \$845/mo 810-229-9844

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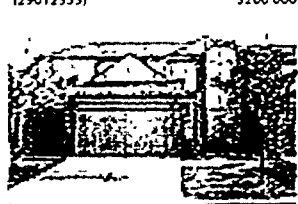
Ann Arbor 734-455-7000
GREAT COMMUNITY CONDO IN ANNI ARBOR! 2BR, 1.1 BA, fin bsmt, 1 car gar. Great kitchen w/dn area & door walk to the patio. Lots of updates! Love the location - close to shopping mall & express way!
(29025132) \$584,997



Belleville 734-455-7000
LAKE FRONT HOME ON BELLEVILLE LAKE! No need for a vacation home. Here's the best of both worlds! 3BR 2BA lake front property w/ 30 deck, hot tub, pool & 75 boat dock - all on Belleville Lake
(29028965) \$290,000



Canton 248-851-1900
3BR 2BA HOME W/ LARGE FENCED BACKYARD! Overlooks nature preserve! Wood floors in foyer & dining room, kitchen & hall. Master suite w/ marble bath & large A/C
(29012355) \$200,000



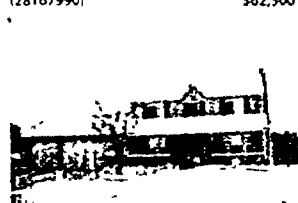
Canton 734-455-7000
SUFFER LOCATION! NEVER ADOR PET TESTED! Huge deck backs to pond. Open floor plan. Vaulted ceiling w/ skylights overlooks GR from huge kitchen w/ countless possibilities. Master suite w/ separate shower & tub
(28194482) \$139,900



Canton 734-455-7000
SHAPE RANCH CONDO! Very nice 2BR private end unit ranch in North Canton. Remodeled kitchen, bath, full basement under whole unit. Best spot in complex!
(29008595) \$74,900



Canton 248-348-6438
Sparkling Clean 2 Bed, 2 Bath Condo Features Custom gas fireplace, new furnace, private fire yard, LG WC in master BD & all appliances stay. Private courtyard. Steps away from pool & clubhouse
(28167990) \$62,500



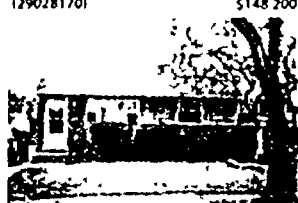
Commerce 248-684-1065
Great location on over 1.2 acre 4 story foyer HDND FRs, GR w/ gas FP, open kit & rock FF laundry. MER, FIN W/O sun room, deck 3 car garage
(29009765) \$219,000



Eastpointe 248-288-2900
Almost new 3 bdrm colonial. Vaulted ceilings in 1st bdrm, first laundry
(28181479) \$51,900



Farmington 248-348-6438
A Gem Close To Downtown! Many recent updates. Kitchen with granite roof, windows, bathroom. HAH! year round Florida room finished lower level plumbed for second
(29028170) \$148,200



Garden City 734-591-9200
Quiet, Comfortable Neighborhood! Looking for 3 BR Bk Ranch 2 Car Gar. Fin Bsmt HWY KIT redone w/ granite & ceramic Fl in 07 Bltn Cab in bsmt off - w/ bsmt new paint in 09 New Cbr emerald spa 2 patios
(29021948) \$128,900



Green Oak 248-437-3800
Just listed! Woods! Great Workshop! W/O Bsmt! Make this home a wonderful find! Custom gourmet kitchen w/ cherry cabinets, granite counters, fireplace & hardwood floors
(28198501) \$369,000



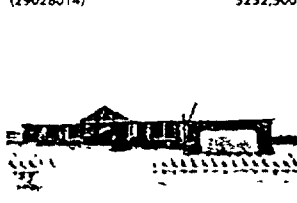
Green Oak 248-437-3800
Wooded Retreat Like Setting! Custom built, lrg windows span back to view the natural area. Appraised 2007 for \$438,000. Argon filled windows & skylights, high eff furnace, Prof Fin W/O
(28205138) \$269,900



Green Oak 248-437-3800
Just Listed! 2 story home in sought after Woodcrest sub. Home features 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, partially finished W/O LL. Treed backyard
(29027073) \$236,900



Green Oak 248-437-3800
Just Listed! Welcome to this clean, well maintained ranch. Updates include corian countertops in kitchen, ceramic tile floor, newer windows, & A/C. Open floor plan
(29028014) \$232,500



Green Oak 248-437-3800
The Perfect Country Ranch on 1.27 Acres! Built new in 2004 & still like new inside. Offering spacious & open floor plan. Lrg spacious master suite, home office, lrg country kit w/ center island full bsmt
(28197587) \$209,900



Highland 248-684-1065
All sports private Long Lake in Highland! Over 4000 sq ft in Highland Shores Estates. Meticulously landscaped. Fin bsmt, circle dr, cbrn ceilings
(29009932) \$549,000



Highland 248-684-1065
Beautiful home! Quality materials & trim details. 10' HDWD FRs & staircase, granite & natural cherry kitchen, SS appl, bonus 4th rm, 150 on All Sports Du Lake
(28198231) \$499,900



Highland 248-684-1065
Lovely updated lakefront home in Seven Lakes Sub. Open floor plan. Oak kitchen, wood floors, kitchen custom fireplace, ceramic tile in kitchen
(28124712) \$349,000



Highland 248-684-1065
Walkout ranch on over 6 acres w/ 40x40 pole barn w/ 12x12 office w/ heat & AC. New gourmet kitchen. Master suite w/ jet tub & WC. Fin doors to FR w/ FP. Much more!
(29004908) \$199,000



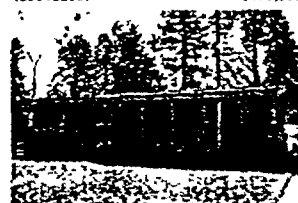
Highland 248-684-1065
On all sports priv. Duck Lake. Main lake view! Great for yr round or cottage. Maint. 1st floor exterior. Fenced yard w/ 1.5 garage. Lake side deck. Appl stay
(29004468) \$184,900



Livonia 734-591-9200
Colonial listed in Mayflower Estates. Grt cbrn appls shows like a model home. New hwd flrs in LR & DR. Updated granite BA. 5 kit. Nrt decor. Fin bsmt. Lrg grt room w/ gas fireplace. Bkld w/ btk patio. Mstr BA w/ skylight
(29019413) \$249,900



Livonia 734-591-9200
Grt Fam Hme w/ 4 BRs, 2BAs & 1 Lav. Col style htm w/ Dn Rm, eat in kit, Laundry & FR w/ fireplace. All BRs are upper w/ Mstr BA. Full bsmt w/ 95% complet. 2 car att garage. Fenced yard, above grnd pool
(29012296) \$179,900



Livonia 248-851-1900
UPDATED RANCH ON A COURT IN LIVONIA 3 bedrooms 1 1/2 baths full finished basement. Hot tub fenced yard 2 car garage sidewalks. Move right in!
(28071438) \$143,500



