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ON THE RECORD

See "Bolt"

Northville High School's Students Against Driving



Drunk (SADD) Chapter will be hosting a ree movie night, Bolt," at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. There will be arts and craft fun

before the movie plus Northville Township Fire Department will discuss fire safety tips. Refreshments will be on sale all proceeds go to educational programs put on by SADD during the school year. Children under 13 must be accompanied by a parent.

Please contact Carolyn Miranda, SADD Advisor for more information at (248) 344-8420 or mirandca@northvilleschools.org.

Day of Prayer

Northville Township's Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church will present a National Day of Prayer today.



The public is invited to attend the event at Ward, located west of Haggerty Road and north of Six Mile Road

direct

behind the shopping center. The sanctuary will be open for prayer that day from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Two church services focused on prayer for the nation will take place in Hess Chapel at noon and 7 p.m.

Blood drive

The American Red Cross will have a blood drive from 2:30-8:30 p.m. Monday at Ridge Wood Elementary School at the southwest corner of Ridge and Six Mile roads.

The drive will take place in the school's cafeteria.

For more information or to schedule an appointment to give blood that day, call (248) 565-6866.

Capello pleads guilty to exposure

Oakland commissioner to be sentenced June 3

Capello

BY CAL STONE & KELLY MURAD EDITOR & STAFF WRITER

A local prosecutor Tuesday issued a warrant for the arrest of Kim Capello, Oakland County Commissioner and former Novi mayor pro tem, for indecent exposure involving an incident that occurred on April 18, according to Tom Lindberg. Novi's deputy police chief.

Capello, 56, was arraigned in the 52-1 District Court and pled guilty in front of Judge Dennis Powers. Judges Brian MacKenzie and Robert Bondy had disqualified themselves from the case.

Although Lindberg declined to give specific details, he did say that a 911 call came in around 2:05 a.m., indicating that people were indecent near Pennsylvania Avenue in the area of Main Street. A 37-year-old woman was also involved, and a war-

rant is to be issued for her arrest.

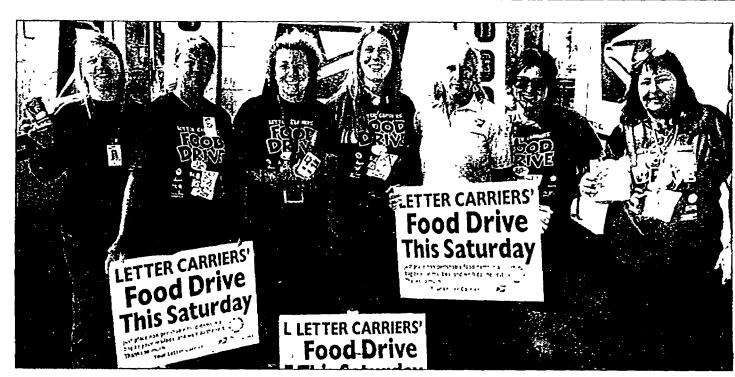
"Indecent exposure could be anything from urinat-

ing in public to lewd indecency," Lindberg said. "This was a very appropriate charge for the circumstance."

Indecent exposure is a misdemeanor carrying penalties up to 93 days in jail and a \$500 fine. Capello is scheduled to be sentenced June 3.

In November, Capello was elected Oakland County Commissioner, 9th District, which serves the cities of Novi and Northville as well as Novi Township. His term expires Dec. 31, 2010. His committee assignments as commissioner include: General Government, member: Human Resources, vice chairman; Planning

Please see CAPELLO, A14



JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Food drive

On Saturday, the Northville post office will take part in the annual Letter Carriers' Food Drive to benefit Northville Civic Concern. Those wishing to donate non-perishable food items can leave them on their doorstep for the carriers to bring in. From left are carriers Mary Donovan, Linda Thompson, Beth Malszewski, Cathy Johnson, Lisa Jarrell, Jennifer Curtis and Tina Garvin.

new northville taxpayers' fee challenged

Mayor says it's necessary, legal

BY PAN FLEMING STAFF WRITER

Councilwoman Nancy Darga, who seems to be the only person challenging items in the 2009-10 proposed budget, questioned the fairness of imposing a new I-percent administrative fee on taxpayers this next fiscal year.

The fee, which is legal under state statute, will yield the city \$137,000 when the city was facing \$639,000 deficit in revenues this next fiscal year.

Darga revisited the fee during the April 30 budget review session, the final one



before the public hearing and planned adoption of the budget on May 18.

The 1-percent fee was always charged to Northville taxpayers on their winter tax bill but not the summer tax bill.

Most communities in the area do charge this

fee, according to Nickie Bateson, assistant city manager and finance director. She noted, however, that the city of

Novi charges the fee on the summer and

winter tax bills but not on the city's own

taxes, just the other taxing jurisdictions. Bateson said \$60,750 would have to be cut from this next fiscal year's budget if the 1-percent administrative fee is not charged to taxpayers.

MORE ON BUDGET

Please see "Northville DDA budget under fire" story on Page A6 for more on the city's budget.

"If this fee is not charged, there would be more layoffs," said Mayor Chris

Johnson. The city is already proposing to lay off about 10 people, including all of the part-time police officers, in the next fiscal

Darga argued that to the "man on the street," it doesn't sound right for the city to charge a fee just for handling his city tax payments.

"It doesn't sound right, but I think it's still a revenue source that we should use," Johnson said.

FUND-BALANCE DIPPING Bateson added that despite the

\$137,000 the city will gain from charging the administrative fee, the city is still having to pull \$20,000 from its fund balance, which is akin to the city's savings account.

'And, most people will still see a decrease in their taxes even with the administrative fee, she said.

"We are looking for revenue wherever we can find it," Johnson said. "It's what the city has to do.

Johnson was finally able to convince Darga that the fee is necessary in these difficult economic times.

"I just think it's unfortunate what we

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have to do," she said.

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A Detroit district court judge rejected a lawsuit filed by a local religious organization against a final decision from the township

Court rejects case against township

■ Judge says Order failed to obtain decision

> BY PAM FLEMING STAFF WRITER

Northville Township last week, saying that the group failed to obtain in the matter before filing a lawsuit, said Tim Wilhelm, attorney for the township in the case.

On April 30, Judge Paul Borman of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan dismissed the case of Miles Christi Religious Order vs. Northville Township on grounds of "ripeness," saying that the religious order had not exhausted

all of its administrative options

before filing a lawsuit. The lawsuit arose out of dispute between the Catholic order that owns a house on West Seven Mile Road and some of its neighbors in the township. Neighbors had complained about the number of vehicles parked on the property of those attending Bible

Please see REJECT, A12



Shooting Stars best read in book battle

■ Northville District Library sponsors third annual event

What do stars, a planet. pickles and Dr. Seuss have in common?

All are elements of the top teams in the third annual Battle of the Books, held April 29 and open to all sixth, seventh and eighth graders who live or attend school in Northville. Thirty-four teams made up of 170 students participated in the event, which is sponsored by the Northville District Library.

The Shooting Stars finished first, scoring 312 points. In second place with 308 points was The Seuss Squad, while the Book Keepers from Jupiter and The Purple Pickles tied for third place with 304 points.

Suzanne Schimanski-Gross, Teen Services librarian, credited the entire library staff with helping put the event together, but gave special recognition to a team of individuals including Julie Ramsden. Laura Curtsinger and Michael McEvoy, all of whom expended extra effort to ensure the event

was successful. Additionally, many different individuals from the library contributed questions for the quiz-show type format.

The battle highlighted information from eight books as the contestants answered seven rounds of questions. The books that are selected are chosen by the library staff, and selections are based in part upon the ages of the participants. Suggestions from prior participants are also considered. One of the books that became the favorite of many of the participants in the battle, "Warriors #1: Into the Wild" by Erin Hunter, was one of the suggestions that the

library received. The winning team, the Shooting Stars, scored a total of 312 points following a tiebreaking round. Following the seventh round, a tie-breaking round was held to determine who would emerge victorious. This was the first year that a tie-breaker was needed.

Sangini Tolia, in seventh grade at Meads Mill, stated that the tie-breaker was the most difficult parts of the competition.

"It was really nerve-wrack-ing," said Tolia. "I felt like I couldn't think as well as I wanted to, so I was really happy when the final scores were announced."

Sangini's mother, Nilipa Tolia, was one of the team managers. She acknowledged that the team worked very hard, and stated they met on a weekly basis to discuss the books and brainstorm potential questions.

"It was hard to find time to meet," she said. "We had to work around busy schedules it seemed like every day someone had dance class, piano lessons or something else.

Mrs. Tolia noted that the Shooting Stars finished second in the 2008 Battle of the Books, and stated that this contributed to the team's motivation to do even better this

COSTUMES COUNT, TOO In addition to learning the

books, the teams were encouraged to choose costumes representative of their team name. Members of the Friends of the Northville District Library, one of the key supporters of the event, helped to judge the costumes. Audience members were able to vote for their favorite costumes as well. This year, prizes for four different categories of costumes were awarded, including Most Creative, Most Elaborate, Best Fit to Team Name and Audience Favorite.

"It's a pleasure to be able to fund such an event," said Paul Snyder, president of the Friends of the Northville District Library. "I enjoy seeing the enthusiasm and creativity that the kids show. It seems the entire community came together to participate in this evening.7

Schimanski-Gross echoed Mr. Snyder's words. "This is a big effort coordinated by a lot of people. It's great to see so many kids work together with reading. The encouragement and inspiration they give to each other makes it fun."

For a complete list of teams, photographs, and the books selected, please visit the Northville District Library web site at http://Northvillelibrary.

Submitted by DC Taylor



WINNERS

First place: Shooting Stars (Meads Mill, seventh grade) Pranavi Aradhyula, Sanjana Joshi; Lakshmi Pala; Nimiita Palakodaty; Sangini Toha; Yaishnavi Aradyula (sixth grade); managers Upasna Palakodaty and Nilipa Tolia Second place: The Seuss Squad (Hillside, seventh grade) Gray Brakke, Heather Brevard, Annelie Herrmann, Max Paul, Jacob Taylor, Aileen Wang; managers Mindy and

Fred Herrmann Third place (tie): Book Keepers from Jupiter (Meads Mill, eighth grade) Joshua Lucksom, Chanukya Malia, Yashas Singri, David Song, Jay Tyan; managers Jenny Lin and Vivienne Lucksom

Third place (tie): The Purple Pickles (Meads Mill, sixth grade) Erin Kim, Riya Malhotra, Sneha Rathi, Nicole Saez, Alyssa Schmidt, Victoria Zaremba; managers Mahesh Rathi and Madhur Malhotra

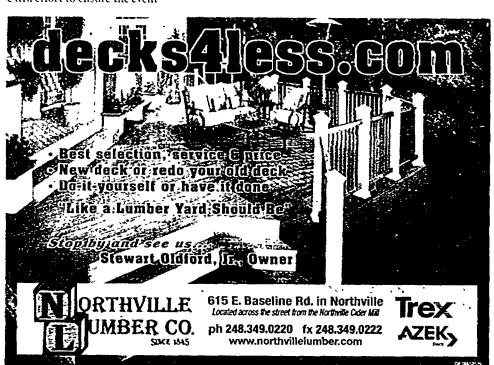
COSTUME CONTEST

Most Creative: Read 'em and Weep (Meads Mill, eighth grade) Esha Bedi, Erin Fedoronko, Christine Joseph, Puja Patel, Margaret Shaw, Allison Weir; managers Rupali Bedi and Laura Shaw

Best Fit to Team Name: The Book Crooks (Meads Mill, seventh grade) Christoph Bartschat, Ryan Duda, Jonathan Li, Ashley Peper; managers Anita Bartschat and Karen Peper

Most Elaborate: The Lovely Ladies of Literature (Hillside, sixth grade) Ashley Bryan, Shayla Croteau, Rachel Mazzara, Rachel McIlvaine, Rachel Seyfarth, Jaclyn Sabourin; managers Shannon Croteau and Angie McIlyaine

Audience Favorite: The Seuss Squad (Hillside, seventh grade) Gray Brakke, Heather Brevard, Annelie Herrmann, Max Paul, Jacob Taylor, Aileen Wang; managers Mindy and Fred Herrmann



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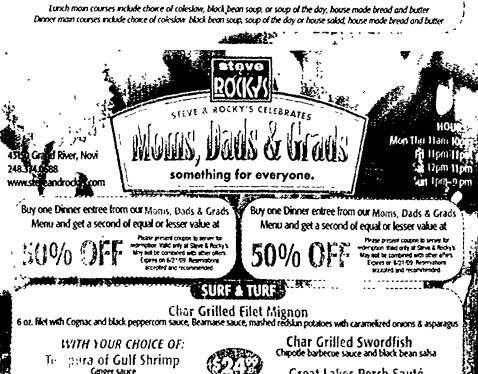
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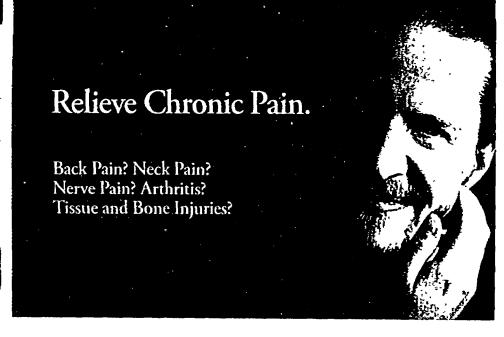
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Bundled up against the early morning chill, Madeline Case, 2, rides in a little red wagon along with some flowers as

she checks out the Northville Farmers' Market last year with her dad, Jason.

