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Sincerely. Susan M. Rosiek, executive editor, srosiek@hometownlife.com

ON THE RECORD **DIA Lecture**

The Northville Art House is excited to bring the Detroit Institute of Arts to Northville in a continuing series



of lectures highlighting current ibitions at the DIA on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Shake off any vestiges of our long winter on Wednesday, April 1, at

the Art House for a Spring-time lecture about flowers and plants in art called "In Full Bloom" by DIA lecturer, Linda Wells. Travel across continents and through history to discover the special meaning behind flowers and plants and how they are used in art.

Cost is \$5 per person payable at the door of the Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady in downtown Northville. Call (248) 344-0497 for questions.

Michigan Dance Challenge



Glenn Clark and Blaire Miller dance at West Bloomfield's Dance Elite studios. The pair will take part in Northville resident Mark Brock's Michigan Dance Challenge at the Dearborn **Hyatt this** upcoming weekend.

PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Northville's Mark Brock will be hosting the Michigan Dance Challenge this weekend at the Hyatt Hotel in Dearborn. Here the dance instructor talks about art while sitting at Dance Elite studios in West Bloomfield.

■ Northville resident celebrates ninth year as organizer

STAFF WRITER

Mark Brock started his fancy footwork on the footfield, but the former wide receiver moved them from turf to hardwood.

This week, Brock, of Northville, will oversee the ninth annual Michigan Dance Challenge, which will begin at 9 a.m. Thursday and runs through Saturday evening at the Hyatt Regency in

Dearborn. The event will attract many of the country's best ballroom dancers, who will compete for more than \$50,000 in prize money, including some scholarships for student dancers. Top dancers will

receive about \$1,500 each. Evening performances begin at various times over the three days, with Saturday's final performance starting at 8 p.m. Tickets for daytime competition are \$15, with ticket prices varying for

the evening performances. Brock, who works at several area dance studios, grew up in Ferndale and lived in that area most of his life.

He was playing football at Western Michigan University when prior to his senior year he met a girl involved in the school's dance program. "She said, 'You should try this. You love to dance.' I thought it would help my flexibility, balance and coordination in football," he said. "So, I did it, and I had a

ball doing it," he said. "Plus, I was the only guy in a class of about 30 girls, so that was kind of nice.

He played in the World Football League for a while when he returned to Detroit and was working for a local Arthur Murray Dance Studio. While playing minor league football he also coached football at a high school in Redford.

COME WATCH 'EM DANCE

Area residents are invited to the ninth Michigan Dance Challenge at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn. which will take place Thursday-Saturday, beginning at 9 a.m. each day. For more information about ticket prices and the tentative schedule, go to www.michigandancechallenge.com. Tickets will be available at the door. Dance instructor and event organizer Mark Brock is available for lessons at various studios across the Metro Detroit area by calling (248) 561-7711.

"I decided after about five or six years of trying to make it in the National Football League that it wasn't in the cards." he said. So, he stuck with dancing and has now competed in ballroom dancing for 34 years.

AWARD-WINNING DANCER Brock has danced mostly

in the United States and Canada. He has been the

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City staff cuts are suggested

■ Northville City Council facing tough decisions

BY PAM FLEMING

'Some people

are critical of

me for maybe

not going deep

enough ... We

about people's

are talking

MARK HOTTLEY

Rehmann Robson

jobs.'

It's not fun to be the bearer of

bad tidings. But Mark Nottley, principal, government consulting, for Rehmann Robson, a Farmington Hills consulting firm, said the city of Northville may want to consider cutting its staff soon to save money.

Nottley addressed city council in a special meeting Monday night. He has been working on a citywide organizational review for six months, interviewing most of the full-time employees and some part-time employees.

Nottley reviewed eight other communities as well, providing ideas on cost containment, outsourcing options and technology needs.

This kind of study tends to state the negative, but this is a very well-run small govern-

ment," he told Northville council members. "My recommendations would make a good organization that much better."

KEEPING ESSENTIAL SERVICES

Nottley's goal was to find ways to maintain services in Northville at current levels but look at cost containment. He sees most of the cost savings in the city coming from employee cuts.

This is intended as a general road map," he said. "It's up to you what you want to do with it.

However, he believes the organizational review document serves as a companion piece to the city's financial forecast. Nickie Bateson, finance director, said the city is facing a \$639,000 (or about 10-percent) revenue deficit in the next fiscal year.

Nottley suggests the elimination of one clerk's position at city hall. Another recommendation is to rework the Department of Public Works, eliminating two positions, with one employee scheduled to retire in a year.

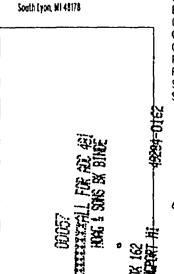
OUTSOURCING SUGGESTED

Nottley said another way to save money was to outsource assessing department duties. But Karen Woodruff, a 10-year-plus member of the city's Board of Review, came forward at the meeting to

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Good Samaritan saves the day

■ Local man rescues trike from tributary

BY PAM FLEMING STAFF WRITER

Every now and then we hear about a random act of kindness that warms our hearts.

Kathleen Konen of Northville experienced such an act recently when Robert Cox of Northville rescued a tricycle belonging to her son, Zachary, that had fallen into the Rouge

On the afternoon of March 17, Konen watched as Zachary and older brother Nickolas enjoyed

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SUEM TIED

Zachary Konen, 3, right, and his older brother, Nickolas, 4, watch with dismay as Zachary's tricycle sits upside down in the Rouge River. The boys are the sons of John and Kathleen Konen of Northville.



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Maureen & Stephen Landrum of Warren with a 1908 oil painting done by Edmund H. Osthaus. The Landrums were ecstatic to see another Edmund. Osthaus painting featured on the cover of DuMouchelles Art Galleries catalog at the Northville Art House appraisal clinic on March 14.

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Council approves start of 5 new projects

STAFF WRITER

Spring is in the air, and things are on the move in downtown Northville.

In meetings on March 16 and on Monday night, city council approved professional service contracts for five projects

One of those projects is a Sanitary Sewer System Rehabilitation Pilot Program. The total estimated cost of the overall project will be \$185,500. This includes pilot footing drain disconnections in homes; manhole inspections; sewer televising and home inspections; sewer televising of river crossings; and post-construction moni-

In 2007, the city signed an administrative consent order with the state, which committed city staff to undertake steps over a period of years to reduce and minimize the city's peak sanitary sewerage flow.

In September 2008 the city awarded a professional services contract to Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc., of Livonia to perform an engineering review of the city's sanitary sewer system. Over the past few months OHM has evaluated the system and has recommended a multi-step approach to reducing sanitary sewer overflows.

Jim Gallogly, public works director, said the city has about two and a half years to address its water infiltration problems with short-term corrective steps. If it is determined through flow monitoring that the city continues to exceed its contracted sanitary sewer

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capacity, Northville would join other communities in a Wayne County system-wide solution.

Your system is in reasonable shape for its age," said Vyto Kaunelis, director of OHM's Environmental and Water Resources Group.

East Dunlap construction

The second project approved was the professional service contract for the reconstruction of E. Dunlap Street. The city plans to redo the street from Center Street to Hutton Street. The project includes the reconstruction of the roadway before the proposed streetscape project planned by the **Downtown Development Authority** next year. JJR, the DDA design consultant, is looking at the curve on Dunlap/Hutton streets to determine for the DDA and the city if the street is to be realigned near the entrance to Ford Field.

Once this has been determined, the Dunlap Street project design will continue. Construction is planned for the summer and fall of this year.

Council approved a bid of \$24.945 from Zeimet Wozniak & Associates for professional services on this project.

Church Street parking lot

The third approved project this month will create an increase of about 20 new parking spaces on the east side of Church Street just south of Starbucks on the east side of the downtown area.

Council accepted the bid of Michael L. Priest & Associates for the design and construction management of the lot amounting to \$14,010.

Novi Street water main

The fourth project that will begin soon is the replacement of a water main on Novi Street plus the reconstruction of this street from Baseline Road to Allen Drive. Council approved an agreement for professional services with Midwestern Consultants, Inc., which submitted a bid of \$43,800 for the project.

Marquis lot landscaping

Finally, the city approved a bid of \$46,507 from Stuart Leve for the landscaping of the Marquis Theatre parking lot. The project is expected to begin in April and will take about a

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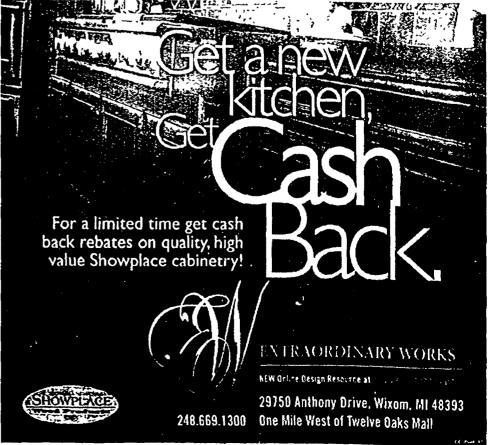
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No decision yet on purchase of Northville hospital property

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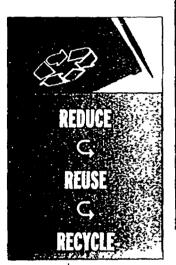
Northville Township residents are waiting for a decision on the former state hospital property, but nothing has been finalized yet on an agreement for the township to purchase the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital land from developer REIS-

REIS is a partnership between Real Estate Interests Group and Schostak Brothers & Company.

A special closed session was scheduled at township hall for 7:30 tonight; however, to discuss the proposed \$23.5-million purchase of the 414 acres on Seven Mile Road cast of Northville Road.

The former psychiatric hospital closed in 2003 and has sat idle ever since. Although a consent judgment on the property was approved by a federal judge last July, the developer has not initiated any cleanup or development on the site. So far, REIS has conducted only a brief timber harvesting operation early this year.

A letter intent on the possible purchase expired on Friday, March 20. But, that doesn't mean the sale still can't take place.



"The letter of intent was really just a formality," said Mark Abbo, township supervisor, at the March 19 board of trustees meeting. "That won't stop the agreement. We're still interested in purchasing the property."

If the board agrees to purchase the property, the actual purchase will be contingent on the passage of a millage to fund the deal.

It has been suggested that residents would vote on per-haps a 1 mill ballot proposal in the August election. One mill is equal to \$1 for every \$1,000 of the taxable value of a home or piece of property. For example, if a landowner's taxable value is \$100,000, 1 mill would cost the owner \$100.

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Play time

Tony Pupa plays with his dog "Rocky" at the Northville Dog Park on a recent Wednesday morning. Pupa was at the park off Cady Street with his dog and camera to try to get a few snaps for a photo class he's taking at Schoolcraft



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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 evangelis- tic preaching about the sacrifice of

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TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-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, tawn art, doll clothing, photography. glass, stained glass, wood carving and scrotling. sewn items, stone work, candles, wine lamps, children's books, face painting, frames, mud mats and UMW bake sale.

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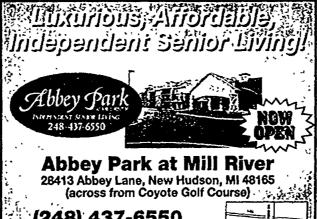
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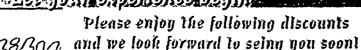
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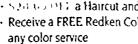
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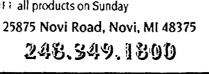




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Northville firm provides vehicle seat comfort

■ Technology to heat, cool seats of 44 models

Dan Coker says the magic of thermal electrics is making drivers more comfortable these days.

As president and CEO of Amerigon, headquartered on Haggerty Road in Northville for just a few years, Coker's proud to share that the company is on the cutting edge of climate control

"Essentially what we do with our product is that we use a thermal electric device to generate thermal energy which is delivered to the seat occupant by convection," Coker explained. "We heat and cool air in the cabin, and blow that air up around the body by the use of two miniature heat pumps."

The device, a small fan assembly and a controlling device are mounted in the seat back and seat cushion.

"When the occupant of the seat determines that the temperature inside their vehicle is too hot or too cold, they turn this device on, and air is drawn in by the fan, pushed through the thermal electric device, which heats or cools the air," Coker said.

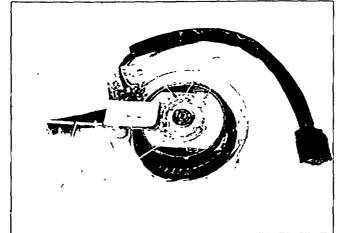
The air then passes through the distribution systems built into the seat. Then the air passes gradually within two minutes envelopes the body.

THE PELTIER EFFECT

All of this is made possible by a small, solid-state electronic circuit built upon a principle called thermal electrics discovered in 1834 by a French physicist, Jean-Charles-Athanese

He found that at the junction of two dissimilar metals an electric current will produce heat or cold depending on the direction of the current flow, now known as the Peltier effect.

"For almost 200 years people have known about this phenomenon, but they really haven't



A full-sized model of Amerigon's in-seat heater.

been able to harness it and use it properly because they are considered to be grossly electri-cally inefficient," Coker said.

That's a problem Amerigon has been able to conquer in

small surfaces like vehicle seats. "We're working on larger objects for the future," he said.

By using a solid-state device with no compressed gas, no CFCs (chlorofluorocarbons -the bad freon-type gases used in most compressed air air-conditioning systems) heat and cold is created.

Amerigon has 21 patents on how the devices are built, installed, controlled and managed in vehicle seats.

'Obviously, since we're a small company we have to have protection for ourselves," Coker

The company introduced the product in 2001 vehicle models and has had reasonably good success up until 2008 when things kind of flattened out in the firm's main market, the automotive industry.

New models just announced with the device include the 2010 Jaguar XK, Lincoln MKT the Ford Taurus, and it will be available in more vehicles in the

"The consumer response has been very positive," Coker said. Right now, the firm's major customers are General Motors, Ford, Tovota and Nissan.

POWER GENERATION MODULES

The same technology can be used to convert thermal energy into electrical energy:

"So, we are working as well on a device that will bolt on the bottom of a vehicle and actually turn the waste heat coming out of the exhaust system into elec-

trical power," Coker said. Scientists at the firm's engineering center near Pasadena, Calif., are currently working on the design of such devices.

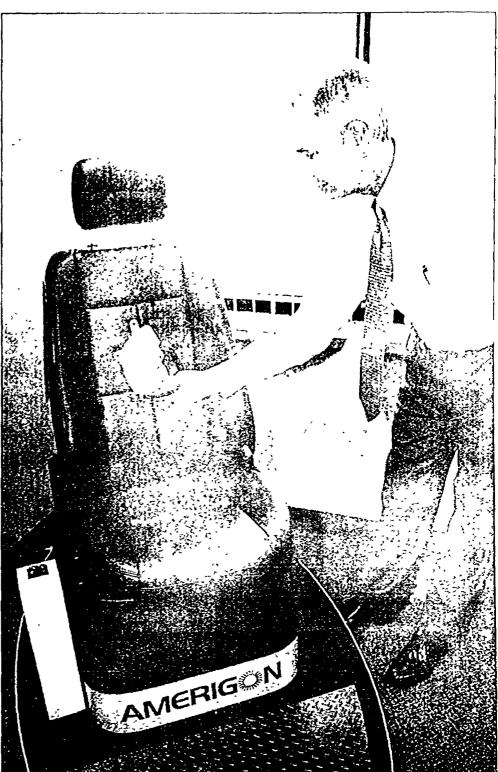
They're working on trying to find ways to make these devices more energy efficient and costeffective," Coker said. "If you can reduce the load of a vehicle's alternator on the engine, you can improve fuel efficiency.