Livonia 734-591-9200
SELLERS RELO FORCES SALE! Well kept 3BR Bk Ranch w/ open floor plan & vaulted ceiling. Fin bsmt w/ 4th BR, new roof, prime private location, low traffic backing to Park, patio 2 car dr garage
(29031546) \$119,900



Livonia 248-348-6438
Highly Desirable 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath 1st floor condo. No stairs to climb! New kitchen, carpet, paint & all appliances stay. Set in a private wooded location just steps away from pool and clubhouse
(28162574) \$65,000



Livonia 248-684-1065
3BR, 2BA open floor plan brick ranch 2 pole barns w/ cement flr & 12' rein for rod. 3 phase pwr serv. lav. Cabana wired for hot tub. Above grnd pool
(28186464) \$360,000



Livonia 248-684-1065
Home with 3.9 acres. First floor laundry. Unfinished basement. Two car attached garage with side entry. Dining living and family rooms. Library/study
(29017806) \$334,900



Livonia 248-684-1065
Country setting beautiful move in ready ranch home on 2.36 acres across from Highland Rec Area. Huge FR w/ fin w/ OLL. Barn hay loft, private
(29007050) \$319,900



Livonia 248-684-1065
Beautifully maintained w/ many extras! On 2.58 acres. Lots of privacy & trees. New roof, new cedar shake & trim, granite baths, W/O bsmt, wet bar
(29007408) \$234,900



Livonia 248-684-1065
Well maintained home on 1.5 wooded acres. Huge LR w/ hwd flrs. DR w/ D/W to covered porch. Oak kit. Spacious FR w/ D/W to deck. 1st flr main 2 car gar
(28171749) \$189,900



Monroe 248-288-2900
Awesome brick home! Tastefully decorated 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath tudor home. Updated kitchen, new roof & windows, recently painted. Hwd flrs, fin bsmt w/ fireplace, spacious living room w/ fireplace
(28192562) \$126,900



Northville 248-348-6438
Beautiful Remodeled 2006 Historic Home in downtown Northville. Abundance of windows, fabulous new kitchen, elegant dining & living room. Great room, family room & 3 porches. A spectacular home!
(28191049) \$524,900



Novi 248-348-6438
Exquisite Custom Built Cape Cod! Exceptional home with attention to every detail. 3 BRs, loft, 3 FP, study & den. 2 story foyer, GR & Family RM. Fabulous master suite. Custom design and decor
(29002853) \$849,900



Novi 248-348-6438
Beautiful 2 Story Condo living! 1,936 sq ft of comfortable condo living! Charming KIT, elegant 2 story DR, den w/ bay window, lg mstr, daylight basement. 2 car att side entry garage & deck
(29024853) \$229,900



Novi 248-348-6438
Move Into This Beautiful Novi Colonial! Numerous updates! Granite KIT, w/ SS appl, newer CA! Updated half BA! Large deck w/ PRIVY yard. Part Fin BSMT! Walking distance to High School Library & city hall!
(28187400) \$199,000



Novi 248-348-6438
A try 2 Bedroom Condo. Enjoy this neutrally decorated condo. Just move in.
(28192661) \$87,000



Novi 248-348-6438
Great Find, 2 Story End Unit. Many updates, 3 BD 2.5 BA, part fin BSMT. All appl, CA, blinds, 1 car gar. Newer furnace. Pool, clubhouse. Close to w/way. Condo faces large front yard. Neutral
(28168705) \$1,750



Plymouth 734-455-7000
DISTINCTIVE AND ARTFULLY ELEGANT! A former builder's model, this home has it all: cherry cabs, hwd flrs, upgraded ceramic tile, grt decor finishes. Fin bsmt, prof landscaping w/ Paver patio
(29031795) \$375,000



Plymouth 734-591-9200
Spacious Ranch in Deer Creek, Very Open Flr Plan. Lg kit & BFT rm all hgt appls stay. Grt Rm w/ FR & W/O lg deck. Mstr BR w/ BA has roll in shower. Home has handicap access w/ ramp from gar to bsmt
(29009792) \$309,900



Plymouth 734-455-7000
THINK YOU'VE SEEN IT ALL??? Hold on for the winner! Back to a meadow, hilly w/ bird songs, & a tiny little furry one's scooting hither yon. Try the arched porch. Or tarry in the w/O LL
(29026934) \$286,000



Plymouth 734-455-7000
STYLISH BRICK CAPE COD! 3BR/2.5BA on premium lot radiates quality & charm of a custom build. Upgrades incl kit w/ maple cabs, GR w/ FP, hwd flrs, custom wndw treatments, paver patio
(29026220) \$275,000



Bedford 248-348-6438
Picture Perfect Home! Hard to beat the price of this beautifully updated brick ranch, new KIT, totally remodeled bath, new interior & exterior doors, freshly painted
(28015035) \$94,000



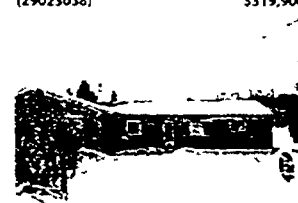
Remond 248-288-2900
Great Opportunity! Own this 2 yr old home at a great price. 4 bdrms, 2.5 baths. Just needs some elbow grease and kitchen rehab
(28167307) \$93,586



Royal Oak 734-455-7000
UPDATED ROYAL OAK CHARMER! This 3BR/2 full BA bungalow boasts updates aplenty. From the front door to newer roof, mstr BA, hwd flrs, Corian oak kit, 2 car gar, fin bsmt. This one's a 10!
(29029897) \$165,000



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Carriage Trace "Aberdeen Model" Offering spacious gourmet kitchen, great rm w/ soaring ceilings, extra lg front study. Jack & Jill bath, oversized 3 car garage and finished basement
(29023638) \$319,900



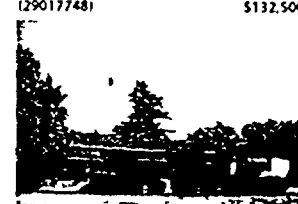
South Lyon 248-437-3800
All Sports Lake Front Ranch! This chain of lakes is a well kept secret, beautiful tranquil area close to everything. 3 BR, 2 BA, updated kitchen. Move in condition. Estate Sale
(28094869) \$249,900



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Great Opportunity for 1st Time Hm Buyers. This beautiful home is ready for you to move right in, and offering quick occupancy. Tasteful decor thru out. Fabulous open floor plan. Some recent updates
(29029494) \$159,900



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Charming Home In Great Neighborhood! Lrg deck, hot tub & stream in backyard, near trails, woods & park. Natural fireplace, oversized garage w/ high ceiling & door. Part fin bsmt
(29017748) \$132,500



Southgate 734-455-7000
SPACIOUS AND GRACIOUS! Huge rooms (35x15 kitchen) to home w/ private mstr FR w/ stunning brick hearth invites you to get cozy. Oversized 2 car gar has lg workshop & priv fenced yd
(29028802) \$229,000



Van Buren Twp 734-591-9200
Remodeled 3BR RCH New roof, windows, KIT remodeled. New HWY and C/A. Unit updated. Bath has jetted tub. Updated plumb and elect. All on 1/2 acre. Seller will incl Home Warranties! 550 Deductible. BA comm is 3.5%
(28188084) \$79,900