The market will be open every Thursday

through October

and Center St.

and is located at the

corner of Seven Mile

Northville Farmers' Market opens today

A Northville community tradition is reopening Thursday, May 7. The Farmers' Market features over 100 stalls of Michigan Made and Michigan Grown products. Hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Thursday from the beginning of May through the last Thursday of October and located at the corner of 7 Mile and Sheldon in the Northville Downs lot.

The Farmers' Market is presented by Tom Holzer Ford and is sponsored by Northville Downs, Remerica Hometown One - Patti Mullen, Toll Brothers, and Varsity Lincoln Mercury. Features to check out this season include:

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May 14 - Wild Things -Experts in native Michigan plants, this session included a

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quick soil mixing project. June 11 - Shady Characters

- Plants and garden design ideas for shady areas.
July 9 - Break the Code -

Just the facts about "organic" terms, growing and garden-

ing.

Aug. 13 - Save the Planet -"Reduce, reuse, recycle" those plastic garden pots and reuse discarded plastic to make garden art right at the Market.

Sept. 10 -The Worm Turns Vermicomposting for your

Oct. 8 - Dark Secrets - What comes next at the end of gardening season?

MASTER GARDENERS

Master Gardeners will be available every Market day until noon to answer your gardening questions. They will be located in front of the white building in stall \$57.

CIVIC CONCERN DONATIONS

The Wayne County Master Gardeners will be accepting donations of fresh produce from your garden, community garden plots, or purchased at the Farmers' Market. All fresh produce donations will be donated locally, to Northville Civic Concern. Collection



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CHEFS AT THE MARKET The Third Thursday of each month, beginning at 9 a.m., a local chef tours the Market, selecting fresh produce, preparing/demonstrating a recipe and offering samples and recipe cards. No fee or registration is necessary. This year's schedule includes:

May 21: Tasha Hawkins-**Bullock - Sweety Pies Bakery** June 18: Tim Bryant - Independence Village of

July 16: Carolyn Simon -Red Pepper Deli Aug. 20: Elaine Grange & Susan Pitsenbarger-Allie -Hotz Rentals and Catering Sept. 17: Jason Brown -Rusty Bucket Corner Tavern Oct. 15: Andy Genitti -

For more information, contact the Northville Chamber of Commerce at (248) 349-7640 or visit www northville.org

Genitti's Hole in the Wall

boxes will be located at the Master Gardeners booth.

GARDEN POT RECYCLING

Last year's garden pot recycling project was so successful that the Market is now a model for other markets. Watch for the signs that will direct you to the new, larger collection bin for clean pots, plug trays and flat trays. The goal is to exceed donations of 650 pounds of plastic from last season. Gina Adams-Levy grass roots, nonprofit organization) runs this project for the Market.

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business this month.

Road to the Crowne Plaza

Hotel and will be open for

No. VI Chop House set to relocate to Crowne Plaza

After 12 years inside the Hotel Baronette, the No. VI Chop House relocated less than a mile south of its current location, to the recently renovated 220-room Crowne Plaza Hotel.

"It's being designed to be more beautiful than the existing spot," said Matt Prentice, chief executive officer of the Matt Prentice Restaurant Group, which owns the Chop House. The Crowne Plaza has undergone a multi-million dollar renovation."

According to Prentice, Hotel Baronette sought after Hospitality to handle hotel operations, including food and

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beverage. It's a bit surprising, but problems can be opportunities," he said. "We wish the Baronette well, but there wasn't enough business for both (No. VI Chop House and Sage Hospitality) of us."

The No. VI Chop House was scheduled to leave the Baronette May 3, and open its new location May 4.

"We'll be doing 100 percent of the food at the hotel and we'll have some new menu surprises," said Prentice, noting the addition of a bar menu.

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"We've never had a burger on our menu, but for the bar menu, I told our chef'I want to have the best burger in town.'

"Prime beef is always going to be more expensive, but we have a lot of ways you can dine at No. VI. You don't necessarily have to spend a lot of money to have a good time."

While crediting the restaurant's executive chef Jason Hayden and master sommelier Madeline Triffon, Prentice guarantees diners will experience the same quality food, wine and service, they have come to expect.

"No. VI is one of the more popular restaurants in Novi. We've got a pretty loyal follow-ing," he said. "The executive chef at No. VI is one of the best chefs in the state, and it's got the best wine list in Novi.

In addition to the Chop House, the Matt Prentice Restaurant Group is opening its third Deli Unique location in the Crowne Plaza.

"We're waiting on a permit from the City of Novi, but I'm hoping to have it up by the end of May," Prentice said. "The deli will give hotel patrons, as

well as the local patrons, an awesome place for breakfast and lunch."

Prentice also mentioned the restaurant group is creating jobs in Novi and will soon begin hiring for the deli. The Matt Prentice Restaurant Group also owns other fine dining locations including Coach Insignia, on

top of the Renaissance Center;

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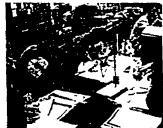
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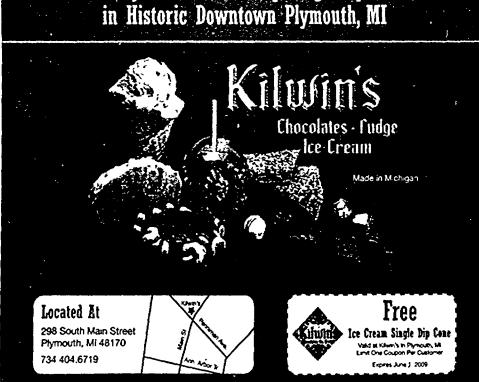
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A Stephen Ministry church LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road

CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 or fumcnorthyille org Sunday Worship

TIME: 8, 9:15 and 11 a m. Coffee hour at 10:15 a m

Healing Service TIME/DATE: 4 p.m. first Monday of every month

TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. first and third Thursday of every month

DETAILS: All women seeking to strengthen their faith and connect with other women are invited to attend, irrespective of church affiliation

Logos Youth Club

TIME/DATE: 515-815 pm every Wednesday, through May. DETAILS: For children in grades 4-12. Every week, this four part program includes Bible study, dinner, choir/worship and activities

MOYI WILLTED METHODIST

LOCATION: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road **CONTACT.** (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi com Sunday Worship

JJME 1945 am. Healing Service and Holy Communion TIME/DATE: 9:45 a m. first Sunday of every month

Peace Vigil TIME/DATE: Noon, first Sunday of every month

LOCATION. In front of the church **DETAILS**: Members of the congregation and the community

will stand united in prayer for peace

Advent Service

TIME/DATE: 9:45 a m Sunday Spring into Summer

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, lawn art, doll clothing, photography. glass, stained glass, wood carving and scrolling, sewn items, stone work, candles, wine lamps, children's books, face painting, frames, mud mats and UMW bake sale

CONTACT. For an application to this juried show, e-mail your request to Pam Davis

WARD EVANGELICAL PRESETTERIAN CRURCA

LOCATION 40000 Six Mile Road CONTACT (248) 374-7400 or (248) 374-5978 Sunday Worship TIME: 8 a m., 9:30 a m and 110 a m. Traditional, 9:30 a m.

Contemporary Nursery and Sunday School during the 9:30 a.m. and II a.m. services

Service Broadcast

DETAILS: 11 a.m. every Sunday on WRDT-AM 560, The WMUZ Word Station.

Single Point Ministries - 45 and older

TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. Sunday for fellowship and Bible study Single Focus Ministries - 35-50 years

TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. Sunday to deepen your personal relationship with Christ.

Single Purpose ConneXions - 20-30 years TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. Sunday in the Chapel for singing. Bible

study, and fellowship

DETAILS For single adults Active ministry offering various Bible study classes, volleyball, bicycling group, tennis group, support groups, support group for widowed over age 50, feltowship, friendships and more. Contact the number below for more information.

CONTACT (248) 374-5920 Bible Studies and Prayer Nights

Learner's Bible Study TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Mondays Room A101

Men's Bible Study

TIME/DATE: 6:30 a m. Wednesday Single Adult Ministries office

Single's Bible Study

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays, Room C309 Relationship 101 Class

TIME/DATE 7 p m., May 8, June 12

LOCATION Knox Hall **DETAILS**: Biblical guidelines on building relationships along

with light refreshments and lively conversations. CONTACT for more information, contact the Single Adult Ministries office at (248) 374-5920

Singles Book Club Discussion Group. TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m., June ?

DETAILS: Discussions from a single adult, Christian perspective. Currently reading "At Home In Mitford" by Jan Karon. Lighthouse Café.

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., May 22, June 26

DETAILS: Also known as game night. This is a great way to end your work week. Guest musicians provide background music, snacks provided, free child care. Tickets \$5 at the door CONTACT: For more information contact Ward Church (248) 374-5920

Euchre Game Night.

TIME/DATE: 7 p m., May 9,

CONTACT. For more information contact Ward Church (248) 374-5920

Balfroom Dance Lessons.

TIME/DATE 5 p m.- 6 30 p.m., May 9, May 23

LOCATION Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile DETAILS Wear comfortable, non-stick shoes. Minimal admis-

sion fee CONTACT For questions, contact Monica at mgmc77@yahoo com or the Single Adult Ministries office at (248) 374-5920

Softball League Sign-up. TIME/DATE: 6:15-7:30 p.m., Thursday evenings, May 7-August 6 DETAILS: For single guys and gals; all skill levels welcome \$30

due at sign up CONTACT. Sign up at Ward Church, 40000 Six Mile Road.

Northville (248) 374-5920.

Memorial Day Picnics TIME/DATE. 11 a m., May 25

LOCATION Hines Park Northville, East Pavilion TIME/DATE: noon-5 p m., May 25

LOCATION, Cass Benton Park off Northville Road, between 6 and 7 Mile roads

DETAILS Hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks provided Cost, \$5 at the picnic and your favorite dish to share Children and grandchildren are welcomed \$3 for ages 12 and under

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

LOCATION. 24505 Meadowbrook Road CONTACT. (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi org Mass Schedule

TIME/DAY, 730, 9, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 630 am. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 7 p m Tuesday: 5 p m (English), 630 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday

Holy Days 9 a m., 5 30 and 7.30 p m Reconciliation, beginning 9 a m. Saturdays or by appoint-

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 HAZARENE

LOCATION 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road CONTACT (248) 348-7600 or visit dicnazarere org Sunday Schedule 915 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 ser-

vice, 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. Lad es Evening Bible Study 7 p.m. Men's Evening

Wednesday Schedule 530 pm 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 pm Tae Kwon Do

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC

LOCATION 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi CONTACT (248) 347-7778

Mass Schedule

NORTHVILLE/NOVI AREA CHURCH EVENTS

TIME/DAY, 8, 9:30 and 11:30 am Sunday, 9 am Worday-Tuesday: 7 p.m. Wednesday, 5 p.m. Saturday

Mothers Group

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TIME/DATE: 9 30 11 a m. first and third Wednesday every month, through May 20 **DETAILS:** Providing fellowship, support and opportunities to

grow faith. Childcare available. Suggested donation \$20. Donit have to be a parishioner to join CONTACT Becky at (248) 305 5924 or Jeanne at (248) 380-

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MORTHYILLE

LOCATION 217 N Wing CONTACT. (248) 348-1020 Sunday Worship 10.45 a.m. and 5.45 p.m. Sunday School 9:30 a m. Ladies Bible Study 9 30 a m and 7 p m Tuesdays Men's Bible Study 9 am first Saturday of every month

FAITH CONDIDITY PRESBYTERIAN

LOCATION 44400 W 10 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 349-2345 or visit faithcommunity-novi org Sunday Worship 10 a m Parables Bible Class TIME/DATE: 7 PM., Tuesdays April 28 - June 9

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

LOCATION 201 Elm St., Northville CONTACT (248) 349-3140

as for our church. Anyone can attend

Sunday Worship 8 30 a m Blended, 11 a m Contemporary. 11 30 a m Traditional

TIME/DATE: 8 30 and 11 a.m. services, May 17 DETAILS A Contata by Dietrich Buxtehude called "Every Word and Thought". A choir of about 30 people and a 12 piece cham-

ber string orchestra will play. This for the community as well

MEADOWEROOK CONCREGATIONAL

LOCATION 21355 Meadowbrook Road between Eight and Nine

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 YogaFit Classes TIME/DATE: 7 30 pm. every Monday DETAILS Eight weeks, \$55 continuous or \$8 per drop in ses Merry Widows Luncheon TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month Spiritual Journey's TIME/DATE 1130 a m every Sunday Community Good Friday Service TIME: Noon LOCATION Holy Family Catholic Church YogaFit classes