Studies of prototypes of the devices have shown up to a 12percent increase in fuel economy or about two miles per gallon.

The federal Department of Energy has paid Amerigon several million dollars to study this concept to see if the firm can develop additional proposals.

This has all kinds of applications long-term," Coker said.

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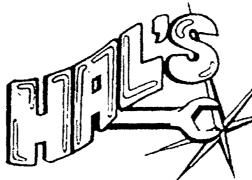


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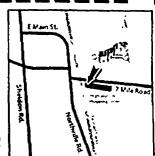
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RAY WELLS DAVIS

Age 87, of South Lyon, passed away at Caretell Inn of Brighton on Thursday, March 19, 2009. Ray was born on October 30, 1921, in Detroit, to the late LaRay and Gertrude Davis. After serving in the Army during WWII, Ray returned home to enjoy his life as a local artist and picture framing sales representative, residing in Rochester, Michigan - but his biggest role was being a very loving husband and father. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Velma; son and daughter-in-law Jeff and Tracy (Hogan) Davis of Brighton, daughter and son-in-law Sally (Davis) and Bill Ruterbusch of Hartland; grandsons John and Jordan Ruterbusch and many other loving family members. His greatest joys were spending time playing cards with his friends, walking through parks, trips for an ice cream cone and spending time with his family. A memorial service was held on Wednesday, March 25, at Green Oak Free Methodist Church, Brighton, MI. In heu of flowers. memorial contributions may be made to the Jiversile Diabetes Research Foundation, 24359 Northwestern Highway, Ste. 225, Southfield, MI. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNER-AL HOME, South Lyon. guestbook, www.phillipsfuneral.com

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HOWARD THOMAS KLIX

Of Northville, age 82, passed away suddenly March 18, 2009, following a short illness. Howard, a loving husband and caring father, was born September 20, 1926, in Highland Park, Michigan, to the late Gerhardt and Annie (Thomas) Klix. He gradu-ated in 1944, from Cooley High School, Detroit On May 2, 1974, he was united in marriage to Nancy Alien Cook. They would have cele brated 35 years of marriage this year. In 1982, Howard retired from the Michigan Bell Telephone Co., after 36 years of service. He was also a lifetime member of the Farmington Elk's Lodge No 1986 Howard is survived by his best friend and wife Nancy. He was the caring father of Gregory Alan (Angela), Bradford Devon, and Karen Beth (James) McEvoy; loving grandfather of. Sean Michael and Ryan James McEvoy, and Keelyn Elizabeth Klix, loving brother of: Gerhardt (Elsie) Klix, Marianna Dunmire, and Daniel (Marietta) Klix. He will be missed by many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and many caring friends. A private service has been held Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon Online guestbook

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BEATRICE I. MYERS

Age 85, life-long resident of North-ville, passed 3/18/09. Memorial Service & Luncheon on Sat , March 28, 2pm at VFW Post 4012, 438 S. Main St. Northville. Arrangements Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. 248-349-0611. Contributions to Amencan Cancer Society



MARY LOUISE NOEL

Age 88, passed away March 17, 2009. She was born on December 13, 1920, in Detroit, to the late Harry and Marion (Borrusch) Dale. She was a member of the Ladies Auxoliary Post #2502. Mary is survived by her children: John (Diane) Noel of South Lyon, Maureen Noel of Crossville, TN, Jane Noel of Howell, siblings. Divide Ferguson, Jacqueline Kruelis, Joyce Martin, Grant (Arlene) Dale; grandchildren: Kelly, Donald (Rita), Michelle, Melissa (Bob); great-grand-children: Brianne, Natasha, Kassandra, Chris, Tyler, and Nicholas She was preceded in death by her should be seen and the second se lings: Barney Dale, Lewis Dale, and Gladys Conn. Visitation was held on Friday. A funeral service was held on Saturday, March 21, at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

GRACIAN J. (JOE) SCHIMIZZI

March 22, 2009, age 86. Instate Thursday, 10am at Holy Family Church, 24505 Meadowbrook, Nov. until Funeral Liturgy at 10:30am. Entombment Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens. On-line condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

ROBERT L. SCHULTZ

Age 85, of Lyon Twp, M1, passed away 3/17/2009. Beloved husband of Irene. Loving father of Laurie Sawyer, Karen, James, Robert, and the late David Donations suggested to Active Faith. Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon.



ANNE SLOTNICK

Of Highland Twp, died peacefully in the presence of her family on Wednesday, March 18, 2009. She was 91 years old. Anne was the daughter of the late Isodore & Celia Lena Wasserman, sister of the late Belle Elkiss and mother of the late Richard Dale Slotnick. She is survived by her beloved husband of 67 years, Edward Slotnick; loving daughter & son-in-law, Barb & Lynn Pike; her seven grandchildren, Darin (Kacy), Bret (Lori), Todd (Bolly) Shooff, Megan (Greg) MacIntosh, Stotnick Gerstenberger & mother Linda Gerstenberger, Mark (Lynn), Jeff (Donna) Pike; her greatof her life, Levi, Riley, Trevor, Makenna Shooff, Hadley and Aubrey MacIntosh, Dylan, Olivia, Seth, Jaron, and Alex Pike. Also survived by her sisters, Ida Meltzer and Beatrice Levine; brothers, Herb, Bill and Mel Wasserman; sisters and brother-inlaw; many nieces, nephews and dear friends: A Funeral Service was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford, March 20th, 2009. Rabbi Tamara Kolton presided Graveside services followed at Milford Memorial Cemetery. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.EynchFuneralDirectors.com.

HARRY W. WATSON

Age 70, lifelong resident of Novi, passed away 3/21/2009 Services were held Wednesday at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc of Northville. Contributions to the American Heart Assoc., 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674.

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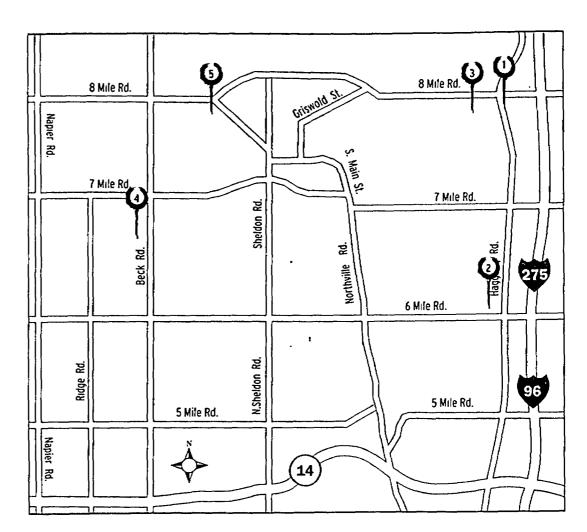
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Larceny from vehicle

1A 55-year-old man from Milford, Ohio, told Northville Township police that someone stole a bag of shoe samples from the trunk of his car between 11 p.m. March 9 and 3:30 p.m. March 10 in the parking lot of the Hampton Inn at 20600 Haggerty Road.

The man, who is an account executive for MIA shoes in Miami, Fla., was in town to show shoe samples to buyers. The bag contained 50 half pairs of size 6 women's sample shoes valued at \$400. He said each pair of shoes cost \$100, making the value of one shoe \$50.

There are no suspects or witnesses at this time.

'Theft at Loehmann's" .

A 20-year-old Livonia woman who works at Loehmann's department store at 17615 Haggerty Road reported that someone stole her wallet from her employee locker between 7 and 9 p.m. on March 10.

The wallet was in her purse in an assigned employee locker in the back of the

She canceled her debit card, with an employee at her bank advising her that someone had already used at Macy's at Twelve Oaks Mall for a \$520 purchase. Someone also tried to use the card at

NORTHVILLE POLICE REPORTS

Famous Dave's Restaurant and Marshall's department store, but the bank had already canceled the card due to suspected fraudulent activity. The wallet was valued at \$50.

Drinking and driving

Police arrested a 37-year-old Livonia man for operating while intoxicated at 40941 Eight Mile Road at 2:18 a.m. on March 13.

An officer saw the driver turn from Silver Springs Drive east on Eight Mile Road without signaling and watched him immediately enter the left through lane instead of remaining in the right curb lane.

The man said he and his female passen-ger had just come from the Wagon Wheel

The officer could smell alcohol on the man's breath. The driver said he had consumed one alcoholic beverage in the last hour but that he had been at a wine tasting earlier in the day.

A preliminary breath test showed that the man's blood alcohol level was over the legal limit.

Red light means stop

▲ Police arrested a 24-year-old Inkster Tman for operating while intoxicated at Beck Road and South Blue Heron Drive at 1:25 a.m. on March 15.

While monitoring the light at Seven Mile and Beck roads, an officer saw a vehicle go through the flashing red light at full speed. The driver also crossed the center line and continued to weave as he traveled south on Beck

Police also noticed that several lit cigarettes were thrown from the vehicle. The officer could smell alcohol on the man's breath, and the driver said he was coming from the Post Bar in Novi. The man had reportedly consumed two beers, a shot of liqueur and some wine earlier in the evening.

A preliminary breath test revealed that his blood alcohol level was over the legal limit.

Fill and flee incident

5A.48-year-old male gas station attendant from Novi reported a gasoline theft that occurred at the Mobil gas station at 710 W. Eight Mile Road at 3:42 p.m. on March 17. The attendant told police he acti-

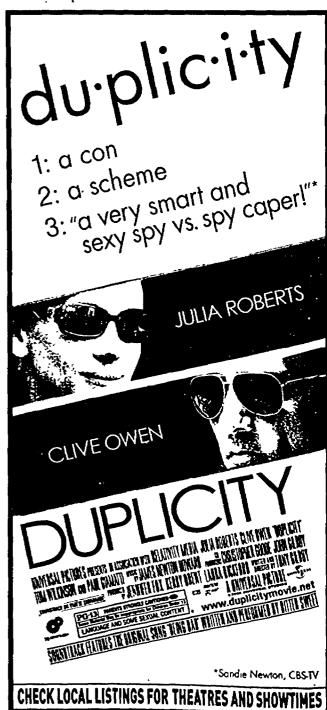
vated the gas pump from inside the station for a woman driving an older model green Jeep Cherokee. He described the woman as about 50 years old with a medium build wearing a red, striped shirt and sunglasses. The woman pumped \$19.99 worth of gas and

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ing the IRS helpline. To speak to a representative, call (800) 829-1040 between 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. during tax season in your local time zone, Monday through Friday. When you call, be sure you write down the rep's ID number, the date and time you called, and the answers. That way, if you get audited due to incorrect advice by the IRS rep, you can avoid penalties.

Other helpful IRS numbers to note are (800) 829-4933 for business tax questions; (800) 829-4477 which provides recorded messages on about 150 different tax topics, and lets you check the status of your tax refund; and (800) 829-3676 where you can order free federal tax forms and publications.

WEB HELP

The IRS Web site is another option that offers mountains of tax information, and believe it or not it's pretty user-friendly. At www.irs.gov you can free-file (if your adjusted gross income was \$56,000 or less in 2008), download or order tax forms and publications, learn about tax law changes, and look up answers to your tax questions through the Search tab or at their Tax Topics, Frequently Asked Questions and Tax Trails sections.

AARP also provides online tax assistance(www.aarp.org/money/ taxaide) and a place where you can ask your federal tax questions for free. It usually takes about a week to get an answer. Check the site's FAQs first to see if your questions have already been answered.

Tax-prep sites like H&R Block (www.hrblock.com) and Jackson Hewitt (www.jacksonhewitt.com)

provides free tax tips and calculators on their Web sites along with Intuit (the makers of TurboTax), which also offers a community forum where other participants can answer your questions. Go to Turbotax intuit com and click on "Live Community" in the box on the right. You'll need to register before posting a question.

Another free resource where you can post tax questions and get answers is the Usenet group misc. taxes.moderated. Go to www.asktaxorg/googroups.html and click on "Google Groups" to get there. You'll need to register to post. TaxMama.com is another site that provides information and may answer your tax questions for free.

FACE-TO-FACE

If you can't get your questions answered over the phone or Web, you can get one-on-one help by visiting your IRS walk-in Taxpayer

Assistance Center. To locate your nearby center, visit www.irs.gov/ localcontacts or call (800) 829-

You don't need to make an appointment, but it sure can't hurt to call ahead to find out when the person best able to answer your questions will be available.

FREE TAX PREPARATION

If you need even more help, the IRS sponsors two programs -Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) - that can prepare your income tax returns for you, for free, if you qualify. These services are available in thousands of communities nationwide. The VITA Program primarily offers tax help to low to moderateincome (generally, \$42,000 and below) people who cannot prepare their own tax returns, while the TCE program provides free tax

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Fusion Festival

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Orchestra Canton is delighted to present their second annual Fusion Festival, From Canton Festival, From Canton Committee of their second committee of their

East with Western classical music.

The Fusion Festival Concert on Saturday will feature international guest artist George Gao criu master Hailed as one of the most exet. Halled as one of the most exut mg, muovative and respected erhu masters today, the Gemma Award nominated Gao began studying the erhu at the age of 6 a few years later he won First Prize at the Shanghal Junior Instrumental Solost Competition and a Salver Medial at the China National Junior Instrumental Solost Contest in 1000 In addition to the Saturday

In addation to the Saturday concert Orchestra Canton is pleased to host two workshops that will be open to the public and free of charge both held at the Village Theater Erhu Workshop George Gao will demonstrate the various composition, playing and techniques of the Erhu for a Workshop with the Celebration

Youth Orchestra on Sunday at 2 p.m. - the workshop will be free and open to the public. Dance Workshop On Sunday from 4-6 p m., local and area Chinese Dance demonstrations

Climese Dance emonstratons with the common strategy con-citation of the Saturday con-creta my 25 for adults, 250 for sensors and Sto for children and can be purchased in per-son at the Plymouth Symphony office by calling (734) 451 211. Tickets may also be purchased using the Village Theater's at www.orchestracanton.org, or at he Village Theater box office one hour before each performance.

First Gentleman promotes leadership

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

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By visiting Senator Bruce Pattersons Web site (www senatorbrucepatterson.com), you can learn how to effec-tively 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 contant Senator Pattersons office by calling 1-(666) 262-703 and pressing 1. Patterson is also offirms free tax guides to assist constituents with tax questions. The guide muchdas information for the 2008 year on properly taxes, homestead properly tax credits, farmland and open space tax relief, the bome heating credit program, the Michigan Income Tax, the Justice of the Michigan Income Tax, the Michigan Income Tax, the Michigan Income Tax, the Michigan Income Tax, the Justice Tax reliable Supplies Continued Tax reliable Supplies Continue

and Northville District Library Pattersons district representa-tive, Sue Trussell, will be con ducting office hours from 11 am. 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 Thayes Corner Nature Area Cleampy Day from 8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. on Saturday April 4
The Northville Townshup nature area is located on the east sade of Napuer Road just north of Sax Mile Road. Volunteers are asked to wear gloves and bring rakes if possible.

Dunch 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 volun-

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



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We're not in Kansas anymore!

■ Northville High Schoolers join forces with Tipping Point

Northville High School, in partnership with Tipping Point Theatre, is off to see the Wizard in the beloved musical, "The Wizard of Oz."