Walled Lake 248-684-1065
Enjoy over 100 ft ft on all sports Commerce Lk. Water views from all rooms plus canal front at rear 3 BR Ranch w/ neutral decor and many updates!
(29005969) \$400,000



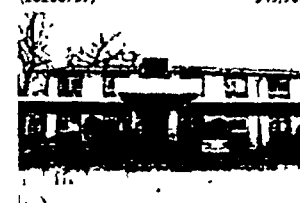
Walled Lake 248-348-6438
Open Modern Floor Plan, Walk To Lake! End unit backs to woods. Open floor plan, formal DR, Great RM w/ gas FP. Fin W/O BSMT w/ REC RM, mstr KIT, 1/2 BA, pool table. MSTR STE w/ DBL closet & organizer
(28204424) \$175,000



Westland 734-284-5400
JUST REDUCED! Like new private entrance Condo. Prof painted. New carpet thru out. New flooring in kitchen & entry. 2 bdrms, 2 baths. Full bsmt. Private deck. Well cared for
(28116624) \$89,900



Westland 248-348-6438
Best Buy In Westland! Updates Galore! Newer furnace, air siding, roof, tankless HWH, concrete & 2+ garage w/ lift. Fenced yard. Updated KIT, BA, plumbing, electric. Near City Hall. Home Warranty!
(28206757) \$49,900



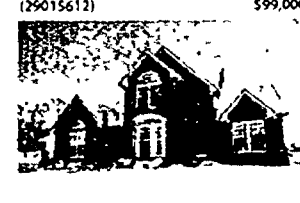
Westland 248-348-6438
WHY RENT WHEN YOU CAN OWN? 2 BD condo comes w/ an awesome view of the woods! Incl microwave, dishwasher, fridge, & stove. Livonia Schools. Pool & Clubhouse. Close to Westland Mall
(28205988) \$45,900



Westland 248-348-6438
End Unit Colonial With Livonia Schools Clean & move in ready. Updated KIT w/ oak cabs. All appliances. Freshly painted BSMT. 1 car gar. Sub pool & clubhouse. Close shopping & expressways. For Lease
(29011903) \$1,000



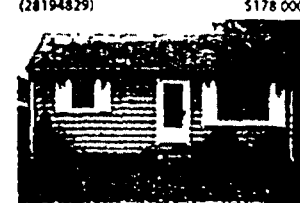
White Lake 248-684-1065
White Lake Canal! Affordable home to call your own! Close to main body of lake. Wooded, good size lot. New roof, well pump. FP. Or \$650 Mo lease
(29015612) \$99,000



Wisconsin 248-348-6438
Beautiful Home Inside and Out! Freshly painted. Light bright Barry Gracious MSTR STE w/ WC. Bath w/ shower & soaking tub. Composite deck & stamped patio overlook park, woodland, wetland
(29006054) \$279,400



Wisconsin 248-348-6438
Absolutely The Best! 3 BD 2 BA home w/ 30' Great RM, a granite & maple island KIT, Fieldstone FP & sits on a premium common lot. Stamped patio, fenced yard & huge carpeted REC room
(28194829) \$178,000



Wyand 248-437-3800
Bank Owned Good starter home for 1st time home buyer. One car detached garage. Home is sold "as is" condition. Buyer must pre-qualify through lender known to seller
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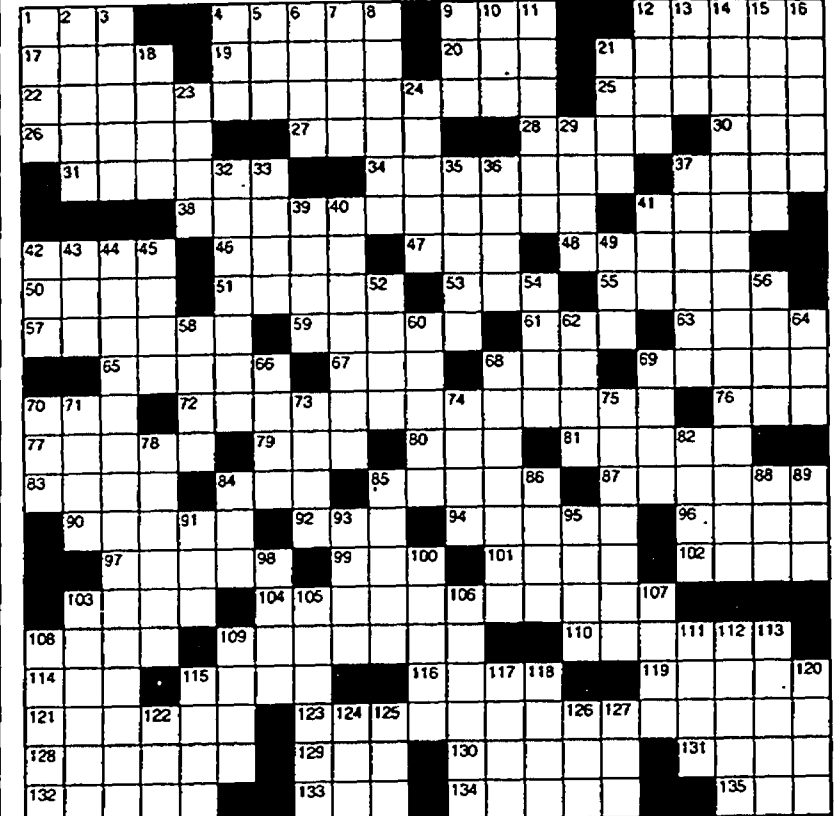
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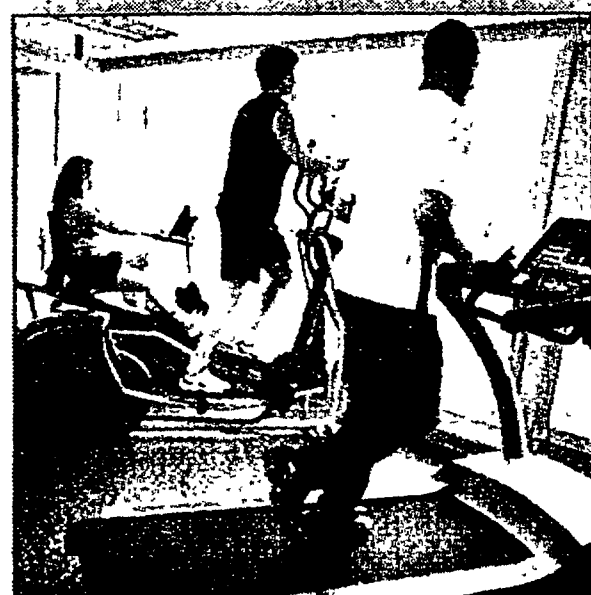
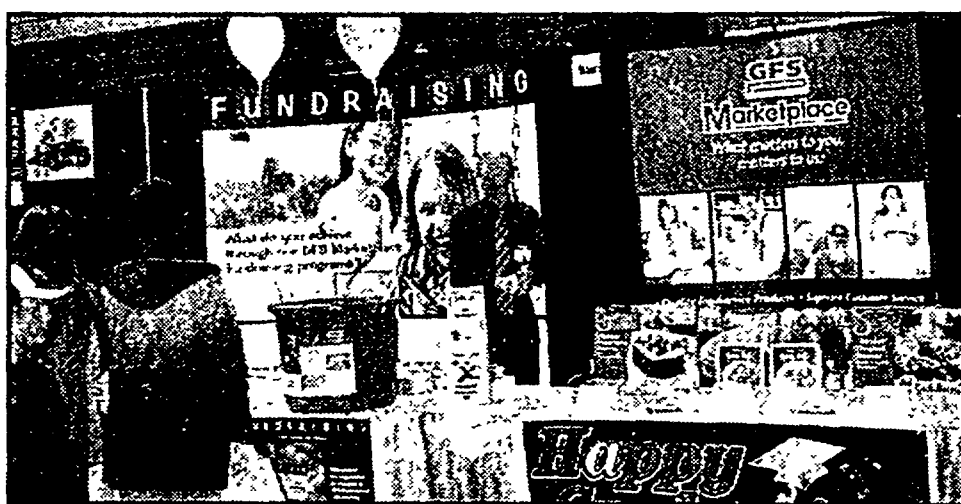