OUR LABY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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

LOCATION 770 Thayer, Northville CONTACT (248) 349 2621 or olynorthyille org Saturday Worship TIME 5 pm. Sunday Worship

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

GRACEPOINTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LOCATION The Novi Crvic Center, Council Chambers CONTACT Rev Brian C Sleeth, Pastor (248) 497-3178 or gracepointe@mac com, and gracepointepca org **Sunday Worship** TIME 10 am **DETAILS** Nursery staffed by Nanny Poppinz

OUR SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LOCATION 140 N Center, above Tutto's in Old Church Square, CONTACT Pastor Bill Burke at (734) 927-0891 Sunday Worship 1130 a m with fellowship and food after

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NOVI-FAMILY INTEGRATER CHURCH

LOCATION 45301 W 11 Mile Road CONTACT (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi org Family Bible Hour 945 a m Family Worship 11 a m Bible Study 6 p.m Family Movie Night 5:30 p m; fourth Sunday of every month

RORTHYFLLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY

LOCATION 41355 Six Mile Road CONTACT (248) 348 9030

ORCHAED MIKES BAPTIST CHURCH

LOCATION 23455 Novi Road CONTACT Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665 Preschool/Kids Choir TIME/DATE: 7-8:15 p m every Wednesday DETAILS: For ages three to six, ongoing event, no need to pre-

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Age 55, of Northville, passed away suddenly April 29, 2009. He was born November 2, 1953 in Detroit, MI to Daniel F. Browne and JoAnne E O Hagen. He was united in marriage to Barbara A. Moroski on December 11, 1976. Daniel, an tron Worker with Iron Workers Local 25 in Detroit, was a resident of Northville for 23 years, and considered Port Austin his 2nd home for 18 years. He was a member of the Northville Historical Society and the Stone Gang at Mill Race. He was also a member of the Port Austin Reef Lighthouse Association, and was affiliated with the Northville Art House. Dan enjoyed golfing, bowling, jet skiing, and was obsessed with Sudoku. He was known as "Mr. Fix-It" since he could fix anything. He was a true nature lover, he loved being outdoors and was an avid bird watcher. He enjoyed cooking and if you offered help in the kitchen you would be kindly asked to leave. He is survived by his loving wife Barbara A. Moroski-Browne; his children Adrienne (Aneil) Kersey, D. Garrett Browne, and Lauren Browne; his parents Daniel (Barbara) Browne and JoAnne (Raul) Seputveda, his siblings John Browne, Raul (Caroline) Sepulveda, J. Gabriella Sepulveda, and Karla (Cletus) Sepulveda, his grandson Austin and grandbaby number 2 on the way, and his nephews Anthony and Carter. A Funeral Service was held last Tuesday at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville. Father Ron Browne from St. Gerald's Catholic Church in Farmington Hills officiated the service. He was laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northwile. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Northville Historical Society. Mill Race Village General Store Fund, 215 Griswold Ave , Northville, MI 48167

SHIRLEY M. BROWN

Age 72, of Highland, April 28, 2009. Beloved mother of Ron (Cindy) Clancy of Linden, Bruce Clancy of Highland, K.C Hall of Florida, and the late Brenda K. and Ricky Clancy. Dear grandmother of Jodi, Derrek (Tashina), Tara, Joshua, Haley, Kristen, Janine and the late Sara. Great-grandmother of Kasen, Austin. and the late Samantha Also leaves many loving brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews and friends. Memorial Service Saturday, May 16, 3 p.m. at Temrowski Family Funeral Home, 500 Main St., Fenton, Fr. Leo Lulko officiating Luncheon gathering following the service. Memorials may be made to the family. For fur-ther information call (810) 629-2533

CHARLES E. CALKINS

ice 62, and a lifelong resident of the Milford area died on April 28, 2009, after suffering a heart attack at his home. He is survived by his beloved wife, Anne, sons, Chuck and Aaron; sister, Jeanette (John) Davis; sistersin-law, Susan (Charlie) Suthers, Joan Sobbe and many nieces, nephews, and dear friends. He was preceded in death by his parents Gordon and Clara Calkins. A Memorial Gathering will be held at his home on Saturday, May 9th, 2009, at twelve 0 clock. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit

www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com



IN MEMORY OF PAT DELAHANTY 3/31/81 - 5/7/07

Even though you have been gone for two years, you are alive in our hearts and thoughts. We feel your presence every day and see so much of you through CJ. Our love for you along with the memories of all the wonderful moments you gave us will never fade. See you at the finish line, Mom, Dad, Chris and CJ

RICHARD "RICK" MCBRIDE DUFF

Age 62, of Phoenix, Arizona, formerty of Milford, passed away April 28, 2009. He was born April 4, 1947 in Detroit, Michigan, Richard is survived by his mother, Mildred Duff: brother Robert "Bob" (Betty) Duff, sister-in-law, Carol Duff and nieces and nephews, Cyndi Duff, Connie Waters, Ryan Duff and Craig Duff. Services were held at Lynch & Sons in Milford, on May 2nd, with interment in Glen Eden Cemetery



SHARON SUE CORY A resident of Milford, Michigan, for-mer resident of West Bloomfield, and native of Albion, Indiana, passed away on May 2nd, 2009 She is survived by her loving companion, Mike Esson; mother, Carol (Donald Dyer) Cory of Albion, IN, sisters, Teresa (Deborah Herendeen) Cory of Winamac, IN, Sandra Cory DeRoin of Friendsword, TX: brother, Steve (fiancé, Jill Brady) Cory of Albion, IN, grandmother, Irene Cory, nieces and nephews, Corrie Renee (Shaun) lauptli, Cala Cory, Ashley, Ryan, Jared, four great-nieces and many dear friends. She was preceded in death by her father, Larry Cory, and grandfather, Raiph "Popo" Cory. Sharon worked as an office manager CSX Railroad's Wixom Distribution Center for over twentyone years and was a member of the Grand River Trail D.A.R. A gathering was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford and a Funeral Service was held at Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church in Kendallville, Indiana on Wednesday, May 6th, 2009, with burial in Mount Pleasant Cemetery emorials may be made in her name to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, www CFF org. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

CHERLY K. FANT (NEE EDICK)

Age 54. Entered into eternal life on May 4, 2009. Beloved wife of Tom Daughter of Ernie and Nancy Edick. Predeceased by her mother. Valera Cheri is survived by her three step-children: Amy (John) Avery, Jeff Fant, and Kathy (Toby) Brzoznowski and grandchildren Jake, Luke, Ava. and Johnny. Sister of Karen (Rod) Niemi, Kevin Edick, and Ernie (Marilyn) Edick Arrangements by the Harry J Will Funeral Home. Livonia Interment Lake Forest Cemetery, Grand Haven, Michigan. www.harryjwilfuneralhome.com.



HENRY FONDE

May 3, 2009 Age 85 of South Lyon Beloved husband of the late Edith. Loving father of Karen (Joel Thurtell) Fonde, Chuck (Linda) Fonde, Mark (Stacey) Fonde, Julia (Max) Davis and Anne (Bill) Potter Proud grandfather of Adam, Abe, Ben, Megan, Rachel, Hayley, Beck, Chelsea, Danielle, Regin, William and the late Aaron, Proud great-grandfather of Grace & Henry. Graduate of U of M School of Engineering and Masters in Education. Head football coach at Ann Arbor High School & Assistant football coach at U of M. Owner and operator of the Stretch & Sew Fabric Store in Farmington Hills for many years. Visitation Thursday 4-9 p.m. at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Road (btwn Sheldon & Beck), Plymouth, Memorial Service Friday 11 a.m. at First Presbytenan Church, 200 E. Main, Northville Memorial contributions may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation or the Alzheimer's Association. To leave a message of condolence, log on to www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

JOHN T. "JACK" FRANKS Age 76, long time resident of Northville, passed away 4/30/2009. Memorial Service today, 5/7/2009 at 11 am with Time of Gathering beginning 10 am at Casterline Funeral Home of Northville In I:eu of flowers contributions to American Heart Assoc

KEIKO FUKI

Age 58, of Novi, passed away May 2, 2009 A Funeral Service was held last Wednesday at Detroit Japanese Christian Fellowship of Novi. Contributions to the Detroit JCF appreciated Arrangements by Casterline Funeral Home, Inc of Northville

GLENN W. HARDESTY

Age 81, a long time resident of Salem Twp, passed away April 30, 2009. Funeral Services were held last Monday at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon Contributions to American Cancer Society appreciated

BARBARA JACOB

Age 73. Passed away March 18, 2009. Memorial Service scheduled for Saturday, May 9, 2009 at the Milford Senior Center, 1050 Atlantic, Milford, MI 48381, 1-4 p m

RICHARD GUY MCKEEVER

Age 48. died April 30, 2009. pm. at 3660 Five Mile Rd., South Lyon. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

DORIS WATERS STOVER RUSSELL

Age 88. Died May 1, 2009. Beloved wife of Robert W. Russell and the late Burton Stover. Dear mother of Carole Green, Thomas (Sally) Stover, Nancy (Joe) Malloure and Daniel Stover, Loving grandmother of Amanda and Brady Green, Jeffrey, Bradley, Andrew and Carolyn Stover, Michael (Julie), James (Sara), and Clay Malloure and great-grandmother of Katherine and Anna Malloure. Visitation Monday 4 to 8 p m. at the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home, 19091 Northville Road, Northville, Michigan Services Tuesday 11 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 200 East Main Street, Northville, MI. Memorial contributions to the First Presbyterian Church and St. Jude's Children's Hospital or the charity of your choice would be appreciated



GLADYS V. SCOTT Age 92, of Northville, passed away peacefully on February 22, 2009 in Novi. She was born May 6. 1916 in Detroit, MI. the daughter of Chester V. Mallison and Florence Alice Meyers. She was the oldest child of three. Her brothers Robert and Chester preceded her in death. She held a Masters Degree from the University of Michigan and a Bachelors degree from Wayne State University. She was a member of the Teachers Society - Alpha Delta Kappa, and the Northville Genealogical Society. She was also a member of many patriotic societies. including the Daughters of the American Revolution, Founders and Patriots, US Daughters of 1812, Daughters of the Union, The Guild of St. Margaret of Scotland, the Plantagenet Society, the Colonial Order of the Crown, National Huguenot Society of Michigan, National Society of Women Descendants of the Assistance and Marchalla Assistance of Marchalla Control Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, National Society of New England Women, National Society of Daughters of Colonial Wars, Inc., Daughters of the American Colonists, National Society Descendants of Early Quakers, Dames of the Court of Honor, Daughters of the Union, Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims, and the Colonial Dames of the Seventeenth Century. She served as Regent on many of these societies and was always well liked by all of the members. She was a dear friend to all. She was married to Herman G. cott on October 24 1955 in Detroit Herman preceded her in death. Gladys taught school at Randolph Elementary School in Livonia for many years. She loved working on her genealogy and has accumulated records on her family that dates back to the early settlers of our country. Her contributions of forty eight books to the Northville Public Library's genealogical room are a fitting memorial to Gladys. She will be dearly missed. A time of gathering will be held Saturday, May 9, 2009 from 11 am until 1 pm, with the service beginning at 1 pm at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc 122 W Dunlap,

CHARLES A. TESCHKER

Age 72, of Hartland, died peacefully surrounded by his family on Sunday, May 3, 2009. Survived by his beloved wife, Penny; loving children, Karen Ropeta, Jennifer (John) McCormack, Laura (Scott) Shoemaker, Mark (Kelley), Steven (Fiance Wendy), Julie, (Michael) Meece; 13 grandchildren, sisters, Joyce (Jerry) Goormastic, Marilyn Coe & Gordon, Jeanette (John) Zang; brothers, Melvin (Debbie), James and Robert Teschker, several nieces, nephews and dear friends. A Funeral Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford, Thursday, May 7th at 4 p.m. with Chaplain Charlie Krueger officiating. Friends may visit on Thursday from 12-4 p.m. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www LynchFuneralDirectors com.

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Picture perfect

Linda Rinch, a newcomer to acrylic painting, tries her hand at a Tuesday morning landscape painting class at the Northville Community Senior Center. The class, attended by 10 students and taught by Steve Wood, allows artists the ability to paint one landscape in each class period.

Northville DDA budget under fire

■ \$30,000 expenditure questioned by Nancy Darga

STAFF WRITER

The Northville Downtown **Development Authority** will now have \$15,000 in a "contingency fund" after Councilwoman Nancy Darga recently questioned \$30,000 earmarked for downtown landscaping.

The \$30,000 was part of the \$2-million Sidewalk & Streetscape Project recently approved by city council. Now, half that amount -- \$15,000 -- will be set aside for future use in the project.