This production, based on the Royal Shakespeare Company's celebration of the 1939 MGM movie, is presented with special effects that will sweep audiences away, from the moment the tornado twists its way into Kansas. Featuring the classic songs, as composed by Harold Arlen - "Over the Rainbow," "Ding Dong the Witch is Dead" and "If I Only Had a Brain," along with all the beloved characters, "The Wizard of Oz" will have the entire family captivated as they travel down the yellow brick road for an unforgettable evening at the theater.

"The Wizard of Oz" marks the first production of a newlycreated partnership between Northville High School and Tipping Point

Theatre. Through the partnership, actors and production members of Tipping Point are leading the production. Tracy L. Spada

and Aaron Moore serve as directors with Christina Johnson as choreographer. Northville High School faculty members Mary Kay Pryce and Mike Rumbell serve as vocal music director and orchestra director, respectively.

"We are so pleased with this partnership," said Johnson, Tipping Point Theatre executive director. "Outreach is an important part of Tipping Point's mission, and this is a perfect opportunity to provide the students with a profes-



PHOTOS BY JOHN HE DER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The cast and crew of Northville High's "Wizard of Oz" musical.



Cast members of Northville High's theatre production of "The Wizard of Oz" rehearse a scene on a recent Saturday afternoon.

sional theatre experience, while still allowing them to have all the fun of putting on a big, classic musical.

SHOW DETAILS

Performances of "The Wizard of Oz" are scheduled for 7 p.m. April 2 and 3 and at 2 and 7 p.m. April 4 in the Auditorium of Northville High School, located at 45700 6 Mile Road. Tickets are \$8 for students and senior citizens and \$10 for adults, and may be purchased by calling or visiting Tipping Point Theatre at 248-347-0003 or by calling Northville High School at (248) 349-3400, Ext. 50427.

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Dorothy Gale: Erica Johnson
Aunt Em/Glinda the Good Witch:
Emma Holdaway
Uncle Henry/Emerald City Guard:
Stephen Grimmer
Zeke/Cowardly Lion: Josh Buoy
Hickory/Tinman: Patrick Kelley
Hunk/Scarecrow: Mark Jackson
Miss Gultch/Wicked Witch: Adrienne Cohen
Professor Marvel/Wizard of Oz:
Andrew Wernette
Little Girl: Anna Sharples
Chorus: Peter Boylan, Erin Donohoe,
John Duquesnel, Katya Frimenko, Stephen

Grimmer, Claire Hannum, Leah Hastedt, Tyler Hastedt, Alex Kandah, Megan Kelly, Anna Sharples, Sydney Stier, Andrew Wernette, David Yanagi

Pit Orchestra: Leah Ritchie, oboe; Joy Chen, Ifute; Aki Ishikawa, piccolo; Sheila Janardhan, Ifute; Hitomi Katsumi, Ifute; Louis Dorantes, clarinet/alto sax; Colin Jaye, clarinet; Zhounan Xie, clarinet; Ben Roberts, bass clarinet; Mark Pokrandt, tenor sax; Andrew Tang, French horn; Anne Pertner, French horn; Zach Thomas, trumpet; Emily Nastelin, trumpet; Brian Earle, trombone; Evan Havlisch, percussion; Megan Sklut, percussion

STAGE CREW

Stage Manager: Colleen Ferguson
Assistant Stage Manager: Colleen McBride
Light Board: Abby Grajek
Sound Board: Dan Robinson, Matt Zielesch
House Manager: Jamie Ataliah
Prop Master: Elaine Mitra
Film: Natalie Lomske
Asst. Light Board/Projection: Kyrie Bayles

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Spotlights: JT Thompson, Alyssa Osterhoff,
Jack Mastantuono, Marcus Finch
Assistant House Manager:

Melissa Kosztowny Running Crew: Ryne Mitra, Kaylee McDougall, Andrew Shaw, Dan Price, Laura Schneider, Alli Rohlf, Allie Syverson, Dan Darga House Crew: Angela Alvarez, Allison Boss,

PRODUCTION TEAM

Katie Stojkov, Brittany Teliín

Produced and directed by: Tipping Point Theatre Educational Artistic Team Directors: Aaron T. Moore and Tracy L. Spada

Choreographer: Christina Johnson
Vocal Music Director: Mary Kay Pryce
Instrumental Music Director: Mike Rumbell
Accompanist: Chance Miller
Tech Director: Bryan Johnson
Set Designer: Aaron T. Moore
and Bryan Johnson
Costume Designer: Susan Gaidica
Lighting Designer: Rita Girardi
Properties Procurement: Elaine Mintra

Special thanks to parent volunteers, Ron Bodnar, Brian at Croswell Opera House, the Tipping Point Theatre box office staff and apprentices.



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County commission studies transparency

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wayne County residents – or anyone who has access to the Internet, for that matter - soon may be able to access county budget expenditures online.

County Commissioner Laura Cox, R-Livonia, who chairs the Task Force on Transparency in Wayne County and the commission's Ways and Means Committee, conducted a public hearing Monday at Livonia City Hall with hopes of starting a process where county government can become more transparent, that is publicly accounting for every tax dollar that is spent.

The transparency discussion has moved to the forefront since 2006, when Congress passed and President Bush signed into law the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act. That bill was supported by then-U.S. Sen. Barack Obama. The bill created a publicly searchable Web site for all federal contracts, grants and loans and other financial assistance available in a regularly updated, user-friendly and searchable format.

Several state lawmakers updated the commission on what they were doing on the issue. Others updated the audience on potential misuse of dollars and how lawmakers were addressing it.

State Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, said lawmakers were considering a bill that requires that lawmakers who leave their office would have to wait two years before they can be employed as lobbyists. That bill would help remove any potential conflict of interest on votes that lawmakers may make on a contract for a company they may represent later. We didn't see it as a problem, but more of a building block to get where we want to be," said

Sue Hall, director of administration for Sheriff Warren Evans, said the Wayne County sheriff department wanted to be transparent on the revenue and expenditure side of it, but reminded commissioners that exemptions were allowed for law enforcement employees.

Scott Hagerstrom, state director for Americans for Prosperity, named six states that list their expenditures online, including Minnesota, Oklahoma and Texas.

"Let every taxpayer see where the money goes," Hagerstrom said. Hagerstrom challenged state lawmakers to bring the transparency bills up for a vote. "We want the state



B'LL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

State Rep. Marc Corriveau and Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume listen to county commissioners discuss transparency in government.

budget online immediately," he said.

Local governments, like Brighton Township, update their expenditure list with a PDF file every two weeks. "We'd like to see you do that immediately," Hagerstrom told commissioners.

Commission Chairman Edward Boike wondered about the cost of placing the information on-line and whether taxpayers would want to pay anywhere between \$200,000 to \$1 million for the service. But Haberstrom believed the costs would be minimal if the information is copied from PDF or other computer files. Several states were doing it for less than \$300,000, he said.

Lisa McGraw, public affairs

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manager for the Michigan Press Association, supported transparency as an "advocate for open government," she said. "Taxpayers have a right to know," McGraw said. "It will help to educate the public and help democracy."

Rose Bogaert, chair of the Wayne County Taxpayers Association, said taxpayers need this information.

We need it to compliment you when your doing something right and guide you when you're doing something wrong," Bogaert said.

Bogaert also told Boike that she saw county expenses for far more money that made less sense to her.

Cox's staff has already placed

Dianne Massa, City Clerk

McNamara, D-Canton, said the commission supports transparency, but added that privacy concerns needed to be considered regarding payroll, and checks issued for the care for mental health patients and the indigent. Do we really want to reveal child support

for the public to view.

Commissioner Kevin

information?" he asked. But the big issue remains what can the commission spend when it has cut nearly \$1 million from the commission's budget and have been asked to

cut another 20 percent. "The 20-ton elephant is what it's going to cost," McNamara

her office's expenditures online kabramcz@hemetownlife.com[(313) 222-2591

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NORTHVILLE CHARTER TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS If you experience an overflow or back up of a sewage disposal

NOTICE

system or storm water system, you must file a written claim with the Northville Township Department of Public Services within 45 days after the overflow or backup was discovered. Notice should be mailed to Northville Department of Public Services, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168. Failure to provide the written notice will prevent recovery of damages. Contact the Department of Public Services at (248) 348-5820 for assistance immediately upon discovery of an overflow or backup

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that of the Charter Township of Northville will hold a public hearing on the proposed water system improvements project for the purpose of receiving comments from interested

The hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 23, 2009 at the following location: Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168, in the Community Room.

The purpose of the proposed project is to provide the Township's water system customers with a more dependable water distribution system through implementing improvements, repairs, and/or replacement of aging water system infrastructure.

The project will be spanned over one phase of construction The water system improvements will involve approximately 7,750 feet of water main construction along Thornapple Drive, Valencia Street, Seven Mile Road and Pickford Avenue. Along with the water main improvements, upgrades to the existing Beck Road Booster Station

Impacts of the proposed project include those experienced by typical local road usage. The impacts are expected to be temporary in nature and, after construction, the affected areas will be restored to normal

The estimated cost to users for the proposed project is estimated to be approximately \$0 10 per 1000 gallons. This results in a total monthly increase of approximately \$1.06 for the average residential user.

Copies of the project plan detailing the proposed project will be available for public review at the Township Hall between the hours of 8 00 am and 5 00 pm, Monday through Friday, beginning on Monday, March 23, 2009 until Thursday, April 23, 2009 and at our website www.twp northville mi us.

Written comments received before the hearing record is closed on Thursday, April 23, 2009 will receive responses in the final project plan Written comments should be sent to the Township Clerk, Sue A Hillebrand at the Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

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Bids will be received by the Clerks Department, Second Floor, Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan on or before 2 00 pm, April 6, 2009 for the Community

Park Paving Project 2009. Bids will be publicly opened and read

alternate for constructing a portion of a 3rd lot Bid documents may

A fee of \$25 00 per set of documents will be charged No refunds will

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check, or Bid

Bond by a recognized surety, in the amount of 5% of the total of the

bid price A proposal, once submitted, becomes the property of the Charter Township of Northville. In the sole discretion of the Charter Township of Northville, the Charter Township of Northville reserves

the right to allow a bidder to reclaim submitted documents provided

the documents are requested and retrieved no later than 48 hours

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory

performance, maintenance, and labor and material bonds in the

amount of 100% of the bid price and satisfactory insurance coverage.

After the time of opening, no Bid may be withdrawn for a period of 60 days. 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.

Any further information may be obtained from the Township Engineer, Ms. Jill Rickard, P.E., (248) 662-0497. Questions

regarding the project shall be brought to the attention of the engineer, Northville Township Department of Public Services, in writing or by fax at 248-348-5823. Questions will not be accepted if

Work to be done includes the paving of 2 Parking Lots and an

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

ORDINANCE NO. 03-02-09

has adopted Ordinance No. 03-02-09 - an amendment to

Chapter 18 Businesses, Article V Massage Establishments in

the Northville Code of Ordinances. The ordinance amends the

Massage Establishment Ordinance by modifying text to remove

references to massage therapist licensing requirements in order to

comply with PA 471 of 2008, further defines prohibited acts, clarifies the departments responsible for premise inspections,

transfers to the police chief the authority to suspend a massage

establishment license pending a hearing before Council, and includes additional text to outline the operating requirements of a

and was adopted by the City Council on March 16, 2009. The ordinance shall become effective on March 27, 2009, which is the

day following publication. The complete text of the ordinance is

available for public inspection at the Office of the City Clerk, 215 W. Main St., Northville, Michigan, 48167, Monday through Friday,

The ordinance was introduced for first reading on March 2, 2009

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northville City Council

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NOTICE OF ENACTMENT **ZONING ORDINANCE #03-02-09Z**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northville City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 03-02-09Z for the purpose of amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Northville regarding parking credit assignments. The following sections were amended:

Section 17.01.13 e Section 19.03

Section 26 02

Assignment of Parking Credits within the Central Business District Site Development Plan Review Procedures and Regulations

Definitions / Change of Use

The City Council adopted said Ordinance on March 16, 2009, with an effective date of April 3, 2009. The complete text of the ordinance amendment is available for public review at the City of Northville Municipal Building, Office of the City Clerk or the Building Department, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8.00 a m to 4:30 p m.

Jim Penn, Building Official

Dianne Massa, City Clerk

SYNOPSIS MARCH 19, 2009 - REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

DATE: Thursday, March 19, 2009 TIME: 7:30 pm. Regular Meeting

PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Abbo called the meeting to order at

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: CLOSED MEETING: (immediately following the Regular

Meeting) Agendas: A. Approve Consent and Regular Agendas -

approved

Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements: none

Public Hearings: none Brief Public Comments: Commissioner Laura Cox gave an update. Resident spoke of SAD and Roads. Resident inquiry re: an easement.

New Business:

A. Land Donation Resolution 2009-25 - approved B. Public Services - Water and Sewer F-350 Pick-up truck

purchase - approved C. 2009 Water System Improvements-approved

D. Public Safety - L3 Mobile Vision Digital Evidence Server-

approved

Unfinished Business: none

Ordinances: none
Bills Payable: A. Bills payable in the amount of \$1,382,356.71 - approved

Board Communication & Reports: Reports were given by Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Richard Henningsen, Marjorie Banner, Mary Gans, Mindy Herrmann, Christopher Roosen, Chip Snider

10. Any other business or public comment for the Board of Trustees: Resident spoke to the Board regarding the CPARD and others vs Charter Township of Northville.

Closed Meeting: Board entered Closed session at 8.30 pm. Open meeting resumed at 9.45p m.

11. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9.46 pm

Respectfully submitted: Sue A. Hillebrand, CMC

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received less than 7 calendar days before the bids are due.

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NORTHVILLE AREA COMMUNITY CALENDAR

For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Northville Calendar online at www.hometownlife.com.

Send calendar submissions via e-mail to estone@gannett. com; by fax to (248) 349-9832; or by mail to Northville Record, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

Local Events

LITTLE MERMAID

TIME/DATE: 2:30 p.m., Saturdays, April 4, 18, 25; Sundays, April 5, 19, 26; Weekdays, April 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 **LOCATION** Northville Marquis Theatre

DETAILS: Swim deep into the ocean and meet the Little Mermaid who loves to hear about the world above the waves. Don't miss one of the characters fly safely across the stage! Tickets \$8.50. Please no children under 3 years old. Group rates and reserved seating for 20 or more. **CONTACT:** For more information on please call (248) 349-8110, www. northvillemarquistheatre com

ART BOOK SALE

TIME/DATE: 1-5 p.m., March 28-29 LOCATION: Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street

DETAILS: A special sale of unique art books purchased from museums throughout the United States and Europe. These books also include catalogues of major exhibitions over the past 50 years. The books have been collected by past residents, Dr. Eugenie and Jim Beall who have donated them as a parting gift to the Friends of the Northville District Library. This unique sale will benefit both the Northville Art House and the Friends of the Northville District Library, Books

will be value-priced to sell. CONTACT: (248) 344-0497 or (248) 344-0954

HANDCRAFTERS SPRING FLING (ARTS

AND CRAFTS SHOW)

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m. to 9 p m., Friday, April 3; 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, April 4; 11 a m. to 5 p m., Sunday, April 5 LOCATION: Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main DETAILS: A Northville favorite for over 25 years, The Handcrafters Arts & Crafts Show returns to downtown Northville's Senior Community Center for their Spring 2009 show. Admission is \$3. No strollers allowed.