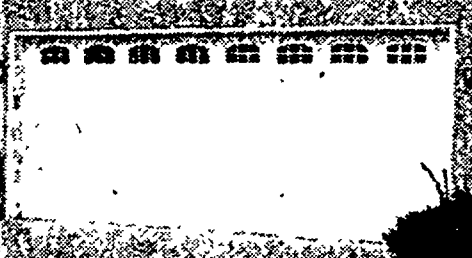
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Huron Valley Taste & EXPO back for its 16th year

It's that time of year again — a myriad of business owners will come together to preview their talents, expertise, goods and services at the 16th Annual Huron Valley Taste & EXPO on Sunday, March 29. The EXPO, put on each year by the Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce, is designed to showcase local businesses and area restaurants. Back this year is a mix of Huron Valley's finest.

"The 'Taste' portion of the show has really spiced things up the last few years and provides guests an opportunity to sample great food from some of our local eateries," said Laura Bolyard, Office/Events Manager for the Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Restaurants providing taste samples include: 59 West, Picasso of Pizza, Joe's Café, Mediterranean Breeze, Americus Coney Island, La Casa del Rio Grande, Mystic Creek, The Comeback Inn, Gordon Food Service, Milford House Bar & Grill, Little Caesar's, The Red Dog Saloon and Milford Family Restaurant. Guests will receive an ample number of "taste tickets" with their paid admission, and restaurant booths will be mixed in with other businesses to visit during the event. Attendees are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food donation for Community Sharing on Sunday, and they will receive \$1 off the price of admission (limited to \$1 off per person).

Businesses new to the Taste & EXPO this year include New Energy Solutions, Rising Stars Child Care & Learning Center, Tallon Construction, Prestwick Village Golf Club, Szott M-59 Dodge, The Silver Bone, Milford Dermatology and Diversified Signs. From doctors to dentists, child care services to senior services, credit unions to chiropractors — the EXPO features all the goods and services area residents need. New event sponsors include Genisys Credit Union and Renewal by Andersen, along with longtime event supporters The Milford Times, Huron Valley Pools & Fitness, LaFontaine



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The Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce staff is ready to help the community in any way it can. Pictured are (from left) Yvonne Peak, Laura Bolyard, Joell Beether and Michele Tucholke.

Automotive Group and General Motors Proving Ground.

New to the event this year is a craft show section featuring unique art, jewelry and the like from talented local crafters. "The craft show adds another dimension to the event, providing local crafters a new venue to showcase their creations and something new and exciting for guests to enjoy as well," Bolyard said.

Since 1962, the HVCC has aimed to promote and support Huron Valley businesses. If something's going on in the area, there's a good chance that the chamber is somehow involved. Besides the Taste & EXPO, the chamber organizes the annual Milford Memories Summer Festival, the Huron Valley Egg Hunt (to be held Saturday, April 4 at Duck Lake Pines Park in Highland this year), the Huron Valley Christmas Parade and the Business/Citizen of the Year program. Chamber members are listed on the chamber's web site at www.huronvcc.com and in the Membership Directory & Buyer's Guide. Ongoing mixers, such as The Coffee Club,

Mingle in May Membership Mixer, the annual Chamber Golf Outing and President's Dinner Dance allow members to network in a casual setting. Member-only benefits including mailing list labels, group rates for health

insurance, a Member 2 Member discount program, free notary service and popular ChamberBucks gift certificate program.

"A strong Chamber helps create a strong community — it's this principle that guides us as we work hard to be a vital business ally in the Huron Valley community," said Joell Beether, Executive Director. The chamber staff includes Executive Director Joell Beether, Office/Events Manager Laura Bolyard, Membership/Sponsorship Manager Michele Tucholke and Executive Assistant Yvonne Peake.

On Saturday, March 28, the Business 2 Business Pre-Show event takes place from 5-8 p.m. Complimentary tickets are mailed to EXPO exhibitors as well as Chamber and Highland Business Association members. Additional tickets may be purchased at the chamber for \$10 each. New to the venue this year from 6:30-7:30 p.m. will be guest speaker Michael Jeffreys of The Yes! Network, presenting "Staying Up in a Challenging Economy" — stories and strategies on improving your business outlook. Individuals and businesses alike are encouraged to enjoy and/or participate in a chili cook-off held during the evening as well.

The Huron Valley Taste & EXPO is open to the public from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 29 at the Milford High School Field House, located at 2380 S. Milford Road in Highland. Visit www.huronvalleyexpo.com or contact the chamber at 248-685-7129 for more information.

— By Alison Bergsieker

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General Motors Proving Ground gears up for 85th birthday

For the GM Proving Ground, this is a noteworthy year.

A 100-year birthday for GM was recognized last fall and this year our local Proving Ground marks its 85th year of testing vehicles.

As notable as the company's history has been so far, the GM Proving Ground has its sights set on the future.

"We're in the midst of some pretty tough times right now. That's pretty clear," said Gerald Wilson, GM spokesperson. "We have great products that have gained a lot of respect with customers and the media. But, our future is going to be dependent on developing products that meet the needs of our customers."

The GM Proving Ground plays a crucial role in the development of vehicles that run on alternative fuels like ethanol and hydrogen, rechargeable electrical systems and combinations of systems for hybrid vehicles.

"We are making significant progress in these areas," Wilson said. "We are well-positioned to continue to be the center of the corporation's testing expertise for the foreseeable future."



And it is Milford that is home to the hub of this development, also serving as the site for testing and validating parts and vehicles, both pre- and post-

production. Sitting on 4,000 acres that straddle Milford and Brighton townships, the GM Proving Ground is arguably the Huron Valley's most prominent work place — with an employee base 4,200 strong.

Celebrating its 85th anniversary, the GM Proving Ground has established itself as a solid partner within the Huron Valley business community and has maintained a strong presence in community-based events. Since 1992, for example, GM has provided sponsorship for the Huron Valley EXPO.