The issue came up during the final budget review session April 30 at city hall, when Darga objected to the \$30,000 expenditure during a tight budget year.

"I don't think it's fruitful for the city to spend \$30,000 for petunias," Darga said, referring to the landscaping budget on the project. "I think in these times we need to be more costeffective than flashy."

The issue was discussed again at the May 4 city council meeting. Lori Ward, executive director of the DDA, said the \$30,000 was not just for landscaping. The money was also to be used for tree and shrub replacement and other costs.

She said with the money being moved to a contingency fund that the \$15,000 could not be used until after the project was over, which would be spring of 2011, as the project is not to start until spring of

BINGHAM DISAGREES

Councilman Doug Bingham did not agree with half of the money being moved from the Sidewalk & Streetscape's landscaping budget.

I think the city needs to look as good as it can when people come into the city," Bingham said. "I think we should spend this much (\$30,000) or more to add color and beauty to the city.

Councilwoman Michele Fecht said, however, that the DDA staff could reduce the number of times workers switch out the plantings throughout the year without affecting the overall look. "I think the DDA could reduce the number of seasonal plantings, and they would still look nice," she said.

The DDA staff is now being asked to revisit the planting program in the city, with the \$15,000 in place rather than the \$30,000 for the landscaping budget.

"I think that money (the

\$15,000) could be better spent on long-term capital improve-ments in the city," Darga said.

This means that we'll probably only have enough money for summer plantings," Ward said Monday night. The council has directed the

DDA staff to reprioritize its

expenditures as far as the landscaping of the downtown area. i just want the money to be spent in the best possible way,"

Darga said. Mayor Chris Johnson said that DDA staff members should be able to come up with a dollar figure that they could work with on the plantings.

He does see value, however, in spending money on downtown landscaping.

Ongoing maintenance of the downtown is important," Johnson said.

BUS PROBLEM BY THEATER? Darga also talked again on

April 30 and Monday night with what she sees as a problem when bus drivers drop off people in front of the Marquis Theatre across from Town Square. She said there is not room for a bus to pull over in front of the theater without blocking traffic because of the way the street was cut during the Town Square project.

She would like to see the city spend money to redo the curb cut in front of the theater to allow enough room for a bus to pull over at that location and still allow Main Street traffic to pass.

This situation was discussed at an earlier council meeting, with one solution being to drop off bus passengers in the Marquis Theatre Parking Lot behind the building.

Darga thinks that is too far to ask people to walk, especially those with physical limitations.

An \$800,000 cut-through is to be constructed from the parking lot to Main Street, but this project won't begin for several months.

The theater staff also does not want the public to enter through the rear of the theatre. Until the cut-through is con-

structed, theater goers dropped off in the Marquis lot would have to walk down Center or Hutton streets to come in through the front of the the-

HEAT-MELT SYSTEM WOES Darga also questioned again

the wisdom of spending an additional \$13,800 to repair the heat-melt system placed in 'I don't think it's fruitful for the city to spend \$30,000 for petunias. I think in these times we need to be more costeffective than flashy.'

HAICT BAIGA, Northville councilwoman

the sidewalk in front of the new Town Square.

The system, installed by workers from Long Plumbing in Northville, is evidently not working properly. One reason cited is the fact that the boiler used to heat the area is south of Town Square, which is fairly far from the sidewalk being heated.

Nickie Bateson, assistant city manager and finance director, said the DDA staff recently met with staff from McCarthy & Smith Construction Services, Inc., of Farmington Hills, who provided the construction work on the Town Square job, on what to do about the heatmelt problem on the sidewalk before next winter.

Ward said Monday night that the \$13,800 is not just for the heat-melt system. This amount is also to be used for other issues with downtown utilities. The problem with the heat-melt system is being reviewed by McCarthy & Smith and Long Plumbing.

She also said the Sidewalk & Streetscape Project Design Committee, under the direction of JJR, will review the area by the Marquis Theatre before any recommendations are made to council.

"We will wait for a collective council action," Ward said before moving forward on the street redo.

PARKING LOT RADIUS

Darga mentioned issues with the turning radius into the parking lot just south of Mary Alexander Court on Monday night.

"People are almost getting broadsided," Darga said coming into and out of the lot.

Ward said that different options are currently being explored as far as the entrance to the parking lot off of Mary Alexander Court.

REFINANCING ISSUES

Darga also had an issue with the city's taxpayers being asked to pay for any financing on repairs or changes made to the Town Square project, such as the Marquis drop-off area, parking lot and heat-melt sys-

"I do not want to have financing done on any redos," Darga said.

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Parkinson Walk May 17

The Michigan Parkinson Foundation (MPF) is holding an annual Walk-a-thon/5K Run May 17 at Northville High School. Proceeds will benefit MPF and the individuals with Parkinson's disease and their families whom it

Participants will walk on a level track or run on a marked route through adjacent neighborhoods. Both events are stroller, wheelchair, dog and child friendly. There will also be entertainment, snacks and child-appropriate activities,

including face painting and Big Bouncer.
The walk is presented by the Henry Ford Health System, in cooperation with MPF, and Northville Public Schools.

Registration for all participants is from 9:30-10:30 a.m. The opening ceremonies begin at 10:45 a.m. The Run/Walk/Stroll begins at 11

The 5K run will be timed officially by Hansons Race Management. Runner. Awards will be presented to runners according to age

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Honorary chairpersons are: state Rep. Marc Corriveau, 20th District; Commissioner; Janet Collins of Northville; Mayor Christopher J. Johnson, Northville; and James Plakas, judge, 35th District Court.

Costs to participate are (day of event registration add \$5 each) \$15 - walker, age 13 plus; \$10 - walker, age 12 and under; \$20 - all run-

To register, or for information, call (800) 852-9781, or visit www.parkinsonsmi.org.

Go Green Now poster contest winners

The judging is complete and the winners of Northville Township's Go Green Now poster contest are as follows.

Elementary School Category: first place, Lily Oles; second, Elise Bowersock, Gabby Morello and Kelsey Estes; third Marisa Hardenbergh and Allia McDowell; honorable mention, Alexis Ajja, Victoria Burns, Claudia Shaw, Emily Fitzgerald, Maddie Erdman, Catherine Fiebig,

Sofie Swiecki, Emily Fairbairn and Kaitlyn McGuirk.

Middle School Category: first, John Rogers; second, Cassidy Ebach; third, Teniey Mustonen; honorable mention, Christopher Boerema, Emma Callahan, Stephanie Hong, Samantha Wever and Kelly Buchanan.

High School Category: first, Elana Ryznar; second, Farah Harajli; third, Robbie Austin; honorable mention, Erica Zazo.

The winners will be recognized and the prizes will be presented at the May 21 Board of Trustees meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room.

Mosher wants McCotter's seat

Natalie Mosher announced that she has filed the necessary paperwork with the Federal Elections Commission officially making her a Congressional candidate against Thaddeus McCotter in Michigan's 11th district.

Mosher was born in Detroit, graduated from Michigan State University and currently lives

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Bob, a retired Ford engineer. They have two grown children. "Whether it was working as a community leader, a teacher, a non-profit development director or a mother, I've always been the go-to person," said Mosher. Mosher outlined several key issues that she plans

to talk about throughout the

in Canton with her husband.

campaign. She supports creating alternative energy production and life sciences jobs in Michigan. Mosher is a proponent of pension protection, expanding unemployment benefits and is against free trade deals like NAFTA and CAFTA. She supports cracking down on spiraling health care costs and wants to reduce the number of uninsured in America. And as a former public school teacher, Mosher wants to transform public schools by refocusing efforts on pre-kindergarten for four year olds, reducing class sizes and helping more kids go to col-

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OUR VIEWS

Support our local Farmer's Market

The current recession has most of scratching our heads, trying to figure out how to make our shrinking budgets work. Businesses are in the same boat, cutting back every which way they can, trying to survive.

That's why it's worth noting several local businesses that have stepped up to ensure that your local Farmer's Market is open every Thursday

Not only does this Northville **Chamber of Commerce event** offer you great food at great prices, you can learn from professional chefs and growers/ dardeners; donate your own produce to help the needy via Civic Concern; and recycle your old pots and trays. The growers get in on the action, too, donating fresh produce to Forgotten Harvest Food Bank.

(beginning today) from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. across from Northville Downs race track at the corner of Sheldon and Seven Mile roads.

Kudos to Tom Holzer Ford; Northville Downs; Remerica Hometown One-Patti Mullen; Toll Brothers; and

Varsity Lincoln Mercury for sponsoring this vital community event every week through October.

And what better way to support our state than by visiting and buying from the 100 stalls of products made and grown right here in Michigan?

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The Farmer's Market is one of those win-win programs that make Northville a special community.

Join the discussion



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COMMUNITY VOICE

How big of a threat is the swine flu outbreak, and are you taking any special precautions?



'Moderate. I don't think it's that widespread. Be careful - wash your hands, don't be in large, congested places. Although air travel is somewhat worrisome."

- Frank Alandt



'No. It's just overrated. Do the normal things you do."

- Gina Scappaticci



'Not too much. I'm not concerned. I read about it in the papers, and I take precautions at home, of course."

overblown it ... I'm hoping."

"I think our media has

- William Schenkel

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LETTERS

Library thanks

What a sight it was to see nearly 170 middle school students cheering and celebrating correct answers about books at Northville District Library's third annual Battle of the Books held April 29.

Battle of the Books is a fun reading competition, hosted by the Library and sponsored by the Friends of the Library, in partnership with Northville schools. Middle school students from Hillside, Meads Mill, Our Lady of Victory and St. Paul's schools competed for prizes in this popular event.

An event of this magnitude can only be possible by the efforts of many people.

The library would like to thank Northville Public Schools administrative, teaching and support staff, Northville Schools Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski, and Assistant Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher, and the staff at St. Paul's Lutheran and Our Lady of Victory schools.

A large venue is needed to host over

300 students, family and friends who attend the Battle. Northville High School has graciously accommodated the library each year. Many National Honor Society Students and high school students volunteered to help.

A special thank you to Maureen Gorshak, technology teacher at Northville High School, and her students, who volunteered to film the event.

The support of the library's Board of Trustees is very much appreciated, and of course, this event could not take place without the help of the Friends of the Library volunteers, particularly Paul Snyder, president of the Friends.

Hopefully, volunteers and supporters were rewarded by the spectacle of so many young readers excited about books, dressed in costume representing their team names, and displaying such team-

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work and cooperation.

Julie Herrin Northville District Library director Anne Mannisto

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What's happening to Novi finances?

As the City of Novi publicizes a ballot proposal for a tax increase to build a new Signature Park, the city's finance director's projections appear to show that by 2015, the new Library under construction may be operating with a \$1 million deficit that may increase to over \$2 million by 2016.

Meanwhile, the city seems to be using \$3 million of "Rainy Day funds" to balance the 09/10 budget, with \$2 million as I understand, needed for operations. Next year, the city estimates that taxable value will decline by another 2.9 percent, with an estimated range of \$400,000 to \$1 million less revenue. It seems that according to the city assessor's statements in January, those figures could double if his estimates are wrong and Oakland County's higher figures are right.

So how long is the remaining \$5.6 mil-

lion of "Rainy Day funds" going to last, when the city has designated to spend over \$7 million in two years?

I find it of equal concern that decreases in full-time personnel appear to include two police officers, one code compliance officer, and one heavy equipment operator. The city is apparently spending \$30,000 on a special election and \$300,000 on a new Fuerst Park, but may not be funding these key public safety personnel.

This is not a game of Monopoly using fake money. Local government spends hard-earned taxpayer dollars. Fiscal responsibility means having the discipline to prioritize essential services and hoping for the best, but planning for the worst."

For many years, including when I served on the Novi City Council, the city took pride in having the sixth lowest tax rate in Oakland county, and strived to be a city that could pay for itself without tax increases. What happened?

Laura J. Lorenzo

Bad approach

The individual bondholders from whom Chrysler borrowed money must find comments from our "easy to welsh" politicians very interesting. Hearing politicians loud and beefy words like "vultures, greedy and obstacles" in reference to their unwillingness to accept 20 cents on any invested dollar from Chrysler.

Will the Chinese now get nervous about this political view over the cramdown of this debt in view of U.S. bonds and treasuries they purchased to fund our huge debt and bailouts? Examples of this political manipulation may not be a very artful approach to gain anyone's respect.

> Jim Nowka Northville

GUEST COLUMN

Does Michigan have the 'energy' to beat China?

an the domestic auto engineers, many residing in Northville and Novi, outperform their Chinese competitors to win the 21st century energy race?

Lost in the commotion of Chrysler filing for bankruptcy and General Motors teetering on the edge is the fact that according to the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers, for three months in a row, China has sold more cars than the United States.

This is amazing for a country that did not allow the private ownership of autos until the early 1990s. Today, China is the world's fastest-growing auto market.