CONTACT: For specific artists and vendors visit www handcraftersunlimited com

PARK TIME/DATE: 11 30 a m., Saturday,

April 11

LOCATION: Maybury State Park, Use 8 Mile Road entrance and meet at the concession building **DETAILS:** Sponsored by Maybury

State Park in partnership with the friends of Maybury. Event is free with a Michigan State Park Motor Vehicle Permit. There will be 3,000 candy filled eggs and 1,000 toy filled LOCATION: 212 W. Cady St., near eggs plus prizes and other activities. Northville City Hall

STATE OF THE COMMUNITY

TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m., Wednesday April 22

LOCATION: Meadowbrook Country Club, 40941 W. Eight Mile Rd., Northville

DETAILS: The State of the Community Luncheon offers the opportunity to hear from its city and township officials on the future of the Northville Community, Featured speakers include Township Supervisor Mark Abbo, City of Northville Mayor Christopher Johnson, Northville Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Leonard Rezmierski, and State Representative Marc Corriveau Tickets are \$40 for the event. CONTACT: For more information, contact Northville Chamber of Commerce at (248) 349-7640 or visit www.northville.org

LOCAL BUSINESS & FIRST GENTLEMAN

TEAM UP TO PROMOTE LEADERSHIP

TIME/DATE: 4-6 p.m., April 25 LOCATION: As The Page Turns Bookstore & Gailery **DETAILS:** Book signing with Mr. Daniel G. Mulhern, First Gentleman of the State of Michigan. Preordering available. Leadership skills are so important in every aspect of life. Mr. Mulhern's book, Everyday Leadership: Getting Results in Business, Politics, and Life, is especially important for these challenging times.

ROUGE RESCUE 2009

EASTER EGG HUNT AT MAYBURY STATE TIME/DATE: 11 a m. to 2 pm. Saturday, June 6 **LOCATION:** Fish Hatchery Park **DETAILS:** Please save the date for the 2009 Rouge Rescue Event. CONTACT: If you have an idea or would like to participate in the planning please contact Jill Rickard at (248) 662-0497.

NORTHYILLE DISTRICT LIBRARY **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

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

Winter Storytimes **DETAILS:** Visit the Web site or call the library for more information. Motor City Rock & Roll: 60s & 70s **DETAILS:** Celebrate the 50th anniversary of Motown music with this engaging presentation about music in the 1960s and 1970s, presented by authors Bob Harris and John Douglas Peters. Please call the library to register at (248) 349-3020.

GENITTI'S LITTLE THEATER

LOCATION: 108 E. Main St. **CONTACT**: Call for reservations (248) 349-0522 or genittis.com Genitti's Acting Workshops DATE: We will open any date for 10



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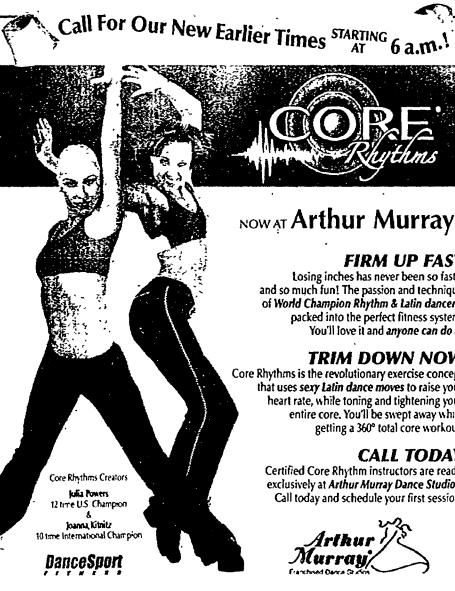


Library fun

Above, Karen Demeo has some fun with her son Leyton, 3. during a recent sing-a-long performance by "Mister Seley." At left, Tom Selev brings his brand of fun sing-a-tong to the Northville District Library on a recent Wednesday afternoon.

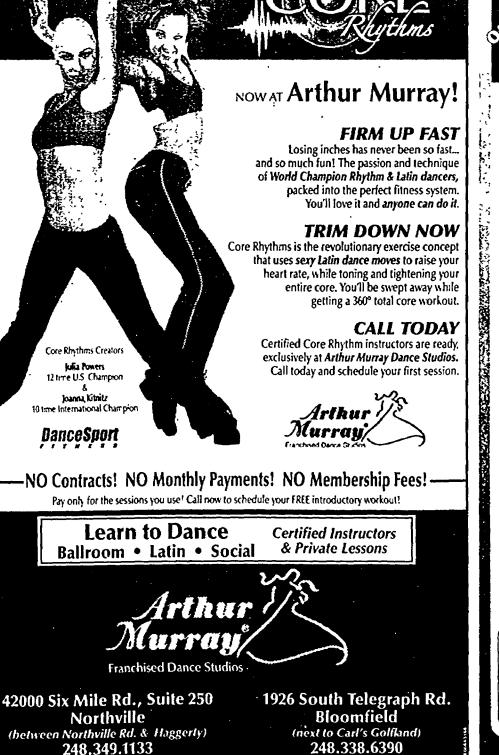
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OUR VIEWS

Let students take you down yellow brick road

Chances are you've already seen "The Wizard of Oz." and probably multiple times. But you've never seen it like it's being presented by next week.

Of course, you'll hear the classic tunes like 'Over the Rainbow" and see amazing special effects that will take you from Kansas to Oz.

But what makes this production unique is that it's the first in a partnership between Northville High School and the Tipping Point Theatre. About 50 students - from seniors through freshmen get to work side by side with theater professionals, like co-directors Aaron Moore and Tracy Spada.

The goal, according to Moore, was first and foremost to make sure that everything was a learning experience with the students handling just about everything from set building, to acting to serving as the crew.

It's a way to invite students into the world of theater and let them express themselves in an artistic vein while letting them realize that a career in this field is a true possibility.

Christina Johnson is serving as the director. She's the founder/executive director of Tipping Point as well as a 1993 graduate of Northville High. She started directing drama club programs at the school in 1999, and five years later left to open Tipping Point. Once it became established, she made a proposal to the school to take over their director-less drama department, and this production is their opening show.

You'll see lots of colors and live projections, things that haven't really been done with "Oz" before, but the concept remains the same as the movie script. You'll definitely recognize it, but you'll also say it's different.

It's an inspiring production that will bring back childhood memories, but it'll also open new memories and fantasy worlds for today's youngsters. They'll learn that there really is no place like home once you've gone away and come back, and things aren't always what they seem.

Yes, the economy is in the dumps and money is tight. But if you can afford the low-priced tickets, do yourself a favor and see what our great local youths can do when they join forces with professionals who care.

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COMMUNITY VOICE

March 20 was the first day of spring. Do you feel like spring has sprung?



'Yes. I do. The sunlight is brighter. There are happy faces on the street. More people are walking their dogs and pulling babies in wagons."

- Michelle Abd-Elaziz

"It's still cold in the morning, but I hope it has. We're getting more sunny days, so I like that."

- Richard Girvan



"I pray it has. I think it has. In my backyard the red wing blackbird is here."

- Kim Rivera



"Yes! I have some crocus that are coming up. I am excited. The sunshine makes everyone happy."

- Beverlee Lindeen

Michigan First flaws

I would once again like to reiterate the flaws to the Hire Michigan First legislation and comment on Mr. Corriveau's response in the March 19 issue of the Northville Record. Instead of addressing the concerns I raised in the March 12 issue, he chose to justify the need for this legislation based on a company in Maryville that hired illegal workers. Don't we already have laws about hiring undocumented workers? He also incorrectly stated that it does not meddle with the free market, when it most certainly does. He provided no specific answers to the issues I raised nor the stimulus relocated workers can provide our local economy. I guess 'Michigan First" sounds like something good is being done with our taxpayer dollars -- regardless of whether it works

Jim Jianette Northville

Say no to socialism

I feel sad for my neighbors who put their trust and hope for change into the Democratic socialist Agenda led by Mr. Obama. America has been fighting communism at every effort level up until now. Why, as a country, are so many of us willing to rush into and embrace this new socialist movement and move away from freedom and true liberty.

Why do we feel the government should be in control of our lives and economic freedom? Why have so many of us allowed ourselves to swallow hook, line and sinker the propaganda issues daily by the news media and be caught up in the Obama mania. Wake up and look beyond CNN and the others for the reality of what this administration is really trying to do to this country. Don't allow yourself to be overly influenced by the lies from the liberal establishment. I just read a letter in the Record where a reader describes the current Republicans as "anti-choice, racist, reli-

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gious intolerant, anti-union extremists." This is exactly what the Democratic propaganda has taught us to believe in order to be strict followers of their Socialist movement without thinking for ourselves.

What happened to the famous words Give me liberty or give me death?" Have we forgotten them in order to have our health care, social care, mortgages and so on... taken care of by the govern-

We are giving up our freedoms to Washington. And why? Because we have been told by the Obama Mania/Media this is our only hope for a better future, and so many believe.

Why was it that during the election most of the Obama bumper stickers were affixed to Japanese cars? If you truly care about this country, why not invest in it? If you are hoping for a better future for yourself and America, then choose to purchase products from American companies and keep our freedom and liberties by saying no to

> David Ryzyi Northville

wish to take this opportunity to thank those responsible for its success. First, we would like to thank our

judges, who went above and beyond to

ensure that each entry was given careful consideration. Our talented judges were Steve Jones, Chad Kelterborn, Catherine Ling, Issam Mansour, Chris Parnin, Ila Patel, Mark Ripper, Tim Sargent, Kathy Starosciak, Michelle Todorov and John Woolfolk.

Second, we would like to thank all of our parent volunteers who assisted during the afternoon and evening and with the ice cream lunch the following day. We would also like to thank our com-

mittee consisting of Elizabeth Kao, Susan Marquardt and Mark Ripper. Each contributed in important ways to the evening's success.

Finally, we would like to thank all

of the students who made the effort to participate and their families for their support. We were inspired by the creations of our Silver Springs future sci-

Kelly Morrell and Claudia Sparschu Silver Springs PTA Committee Chairs

Big vehicles necessary

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

Please write that some large vans/ minivans are a necessity not a luxury for some families.

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Science Fair kudos

socialism.

On Thursday, March 5, the Silver Springs PTA held its first Science Fair. Eighty-nine students participated. We

Robert W. Kruger

IN YOUR VOICE

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

'Romance Along the Rouge'

"Thomas Edison, the inventor of electricity"? BravoTango

Nice catch, BravoTango. That would be the electric light bulb, not electricity, that Edison invented -- Editor.

No smoking: These Northville students aren't joking

Fantastic work to the youth of Northville for standing up for clean air! Please educate the city council that breathing is not a choice and that everyone deserves to go to work and breathe clean air! After all, breathing is not a choice! For the council members to suggest a "compromise" of casino workers is to suggest that discrimination is ok! Discrimination is NOT ok! Should some people be told their health is not as important as others? Is it ok to protect some citizens from smoky air and not others? Teach your council members that everyone should be treated equally under

the law. To exempt people is to discriminate. Everyone deserves to breathe clean air! NoMoreSmoke

As the father of Andrew, I could not be more proud of his determination towards a smoke free community. Coming from Ontario, we recognized the politics of first, a small community moving towards a smoking ban and then even-tually an entire province wide ban. We realized the negative impacts on many businesses and cassinos but over time people and business adjusted and have realized the overwhelming benefits of this decision. GOOD JOB BOYS!

GUEST COLUMN: Northville PTAs celebrate Parenting Awareness Month

D It's good to know that March is Parenting Awareness month in Michigan. You are right that all parents want the best for their kids, but sometimes it's not clear how to help them with what they need most-- especially when unlike asking for a new toy or video game, they are just asking to feel better. I wanted to let your readers know about the Freeing Your Child book series, these are award winning parenting books which give clear answers to how to talk your child through such challenging issues as

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anxiety, panic, negative thinking, perfectionism and OCD. The interested reader can check out these books at www.freeingyourchild.com. You're right, we don't have to be helicopter parents to be concerned. We just want to help our kids find their best path and learn how to pursue their own satisfaction in life.

TamarChansky

■ Negotiations continue on Northville property purchase

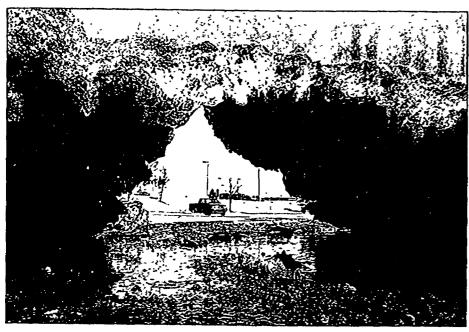
Ummm....are you serious? "Mark Abbo, township supervisor, said Friday he believes due diligence on the property can be completed in time for the board to be able to vote on a final agreement by the March 19 board meeting...Abbo said trustees could resolve to sign an agreement by the March 20 deadline even if minor details were not covered." "We may have to negotiate some of the finer points after that," Abbo said. The township board has a closed session meeting scheduled for tonight.." Isn't that what got us into trouble with the consent agreement? Mark Abbo thought he could negotiate the minor details later. But let's hurry up and sign the consent agreement now? Didn't we try to negotiate both major and minor details with the developer before? And where did that get us? Didn't know due diligence meant overlooking details, regardless of whether they are major or minor details. But then again we are dealing with Mark Abbo and his way of dealing

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The removal of the waste and buildings should be a number one priority for the use of Federal stimulus funds. This would save taxpayers of the State of Michigan from having to pay the \$17 million cleanup expense. It would also save the school tax revenue that would go towards the cleanup cost. So it actually is like getting \$34 million. The State caused the dumping of medical waste through poor management, and therefore should focus on cleaning it up. The cleanup is a labor intensive project and could then pave the way for the property to be developed, thus creating more local jobs and tax revenue. Federal funds spent on road repair or other public projects only create temporary jobs and no long term tax revenue. Our township leaders need go see Gov. Granholm, who calls Northville her home, to

push for this in Lansing. Don't forget to get the mineral rights to the oil wells while you negotiate the finer points!! The City of Livonia did not forget their \$3 million royalties on the wells behind the Target store on Haggerty.

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Merry Widows Luncheon

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TIME: Noon

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TIME/DATE: 1130 a m. fourth Thursday

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

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

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

Maundy Thursday Worship

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

Community Good Friday Service

LOCATION Holy Family Catholic

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

DETAILS: Worship with youth partici-

TIME: 11 a m. Traditional Easter service

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

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

pation, 10 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

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

DETAILS: Worship followed by Pancake

Melting away

The last vestiges of a 50 inch-plus Michigan winter snowfall melt away in the parking lot of the Northville Township Meijer on a recent sunny Thursday afternoon. At one time, the snowplow piles in this lot were close to 15 feet tall.

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 Neadowbrook Road CONTACT. (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org Mass Schedule TIME/DAY. 730, 9, 1030 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 Color Store 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 meeting open to all adoptive families in Oakland County Child care is available Registration is required

DETROIT FIRST CHURCH OF THE MAZARENE LOCATION: 21260 Haggerty Road,

north of Eight Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene org Sunday Schedule: 9 15 a m. Worship service 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; 645 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, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast

Thursday Schedule 6 am Men of Purpose Prayer Group, 7 p.m. Tae Kwon

ST. JAMES CATROLIC

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 Salurday **Mothers Group**

TIME/DATE 9 30 II a m. first and third Wednesday every month, through May

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 BAPYIST CHURCH OF MORTHYMLE LOCATION: 217 N. Wing CONTACT: (248) 348-1020 Sunday Worship, 10.45 a m and 5:45

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 PRESSYTERIAN

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

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LOCATION: 201 Elm St., Northville CONTACT: (248) 349-3140 Sunday Worship 8 30 a m. Biended; 11 a m. Contemporary; 11 30 a m Traditional Open House TIME/DATE: 6-8 p m., Narch 26 **DETAILS** Open House for parents of children from preschool through eighth grade. Visitors will tour the school, meet the teachers, and learn about the curriculum and the uniqueness of an education at St. Paul's Children are encouraged to come with

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LOCATION 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads CONTACT, Rev Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc org or e mail to office@mbccc org Sunday Worship: 10 a m YogaFít Classes TIME/DATE 730 pm every Monday **DETAILS** Eight weeks, \$55 continuous or \$8 per drop in session

How to prep for job interview

our performance during an interview depends to a great extent on your preparation for the interview. This preparation should cover three

A. Your own self-assessment to understand your

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includes some history of the organization, their mission, size, business focus, and particular information about the areas that you are targeting.