"As a member of the Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce, we have an interest in the local businesses. Though we don't 'retail' like most other businesses that attend the EXPO, we are part of the business community. And we certainly support our local businesses," Wilson said. "The township and the chamber are good to us. We try to be good neighbors, and support these important relationships," Wilson said. "And this really is a challenging and exciting time for all of us to be in business."
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Business Description:
Restaurant & Banquet
Facilities
Offering at EXPO:
Serving appetizer items

AccuNet Web Services

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paul@accunet.biz
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Business Description:
AccuNet Web Services is a
web site development and
consulting firm that special-

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ness Internet needs. A partial
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e-commerce and merchant
accounts, database applica-
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www.americanlaser.com
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M - F from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
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info on our services

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— Taste Exhibitor
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coney island restaurant with
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Anytime Fitness

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Milford, MI 48381
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milfordmi@anytimefitness.com
Business Hours: Office Hours:
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Sat from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.;
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Business Description: 24
hour Co-ed fitness center
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equipment.

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Business Description:
Specialists in orthodontics for
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Business Hours: M, W, F from
8 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 2 - 6:30
p.m.; Sat. 9 - 11 a.m.
Business Description:
Family chiropractic practice
Offering at EXPO: Free
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massage. Special introduc-
tory offer

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www.BrightonGlass.net

BrightonGlass@comcast.net
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Sat from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
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Complete line of all glass
products for your home, busi-
ness or auto. Mirrors, show-
ers doors, glass for decks
& railings, furniture tops or
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Chris Baker
1451 S. Milford Road
Highland, MI 48357
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Local community credit union

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Fax: (248) 685-9484
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melissa.orear@mail.house.gov
Business Hours:
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Business Description:
Congressman McCotter is
the Federal Representative
for the 11th Congressional
District of Michigan. Melissa
O'Rear will be representing
the Congressman, assist-
ing constituents with any
concerns or needed assis-
tance with federal agencies.
Congressional literature
about the district & DC
offices and federal agencies
will be available.

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Sharon Behrend
& **Debi Peterson**
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LaFontaine's eco-friendly dealership awarded for high standards

Michigan's first eco-friendly dealership is setting the bar high in environmental construction standards — and it's made a successful home right here in Highland Township.

LaFontaine Automotive Group's eco-friendly dealership on Highland Road, just west of Hickory Ridge Road, recently received certification from the U.S. Green Building Council through its Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program for its incorporation of energy efficiency and innovative dealership design.

"We are General Motors' first Gold LEED certified dealer in the nation, so that's a huge accomplishment for us," said Kelley LaFontaine, Specialty Operations Manager.

To achieve Gold certification status, LaFontaine constructed a geo-thermal dealership that creates heat from ground water instead of using natural gas or electricity.

The 63,000-square-foot dealership also achieved high marks for sustainable site development that is water, energy and atmosphere efficient with

indoor environmental quality and design.

But leading the way in environmental construction standards is not the only success this year for LaFontaine — they've also made a happy home in the Huron Valley region and recently were ranked No. 1 in Buick, Pontiac and GMC sales in the north central region and No. 2 across the nation.

"We opened on June 2, 2008, and we've been well-received in the community," LaFontaine said. "Despite negative reports about the auto industry, we're holding strong and we're holding our head out. We want to keep on going and we still stand on a foundation of working with the community and treating our customers with the utmost respect. We're a huge family-based store and we really try to portray that."

The dealership's variety of services is really what makes it unique.

Where else can you get a \$9.95 oil change and a manicure at the same time while shopping for a car?

Lady La's Boutique and Salon along with Ooh LaLa Bistro-Café have been

a huge success since the site's opening in June. The café features daily lunch specials, the seating area has six flat screen TVs with a child play area and a 450-gallon salt-water aquarium. The boutique is stocked with unique gift items including flowers, bags, clothing and jewelry — making the LaFontaine dealership an all-in-one shopping experience.

Back again this year as sponsor of the Huron Valley EXPO, the LaFontaines also participate in other community-wide events, such as Milford Memories and Sparks in the Park. The family is also involved with a variety of organizations including the National Kidney Foundation, Special Olympics and the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

The dealership is located at 4000 W. Highland Road in Highland Township and can be reached at 248-887-4747. The site features Buick, Pontiac, GMC and Cadillac. The family's other dealerships include Chevrolet, Honda, Hyundai, Toyota, Scion, Kia, Suzuki, Dodge, Chrysler and Jeep.

By Alison Bergsieker



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LaFontaine Automotive Group is proud to be Michigan's first eco-friendly dealership, located on M-59 in Highland Township.

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Business Description: Cruz Hearing is a complete hearing aid store from sales to services including hearing tests and sales and services on hearing aids.
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Digital Document Store, The

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Fax: (248) 493-0301
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sales@DSISigns.com
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Business Hours: 24/7
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Business Description: Entry doors, garage doors, interior doors and windows.

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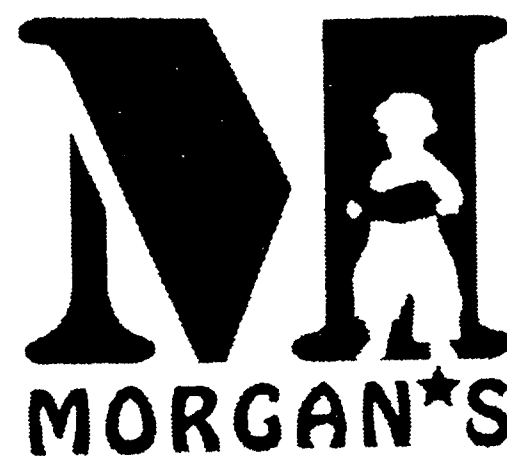
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lhanneman@genisyscu.org
Business Hours: M - F from 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Business Description: Community credit union where you come first. Now 25 branches to serve you including White Lake and new Commerce branch opening in 2009.

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This year, as people are staying closer to home, why not try a home improvement project that involves little effort, makes your house more beautiful and efficient and can provide benefits for years to come — Replacing your windows.

Beauty, comfort and energy efficiency are excellent reasons to replace your old windows. Not to mention, when windows are old, leaky and don't work properly, they can also be frustrating to operate.

If you've determined it's time to seriously consider a window replacement project Paul Delahunt, president of Renewal by Andersen, says replacing your old windows is easier than you

performance are to look for an ENERGY STAR® label and a label from the National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC).

Choosing ENERGY STAR qualified windows can help reduce your energy bills by up to 15 percent, according to ENERGY STAR.* The NFRC label shows a window's U-Factor, which tells you how well the window keeps in heat. U-Factors generally fall in the range from .20 (most energy efficient) to 1.20 (least energy efficient). The lower the number, the better the window is at keeping heat in. In colder climates, a U-Factor of .30 or lower is recommended to get the most energy efficiency from your window.

vinyl. Because of the unique blend of materials, composite windows do not need ongoing staining or painting to maintain their natural beauty, saving you time and money.

In addition, today's window technologies offer a new generation of low-maintenance glass, featured on Renewal by Andersen® replacement windows, that helps reduce dirt build up and water spots on your window's exterior when activated by sunlight — making your view better and cleaning easier.

Choose a reputable company that provides installation and warrants it

Quality installation is a critical component of any successful window replacement project. Even the highest quality windows will under-perform if installed incorrectly. That's why Renewal by Andersen includes professional installation as a key part of their window replacement process, offering homeowners the ease of working with one company throughout their entire window replacement project. In addition, the company provides a limited warranty on both its products and installation.