While President Obama forced Chrysler into bankruptcy with GM racing to catch up, Congress and the president seems to have run out of gas in passing legislation that would help accelerate car sales in the U.S. This is juxtaposed to the Chinese Government that has cut sales taxes in half on cars with engines of 1.6 liters or less and subsidized the purchase of alternative energy vehicles.

The irony is that this move has helped spur sales of GM cars in China. If it were not for the profits



GM makes in China, their financial position would be significantly worse.

Clearly in the 21st century, China will be the place to be for global automakers. With Deng Xiaoping opening China to the world 30 years ago,

the Chinese economic juggernaut has moved 300 million of the 1.3 billion Chinese citizens out of abject poverty into the equivalent of the American middle class.

When I first went to China 20 years the streets were choked with the "Flying Pigeon" bike that, like Henry Ford once said, came in any color you like, as long as it was black." Today, those same roads are choked with both autos and pollution.

It is estimated that there are about 50 cars for every 1,000 people in China, with new car sales growing at clip of 20-percent growth since 2005. With these numbers, it is easy to see the growth potential in this red hot Chinese market.

THE RACE IS ON

China has entered the next generation of auto technology, manufacturing affordable, reliable electric cars, to win. With the worldwide problem of green house gases, climate change and depleting oil reserves this is a race America can ill afford to lose.

At the recent Shanghai auto show, the hot car was produced in the city of Shenzhen, a modern city of over 10 million that did not exist a quarter of a century ago - by a company few in America have ever heard of - BYD, aka "Build Your Dreams." This company began as a rechargeable-battery maker, and now is making an assertive thrust to become a major player in the production of electric cars.

The company has attracted some significant attention with backing for its auto venture from no less an American icon than billionaire investor and Berkshire Hathaway chairman, Warren Buffet.

The Toledo Blade newspaper recently quoted Paul Lin, a manager in the company's auto export trade division for the fledgling Chinese automaker BYD, "Toledo is quite a good place. It would be a good place to set up a manufacturing site." So, is Michigan, Mr. Lin.

China, with ample cash reserves, a university system focused on breakthrough battery technology, and the power of a central government strongly backing the push to electric cars will be a force to reckoned with.
Since the Chinese central govern-

ment controls fuel prices, they have the ability to make the switch to electric cars more economically feasible by manipulating gas prices than is likely here in America.

MICHIGAN FIGHTS BACK

Governor Granholm, a strong advocate for green technology, and with an ardent supporter of alternative energy in President Obama, is attempting to position Michigan by boasting that "the state that put the world on wheels" can become the "advanced battery capital of the

Michigan leaders, working hard to reposition our state from the rust belt to the "green belt," recently announced an initiative that has seen four advanced battery manufacturers investing around \$1.7 billion in the

Yet, with the Chinese's seemingly deep government pockets and their willingness to spend freely to win this alternative energy race, the governor is going to need more than the "good faith and credit" of our state to compete on the global stage.

Now that the U.S. government seems destined to be part owners of two of the three domestic auto manufacturers, perhaps we will see the true public/private partnership that will assure Michigan and America will win the race to be the advanced battery capital of the world.

Let's hope Edward B. Montgomery, the director of recovery for Auto Communities and Workers, along with the president's Auto Task Force are advising the president to invest in strategies to assure America wins the battery race and make Michigan the epicenter of this investment.

The people of Michigan, "the Arsenal of Democracy," need and deserve a shot in the arm and the ability to recharge our batteries.

Tom Watkins is an education and business consultant in the US and China. He was Michigan's state superintendent of schools, 2001-05 and the president and CEO of the Economic Council of Palm Beach Country, Fla., 1996 to 2001. He can be reached at: towatkins@aol.com.

Changing careers - assessing yourself

ith all the turmoil in the Automotive Industry over the last several years, a lot of people who have been laid off or are fearful of being laid off are considering changing careers. Unless you have a clear idea of what this next stage in your worklife might be, you may be uncertain about how to choose a new career direction.

To start with, you can examine your past work to identify the knowledge, skills and abilities (KSA's) you've been using. It may help to have a comprehensive checklist of these KSA's that you can read through and check off. Many career and job search guides include these, and you can find a Skills Profiler on America's Career Infonet at http://www.acinet.org/skills/default. aspx?nodeid=20 but you can also build a list by breaking your work into individual tasks and then examine each one and ask yourself these questions:

1. What did I have to know to be able to do this task?

2. What skills did I use?

3. What other abilities did I bring to this task?

For example, let's say you were an accounting clerk. One of your tasks was to enter customer payments into a database. In order to do that task, you had to:

1. Know how to operate a specific database - let's say SAP Accounts Receivable

2. Use data entry skills to input the payment. Use proofreading skills to double check the entry.

3. Demonstrate attention to detail, organization, and timeliness in getting this task accomplished.

Once you have determined your knowledges, skills, and abilities as demonstrated on the job, you might also look at the KSA's you use in your daily life and hobbies. Then, go back and mark those that you really enjoy using and would like to use in future work. Don't worry too much yet about how skilled or accomplished you are in the KSA's. One of your long term career goals might be to improve your competency with certain of your KSA's.

You may be surprised to find that you have a large number of KSA's that you were not using in current or past work that you would enjoy focusing on in the future. You may also see that you have been using KSA's that you would rather not use in future jobs. Make a list of the KSA's that you want to focus on in the future.

YOUR NEXT JOB

Again, America's Career Infonet has a function that allows you to search occupations that utilize your preferred skills. You can then examine the suggested occupations to determine which you are interested



Adamson

occupations through networking. In this type of network meeting, you would ask people you know to help you meet someone who is involved in the occupation of interest to you. You can then conduct an 'informa-

tion interview' with this

in pursuing. You can also

learn more about suggested

contact to learn about the occupation from an insider. This is always a good step to take to confirm what you read about an occupation and make sure the day to day reality of the job matches the description. Find out all you can - education or training needed, how a typical day plays out, what you can expect in compensation, positives and negatives of the occupation, and judge how you think it fits your needs and desires.

Another useful assessment is called the Self Directed Search. You can find the official assessment online at http://www. self-directed-search.com/ and take it for a small fee - \$9.95. This assessment measures your interest and preference for 6 major categories of people environments in work - Realistic (people who like to use athletic or mechanical abilities,) Investigative (people who enjoy observing, studying, analyzing,) Artistic (people who like to use artistic, intuitive or innovative skills in unstructured environments.) Social (people who like to train, enlighten, help or inform other people,) Enterprising (people who enjoy leading, persuading, performing, or managing) and Conventional (people who like working with data, numbers, detail and carrying out instructions.) After taking this assessment, you will create a three letter code for yourself, for example, mine is IAS. I enjoy using my intuitive abilities in an unstructured work environment, analyzing problems and coming up with solutions, which benefit other people.

The SDS has been cross linked with all the occupations in the Dictionary of

WORKSHOP

Martha Adamson will be presenting a workshop, Job Searching in Tough Times, at the Northville District Library from 7-9 p.m. on Thursday, May 14. It is free, but interested attendees should call (248) 349-3020 to register. The library is at 212 W. Cady Street in downtown Northville.

Occupational Titles (over 12,000 jobs). Once you have your three letter code, the assessment will give you a list of suggested occupational titles which match your code. You can use O'Net online http://online. onetcenter.org/ to look up those occupations to learn more about them.

Assessing your current work/life balance is another step you may wish to take. My book, Job Search Navigator, has assessments which ask you to look at several important areas of your life - Values, Health & Habits, Family, Extended Family & Friends, Career, Vocation & Avocation, Geographic Location, Personal Growth & Development, Leisure & Recreation, Money Matters, and your personal Wish List. Using the information you gather and goals you set, we have you develop a Personal Mission Statement to guide your decision-making.

Your local community college, Michigan Works! office or your alma mater may also offer individualized assessments and counseling to help you make decisions about changing careers. Your network contacts can often provide invaluable information or connections to people in the occupations you are considering to either gather information or eventually to connect to opportunities in those fields. Taking the time to assess yourself is time well spent in helping you make a change to a career you will really enjoy and succeed in.

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K.I.S.S. your business e-mails

ith text messaging and sending e-mail correspondences via Blackberry becoming common practice



Linda

today in business, it is more important than ever to keep in mind the acronym K.I.S.S. -Keep It Simple Strategist

Hagan, Ph.D

The best business messages are simple, clear, concise, direct, and use precise language so the reader doesn't misunderstand

the message. Recently on my spring trip vacation, I noticed how many of us were checking e-mail while at the beach or pool. We just can't get away from our jobs anymore, especially with so much at stake in this economy.

I overhead some business people talking at poolside that they wished their employees would think about the subject lines and get to the point quickly in their email messages.

One executive commented, If the message is important and requires my action, make that clear in the subject line. I'll open that message first before the 50 others I get

Keeping e-mails short and direct will help your reader better understand your message. Keep sentences and paragraphs short. Research shows that sentences with eight words or less typically allow for 100% comprehension. Yet, as the number of words increases, the comprehension rate goes down significantly. Short messages also are more visually appealing. Use bullet points whenever possible.

Business communicators

TAKIN CARE OF BUSINESS

should write in a direct style, stating the main point and action needed right at the beginning, followed by supporting information. More organizations today are following the military's communication style and expect employees to use only the direct pattern.

Keep your language simple. In business writing, you should write for an 8th to 10th grade level audience. Don't confuse business writing with college English composition writing. No need for a thesaurus. Use simple, clear, precise words.

In addition, avoid jargon and clichés that could be misunderstood or misconstrued. This is especially important when working with a culturally diverse workforce. "I'll give you a buzz later," can mean different things, especially for anyone who attended college in the '70s

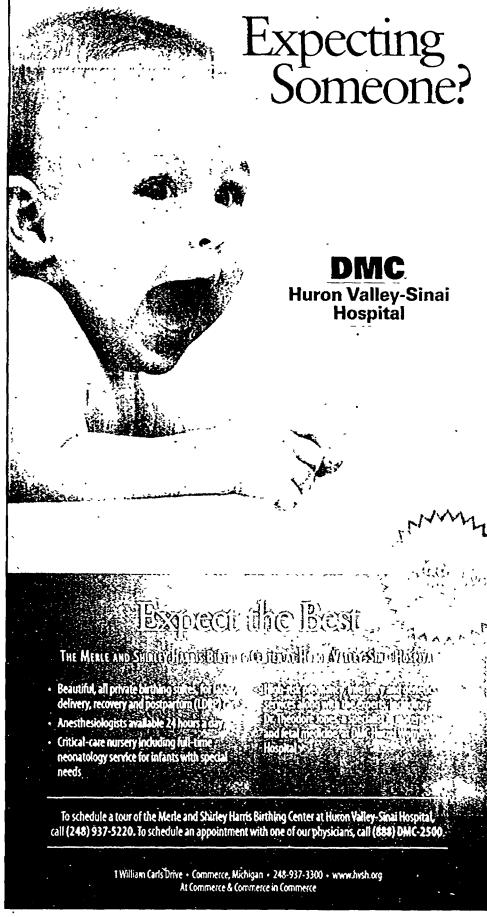
Think about your reader and your purpose for writing. What is your message? What does the reader need to know or do? How do you think the reader will react and respond to your message?

Remember to keep your business writing simple, clear. concise, and direct. See you at poolside!

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EDUCATION

Northville claims 23 state Reflections winners

■ Six enter national competition

It was another recordbreaking year for participation and numbers of winners for the nationally sponsored PTA Reflections program for Northville Public Schools stu-

We had 787 entries across the district this year" said Sue Laabs, district Reflections chairperson. That's about 200 more than we've ever had in previous years. In fact, our district was second in the state with numbers of participants, only behind Rochester

schools. Of those 787 entries, 145 won at the local level and were sent on to the state level competition. Of those 145, 23 earned state level awards, with six of those going on to the national

level of competition.

We've never had more than 20 state winners, so this is truly a joy to see this year," said Laabs. "And, we've never had more than three go on to nationals. To have six is amazing. Only 24 state level winners across the state are chosen to go on to nationals and to think that we have six, well that's one-forth of all the national entries in Michigan coming from Northville! Our kids sure do have talent. Wow!" Actually, "Wow" was

the theme for this year's Reflections competition. Students K-12 could enter in any of the following categories: Visual Arts, Photography, Literature, Music Composition, Video Production and Dance Choreography.

Entries are submitted within four age groups; lower el, upper el, middle school and high school. At the state level, six winners are chosen per category, per age group, with three getting an "Award

of Merit" and the other three earning an "Award of Excellence."

Only one of the "Excellence" winners is chosen to go on to nationals. These six students' entries were given that honor: Noah Luikart and Maria Kuznetsova in music composition from Amerman; Annelie Herman in music composition from Hillside; Valerie Zhang in visual arts from Amerman; David Summers in photography from Northville High; and Lauren Atkinson in film production from Silver Springs.