C. Industry research to understand the strengths and challenges that all businesses in that sector face.

Let's look at typical interview questions and how this preparation will help you formulate the best possible answers.

1. Tell me about yourself. You should be able to articulate your strengths and abilities. You should develop a short description of your career, highlighting one or two accomplishments that you are proud of that showcase your talents. Your answer to this question should be practiced until you can say it without hesitation in one minute or less. 2. What are your

strengths? Provide some of your knowledge areas, skills and demonstrated abilities. For example, "I'm a Civil Engineer with a Professional Engineering

license. I'm particularly

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knowledgable about storm water systems and road construction. I've designed systems for municipalities, airports, industrial parks and commercial developments." Then add in some of your personal qualities: "I'm recognized for my focus on quality and meeting customer standards."

3. What are your weaknesses?

Describe one weakness that you have identified B. Employer and learned to manage. For example, "I'm a very quick to see potential solutions to a problem, and sometimes I get frustrated when I'm working in teams because others do not understand how I come up with my ideas so quickly. I've learned to wait and listen to everyone on the team before overwhelming them with my solutions, and I've found that their input can often improve my own ideas."

4. Tell me about an accomplishment that you are proud of.

Select one of the accomplishments that you have previously identified and analyzed that demonstrates abilities that fit this opportunity. Tell the story from the beginning - What was the situation that you faced? What actions did you take - try to break this down into a step by step recounting. Finally, what was the result? Describe very clearly the result of your actions. Add in measures or descriptions that give an idea of the impact your accomplishment had on your employer.

5. Tell me what you know about our organization. Relate what you have learned about this employer Saratogian.

through your networking and research. You can find a lot of information on the company website if there is one, otherwise your public library may have business journals and directories that have information you can review. Add in what interested you about the organization.

The better you know yourself, your strengths, your goals and what you want to say about your prior work experience, the better you will be able to talk about yourself.

The more research you have done about this prospective employer, their business focus, the challenges they face and their particular strengths, the better you will be able to answer questions with their needs in mind. If you also learn about the challenges their industry faces and are able to discuss how you can help address those needs. you will begin to rise above most other candidates as well prepared and knowledgable.

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Robert Cox of Northville wades into the cold waters of the Rouge River to retrieve the tricyle belonging to 3-yearold Zachary Konen of Northville on March 17.

FROM PAGE AT

themselves climbing on the playscape on Griswold Street next to Ford Field and across from the Water Wheel Centre.

We were meeting up with one of my girlfriends and her kids," Konen said. "We always love to go by the water, so we went over by the bridge by Mill Race Village."

The children parked their bicycles by one of the wrought iron benches, and the family was talking about the water, the rapids and the stones in the river.

Then, all of a sudden, a huge gust of wind hit the area.

'I swear it came out of nowhere," Konen said. It was just enough to push 3-year-old Zachary's plastic tricycle down the embankment and into the river, where it stuck in the

Then along came Cox, who saw the trike

in the tributary, started taking his shoes and socks off, rolled up his pant legs and headed for

"I yelled at him that he didn't have to go in, but he paid no attention," Konen said.

Cox waded into the cold waters of the Rouge River to get the bike, delivering it to a smiling Zachary.

He acted like it was no big deal, but I think he deserves some acknowledgement," Konen

said. "How often do you see this kind of thing?" Konen, a teacher in the Birmingham school district, said she didn't have any cash on her to

give Cox, but would have if she had. "He was such a nice, polite gentleman," Konen said.

The Record was unable to contact Cox for this article but wanted to offer him some recognition for his good deed.

"What a wonderful community we live in here in Northville," Konen said. "People are still looking out for the best interests of others."

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NORTHVILLE ENGAGEMENT

Moehle & Esper

Weston and Jeannine Moehle of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter Heather Moehle to Matthew Esper, son of David and Diane Esper of Northville.

Heather is a 2003 graduate of Northville High School, a 2007 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science, and a 2008 master's in public health. She is employed by the William Davidson Institute.

Matthew is a 2002 Detroit Catholic Central High School graduate, and a 2006 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of mechanical engineering. He is employed by Black and Veatch.

The couple plan an Aug. 22 wedding.



NORTHVILLE BIRTH

Boden D. Wesley Jeff and Nicole Wesley, of South Lyon, announce the birth of their son Boden Douglas Wesley on March 1, 2009, at Huron Valley Sinai Hospital in Commerce.

Boden has one brother, Auben Jack, 2.

Grandparents are Doug and Linda Wesley, of Northville, and Jack and Sue Koch of Jackson. Great-grandparents are Amelia Adamov, of Livonia, and Jean Wesley, of Novi.



Jim Hiller named a 2009 **Hometown Health Hero**

■ Gov. Granholm lauds CEO of grocery chain for ceasing cigarette sales

In January, Jim Hiller pulled all cigarettes from his seven grocery stores and announced that he would no longer enable this dangerous habit. This month, Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm and Janet Olszewski, director of the state of Michigan's Department of Community Health, named Hiller a 2009 Hometown Health Hero for his decisive actions.

"This was not a business decision," said Hiller, CEO of Hiller's Markets. "My personal beliefs are intertwined in my business ethos and to continue to sell cigarettes runs contrary to my personal commitment to this commu-

nity and its future." Hiller's groceries are located in Ann Arbor, Berkley, West Bloomfield, Northville, Plymouth, Commerce Township and Union Lake.

There are all kinds of vices and unhealthy products secondhand smoke is espefor sale - but cigarettes aren't cially harmful to young

only dangerous to those who smoke them. The effects of cigarette smoke can kill people who live and work with smokers," said Hiller. "Despite the right of those who choose to smoke, I will not make Hiller's a fellow traveler."

In making this groundbreaking decision, Hiller voluntarily let go of approximately \$250,000 in annual cigarette sales and took a loss by tossing the remaining inventory.

The Michigan Public Health Hero award recognizes individuals and organizations across the state who work toward improving the health of their local communities. Award winners are celebrated during Michigan Public Health Week, which is celebrated in Lansing April 20-26.

Research indicates that



secondhand smoke has been linked to respiratory infections, hospitalization and SIDS deaths in babies. In

exposure to

children

the United States, 21 million children live with smokers. Studies show that as many as 75 percent of American children have detectable levels of cotinine, the breakdown product of nicotine in the bloodstream.

This year, Hiller's, a 68year-old company, launched a massive home-state initiative with its Hometown First local business program, Michigan shelf tags identifying home-state companies and this weekend's Michigan Foods Fair, showcasing more than 30 local companies.

"I may be just one man in Michigan," said Hiller, "but I believe that one person can make a difference if he's bold enough to speak out. I am honored to receive this award."

NORTHVILLE IN THE SERVICE

Marine Corps Cpl. Aaron J. Rock, a 1998 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School, along with more than 6,000 Marines and sailors of the Iwo Jima Expeditionary Strike Group (ESG), Norfolk, Va., and embarked 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., are winding down a deployment from the Navy's 5th and 6th Fleet area of operations in support of Maritime Security Operations and the Global War on Terror.

March 2005. While deployed, MEU Marines completed unit-wide sustainment training at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, maintaining their stance as the force

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Rock joined the Marines in

in readiness for the Central Command area of operations.

The MEU Marines completed wash-down procedures of all vehicles in preparation for transport, a significant evolution in returning home from deployment.

Each vehicle was washed, removing all dirt, plant materials, insects, animals and any other foreign contaminate that could harm the agricultural production of the United States.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture continuously trains service members on proper inspection procedures.

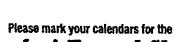
A significant event during the deployment included two MEU snipers winning a sharpshooting contest against

two British Royal Marines Commando snipers, firing on a floating target the size of a 5-Gallon paint bucket from a helicopter.

One of the missions for the scout snipers included providing ariel support from CH-46 Sea Knight helicopters for counter-piracy teams patrolling the Gulf of Aden.

In preparation for coming ashore after a seven-month deployment, the MEU also began motorcycle safety education recommended by the Secretary of the Navy and the Naval Safety Center. Additionally, the MEU instituted a motorcycle club to identify and support new riders as well as decrease the number of

motorcycle-related fatalities.



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Department of Internal Medicine, Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism

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Better living

Seminar touts benefits of plant-based diet

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN OSE STAFF WRITER

Back in the 1960s, Dr. Arthur Weaver used to pull a blackened lung from a bucket to shock participants at stop smoking seminars into quitting. Today he's mellowed and sticks to statistics when trying to convince an audience to change unhealthy habits.

On Sunday, March 29, he reveals the latest studies that add to a growing myriad of reasons for choosing a plantbased diet to reduce the risk for cancer, diabetes and heart disease. The afternoon-long session presents nutrition information, cooking demonstrations and exercise tips for a holistic approach to prevention.

Weaver spent more than 40 years as a cancer surgeon. During his career the causes remained elusive, but in the last decade studies increasingly show a link to eating animal products.

In addition to the March 29 event at the Metropolitan Seventh-Day Adventist School in Plymouth, Weaver's Better Living Seminars offer a week-long Health Camp in Northern Michigan in early May to stop smoking, introduce exercise into daily routines, control stress and weight, and eat healthy by preparing vegetarian dishes. The Plant Based Diet Seminar on March 29 concludes with a meatless

'Most chronic diseases are lifestyle induced," said Weaver, 85. The Northville resident has been a vegetarian since birth. "At least 80-percent of cancer is preventable. About 1/3 of that is tobacco and alcohol related, the rest diet. Heart disease is mostly lifestyle. What people eat is very important to how they live and when they die. We know now it's what you put on your

Natalie Weaver and her daughter-inlaw Jeanie recently filled a table with dishes for getting started on the road to meatless eating. They suggest cutting back gradually by making food that not only tastes but looks good.

Black bean and corn salad, red pepper bean dip, golden rice, and asparagus soup tempt the eye as well as taste buds. The recipes come from



For dessert, Jeanie Weaver combines raspberries with crumbled almond grapeout bar.

PLANT BASED DIET SEMINAR

When: 2-6 p.m. Sunday, March 29 Where: Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist School, 15585 N. Haggerty, between Five Mile and Six Mile, Plymouth Cost: \$15 each; \$25 per couple To register: Call (248) 446-9176 or (248) 349-5683.

several cookbooks resulting from the annual Vegetarian Holiday Tasting Extravaganza at the church. The second week in November nearly three dozen vegetarians and vegans prepare everything from entrees to desserts. Last year more than 60 samples left guests wondering which recipe to try first.

"Everybody's so busy it has to be sim-ple and quick," said 84-year-old Natalie, Dr. Weaver's wife. The two have been giving their Better Living Seminars since the early 1980s. "We like to make it easy so they think, 'I could try that'."

Laurie Novotny not only made one

of the burgers from the Extravaganza, she entered an altered version in the Michigan State Fair last August and won third place for her Hamtramck Health Burger.

The Livonia woman is always looking for nutritious recipes to add to her semivegetarian menus, especially since she began studies to become a registered dietitian. The Madonna University senior grew up eating a steady diet of high-fat Polish food. At age 50 she's concerned with every aspect of health. Her brother died of juvenile diabetes at age 24, her mother of diabetes in mid-

She was determined her daughter, Anna, a college freshman, would avoid developing the disease by eating a semivegetarian diet.

"My favorite thing about the dietetics field is that you can keep the food you like and alter it to make it healthier for you," said Novotny. "I still get the flavor and taste I grew up with. I used oatmeal and nut meal for the burger then topped it with sauerkraut and presented it in a healthier format."

Although Novotny's burger is fairly quick to make, there are nights when frozen meat alternatives like Morningstar Farms Spicy Black Bean Burger make it easier to get to exercise class on time. Novotny and her husband Jim were introduced to the annual cooking and tasting events by Jeannie Weaver, their exercise instructor at the academy in Plymouth. Weaver organizes both events. Her classes infuse Pilates, strength training, balance and flexibility into a plan. She'll have tips on reaching fitness goals.

'More people need to eat more plants," said Jeannie Weaver of South Lyon. "They need to put volume into their eating for fiber and so they won't be hungry.

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Corn and black bean



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Jeanie Weaver (left), Dr. Arthur Weaver, and Natalie Weaver are pictured with several of the dishes for the Plant Based Diet Seminar at the Metropolitan Seventh-Day Adventist School in Plymouth. Pictured (from the top, clockwise) are a raspberry and crumbled almond bar dessert, asparagus soup creamed with rice, crushed red lentil soup, black bean and corn salad, and golden rice surrounded by an array of fresh fruits and vegetables.

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EDUCATION

The Real World

■ High school business internship program helps students gain experience

BY NATHAN MENOLAN SPECIAL WRITER

Northville High School teachers Leigh Sterns and Paula Stamoulis enjoy working hard to point their career-minded students in the right direction.

Both teachers are coordinators in the school's business internship program. This year, 250 juniors and seniors signed up for the program, choosing from six different career pathways.

The 12-week internship is approved by the Michigan Department of Education and must take place off of school property. Several area businesses participate in the program allowing interns to work at their place of business four hours a week, for a total of 45 hours through the semester.

Stearns took the program over six years ago with only 34 students participating. She has been heavily involved in growing the program, finding businesses to help out Northville interns.

"We've certainly grown and have 10 classes this year. Next year though, only seniors will be permitted in the program," Stearns said, owing to the fact that many juniors don't have their own vehicles or student parking passes.

Once Stearns took over, she decided to make it a career-oriented program. Students would need to look for careertype jobs based on specific career path-

"I get the satisfaction of helping careerminded students. I'm released from classes to do this program, Stearns said, who also teaches accounting and an entrepreneurial class. "I travel to each place of business visit the interns, and make sure the company has worker compensation insurance. A lot of paperwork is required by the state, from me and the students.

VARIETY OF FIELDS

Arts and communications, engineering, business, health services, human services - and new this year, teacher cadet -- are the six pathways students can choose from. Only one category per semester is allowed,

and only two internships are permitted. "Interns report to class for meetings, learning interview skills, how to dress in the work place, and we have speakers come in as well," she said. "I also assign related projects like preparing their resume, making a brochure about the company, and doing a PowerPoint presen-

tation about the career they've chosen." Students are evaluated by the busi nesses, as part of their grade. The newest internship offered is that of Teacher Cadet. Stearns created the category basing it on some of the work she did as a student teacher graduating from Eastern Michigan.

Teacher Cadets prepare a 10-minute lesson plan, make a bulletin board, create tests, help with grading papers, help organize class material, help record grades, and as needed do some in-class tutoring if a student is having difficulty with class

PARTICIPANTS THOUGHTS

Lindsey Funfgeld wants to become a teacher, or a minister. She presently is a junior at Northville high school, and interns as a Teacher Cadet at Hillside Middle School.