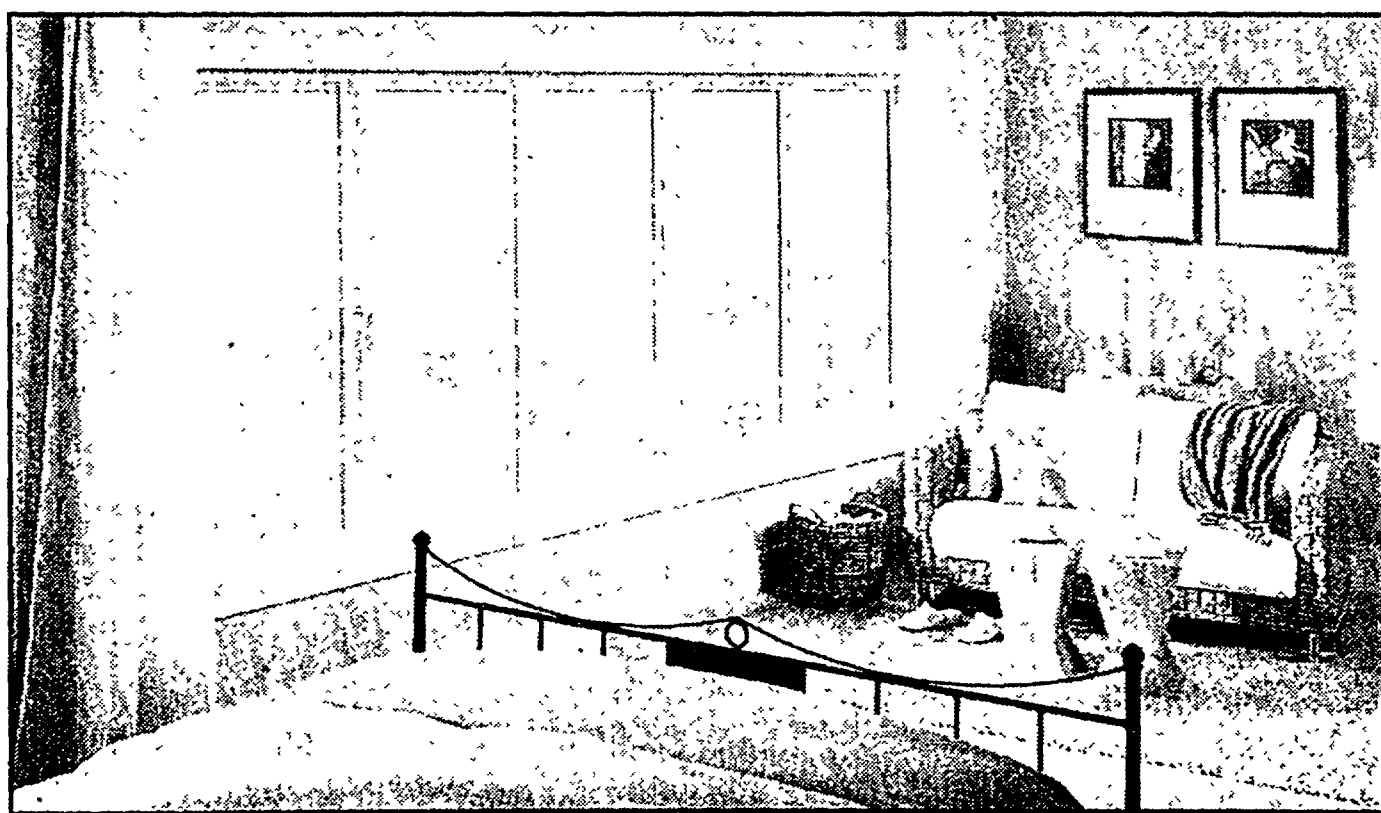
Eliminating those uncomfortable drafts and unsightly windows is a great way to start the year. Armed with the knowledge to make the right window replacement decision for your home, you can easily commit to making this the year to make your home more beautiful, comfortable and energy efficient.

For more information on replacement windows and energy efficiency, visit www.renewalbyandersen.com or call 800-630-5838.

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think, and offers the following considerations to help make your project as easy as opening a new window.

Choose windows that are energy efficient

Traditionally, poor performing windows and doors have been the weak energy link in homes, often accounting for up to 40 percent of a home's heat loss during the winter. Make sure you choose windows with energy-saving benefits. Two simple ways to check a window's energy efficiency and per-

Choose windows that offer low-maintenance

Today, homeowners can choose from several framing material options including wood, vinyl and composite frames. Because ongoing maintenance can be daunting, many of today's homeowners are looking for windows that require little or no maintenance.

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Highland Business Association

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www.thehba.net
info@thehba.net
Business Description:

Business Advocacy Organization

Highland Explorer Post #28

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Business Description: Community organization for youth interested in fire fighting as a career choice.

Highland Veterinary Hospital

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highlandveterinaryhospital@yahoo.com
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Business Description: We provide compassionate and thorough veterinary care for your family pets. Services include preventative care, diagnostics, surgery, dentistry, boarding and daytime emergency care.
Offering at EXPO: Veterinary products & raffles

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Lisa Fomer
109 Legato Drive

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pam@huronvalleyconnection.com
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www.hva.org
jtrojan@hva.org
Business Hours: 24/7
Business Description: Huron Valley Ambulance is a nationally accredited non-profit ambulance service providing emergency paramedic services, non-emergency ambulance transportation, mobile intensive care, wheelchair van, special event coverage and emergency medical education
Offering at EXPO: Andy the Ambulance for children's entertainment

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Business Hours: M - F from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Business Description: A strong chamber means a strong community - inspiring growth through vision and determination. For more information about joining the Chamber or ongoing benefits and services, please call the office. Proudly serving Commerce, Highland, Milford and White Lake for 47 years!
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Office hours: M - Th from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., F from 8 a.m.

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Business Description: Huron Valley Pools & Fitness offers two comprehensive 98,500 sq. ft. community aquatic and fitness centers. Each has a competitive and recreation pool, a 5,000 sq. ft. fitness center with weight and aerobic equipment, a 1/9 mile indoor walking / running track and a field house.

Huron Valley Schools — Recreation & Community Education

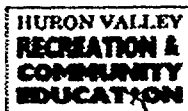
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Business Description: School District - Student achievement, providing a safe and effective learning environment, career preparation and accountability are the hallmarks of the Huron Valley Schools.

Huron Valley State Bank

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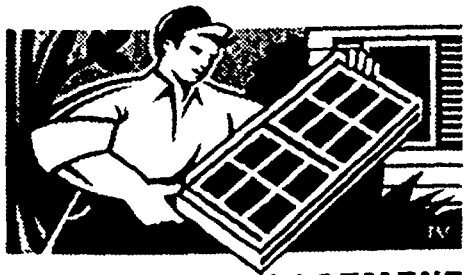


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While many banks are struggling under the current economic conditions, Genisys Credit Union branches across Michigan and out of state continue to support and assist their members.