The council of PTAs thanked all the community members who volunteered their time to help judge the entries this year, especially the Northville Arts Council, who spent three different days judging all the visual arts and photography entries from all the schools.

Next year's theme is "Beauty is..." Students can start preparing their entries now, and they will be due Nov. 10, next



Reflections winners include (back row, I to r) Billy Pritchard, Jonathan Zaremba, Ashley Weber, James Xue, Aliya Kahn, Michaela Yamine, Sonia Prabhu, Adam Pond; (front) Lauren Atkinson, Kirsten Lam, Harrison Asher, Noah Luikart, Valerie Zhang and Rachel Holmes.

REFLECTIONS COMPETITION 2008-2009 NORTHYILLE STATE WINNERS

* Indicates National Entry

MUSIC

Primary Award of Excellence

■ *Noah Luikart It's Raining Easter Eggs

Amerman Intermediate Award of Merit

James Xue I'm on the Great Wall

Amerman

Intermediate Award of Excellence

Jonathan Zaremba Dreaming of Possibilities Silver Springs

Sarah Weddle

Winchester

■ *Maria Kuznetsova

Russian Soul Amerman

Junior Award of Excellence

*Annelie Herrmann

Surprising Stream Hillside

VISUAL ARTS

Primary Award of Merit

■ Nate Bennett

So Much Presents

Amerman Intermediate Award of Merit

Kirsten Lam

Wonders of Asia Silver Springs

Intermediate Award of Excellence

■ Michaela Yamine

Heart of the City Thornton Creek

■ *Valerie Zhano

Wow! I Can Help Other People

Amerman Senior Award of Excellence

Sonia Prabhu

A Triple Chocolate Chunk Double Scoop With Extra Sprinkles Please **PHOTOGRAPHY**

Primary Award of Merit

■ Harrison Asher

My Reflection

Silver Springs ■ Margaret Bennett

Wow!

Amerman

Junior Award of Excellence

🗮 Aliya Kahn

Reflection

Meads Mill Adam Pond

Parking Issues

Hillside

Senior Award of Excellence ■ William Pritchard

Shocking

NHS ■ *David Summers

Freedom

LITERATURE Intermediate Award of Merit

■ Conrad Landis

Happy Hearts Thornton Creek

Senior Award of Merit

Maria Benjamin Under the Sea

FILM PRODUCTION

Primary Award of Excellence *Lauren Atkinson

Silver Springs Intermediate Award of Excellence

Ashley Weber The Wows of My Life

My Wow Dad

Winchester

DANCE

Intermediate Award of Merit

Maggie Bowler Untitled Silver Springs

Intermediate Award of Excellence Rachel Holmes

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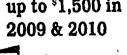


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Merit scholarships

National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced the names of the first group of winners, including three Northville High School students, in the 2009 National Merit Scholarship Program. Over 1,000 distinguished high school seniors will receive corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards financed by about 200 companies, foundations, and

other business organizations. Students from Northville include Savannah M. Sisk, with a probably career field of education, receiving a BASF Corporatión Scholarship; Joshua B. Buoy, with a probable career field of political science, réceiving an NMSC fund scholarship; and Amol D. Kamat, with a probable career field of medicine, receiving an NMSC fund scholarship.

Scholars were selected from students who advanced to the Finalist level in the National Merit Scholarship competition and meet criteria of their scholarship sponsors. Corporate sponsors provide National Merit Scholarships for Finalists who are children of their employees, residents of communities the company serves, or who plan to pursue college majors or careers the

grantor wishes to encourage. Most of these awards are renewable for up to four years of college undergraduate study and provide annual stipends that range from \$500 to \$10,000 per year. Some provide a single payment between \$2,500 and \$5,000. Recipients can use their awards at any regionally accredited U.S. col-

or university of their choice.

Hillside Middle School

 Parents and students of incoming sixth graders should meet in the auditorium for orientation on May 20 at 7 p.m. We will take time to review a typical student day, the alternate day elective schedule, clubs and sports available for

NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

sixth graders and areas of the building to be occupied by 6th graders next year. Letters were sent home to 5th grade parents in December which outline important dates.

Ridge Wood Elementary

• The Ridge Wood PTA will be holding a blood drive on May 11. To do an early registration please follow these directions: Donors should go to www.givelife.org; enter sponsor code Northville Schools (The system will direct you to log in. This is a one-time-only occurrence. In the future the system will recognize you.); click on My Profile: click on Create a Profile; enter info where there is an asterisk (•); when entering e-mail address you have to create a password to use for this Web site; click submit.

Athletic physicals -

The Northville High School Athletic Department is working in conjunction with Beaumont Hospital for athletic training services. Along with these services, Beaumont doctors will be doing athletic physicals on June 4 for the 2009-2010 school year. Physicals will begin at 4:30 p.m. in the Athletic wing. The cost will be \$20 per physical.

Physicals need to be done on the MHSAA physical form and can be downloaded from the district Web site. Please make sure all information, especially needed signatures by parents and students are filled out.

Winchester Elementary

• Winchester's annual Fun Run will be held from 2:15-3:30 p.m. on Friday, May 8 at the school. In the event of rain, the event will be held at the same time on Friday, May 15. This year's event will be a fund-raiser to raise money for the continuation of Winchester's playground improvements.

Senior All Night Party

The Northville High School Class of 2009 Senior All Night Party will be held on Saturday,

Happy Mother's Day!

"We Love You Mom"

May 30, from 10:30 p.m. until

· Not sure if you've already bought a Senior All Night Party ticket? Call Randy Buoy at (248) 344-2240 or e-mail him at buoyr61@gmail.com to

 If you haven't bought your ticket, they're still on sale for \$75. Make your check payable to Northville Senior Class Party, put your child's name and T-shirt size in the memo section and drop off the check in the Senior All Night Party mailbox in the NHS office or mail it to Randy Buoy, 16400 Sutters Lane Court, Northville, MI 48168.

 These are tough times for many of us. If you can't afford a ticket but your child would like to attend the party, please contact NHS Assistant Principal Monty Shambleau at (248) 344-8420. The information will be kept strictly confi-

 Donations are needed! Due to the economy, donations from businesses are down. Parents, all donations are welcome - cash, gift cards, services, merchandise - get creative! Call Ann Pritchard at 248-449-3014 or Robin Porreca at (248) 465-0237. Names of all donors will be printed in the Northville Record and you'll get a certificate of thanks.

· Permission and Liability Waiver Forms and the **Prescription Medication** Forms (if needed) MUST be turned in to the NHS office or to Randy Buoy (see address above) or your child CANNOT attend the party.

Forms are available on the NHS Web site at www.northville.k12.mi.us.

 For further Senior All Night Party updates, please sign up for the NHS listserv. Go to the District Web site at www.northville.k12.mi.us then click on District Listserv, then click on the link for available e-mail lists. Fill in your info and then subscribe to both the NHS and NHS Seniors list-

Federal Stimulus Plan

There has been much speculation and discussion recently about the impact the



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NHS music success

The Northville High School Music Department has had another very successful year at the state music festivals. The Chorale, Chamber Choir and Bel Canto received superior ratings, while the Girls' Ensemble and the Concert Choir received excellent ratings. Both Jazz Ensemble I and Jazz Ensemble II had excellent performances at their state festival in Royal Oak, earning overall I's for their efforts. In addition, senior trombonist Brian Earle was named to the All-State Jazz Band for the second consecutive year. Finally, both the 10th grade and the 11th/12th grade Symphonic Bands received I's at the state competition, while the 9th grade band received a II. The Korthville community has an opportunity to hear these groups at the following upcoming spring concerts -- Choir: 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12 at Northville High School, \$7; Band: 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20 at Northville High School, \$5; Northville High School Jazz Ensemble 1: 7 p.m. on Friday, May 29 at Northville Town Square outdoor concert, free. The Northville High School Choir Department will release a new compact disc on May 12. Copies may be purchased at the spring choir concert or can be ordered by calling the choir department at (248) 344-8420, ext. 50711.

Federal Stimulus Plan, officially known as the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) will have on local school districts in Michigan. However, the truth is that much remains unknown.

Northville Public Schools officials are working closely

with representatives from the Wayne County Regional **Educational Agency** (WCRESA), the Michigan Association of School Boards, and Michigan Association of School Administrators to monitor and interpret information at both the state and federal level as it becomes available.

In an effort to keep school families and community members informed, district officials will provide regular updates on the district Web site (www. northville.k12.mi.us) and via LISTSERV as details of the Stimulus Plan and its impact on Michigan and Northville







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Adoption & Foster Care Forum set

People needed to help care for area children

BY PAN FLENING

Have some love to give to a child or teenager?

The Wayne County court system has a program that's just what the doctor ordered.

Fred Gruber, director of the Michigan Children's Law Center, and Kathleen Svoboda of Northville, a referee for the Wayne County Third Circuit Court, Juvenile Division, will bring a special Adoption & Foster Care Forum at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13, at Northville Township Hall at the southwest corner of Six

Mile and Sheldon roads. The goal of the forum is to make information available to people who could be, have been or are interested in potentially acting as foster parents or who have interest in adopting children or teenagers," Svoboda said.

The purpose of the forum is for people to come and have

questions answered," she said. The event is being sponsored by the Michigan's Children's Law Center, which has had forums in four other Wayne County communities.

However, this is the first time such a forum has come to western Wayne County. We do these forums in April because it is Child Abuse Prevention Month," Gruber

"This is a wonderful community service opportunity for people," Svoboda said. "There are so many children who are in need of stable, warm, caring, loving homes, even if it's only on a temporary basis."

She said the forum is a great chance for people in the area to learn what foster parenting or an adoptive parent is all about.

There is a desperate shortage throughout the state for adoptive parents and licensed foster parents," Gruber said.

Staff will be on hand at the forum who license foster parents, who must receive training and pass a background check.

"Individuals as well as parents can become adoptive parents or foster parents," Gruber

NEW LAWS IN EFFECT

With the new laws in effect, even relatives of children who are to be placed out of the home have to be licensed foster parents.

In many instances, the

rights of the parents have been GREAT NEEDS

terminated. They usually have about 15 months to try to meet certain requirements, such as provide suitable housing, a lawful source of income, and, if they're on drugs, become drug-free," Gruber said.

If they have an abusive partner, that person must be removed from the child's life.

'If these things aren't satisfied, the parental rights can be terminated," Gruber said.

Often, foster parents become adoptive parents. Children need to first feel

safe, secure and stable in the home," Gruber said. "They need to be cared for, provided for and loved."

Many children are moved into foster homes because they are not properly fed or clothed, they're not even going to school because they're staying home taking care of younger children while the parent or parents are out doing what-

"It's important for these children to understand that there's a different way to be raised and spend your childhood," Gruber said. "Having good, caring, loving, foster parents is just a critical piece of this whole foster care sys-

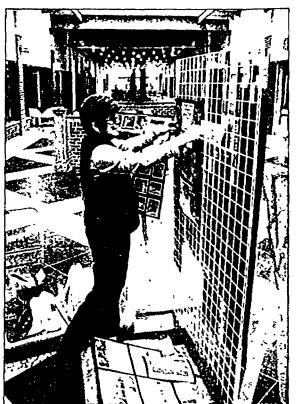
The state currently has about 17,000 children in foster care, with 7,000 of that number in Wayne County. As of December 2008, there were more than 5,700 children who have become permanent wards of the court, meaning that the rights of their parents have been terminated and they were waiting to be adopted. After age 14. a child needs to consent to an

There are many success stories when children become integrated into new families, Gruber said, with grades improving and some even going on to college.

A question-and-answer period will follow the forum, which includes a panel discussion with Leslie Kim Smith, who is the presiding judge in Wayne County Juvenile Court, Judge Mark Slavens, another Juvenile Court judge, a foster parent licensing specialist, two adoption specialists, and two local foster families.

Literature will be available at the event, and prospective foster or adoptive parents will have an opportunity to meet with the various specialists in the field.

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Capturing Everyday Moments

Opening night for Capturing Everyday Moments, an exhibit by the Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Education and Extended Day Program, was May 1. Held in Northville Square (133 W. Main Street) through May 14, the exhibit includes a sampling of work from each of the classes in the program, which serves approximately 900 families. Now in its fourth year, the exhibit was moved this year from the senior center. Shown is studio teacher Nancy Schuerman, who along with Sandi Mueller was setting up the displays Thursday afternoon.

City of Northville NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2009-10 PROPOSED ANNUAL CITY BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Monday, May 18, 2009, at 7 30 PM. in the City Council Chambers of the Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main Street, for the purpose of receiving testimony and discussing the proposed 2009-10 Annual City Budget.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be the subject of this hearing.

PROPOSED 2009 MILLAGE RATES The following statements are provided, as required by State statute, concerning the 2009 proposed millage levies for the City of Northville.