"I'm working for Jim Lee two days a week. I absolutely love it! He's an eighth grade history teacher there and was my teacher when I attended Hillside," Funfgeld said. "Right now his class is learning about the Civil War. It's nice to have the connection with all the students and know they're excited about seeing

Funfgeld says her internship experience is helping her learn greater responsibility, understanding she is not there for them to take care of her, and that she must learn how to organize her time, take instruction, and get along with co-workers. She plans on attending Michigan State University upon graduation.

Paula Stamoulis, handles business, arts and communications, and engineering

This is her first year helping coordinate the program with Steams.

This year I had 95 interns in these fields. Some of the businesses I have placed students with include: The Accounting Firm, CV Media, Margo's, Compuware, Tipping Point, Rococo, Second Streets, Novi Sheraton, Rock Financial, Chamber of Commerce, Franklin Consulting, Emerald City Design, and others," she said.

She believes the program gives high school students an opportunity to experience the work force and learn what it might be like to work in the field they are in interested in pursuing.

"I've had many students hired by their internship company after finishing their internship and now have part-time jobs in a field within their area of interest. Choosing a career in college is quite difficult; these internships help students make a more educated or informed career choice. Stamoulis said.

Health services are a growing interest among students. Stearns has 50 interns in medical facilities such as St. Mary's, Botsford, Providence, and local doctor and dentist offices too.

"I visit with reps from each hospital, and they hold an orientation with the students finding out what area of medicine they're interested in - radiology, emergency room, etc. Then they work out a schedule for the interns," Stearns explained.

Interns there do what is called job shadowing, following the professionals around, watching, observing, and doing some light

"I graduated from Northville High



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Northville High School student Tori Wright works with RidgeWood Elementary student Alisa Zhavoronkova as part of the high school's internship program.

in 1978," Stearns said. "I'm very proud of this program, and how it has grown. Sometimes they figure out they don't want to follow a certain career, and realize they couldn't do something all day. That's a good time for them to think about doing something else."

Kara Folas, a senior, did her internship at St. Mary's Hospital, last September. She rotated to a different area of the hospital each week.

"I liked the Birthing Unit, and saw a couple of live births, and saw a pace maker being put in place - watching through a window," Folas said.

Her most graphic memory is of a circumcision being performed, and that it was quite bloody.

Folas says she is leaning towards the field of Anesthesiology, and while interning at the hospital was able to ask questions regarding that field, affirming her interest.

Justin Crawford, a senior, is interning at Greater Media Detroit Radio (WRIF,

MAJIC95, and WCSX). "I help out with events the radio stations put on. Often it's helping out before the event, getting supplies ready, making phone calls to listeners to help survey them. Stations want to know about their audience, and those are some of the things I do." Crawford said.

He says radio is was one of the areas he is interested in, and this program is helping him decide whether he actually pursues a radio career.

Crawford says he's having fun, and it's been a positive experience. He ing Schookraft College in the fall.

For those who will be seniors next year, I would seriously suggest doing an internship, especially if you know what you want to do," he said.

BUSINESS ROLE

Local businesses are an important



Northville High School student Georgios Basoukeas works with Eric Stempien at Northville's Stempien and Stempien Law Office as part of the school's internship program.

part of the internship program. Many in Northville have opened their doors to high school interns.

Ted Chapekis and his wife, Linda, own The Accounting Office, Inc. in downtown Northville.

"I can't speak for the students, but for us the experience overall, has been positive," expressed Ted.

He said the interns have meaningful work to learn about the discipline of accounting, including bookkeeping and

learning the software. "At least one intern told us that weren't considering accounting, but they saw our office and are now very positive to the profession. In fact, two interns were so good positions," he said.

Chapekis calls Northville students so good and so smart. They learn quickly, are low maintenance, and like what they do.

We get the benefit of helping them and the community," he said. "We have been in Northville, since 2004, and work exclusively, with small to medium-sized businesses."

Another established area business enjoying success with the interns is the law office of Stempien & Stempien, on Center Street.

Eric Stempien, and his father Greg run the office, and have two interns in their office now. This is a great program and the interns

they send us are almost, without exception bright and hard working," Eric stated. This is our third year with interns."

They do a lot of clerical work, Stempsen said. There is filing, banking, routing the mail, and they learn by asking questions about the many aspects of law.

"We have two attorneys, three support staff, and the interns work with everyone our office, learn our specific filing system, answering phones, office procedure, organization, and how to interact," he said. "And quite important is knowing that dient information here is confidential."

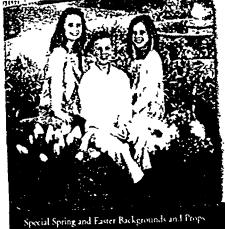
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C. Cliff, bachelor of science, elementary group minors; Ashley L. Debear, bachelor of arts, journalism; Amanda K. Deluca, bachelor of arts, public relations; Johnathan M. Harrison, bachelor of arts, sociology, criminal justice; Kyle K. Jasinski, bachelor of

business administration, management; Jesse R. Myers, bachelor of science, aviation flight science, magna cum laude; Elizabeth M. Sant, bachelor of fine arts, art; Lia C. Schimizzi, bachelor of arts, English; and Kellen M. Vanbuskirk, bachelor of arts, art history.

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THE THRESHOLD STREET, AND THE PROPERTY OF THE IT'S YOUR NORTHVILLE BUSINESS Q&A WITH VINE2WINE



Mark Zucker, co-owner of Northville's vineZwine Custom Winery at 446 S. Main, helps to prepare a batch of Italian brunello to be bottled by guests Shelley and Dave Bauer (rear).

How did the business start?

About 14 years ago we received a bottle of wine as a gift. The giver told us that they made it themselves. We thought it was a nice gesture but that the wine couldn't possibly be any good so we put it in the wine rack and forgot about it. About three months later, we were going to meet that person for dinner and knew that we had to try the wine beforehand because she would ask us about it. It was really, really good! We spent the whole dinner talking about winemaking. We found a place to make wine and did that for about a year. Meanwhile, researching businesses for our future and not finding the right fit, we realized that this type of winery could actually work for us. We researched the winery industry and Michigan state and federal laws for another year and applied for licensing. That part took yet another year, and here we are today -- going into our ninth year

How has it changed since it opened?

of business.

When we opened our business in 2001, we were the fourth micro-winery in the state. Since then, two have closed and one has changed owners. We opened in downtown Northville because we loved the feel of the town, kind of like where we grew up. We stayed in that downtown location for about six years and then moved to 446 S. Main three years ago. We now have a Main Street address and much better visibility, as well as our own parking lot. We've grown our business by sourcing the best juices from around the

DETAILS

Name: vine2wine Custom Winery Address: 446 S. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167 Phone: 248-465-9463(WINE) Started in: 2001 Owners: Mark and Sherrie Zucker Web: www.northvillewine.com

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world and by taking great care in crafting small batch wines for our clientele. There are now a few other micro-wineries in the tri-county area but our customers are very loyal. Besides, we make great wines!

What makes your business unique? Our business is unique in that

we import juices from all over the world and handcraft great wines to order. We do not sell `by-the-bottle'. We only sell in small batch increments. Our customers come in and taste wines, find something they love, buy it and come back in eight weeks to bottle their wine and take it home. During that eight-week period, we start the wine and take it through the process of fermentation, racking, clearing and filtering. We do not add sulphite as a preservative because we do not sell 'by-the-bottle' and we don't ship anywhere. So you as the dient have an amazing batch of wine that taste like wine should taste, without the additional preservatives, all for about \$7 per bottle. How great is that! Anyone can come in anytime and taste wines; no appointments are necessary. We are open six days, including Saturday and

Sunday. Our only closed day is Monday. Additionally, we offer private wine tasting parties at our Northville location.

How has the recent economy affected your business?

The economy has hit a lot of our customers pretty hard but fortunately for us, we are a dedicated line in our dientele's budgets. We have had so many people actually tell us this. If you want to drink high quality wines at well under typical commercial pricing, we are your destination stop. You get to taste what you're buying before you buy it, you have a great time doing it and you get to come back and bottle it and taste more for your next batch. We guarantee everything we make as well as the fun you'll have doing it. We're a great meeting place for wine buddies, friends and family to get together and spend fun quality time together picking out wines before going to lunch or dinner at one of the great Northville eating spots.

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

We introduce new wine types regularly so there is always a great variety and many choices. We will continue to source the best juices on the market, import them and make great wines for our customers. We will continue to strive to be the best custom winery we can be and continue to offer great customer service and big big fun. Our customers are the best, and we're here for them and they know it. We do what it takes to meet their wine needs and we all have a great time

BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS I

Northville resident Susan D. Koval has joined Detroitbased employment law firm

Nemeth Burwell, P.C. She is well known in Detroitarea legal circles and have a strong background in employ-

ment law. Immediately prior to joining Nemeth Burwell, Koval had been a principal at Detroitbased Keller Thoma. Nemeth Burwell now employs 15 attorneys, including 5 partners, and 31 total staff; it continues as the largest women-owned law firm in Michigan to exclusively represent management in the prevention, resolution and litigation of labor and employment disputes.

Koval focuses her practice on employment litigation and arbitration. Koval also conducts workplace investigations and trains employers' workforces — from entry level positions to high level executives and officers - on discrimination and harassment in the workplace and other employment issues. She served as a special facilitator for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission mediation program and has been a presenter or guest lecturer for numerous employers and organizations on a variety of topics, including employment law, personnel records, and tort law for educators.

Koval is admitted to practice in Michigan and West Virginia, the United States Supreme Court, the United States Courts of Appeal for the Fourth and Sixth

Circuits, and the United States District Courts in the Eastern and Western Districts of Michigan, the Northern District of Ohio, and the Northern and Southern Districts of West Virginia. Koval holds a bachelor of arts degree in political science from West Liberty State College and a juris doctorate from West Virginia University College of Law. Following law school, she served as a law clerk for the Honorable Robert E. Maxwell, United States District Judge for the Northern District of West

United Bank & Trust announced the winners of its

Chairman's Club Award for the fourth quarter of 2008. Each quarter, Chairman's Club honorees are nominated and chosen

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workers for outstanding organizational commitment, support, client service, flexibility, teamwork, and cooperation. Club recipients represent the very "best of the best," and their performance sets an example for other co-workers to follow.

Among those selected was Northville resident Russell Holznagle, vice president, Wealth Management operations manager, honored for his internal client experience efforts.

Botsford Health Care Corporation has named Margaret Lightner President and CEO of **Botsford Continuing Care**



Corporation. 'I can't think of anyone I would rather have at the helm than Margaret, said Paul LaCasse, D.O.

President and CEO of Botsford Health Care. "Her dedication and commitment continues to uphold and further our mission to provide a world class environment for our residents."

Lightner joined the corporation in 1998, most recently serving as Chief Operating Officer. Botsford Continuing Care Corporation oversees **Botsford Commons Senior** Community, a 30-acre campus in Farmington Hills that houses more than 400 onsite residents in privately owned condominiums, assisted living and skilled nursing, as well as short stay rehabilita-

"I am so honored to be called to serve our residents and community in this way," said Lightner, a Northville resident. "I look forward to continuing to provide the highest possible quality of life for those who call Botsford Commons home.

In addition to her duties at Botsford, Lightner is Chairman of the Board for the Michigan Center for Assisted Living, and is on the Health Care Association of Michigan Board of Directors, serving as Chairman of the Membership Committee. In 2008, Lightner achieved Fellow status in the American College of Health Care Administrators, the organization's highest level of membership.

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DDA, Chamber host seminar

As part of an on-going initiative by the Northville Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and Northville Chamber of Commerce, the organizations are pleased to host a complimentary business seminar for Northville DDA business and property owners, Northville Chamber of Commerce members, and City of Northville and Northville Township staff and officials. The seminar will be held on Thursday, April 2 at Genitti's Hole-inthe-Wall (108 E. Main Street in downtown Northville) and feature keynote speakers and business coaches, Marianna Hayes and Andy Chapman, of HALO Business Advisors.

During the seminar, Team HALO will speak on the subject of how to survive in this down economy and marketing strategies that work.

Two sessions are being offered and registration is required no later than close of business on March 27.

Interested guests can register with Cindy Abar in the DDA office by phone (248-349-0345) or email (cabardda@comcast.net) and should provide the following information: Name, business name or property address, phone, e-mail, number of guests attending and session(s) you wish to attend.

Guests are welcome to attend one or both of the following sessions:

• Session 1(7:30 - 9:30 a.m.) - How to Make Cash Registers Ringin a Down Economy. Don't succumb to the statistics and trends - be an outlier of prosperity during this time. Learn which tools work and don't work. Learn where to cut the budget and where to stay the course. We'll cover the top marketing tactics that will make success more affordable in today's economy. Strategy for getting results with Facebook and other web media will round out Session 1. A Continental breakfast will be served.

• Session 2 (11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.) - How to Work with Other Businesses: Creating a Community of Success. Do you want to leverage your marketing investment (both time and money)

to get the maximum results? Do you want to build a network of referral partners and grow your customer base quickly? If so, this session is for you. We will cover cooperative marketing basics as well as review some useful marketing tools and innovative strategies that will maximize your return on investment in a cooperative marketing program. Lunch will be served at this session.

Following the second session there is also an opportunity for Northville DDA members to participate in a complimentary oneon-one business consultation with Marianna Hayes from Team Halo. There are approximately four slots available for the one-on-one consultations and these will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Those interested in setting up a 30 minute appointment, which will be held in the merchant's store from 1:30-4 p.m. on April 2, must contact the Northville DDA. For more information on the seminar, contact the Northville DDA at (248) 349-0345.

Submitted by Jeanne Micailef / IMJ Communications - PR Consultant to the Northwide DDA





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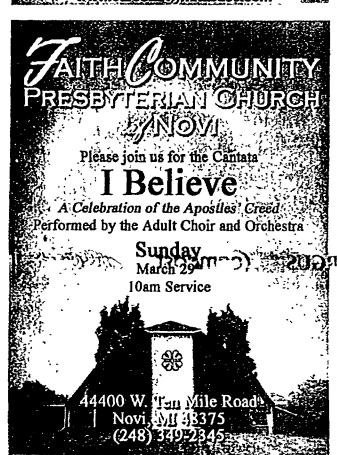
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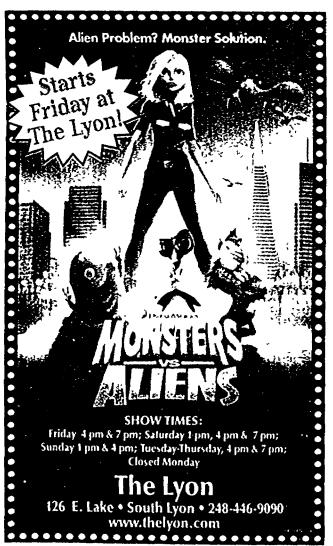
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DATE First and third Monday of the month

TIME 7.30 pm. LOCATION City Hall, 215 W Main St **Downtown Development Authority**







DATE: Third Tuesday of each month ME8:3MIT LOCATION City Half Meeting Room A. on lower level, 215 W. Main St. CONTACT, downtownnorthyille com **Planning Commission** DATE: First and third Tuesday of month TIME: 7.30 p.m. **LOCATION** City Half **Housing Commission DATE:** Second Wednesday of every TIME: 3 p.m. LOCATION Allen Terrace, 401 High St. **Historic District Commission** DATE: Third Wednesday of month TIME: 7 p.m. **LOCATION** City Hall **Arts Commission DATE** Second Wednesday of every TIME. 7:30 p.m. LOCATION Art House, 215 W. Cady St. **Beautification Commission** DATE: Second Tuesday of every month TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION, Northwile City Hall, Meeting Room B

HORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP

Planning Commission **DATE:** Last Tuesday of month TIME: 7.30 p.m. LOCATION Township Hall, 44405 West

Six Mile **Board of Trustees**

DATE: Third Thursday of month TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION. Township Hall Zoning Board of Appeals

DATE: Third Wednesday of month TIME: 7.30 p.m. **LOCATION** Township Hall **Beautification Commission** DATE Third Monday of month

TIME 730 p.m. **LOCATION** Township Hall Youth Assistance DATE: Second Tuesday of every month TIME: 8 a m.