Close to home, many Huron Valley residents are securing their finances at the White Lake branch of Genisys Credit Union, formerly T&C Federal Credit Union, located at 3671 Highland Road.

"We are committed to the Huron Valley community," said Lon Bone, Genisys Vice President of Public Relations and Community Involvement. "We are actively involved in various events year-round in the White Lake, Milford, Commerce, Highland and Wixom communities."

As a sponsor of this year's Huron Valley Taste & Expo event, Genisys will showcase its extensive list of services with a focus on its efforts to increase lending during tough times.

Genisys Credit Union's various locations provided residents a combined \$9.7 million in auto loans in January, and further upped its auto lending in December to \$10.3 million.

"While other financial institutions have cut back on lending, we have not," Bone said. "Through our Millions to Lend initiative, we continue to lend in the community whether it be for mortgages, home equities or auto loans."

More than one thousand credit unions nationwide have partnered with General Motors Corp. and Chrysler Corp. in an Invest in America program, allowing credit union members discounts on vehicles.

"In the month of January, Chrysler Corp. reported 40 percent of all its vehicle sales sold through credit unions under this program," Bone said.

Genisys Credit Union, headquartered in Auburn Hills, has consistently

received a 5-star Bauer Financial Rating for safety and soundness for its overall company finances.

"As a non-profit financial cooperative, all profit made by the company goes back to its members in the form of higher rates on savings, lower rates on loans and lower rates on fees," Bone said.

The company's Board of Directors is composed of unpaid volunteers, and every member is welcome to attend and vote at the board's annual meeting.

An extensive network of ATMs across the country serves as an added convenience.

"We have more than 28,000 ATMs nationwide that our members can use without paying a surcharge," Bone said.

Genisys Credit Union offers three savings clubs designed to help kids and teens learn the valuable fundamentals of saving and managing money. The clubs are free and they make learning about money fun.

The Moola Moola Club, designed for children ages 7 and younger, teaches good savings habits. Kids get an official membership card and club certificate, a prize pick from the treasure chest, quarterly statement about their

account activity and quarterly prize drawings. Visit www.moolamoola.org for more information.

The Youth Investors Club, designed for children ages 8-12, is a fun way to learn about managing your money and how to make it grow. Kids get an official membership card, a prize pick from the treasure chest and quarterly newsletter and account statement. Visit www.youthinvestors.org for more information.

The Teen Advantage Club for members ages 13-17 is a helpful tool for the financial basics, provides answers to questions and assists teens in man-

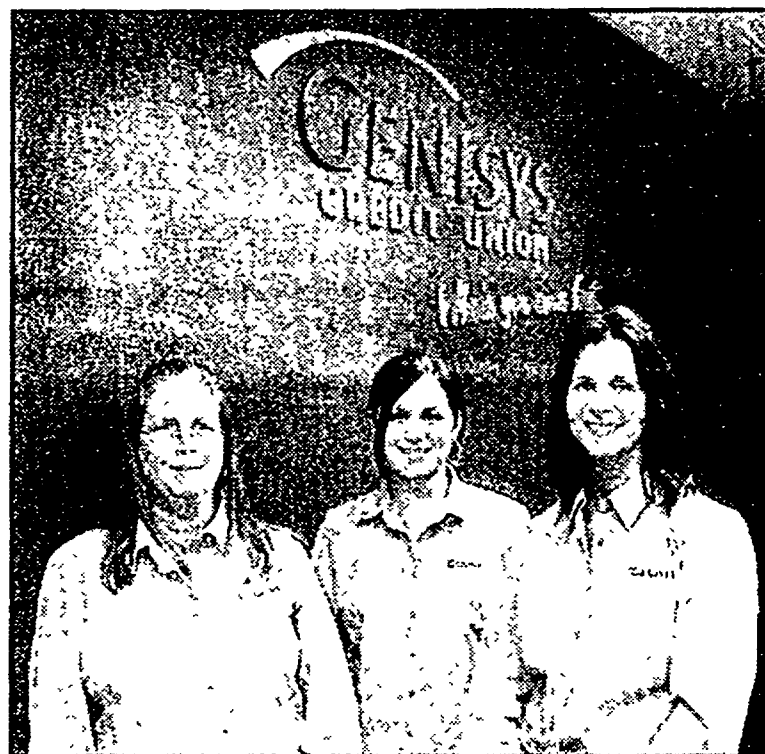


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The Genisys Credit Union White Lake branch is open to Huron Valley residents. Pictured are (from left) Jeanine Stewart, Becca Miller and Branch Manager Linda Hanneman.

aging their money. Benefits include a membership card, Teen Venture Magazine, monthly financial education, quarterly statement with a savings share account, monthly statement with a checking account and on-going quarterly prize drawings. Visit www.teenadvantage.org for more information.

"We've got more than 15,000 young people ages 17 and younger in our kids' programs," Bone said. "Several of our branches partner with schools to run training sessions about writing checks, managing savings accounts and other programs."

Virtually any resident who lives, works, worships or goes to school in Huron Valley is eligible to open a savings account for \$5 at Genisys Credit Union.

Genisys Credit Union also plans to open a Commerce branch this spring, adding to the locations accessible to Huron Valley residents.

"In this environment, we're expanding," Bone said. "And we'll continue to be play an active role in the communities we serve."

— By Alison Bergsieker

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New programs, a convenient Web site and modernized fitness centers at Huron Valley Pools & Fitness can help any individual, family or business with a busy schedule find time for fitness.

Huron Valley Pools & Fitness features two fitness centers stocked with cardio and weight equipment, competitive and community pools, field houses for up to three team sports at a time, walking and running tracks, classes and more at both Milford and Lakeland high schools with something to do for members both young and old.

Understanding the current economic conditions, Huron Valley Pools & Fitness has maintained reasonable pricing packages again this year in an effort to make its services available to everyone in the community. Individual memberships start as low as \$20 per month and can be paid on a month-by-month basis rather than in a bulk sum.

"We haven't raised prices in more than two years due to the economy," said Jeffrey Muck, district director of recreation and community education. "This is a feature that our members asked for and we've had a really positive response from it."

In addition, Huron Valley Pools & Fitness now offers a monthly membership fee withdrawal option, allowing individuals and families purchasing one-year memberships to have their fees automatically charged to a credit card.