> The 2009 tax levy for the City Operating Millage is proposed to be 13 30 mills, compared to 13 30 mills in 2008, reflecting no increase or decrease. The City Council has authority under the City Charter to set the Operating Millage rate within the maximum allowed rate of 14 1824 mills, as adjusted by the Headlee roll-back formula

> The 2009 levy for the Improvement Program for Streets, Drainage and Sidewalks, approved by the voters on March 4, 1997, is proposed to be 1.7670 mills, compared to 1.7670 mills in 2008, resulting in no increase or decrease.

The 2009 levy for the 2000 Public Safety Debt, which involves a bond issue approved by the voters in 2000 is proposed to be 0 1418 mill, compared to 0 1378 mills in 2008, resulting in an increase of 2 9%

The total City millage for operating, debt, and improvements is levied in 2008, the increase is 0 0040 mills, or 0 03%.

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ANTICIPATED EQUALIZATION FACTORS The 2009 equalization factors for both Wayne and Oakland County are expected to be 1 00 for all classes of property

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study sessions and Masses at the home, saying this was disruptive to the neighborhood.

The order has occupied the house on Seven Mile Road since 2002. Neighbors began complaining in 2003.

An initial investigation by the township revealed that the order's members had not violated any ordinances or zoning regulations.

However, when complaints from the neighbors continued and township police stepped up patrols of the home, township officials said there had been a change in use of the property and that the order needed to go through the community's site plan review

Township leaders felt that the house was being used as a church, which was determined to be a more intense use of the property than originally stated by the order's members.

The township thought that the house was to be used as just a home for the priests and monks rather than an actual place of worship, according to township staff.

The township ticketed the order for not following the site plan review procedures. The state court then ruled in favor of the order, saying that the township's zoning ordinance was overly vague and subjec-

The Wayne County Circuit Court then overturned that ruling. This case has now been remanded to the 35th District

The Miles Christi order can also ask that Judge Borman's decision be reconsidered, Wilhelm said.

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City of Northville

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF BUDGET

FY 2010 CITY BUDGET The budget for the various Funds of the City of Northville are proposed for the year ended June 30, 2010 as follows. Revenues Expenditures

GENERAL FUND		STREET, DRAIN AGE, AND SIDEWALK		
Property Taxes	\$4 612,809	IMPROVEMENT FUND		
Licenses, Fees and Permits	214,467	Property Taxes	\$580,444	\$1,057,255
Grants	6,500	Other	476.811	
Racetrack Breakage Police & Fire Service	129,745	Major Street Fund Total	\$1 057 255	\$1 057 255
State Shared Revenue	592,264			
Sales and Services	101.235	MAJOR STREET FUND		
Fines and Forfeitures	59,900	Gas and Weight Taxes	\$236,570	\$1,229,065
Other Revenues	312,285	Local Contributions	992 495	
Interfund Transfers	112,520	Major Street Fund Total	\$1,229.065	\$1,229.065
Appropriation of Prior Year Surplus	19 642			
General Fund Total	\$6 161,367	LOCAL STREET FUND		•
		Gas and Weight Taxes	\$102,251	\$319,173
	Expenditures	Local Contributions	216,922	
Administration	1,068,017	Local Street Fund Total	\$319 173	\$319 173
Buildings and Grounds	449,543			
Police Department	2,386,103	OTHER FLNDS		
Fire Department	393 740	PARKING FUND	\$139,706	\$139,706
Technology	251,375	BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION FUND	\$6 100	\$6,100
Department of Public Works	570 775	ARTS COMMISSION FUND	\$87,135	\$87,135
Planning, Zoning and		DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	\$1 343,311	\$3,383,311
Inspection Services	203,510	DDA DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$0	So
Shared Services	298,443	PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$341.010	\$341,010
Contributions to Other Funds	288 633	FIRE EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND	\$100.750	\$100,750
Debt Service	45 690	POLICE EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND	\$104,366	\$105,366
Insurance, Central Supplies		HOUSING COMMISSION FUND	\$140.035	\$846.035
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PUBLIC HEARING A public hearing will be held on Monday, May 18, 2009, at 7:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers of the Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main Street, for the purpose of receiving testimony and discussing the proposed 2009-10 Annual City Budget The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be the subject of this hearing.

TRANSFERS BETWEEN APPROPRIATIONS As provided in State statute, the general appropriations resolution is proposed to allow the City Manager to transfer up to ten percent (10%) of each appropriation to any other appropriation within each fund and up to ten percent (10%) of the total salary and fringe appropriations for distributed Public Works Labor and Equipment Rental between the General, Major Street, Local Street, Equipment, Refuse and Recycling and Water and Sewer Funds. All other interfund transfers require approval of the City Council

BUDGET STABILIZATION FUND As provided in State statute, the City Council has established a Budget Stabilization Fund to receive surplus operating funds which may occur from time to time, as a reserve against unanticipated or emergency expenses or revenue shortfalls in the future. No contribution is anticipated from the 2009-10 operating year due to the current financial position of the City

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN The six year capital improvement plan has been prepared and is a part of the annual 2009-10 City budget

COPIES OF PROPOSED BUDGET AVAILABLE A complete copy of the 2009-10 Annual City Budget document will be available for public inspection beginning May 7, 2009 at the City Clerk's office during regular business hours. In addition, a limited number of copies are available to be signed out for review by City residents at home.

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Baird & Robeson

John and Betty Baird of Northville announce the engagement of their son Paul to Janeen Robeson, daughter of Janice and the late Walter Zeien of Mt. Pleasant.

Paul is a 1988 graduate of Northville High School and a 1992 graduate of Bowling Green State University with a bachelor of science degree in production management, also earning a master of business administration degree from **Bowling Green State University** in 1996. He is employed by Lear Corporation as division materials manager.

Janeen is a 1989 graduate of Mt. Pleasant High School and received her bachelor of science degree in business administration from Eastern Michigan University in 1994. Janeen is a senior property manager for Transwestern Corporation.

Paul and Janeen plan a June wedding in Pentwater.

NORTHVILLE ENGAGEMENT Northville Rotarians spruce up Detroit school

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

Students at Logan Elementary School in Detroit have some good friends in the Northville Rotary.

"We're going down to Logan Elementary to help out," said David Boyd, a past club president heading up the effort. Some half dozen Rotarians "and one Rotarian helper, my father," went to the school April 29 to spread wood chips on the playground.

The Bridgepointe organization in Northville, which connects students from diverse backgrounds, linked the local Rotarians with the southwest Detroit school. "One of the things that came up is opportunities for service in the city," Boyd said.

The city of Northville provided materials, with transport courtesy of Imagine Landscape and Design.

The business is owned by Jack Kelly, whose father is a

The club's German exchange student, Paul Uerlich, also worked on the project.

Current club President Tim Story went to Logan to help. "We took part in the new (Rotary) district visioning process," Story said. "This opportunity came about to partner with this elementary school. We're hoping for a long relationship."

The partnership will take different forms, Story said, with basic clothing styles for a school uniform possible. "We can do books and we can do other things," the club president said.

Story noted the club can host a party as an incentive to encourage school attendance on days when counts are taken, critical to state funding.

We definitely see it as an ongoing project," Story said.



Volunteers from Northville Rotary working on the project at Logan Elementary in Detroit included (from left) Tim Story, Jack Kelly, exchange student Paul Verlich, Jim Gallogly and David Boyd.

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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.

PARTICIPATE IN "WALK MICHIGAN" EVENTS TIME/DATE: 6 p.m., Wednesday, May 13

LOCATION: Northville Town Square TIME/DATE: 10 a.m., Wednesday, May

LOCATION: Community Senior Center TIME/DATE: 2 p.m., Sunday, May 31 LOCATION. Millennium Park Walk Michigan is a free walking program held in many Michigan communities to promote healthy activities and lifestyles. Organized walks will be held throughout the summer in a variety will receive an entry into a drawing for

of community locations. Participants a trip for two to the Mackinac Island Labor Day bridge walk for each walk attended. Participants must be 18 years and over to enter drawing - City of Northville and Northville Township employees are not eligible to win the drawing.

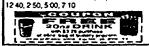


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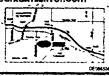
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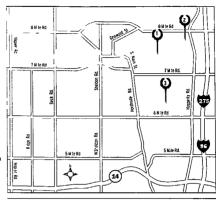
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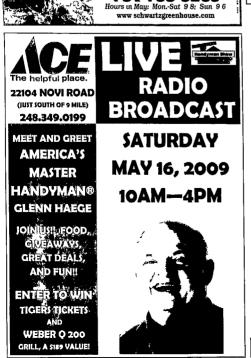
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His areas of concentration are Business Law Corporations/Partinerships, Real Estate, Construction Real Property Development, Land Use and Planning, Litigation, Commercial Leasing, Municipa Law Dioroce, Child Custodi Family Law and Crammal Law Capello has served on the Business Law Section, Real Puncerts Law Section, Real Puncerts Law Section and

Property Law Section, and

In addition to his prior seat is mayor pro tem on Novis City Council, he served on the Planning Commission, Housia and Community Development Committee; Town Center Steering Committee; Ordinans Review Committee; Master Plan and Zoung Committee; and numerous sub-commit and numerous sub-commut tees over his 15 years of com-munity involvement. Capello currently sits on the Novi Parks Foundation.





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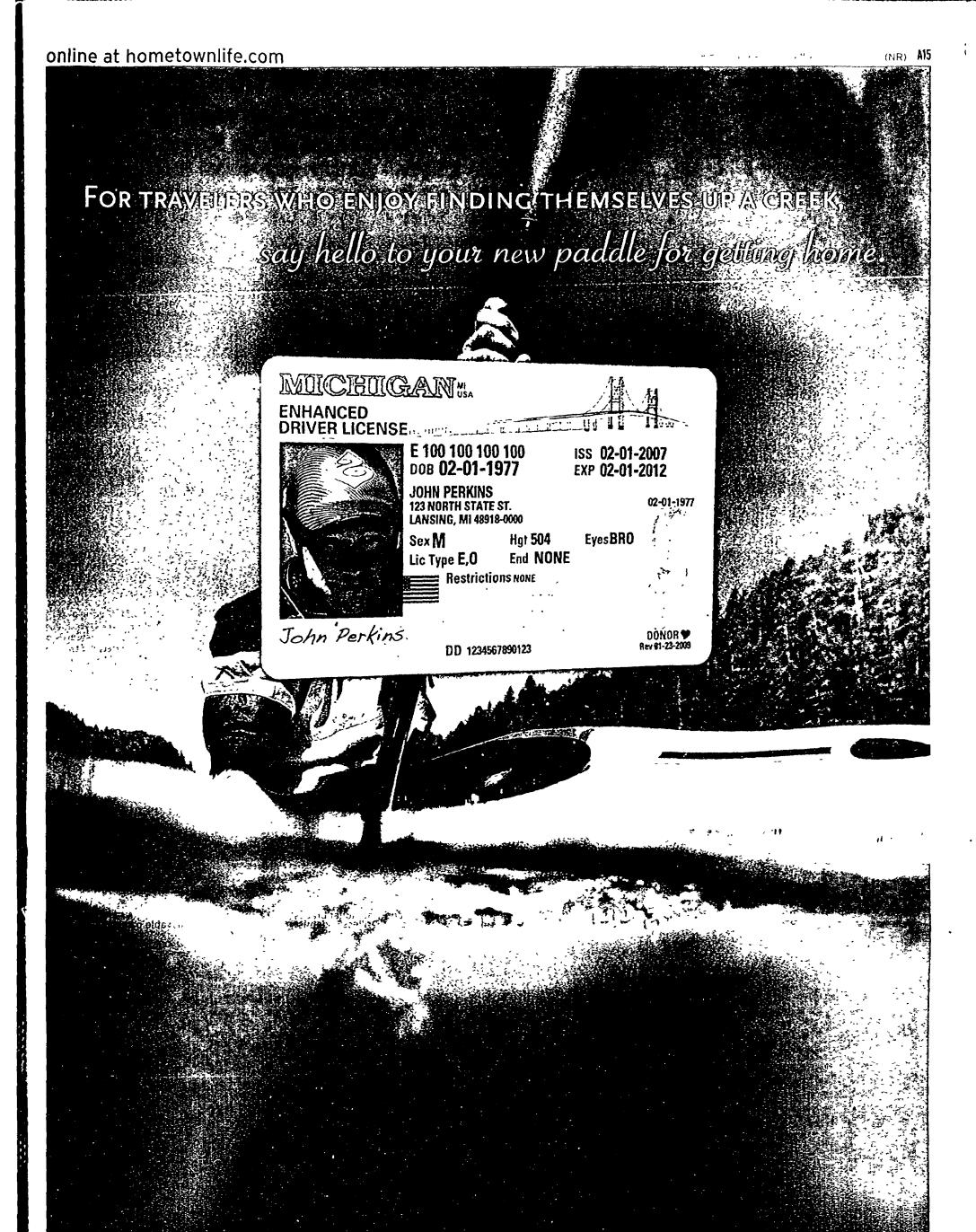
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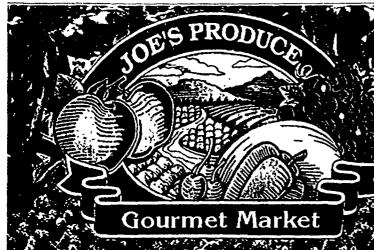


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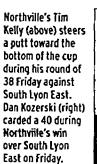
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Northville golfer Brandon Cameron eyes a putt during Friday's match against South Lyon. Cameron earned comedalist honors afer carding a 37.