LOCATION Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road CONTACT Sue Campbell (248) 344-1618

Senior Events

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SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER LOCATION 303 W. Main St. CONTACT (248) 349-4140

8 a.m.: Walking Club 9 a.m. TOPS; Massage by appt. 10.30 a m.: Yoga 11 a.m.: Cribbage Noon: Walking Club 12:30 p m.: Pinochle Friday 8 a.m.: Walking Club 11 a.m.: Poker 11:30 am.: Walking Club **Noon:** Walking Club 1 p.m.: Movie Monday 8 a.m.: Walking Club 9:30 a.m: Mah Jongg 10 a.m.: Beginning Line Dance; **Oxycise** 11 a.m.: Adv. Line Dance Noon: Walking Club 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle/Euchre 7.15 p.m.: Tai Chi

Tuesday 8 a.m.: Walking Club 10:30 a m . Yoga 11:30 a.m - Walking Club Noon: Walking Club 12:30 p.m. Pinochie Wednesday 8 a.m.: Walking Club 9 a.m.: Foot Reflexology by appt.

10 a.m.: Oxycise 11 a.m..: Strength Training 11:30 a.m.: Walking Club Noon: Bridge; Walking Club 1 p.m.: Cribbage 7 p.m.: Bridge Co-ed Adult 50+ Open Volleyball

TIME/DAYS: 10 a.m.-noon Monday, Wednesday, Friday LOCATION, Recreation Center at Hillside **DETAILS:** All levels of play welcome;

bring your friends; \$1. CONTACT: Northville Parks and Recreation (248) 449-9947 Adult 50+ Fun Co-ed Volleyball TIME/DAYS: 1-3 p.m. every Tuesday **LOCATION** Recreation Center at Hillside

DETAILS: Games scored to 15 points with creative team rotation; \$1 per session; all skill fevels welcome. CONTACT: Northville Parks and Recreation (248) 449-9947 Co-ed Adult 50+ Open Basketball TIME/DAY: 10 a m.-noon each

Thursday **LOCATION** Senior Community Center

DETAILS: All levels of play welcome: bring your friends; \$1. CONTACT: Northville Parks and

Recreation (248) 449-9947 Health Walking DATE: Monday-Friday TIME: 8-10 a m. **LOCATION: Senior Community** Center, 303 W. Main St. **Pilates Class** TIME/DATE: 6 p m. each Tuesday

Bunco TIME/DATE: 12-30 p m. second Thursday of each month **DETAILS:** Call Senior Community Center 24 hours in advance to regis-

Friday Flicks TIME: 1 p m. every Friday **DETAILS**- Cost is \$1

Library Lines

ter: \$1 per person

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

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DETAILS: Book donations can be dropped off any time during operating hours. Be sure to get a receipt for your taxes. Arrangements can be made by calling the library, for -Friends to pick up a large donation from your home.

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TIME/DATE: 4-4:45 p.m Mondays; 10 15-11 a m and 2-2.45 p m. Tuesdays

Special six-week series of 45 minute storytimes. Register by

phone at 248-349-3020 or in person beginning Jan. 20. **Drop-In Morning Storytime** TIME/DATE: 10.15 a m. Thursdays starting Jan. 29- six week series **DETAILS:** Storytime for toddlers and preschoolers. All ages welcome to attend with caregiver accompanying children 3 and younger. No registration needed ... just drop in! Six week series of winter season drop-in storytimes. March is Reading Month!

DATE: March 1-31 **DETAILS: Kids preschool through**

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Parks & Rec

NORTHYILLE PARKS & RECREATION

LOCATION: 775 N. Center St. (back entrance of Hillside Middle School) **CONTACT:** For registration and information on camps, classes and activities call (248) 349-0203 or visit northvilleparksandrec org Parks and Recreation Commission DATE/TIME: 7 p.m. second Wednesday, every other month beginning in Jan. LOCATION: Northville Township Hall,

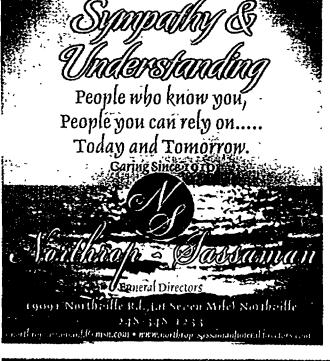
44405 W. Six Mile Road **Group Fitness Classes DETAILS:** Classes include Yoga. Pilates Ball, Aerobics, Step. Kickboxing, Cycle and overall

strength training. Class schedules are flexible and vary; monthly calendar available at Web site or call. Fees are \$8 for drop-ins or \$50 for an unlimited monthly resident pass. Classes held at Hillside Recreation Center or Senior Community Center. All fitness levels welcome to participate; certified instructors provide safe and fun workouts.

Open Adult Basketball TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m. every Sunday **LOCATION: Senior Community.** Center, 303 W. Main St. DETAILS: \$3 per person. Open Family Basketball

TIME/DATE: 4-6 p.m. every Sunday LOCATION Senior Community Center, 303 W Main St.

DETAILS \$2 per person









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say she believes having a full-time assessor is important. She feels contractual employees don't have a vested interest in the city and that residents want someone they can talk to at city hall.

Currently, the city has \$100,000 in delinquent property taxes, and Nottley believes the collection of these dollars could also be outsourced.

MORE SUPERVISION NEEDED

Another suggestion Nottley made was to either relocate the public works director, Jim Gallogly, to the public works yard on Doheny Street or have him divide his time between the yard and city hall.

"We don't think there's enough supervision down there," Nottley said.

Other cost-saving measures include reviewing vehicle take-home privileges across the board and building maintenance.

In parks and recreation, Nottley feels

maintenance hours can be reduced.

He was, however, impressed with the fire department, which is a paid-on-call operation. But, he said the 1980 ladder truck may need to be replaced soon at a cost of about \$700,000. He is also surprised that the city currently doesn't have any FEMA grants in place even though he believes city staff has the talent to write grant applica-

Nottley also recommended moving from the hiring of full-time police officers to part-time, realizing, however, that union contracts are an issue. He also suggested modifying the police department's vehicle replacement schedule to save dollars.

Another suggestion was to close the police department at city hall at 4 p.m. instead of 9 p.m.

LIVELIHOODS AFFECTED

Nancy Darga, councilwoman, said she would like to have city staff review other ways to contain costs before taking actions that affect people's livelihoods.

There are ways to do this (trim the budget) where people don't get hurt," she said. Mayor Chris Johnson said although

council has made no decision on any of Nottley's recommendations that members might want to heed his suggestions, which would save the city about \$500,000, still leaving a \$139,000 deficit.

"We're living in a very decreased budget," Johnson said, "And, only Washington, D.C., has the ability to print money."

In fact, Johnson said he hasn't seen such a drastic decrease in revenues in Northville since 1991, when the governor's line-item veto eliminated a portion of the Northville Downs revenue the city receives, causing a 25 percent reduction in revenues.

Some people are critical of me for maybe not going deep enough," said Nottley about his cost-saving measures.

"A lot of thought went into this. The report tries to be as measured as possible," he said. "We are talking about people's

Johnson told the audience, which included city staff and residents, to direct any cost-saving suggestions to Bateson.

Budget discussions will begin in April, with the city charter requiring budget adoption by the third Monday in May.

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'That is the biggest competition in the world," and one that local viewers have seen on PBS. "It's a weeklong competition, and we dance from about 7 a.m. to midnight. It's insane actually," he said.

Brock also coaches ice dancing at the Arctic Edge in Canton and loves that as well. "It's the top school for ice dancing maybe in the world," he said. "I enjoy teaching, but I still have the fire to compete."

He competes with all of his students, who currently number about 15 ranging in age from 16 to 75.

'DANCING WITH THE STARS'

Brock said the hit TV show "Dancing with the Stars" has definitely brought more people to the dance floor recently.

"I haven't seen a resurgence in dance like this since the movie 'Saturday Night Fever' came out," Brock said. "Then, all of the men wanted to be John Travolta."

Brock said dancing is one of the most fun of all sports. "I can go to Europe, on a cruise, to a nightclub or a wedding, and I don't need two drinks to get up and dance, because I know what I'm doing," he said. "That's a great feeling."

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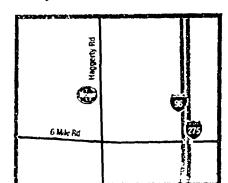
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WRAPS

With an 11-4 win over the Chicago Storm on Sunday, the Detroit Ignition took

sole possession of first place in the Xtreme Soccer

The victory improved the Ignition to 10-7, while the

With just three regular-

Sunday's win moved Detroit

season games remaining,

Storm slipped to 7-11.

one critical step closer

league's title.

to winning the first-year

After a scoreless first

quarter, forward Leo Gibson

kicked off a 9-0 Detroit run

with his first three-pointer

of the season, an unassisted tally at 7:04 of the second.

Mike Apple, Zach Wilkes and Droo Callahan each

found the back of the net in the third quarter, putting

the Ignition up 9-0 leading

into the game's final stanza.

the fourth, Chicago tallied its first score of the after-

noon - a two-pointer from

At 7:27, Ryan Mack was

able to knock in a ricochet

push Detroit's lead to nine

again. The Storm was able

Danny Waltman before the

match was finished, but the Ignition walked away with

The Ignition will try and

strengthen its hold on first

place Friday when it takes

(8-8) at the Prudential

on the New Jersey Ironmen

Crusaders remain hot

an 11-4 victory.

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to get one more goal past

pass from Callahan to

defender Lazo Alavanja.

Less than 30 seconds into

League.

Ignition seize first

Catching greatness

Ex-Northville baseball star excelling at Duke

RECORD STAFF WRITER

From the time he was old enough to grip a 26-ounce aluminum T-Ball bat, playing baseball was almost as much a part of 21-year-old Matt Williams' daily summer routine as waking up.

That is until last summer, when the two-time All-State catcher at Northville High School and current standout at Duke University opted to take a break from the sport that had entrenched itself in his multi-dimensional life.

Instead of strapping on his catcher's gear and gunning down would-be base stealers for an elite college-level summerleague team, Williams participated in a Christian Outreach program in Orlando, Fla. along with 140 other college students from across the country.

"It was refreshing being away from baseball for a few months," said Williams. "It was a faith-building program that included studying the Bible and helping out in the community. I still worked out regularly — I ran for about an hour a day and did a lot of strength workouts - but I didn't play baseball for the first summer since I can remember."

NO SIGN OF RUST

The time away from the diamond didn't diminish Williams' talent - at least judging by the numbers he's racking up during his senior season with the Blue Devils. Through March 23, the four-year varsity starting catcher had posted a .417 batting average in 20 games. His stats also included two home runs, 21 runs batted in and zero errors - and he had thrown out four-of-seven base-stealers.

Not bad considering he plays in the Atlantic Coast Conference — a league that includes three of the top 10 collegiate teams in the country.

"My career here has truly been a blessing," said Williams, who hit .330 and threw out 19 runners as a junior. "I've been able to start at catcher since I was a freshman, so I couldn't ask for more. I definitely had some growing pains as a

Williams nominee for Lowe's award

Former Northville High School baseball standout Matt Williams, currently a senior at Duke University, is one of 30 nation-wide nominees for the 2009 Lowe's Senior CLASS

The acronym stands for Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School.

To be eligible for the prestigious award, a student-athlete must be classified as an NCAA Division I senior and have notable achievements in four areas of excellence: classroom, character, community and competition.

Williams, a four-year starting catcher at Duke, has a 3.4 gradepoint average. He is working toward a political science major with a minor in

In addition to his stellar accomplishments on the field and in the

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freshman. I was playing against a lot of guys who were three years older than I was, plus every player on every team we played was the best player on their high school team. But I've been extremely fortunate to play for some awesome coaches who made the transition from high school to college a lot easier."

BRING YOUR 'A' GAME

Playing in the ACC means batting against pitchers who light up radar guns like Christmas trees. Among the hurlers Williams has dug in against include current Major Leaguers Andrew Miller (a former Detroit Tiger) and Carlos Perez, both of whom packed mid-90s heat.

"When I face someone who throws that

Please see WILLIAMS, B2



Former Northville High School baseball standout Matt Williams squeezes a pop-up during a recent game for Duke University. The four-year starting catcher also excels in the classroom and with the team's commmunity-service programs.

'MATT'ER OF FACTS

Name: Matt Williams;

Age: 21;

High School: 2006 graduate of Northville High School; Current athletic status: Four-year starting catcher for Duke

College academic state: 3.4 grade-point average with a political science major and religion minor;

College baseball feats: currently hitting .417 with two home runs

and 21 R81 for the 81ue Devils, who were 14-7 through Monday, he has not committed an error this season and has thrown out 4 of 7 potential base-stealers;

Other interests: Spent last summer with a Christian Outreach program in Orlando. Fla: attends a few Duke men's basketball games when time permits.



Off to its best start in school history, the Madonna University baseball team continued its winning ways Sunday with a doubleheader sweep of host College of the

Ozarks, 16-0 and 14-7, in Point Lookout, Mo. The No. 18-ranked Crusaders, now 21-2 overall, were led by Ryan Morrow, who went 8-for-9 on the day

with four RBI. In the opener, Kevin Zerbo (Farmington Hills Harrison) added three hits, while Aaron Hacias went 2for-4 with a homer and four RBI. Zach Flavin also went

2-for-2 with three RBI. Winning pitcher Kyle Bolton (4-1) went the distance in the five-inning mercy, allowing just two hits

and two walks. In the nightcap, Morrow went 4-for-4 with two RBI, while Hacias and Flavin each went 2-for-4 with three RBI. Flavin clubbed his fourth homer of the season as the Crusaders outhit College of the Ozarks (6-18)

by a 17-9 margin. MU used three pitchers, with Trent Pohl (2-0) going the middle 2% innings in relief for the win. Starter Robert Fraser (Westland John Glenn) went the first 3's innings, while Andy Omilian finished up.

Morrow, who went 16for-26 for the week (.626) with 11 RBI, was named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Player of the



Headed to the next level

A pair of Northville High School girls soccer players recently signed letters of intent to play college soccer. Seated (from left) are Mustangs Jeanette Dolmetsch, who will play for Long Island University in New York, and Kelsey Baskins, who will play at Western Michigan University. Pictured standing (from left) are Robert and Sharon Dolmetsch; Northville assistant coach Eric Brucker; and Alan Baskins.

Yaklin named new volleyball coach

BY ED WRIGHT RECORD STAFF WRITER

Amanda Yaklin isn't leaving the Kensington Lakes Activities Association volleyball coaching ranks - she's just heading a little west when it comes to location and a little north when it comes to responsibility.

On March 12, the former Livonia Churchill assistant volleyball coach was hired to take over the reins of the Northville High School varsity volleyball program. She succeeds Tom Teeters.