The Lakeland High School facility has recently added 15 new cycling

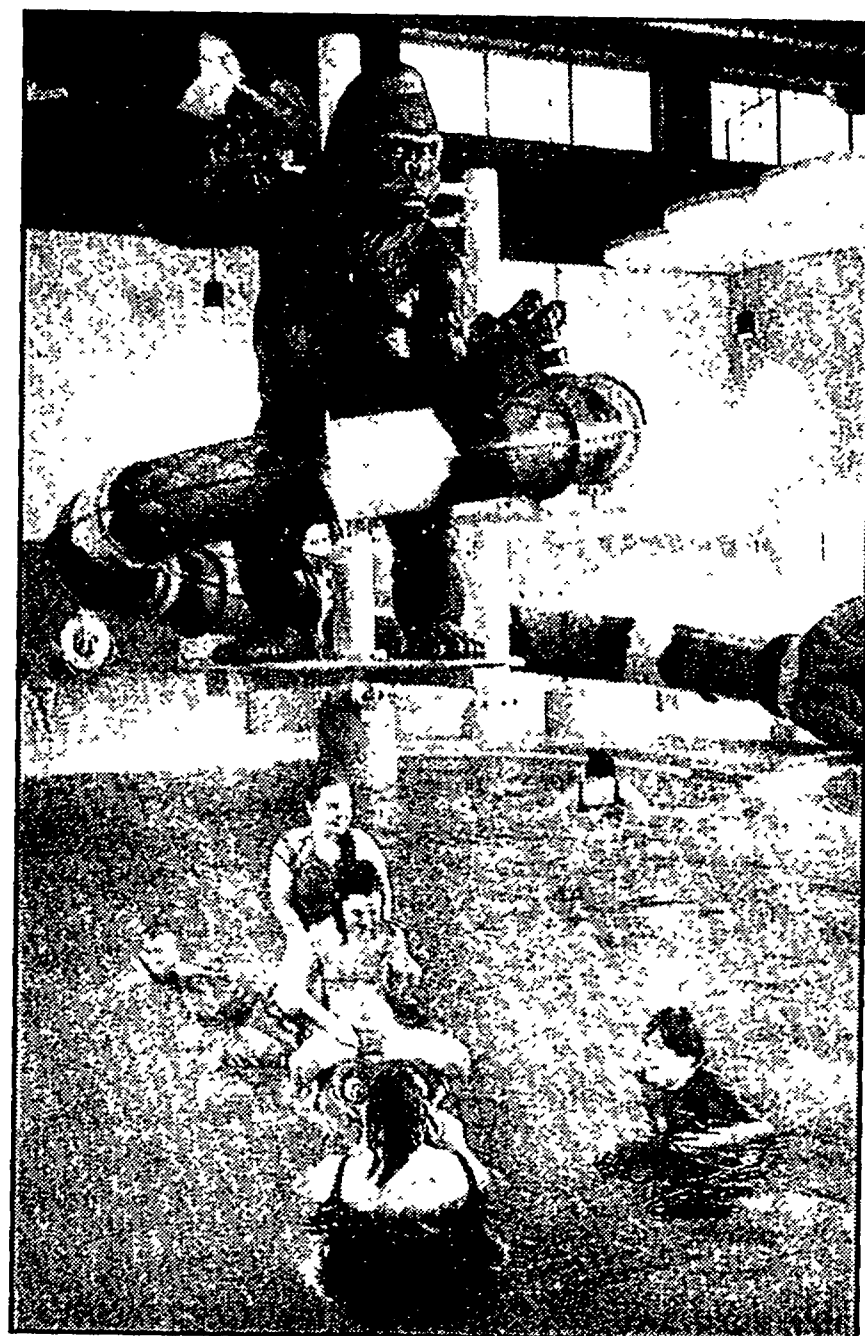


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Swim with a 16-foot gorilla or slide down a giant water slide at Huron Valley Pools & Fitness' Milford High School facility.

bikes and is running cycling classes in the early mornings, daytime, after school, nights and weekends year-round.

A variety of mind and body fitness classes are available on a weekly schedule, including Burn and Firm, Yogalates and Yoga, Fit Flex, Cardio Core, Workout 101, On the Ball, Boot Camp, Below the Belt, Stretch and Tone and Pilates.

For added convenience, members can now register for classes online at www.huronvalleyrec.com.

The new Web site features information about memberships,

facility scheduling, pool parties and rentals and more.

Corporate membership packages with discounted rates are now available for businesses, with opportunities to schedule classes at the fitness centers' two locations — or in your office!

"In today's economy, everyone is looking for a little bit of help, and we want to encourage businesses to assist their employees in having healthy lifestyles, whether that's offering a discount to members or offering classes on site," Muck said.

Lastly, childcare is available year-round for students ages 2.5 through 6 at the Apollo Child Care Center, and full-year pools and fitness family memberships now receive a discounted rate.

"If they attend child care year-round at Apollo, the discount would actually pay for their membership over the course of the year," Muck said.

One-year memberships for families are \$565, \$425 for two people and \$285 for individual packages. Six and three-month memberships also are available in family, two-person and individual packages.

Huron Valley Pools & Fitness representatives will be on-hand at the Huron Valley EXPO March 29 with further membership information.

— *By Alison Bergsieker*

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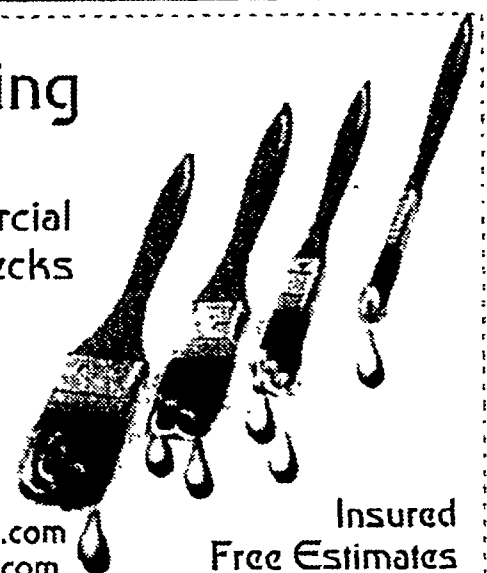
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As one of the oldest communities in Michigan, Milford has a vibrant history — well documented by devoted residents who've become personally connected to the city's growth and culture.

Milford's once Victorian-style downtown Main Street was home to 14 mills, a general store and distillery.

The presence of several water mills allowed Milford to become one of Michigan's earliest communities to have a system of electric lights.

Now home to a modern day downtown shopping district stocked with restaurants, niche clothing stores and small businesses, Milford is a popular attraction for long-term families.

"Milford is a close-knit community," said Milford Times Editor Philip Allmen. "And the downtown district helps foster that sense of family. There are so many activities always going on in the Huron Valley, and downtown is often in the center of it."

With so much going on in Milford each year, a community newspaper is vital to keeping residents in the know.

Whether it's an upcoming school board meeting, downtown parade or new business opening up shop, the Milford Times' staff is always paying attention.

"A community newspaper like the Milford Times is the record of the area," Allmen said. "And we are here through the good and bad. We're constant. We don't report on the community; we're part of the community."

While many seek TV stations and other forms of media for national and worldwide news, there's still plenty going on right in your neighborhood.

Community newspapers like the Milford Times touch on everyday topics that shape peoples' lives, reporting on everything from local fires and auto accidents to notable high school events and church happenings.

The Milford Times has served as the Huron Valley communities' weekly newspaper since 1871 and continues to



(From left) Philip Allmen, editor; Maggie Petrucci, receptionist; Sue Donovan, sales representative; Hal Gould, photographer; Aileen Wingblad, staff writer.

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And we welcome your thoughts too, offering a public forum for opinions on our editorial page and on our Web site, www.hometown-life.com, where we strive to spur discussion and influence growth and development in our communities.

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— *By Alison Bergsieker*

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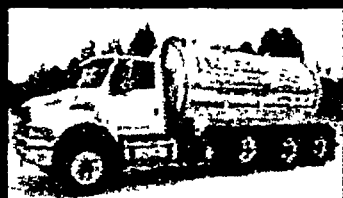


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