I am honored to be able to step into a head-coaching position at an outstand-ing school," said Yaklin, who was a prep volleyball standout at Walled Lake Central High School, where she graduated from in 1999. "I'm confident my past coaching experience and my energy will make playing at Northville a positive experience for all future players.

Along with helping Churchill win the Class A state championship in 2007 and the 2008 final four, Yaklin helped launch the TCA volleyball club in Michigan.

She played in college at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, where she earned the school's Scholar Athlete award in 2002. She graduated from the

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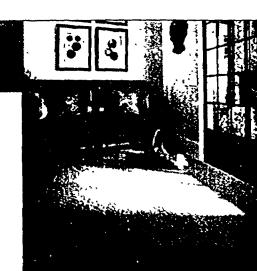
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hard, I immediately go into my two-strike stance," said Williams, chuckling. "There's no way to describe what it's like hitting against those guys. It's kind of surreal."

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The quality of the opposition rarely wanes in the ACC, Williams noted.

"Every game is very intense," he said. "One week my sophomore season, we played three games against the teams ranked No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3 in the country. You can't play at less than 100 percent in any game, that's for sure.

MEMORABLE VICTORY

One of the most prized items ın Wılliams' highlight vault was a contest at No. 1-ranked Florida State University his sophomore season.

That was one of the biggest crowds I've ever played in front of - and they were loud," Williams remembered. We ended up beating them 8-5, but the reason it was so memotable for me was because I got to catch for my roommate and one of my best friends on the team, Andrew Wolcott.

PRO ASPIRATIONS

Like most top-notch college players, Williams still harbors dreams of getting drafted in this summer's Major League Baseball draft. But those who know the well-rounded Williams well know that the dream doesn't consume his

daily thoughts. "Playing at the next level has been a dream of mine pretty much my entire life, but I try not to think about (getting drafted) too much," he said. "I just try to focus on what I have to do here at Duke. If I do that. I figure everything else will

take care of itself. "If I am fortunate enough to

classroom, Williams is active

munity-service efforts, which

in the baseball team's com-



DURE UNIVERSITY

Matt Williams blocks a low pitch for Duke University during a recent Atlantic Coast Conference contest.

get drafted, I'll sit down and look everything over and make a decision on what course to

Williams has excelled offthe-field as well at one of the country's most academically demanding universities. Working towards a political science major and minor in religion, the senior has sculpted a stellar 3.4 grade-point average.

He's applied to serve for "Teach For America", a pro-

included 10 projects this year.

will be placed on a ballot for

a nationwide vote April 15.

Fan balloting, which will run

through May 31, will be cou-

pled with votes form coaches

and media to determine the

Ten finalists for the award

gram that places highly accomplished college graduates in inter-city schools for two-year teaching terms.

If a future in professional baseball doesn't materialize, Williams won't fret.

"I'd like to get involved in the ministry some day," he said. "And I'll probably always play some kind of baseball even if it's in a church league somewhere."

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K I admit it, I am facing the big "Five-O" and for many of you I am sure you are thinking big deal; but for a guy involved with fitness training of adults over 50 since I was age 18, (let's see that would be over 30 years, (Yikes!), I have to come clean.

While I was on the younger side of the 50-year fence, training so many of you on the opposite side, I know I shared many of my wonderful insightful and inspirational statements such as ... just work through the pain, or age is just a number, or calories don't change for someone over 50 or weight loss is basic and simple. Thank you all for not killing me! I am sure so many of you silently thought (as I do now), "What do you know you 18-year-old, single, living at home with mommy and daddy trainer."

Sorry. While my belief in fitness remains as strong as 30 years ago, it is now combined with that invaluable ingredient, personal experience. And yes, I continue to work to stay in shape, but now I am dealing

GUEST COLUMN

with so many of life's challenges that so many of you were and are dealing with. My hip and back have arthritis, and when I play my favorite sport, my beloved basketball, I basically can't walk for the next couple of days. It seems I eat less and am busy as ever but weight control is much more difficult. (Yes, I admit it!) Healing of a muscle or joint injury seems to take double or triple the time and on and on. My attempt here is not to depress myself or you, or admit that us 50-plus people are over the hill; but rather to let you know I feel it is more important now than ever to continue a health and fitness lifestyle with modifications than it was in our teens.

Yes, as I look over my new AARP membership information, my goals of looking buff on a beach may have faded in importance, but being able to continue my lifestyle pain free, strong and flexible. Being able

to fit into my existing clothing is now vital. The latest research still strongly supports proper and consistent weight bearing activity and cardiovascular activity combined with flexibility movements such as stretching or yoga, to achieve and maintain this vitality.

While I now have to listen to my 18-year-old trainers tell me how it "really is," and the thought of this continued commitment to a healthy lifestyle doesn't seem any easier over the next 50 years. The thought of doing nothing scares me much, much more. So to all my fellow 50-year-olds (not ready to say seniors yet), see you on the bike trail, at the gym or at the lake swimming this summer or, like my dad, who is my shining example - on the softball field.

Chris Klebba owns and operates Planet Fitness in Northville and Waterford, and is a regular columnist and public speaker. For fitness questions, e-mail planet-fitness@ sbcglobal.net and for more information, call 248-449-7634 or go to www. planetfitness.com.

Madonna expands Hall of Fame

Jerry Abraham now has company in the Madonna

The MU women's vollevball coach, who was enshrined as the first-ever charter member in 2004, will be joined by four new honored June 13 in a cer-

Women's soccer All-America Jen Barker (Livonia Stevenson), vol-Division I College World Series' leyball All-America Kelly McCausland (Redford Union), baseball All-America Aaron Shrewsbury and former MU president Sister Francilene Van de

ward 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 hallmark 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)

Taylor police officer.

was a two-time NAIA "The founding of our Hall BY BRAD EMONS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER of Fame is another step forfirst-team All-America

University Athletics Hall of Fame.

inductees for the 2009 Hall of Fame class, which will be emony on campus.

Vyver will comprise the 'inaugural class.' inaugural class.

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

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Madonna golf squad takes advantage of Training Station

BY BRAD EMONS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Madonna University men's golf coach Steve Mato attended a seminar over the winter at the Titleist Performance Institute in Chicago, he was looking for ideas to jump-start his spring

And because of the long and often cruel Michigan winters, Mato was seeking an off-sea-son program tailored to incorporate golf and fitness.

It was time to come out of hibernation and only a few miles away from campus Mato got his answer - a new facility called the Training Station, located on 495 Amelia, just a chip shot away from the Cultural Center in Plymouth.

"Part of it was out of necessity, and I was looking for something we could do on our own," Mato said. "Nothing replaces hitting the ball on the course, but we're in Michigan. This is exactly what we need. I've gotten a lot of positive comments. And even though they're sore and tired, they see the benefits."

As part of an eight-week session, the MU men's team meets twice a week for an hour doing circuit training. The Crusaders can be seen doing bar rotations, tire flips and lifting kettle bells.

The program stresses strength, stability, flexibility, mobility and cardio work under the direction of Dave Finlay, a certified personal trainer, strength and conditioning specialist. Also assisting the MU golfers during their off-season program is Tami Bealert, a local PGA professional and fitness instruc-

"If you do nothing all winter, then you wonder why you're hurt after that first swing," said Finlay, who holds a B.S. degree in Physical Education from St. Francis Xavier University in Nova Scotia. "Chiropractors will tell you golf and gardening are their biggest moneymakers. If you have no practice, warmup training or flexibility, that's when you get hurt.



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Madonna University golfer Kyle Lawrey trains as Training Station golf pro Teri Bealert observes.

"If your hamstrings are too tight, you use your spine as a torque instead of your hips."

Finlay also works with area youth and high school hockey teams during off-season: Ironically, many of MU's players have hockey back-

"These guys are pretty athletic," Finlay said. "I wouldn't mind taking them out and training them in other sports. Golf is a powerful, rotation sport. Most people just want to get through 18 holes not get injured. But these guys are just not doing it once or twice a week. They're scholarship athletes and it requires conditioning."

Bealert came away impressed following the team's initial sessions.

"It's a good bunch, they're very opening to listening, they want to do a good job and they're serious," Bealert said. "The fact that they want to get better is a good thing.

"Dave gave them an introduction to try it out and they were very impressed with his presentation and what he had to offer. He's very knowledgeable about biomechanics.

We started off with drills to check their balance, stability and mobility. From the very beginning we eased into it, then by the fourth and fifth session it was more power. But whatever exercise they do, posture is critical just like the golf swing. College kids are developed, but I'd think it would be even better for high school kids."

Players work up quite a sweat just after an hour of work in Finlay's facility, which opened last September.

"I can hardly wait for the spring season," said MU sophomore Austin Stillman, a graduate of Livonia Franklin. "This is a huge advantage for this program. It will not only help me help me, but the whole team in the future. We're pretty committed. It also brings us together as a team. I'm getting back in shape. It's helped my range and motion. It's given me more flexibility and strength to hit the ball

MU junior Steve South, who

played hockey in high school, noticed a difference when he went to play earlier this month in Myrtle Beach, S.C. during spring break.

'I saw a significant change in distance, I'm driving the ball further than before," he said. It's tough work. It's a lot harder than I thought. I got more of a sweat than I anticipated. It's good and it will all benefit."

Mato is confident he'll see the rewards right away as MU will embark next weekend to Louisville, Ky. for its first spring tournament.

"You watch the game on TV and how many tourneys are won and lost on the last four holes?" Mato asked. "When you're walking and carrying a bag like these guys are, fatigue become a factor, especially on the hilly course. That's why we need to play the last four holes strong."

Tiger Woods is probably the most noteworthy PGA Tour player who has prided hinself on working out and staying fit. The Tour even provides a fitness trailer



Members of the Madonna University men's golf team train with bell weights during a session at the Training Station in Plymouth.

which is available on-site at all PGA events.

"Golf is like any other sport, it's no different," Finlay said. "Baseball players have their own personal trainers, there aren't many who don't maintain some sort of strength and conditioning program during the off-season.'

Now all the Crusaders need is to fine-tune their games. They've all said they hit

with greater distance when they went south on spring break, but now they have to control it," Finlay said.

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school with a bachelor's degree in computer science.

Yaklin is currently attending the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor where she is working on a master's degree and teaching certificate.

"The Northville Athletic Department is very excited to have Amanda as the head coach of the volleyball program," said Northville athletic director Bryan Masi. "Amanda brings a wealth of experience and knowledge, which will help her to lead the Northville volkyball program.

"In addition, her passion and character will help our volleyball

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Advanced Master Gardener Jodi Slankard, owner of Everything Grows in South Lyon, can assist you in making your home, neighborhood entrance or business full of color and interest throughout the growing season.

"I am into big, showy flowers that have a long bloom time such as peonies, roses and hydrangeas," she said. "Accent those anchor plants with colorful annuals such as geraniums and wave petunias and you have a beautiful outdoor space."

Everything Grows is a small business that works with gardens of all sizes. Jodi is happy to work with homeowners, business and subdivision public spaces with larger gardens - or those who just need some renovation work on their existing landscapes. She also can take an older, overgrown garden space and renovate it to give your home or business a fresh, new look. Her landscaping services have extended this season and she is adding planting larger trees to her extensive list of services.

A familiar face among many neighborhoods in South Lyon, Brighton, Milford, Novi and Northville since 2001, Jodi ahs worked with many to create customized gardens and landscaping.

Everything Grows offers a wide range of services and can incorporate a plethora of creativity into any garden, whether you're looking for colorful annual beds, long blooming perennial beds or a mixture to fit your own personal style.

Adding well-groomed landscape to public places within subdivisions has become increasingly popular as local neighborhoods try to attract and retain residents in a struggling economy. Jodi works with subdivisions to create a warm and welcoming look that is engaging to both current and future homeowners.

Jodi's expertise is even more important today because of the Michigan economy. She knows that many homeowners are choosing to invest in upgrading their homes – to increase the value and enhance the look of their outdoor living areas. Having a healthy and colorful garden will enhance any home. She also knows that many business owners



She chooses perennials that

look great not only when they

are blooming, but after the bloom as well. She also likes

to use reblooming perennials

to get an extra bang for your

But color isn't the only

key to maintaining a garden; Jodi also considers

the unique features of the

yard, such as sun exposure,

spots. "The location of your

garden and its soil base are

really the most important

factors," she added. Even the

healthiest and most beautiful

plants will not thrive without the right conditions. "Most

plants need four to six hours

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are looking to revitalize the look of their businesses in order to attract customers and give their commercial buildings a more professional

"I have been specializing in custom gardens for homes and husinesses, and I also take care of several subdivision entrances and common spaces," she said. "I haven't raised my rates in three years and I will not this year due to the economic downturn. I am willing to work in projects big and small, within all budgets."

Each customer, whether they hire Jodi to clean up and design their gardens or ask her to maintain gardens on a regular basis, with know what to expect the moment they meet with her. Specializing in flower gardens, Jodi designs a combination of bulbs, perennials and annuals that will flower through spring, summer and fall.

The result is a flourishing garden uniquely designed for each customer.

The garden as an extension of you

Like any artist who signs his or her canvas, Jodi puts a unique stamp on her own work. But she's mindful of each customer's personality and taste as well. Jodi sits down with each customer to determine his or her color and flower preferences. She considers color schemes that range from monochromatic (shades of the same color) or polychromatic (opposite sides of the color wheel) or whichever colors are the customer's preference.

Having colorful blooms through all seasons is a signature of Jodi and Everything Grows. She views flower gardens as a constantly evolving work of art, with new shapes and colors as it matures. That's the beauty of using annuals to accent the perennials – they provide the all season color.

Jodi's Quick Gardening Tips:

- Start with a good soil base
- Choose anchor plants that bloom in various months of the season
- Use a slow release granular fertilizer
- Preen and mulch to keep the weeds to a minimum
- Feed the soil by using shredded pine bark mulch
- Water regularly

Experience + Michigan Living = Beautiful Gardens

Jodi combines her experience as a master gardener and her Michigan roots to put a valuable stamp on every garden she creates. Not only can she renovate an existing bed that is overgrown or planting haphazardly, she can also change the soil composition to make it the most ideal for growing annuals and perennials.

She starts at the very beginning, enhancing the soil so it will produce positive results throughout the year.

"I'd rather do it right the first time instead of having to take out plants that have died or will not thrive after a year of struggling in poor soil." Jodi added, "It's important that the plants get the nutrients they need from the soil."

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Just knowing what materials to use and who to rely on has made Jodi a popular choice for many home and business owners. She comes from a long line of avid gardeners and championship rose growers. "I love growing roses in Michigan," he said. "They are not as tricky as you think, and they are one of the few perennials that bloom in most cases from June to November."

Flexibility is a must

Jodi's customers have found that she is very adaptable to whatever they need. She said that many of her customers hire her to cleanup, plant and maintain (weeding and deadhead-ing) their gardens every year. Other customers have Everything Grows come out two or three times and year and weed and spruce things up. Customers can pick and choose from an array of services, even individuals that love to work their own gardens, they just need a little help with the heavy lifting and a new outlook to enhance their beds.

The team at Everything Grows is excited for spring and is looking forward to making your gardens more vibrant and lovely this season. Please call her at 248-259-1363 or contact her at jaslankard@cablespeed.com.





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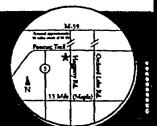
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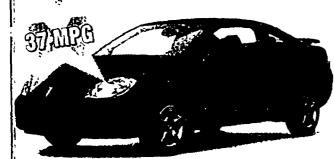
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