Kings of swing

Northville boys golf squad sets sizzling mid-season pace

BY ED WRIGHT RECORD STAFF WRITER

The Northville boys golf team's par-fect season continued during the past week in a dual meet against South Lyon East and at Monday's Seaholm Invitational.

On Friday, the Mustangs improved their unblemished Kensington Lakes Activities Association record to 4-0 with a convincing 153-164 triumph over the Cougars in a match played at the Links of Novi.

Three days later, they outstroked 23 other teams to capture first place at the Seaholm event that was hosted by the Orchard Lake Country Club.

Brandon Cameron paced the victory over East when he carded a co-medalist round of 1-over 37. East's Bryan Hawkins matched Cameron's round. Also scoring for the winners were Tim Kelly (38) and Blake Bonatz, Garrett Kelly and Anderew Ukrop, all of whom recorded 39. Northville's sixth golfer, Dan Kozerski,

Rounding out East's lineup were Alec Sturos

and Jackson Seedott, both of whom registered 42, and Zach Sturos, who came in with a 43.

In the junior varsity match, Brady Marotta led Northville with a round of 38. Justin Berman also played well, carding a 39. East's JV squad as led by Nate Ringholtz's 52.

Led by Trevor Grigg's co-medalist-earning performance, the Mustangs placed four golfers in the top 19 at the Seaholm tournament.

Northville finished with a score of 296 to outdistance second-place East Grand Rapids by six shots. Novi Catholic Central and Brighton tied for third with 305 each, one shot ahead of U-D Jesuit.

Mustang Steve Brown narrowly missed joining Grigg at the top of the leaderboard as he fired a 1-over 73. Also scoring for the victors were Wes Gates, who finished 15th with a 75; and Alex Bernstein, who placed 19th with a 76.

Eric Goebel's 90 was good enough for 96th place. Brighton's Cole Haupt and Tommy Conway also shot 72 apiece to split medalist honors with

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NHS baseball team proves to be a sweeping success

Northville's baseball team remained red hot with a pair of convincing doubleheader sweeps Friday and Saturday.

On Friday, the Mustangs swept Livonia Franklin, 12-2 and 11-4, to improve to 7-1 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association. Monday's matchup with coleader Salem was postponed after school was cancelled for the entire Plymouth-Canton School District after a possible case of swine flu was reported in a Salem student.

The Patriots slipped to 8-5 overall and 4-3 in the KLAA following Friday's loss. Ryan Mullen went 3-for-3 with a pair of homers and six RBI as the Mustangs galloped to a 12-2 victory in the opener.

Please see BASEBALL, B3



NARON BELL LOHL IMAGES

Northville resident Stefan Noesen was drafted in the fourth round by the Plymouth Whalers in Saturday's Ontario Hockey League draft.

70 Years New!

Local icer drafted by OHL's Whalers

BY ED WRIGHT RECORD STAFF WRITER

Considering the vast majority of Ontario Hockey League franchises are scattered across the Canadian province of Ontario, the odds were good heading into Saturday's OHL Draft that Stefan Noesen's new address would be a long bus ride away from his Northville home.

As it turned out, the Novi Catholic Central sophomore will be playing only a long slap shot from his current residence.

Noesen was selected in the fourth round of Saturday's

draft by the Plymouth Whalers, who covet the native Texan's size and scoring ability.

A 6-foot-1, 195-pound center, Noesen has starred for the past two seasons for the Compuware U16 team. He moved to Northville from Plano, Texas, two years ago to enhance his hockey future.

"I'm anxious to get playing and to show them I can contribute right away," said Noesen. "I feel good about playing for the Whalers and knowing that I won't be the only American around."

Please see DRAFT, B3

GAME WRAPS

Northville kickers suffer first setback

Despite a furious late second-half surge, Northville's varsity soccer team was handed its first defeat of the season when the team fell to Novi by a 1-0 score Monday night. Novi avenged an earlier loss at the hands of the Mustangs to split the conference series with Northville.

Northville outshot the Wildcats 9-3 and banged two off the upright, but Novi scored on one of its three second-half shots on a long low knuckelball from 24 yards out to spoil the Northville effort.

Northville's JV won over Novi by a score of 2-0.

JV Mustangs win tourney

The Northville junior varsity softball team won the Madonna tournament May 2.

Natalie Grimmer shut out Farmington Harrison and Laura Pond shut out Marian in the championship game. Grimmer and Pond split the pitching duties in the victory over Birmingham Groves.

The Mustangs' hitting onslaught was led by Madison Merlanti, Haley King, Krista Oldham and Suzanne Hasse. Maggie Stewart and Ellie Asher each hit home runs.

Rachel Deacon scored six times; Morgan Brace and Lisa Rice each crossed the plate four times in the three games. Olivia Martin also delivered a key hit.

The JV Mustangs remain undefeated at 16-0.

MU baseball team still alive in WHAC

The Madonna University baseball team remained alive in the 2009 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference baseball tournament Saturday with a pair of wins, starting with an 11-1 victory over Siena Heights and finishing the day with a 29-7 triumph over Davenport at Ilitch Ballpark.

Matt Kay (Canton) belted three home runs on the day, including a pair of three-run shots in back-to-back at-bats in the win over Davenport.

Kevin Zerbo (Farmington Hills Harrison) also clubbed two homers on the day.

Kyle Bolton threw a complete game six-hitter in the win over Siena Heights, giving up just an unearned run for the win.

Trent Pohl earned the win over Davenport, going six complete innings while striking out five.

In the opener, MU jumped in front big in the second inning, scoring five times as Zerbo took the first pitch of the inning over the wall in left for a 1-0 MU lead. The Crusaders tacked on four more runs due in part to a triple from Kay and a double from Shawn Little (Canton) to go on top 5-0.

The Crusaders added three more runs in the third as Kay and Zach Flavin hit back-to-back homers to increase the lead to 8-0.



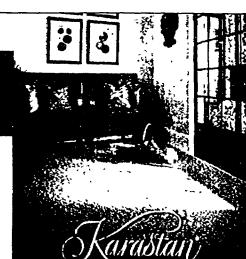
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Mustangs seventh at Observerland Relays

BY BRAD EMONS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Hometown Neek -slittly sain May 7 2009

The Detroit Catholic Central boys track and field team has been traditionally known for its talented throwers and distance runners.

But on Saturday, the Shamrocks of Novi threw in some speedy sprinters. hurdlers and middle distance talent to earn its first Observerland Relays title since 1993 and fourth championship overall in the 39th annual

with 83 points to win comfortably over runner-up Salem (61) and third-place finisher Livonia Churchill (52), the host

Two-time defending champion Livonia Stevenson was fourth with 49 and Farmington Hills Harrison took fifth with 42.

"It's been that long?" asked veteran CC coach Tony Magni referring to the 15-year Observerland drought. That was a pretty good team in '93. We had Eric McKeon in the middle distance and Mark Eden in the hurdles, and a good distance team. We were second in the state that year in cross country.

CC captured five of the 16 events to gobble up 50 of its points (10 for each first) in the predominantly relay format. The Shamrocks produced

CC led the 17-school field



Northville's Ali Arastu, pictured above in a meet earlier this spring, placed fourth in the 110-meter high hurdles at Saturday's Observerland Relays.

a balanced attack by winning the shot put relay, 4 x 1,600 relay, 3,200 relay, 1,600 relay and individual 1.600 (sophomore John Paul Zembrowski in 4:29.65).

Junior Spencer Hall anchored the 4×800 relay in 8:19.63 along with the 4 x 400 relay in a blistering 3:23.89. J.P. Zembrowski's twin brother Austin also was a member of the victorious 6.400 and 3.200 relay teams.

CC added seconds in the distance medley and 800 relay. "When you get good quar-ter-milers and good half-milers, you'll have a good track team," Magni said. "We knew if we could score 80 points we'd be in the hunt.'

Meanwhile, Salem's secondplace showing proved to be an encouraging sign for coach Kyle Meteyer.

His Rocks won the discus and high jump relays as Cortney Frazier figured in both firsts. Salem also posted seconds in the shot put relay (school record), 6,400 relay, 3,200 relay and 1,600 relay (season-best 3:28.7 thanks to the efforts of Scott O'Connor, Dan Martin, Zack Gaskell and Dom Williams).

"We knew CC was strong in just about every event," Meteyer said. They were good in the field events, sprints and distance - and we were, too. But they were just a little stronger. When you win five or six events, that's hard to compete against. But I'm really proud of them. We were in double digits - 14th place - two years ago, fifth last year, and then second. We're moving up the ranks and it's good to see. Our strongest class are the juniors and we look to be back next year."

Churchill coach Rick Austin was pleased with his team's third-place finish.

The Chargers, led by the state's top-ranked pole vaulter, senior Derik Peterman, took

that highly specialized event. But a big surprise came in the 4 x 100 relay as Tony Frezzell, Scott Coppola, Travis Tomey and Devon Easterling took first in 43.26, the first time ever a Churchill team had won the event in the 39-year

history of Observerland. "Those kids are the hardest workers on the team and they deserve everything they get," Austin said. "And I thought our throwers did well, too. They're our hardest workers,

"I'm very proud of the kids" performance. They've been growing all season. Third place makes me happy. It means we're headed in the right direction. But my hats off to coach Magni and a CC team that had many outstanding performers.

Meanwhile, Obseverland's fastest man title goes to Livonia Franklin senior Paul Voegele, who tied the school record with an official time of 10.86.

Voegele was able to hold off Westland John Glenn's Jeremy Langford, Farmington's Charles Anthony and Stevenson's Nick Anagnostou - all clocking 10.9 - in a photo

Officials deliberated for over five minutes before sorting out the finishers, but there was no question the Franklin senior crossed the line in first.

"It feels great," said pencil-

thin Voegele, who stands just 5 feet, 7 inches, and weighs only 125 pounds. I got a good block start and ran a pretty good time, a personal best.

"I knew I was first or second, but didn't know until I got the (placing) stick. I was concerned, worried, anxious to know."

Another impressive individual performer was Wayne Memorial junior Renaldo Powell, who captured the 110 hurdles in 14.15. He finished just ahead of Vanier Joseph of Redford Thurston (14.41) and CC's Scott Sansovich (14.51).

Another highlight was Stevenson's 4 x 200 relay team of David Simor, Jacob Gudeman, Nate Sergison and Anagnostou, who took first in 1:28.89, breaking the school record set in 2007.

But the day overall belonged to the Shamrocks, one of the few teams in the area who require mandatory workouts during spring break.

"If you go on spring break, you can't run," Magni said. We lose a few, but our guys know that from Day One when they come in as freshmen. We can do it at CC and I realize some schools can't do it. You have to be here that week-anda-half because I know they're not going to be training in

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BOYS TRACK RESULTS

39th annual OBSERVERLAND BOYS TRACK & FIELD RELAYS May 2 at Livonia Churchill H S.

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Doubles partners Laura Taylor (left) and Ursula Cauffiel give each other a little "dap" after winning a point in their match against Livonia Stevenson.

GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

NORTHYILLE 9.

Christy Murphy/Emily Toupin (N) del Kacey Felts/Shanna Catron, 6-0 6-0 NORTHYILLE'S DUAL-MEET RECORD:

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April 29 at South Lyon
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6-0; No. 3: Joanne Weber (N) def Wegan
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def Emily Bohn, 6-1, 6-0
No. 1 doubles: Laura Taylor/Ursula
Cauffiel (N) def Sally Barens/Leah McGuire,
6-0, 6-1, No. 2: Abby Gra,ek/Sabrina
Masciulli (N) def Patty McAllister/Brittany
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Amy Bernstein (N) def Stephanie Mushna/
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Ryan Mullen has launched nine of the Mustangs' 30 home runs this spring.

Winning pitcher Kevin Fisher went six innings in the mercy-rule win. He struck out four, walked one and allowed just six hits.

Mike Basner, who went five innings on the mound for the Patriots, allowed 10 earned runs to take the loss.

Tyler Barnes went 2-for-3 with an RBI.

In the nightcap, Kyle Breault led off with a homer and the Mustangs, who scored four times in the first inning, took advantage of four Franklin errors in an 11-4 triumph.

Dan Muller, who went just

two-thirds of an inning before being removed with bad back, took the loss.

Basner and Garrett Gumm each had two hits for Franklin.

On Saturday, Northville took both ends of a twinbill from Trenton, 14-9 and 12-1. Kyle Breault went 3-for-5 with a home run and three RBI and Dan Mills went 3for-3 with a home run and two RBI for Northville in the first game.

In the second game, David Uberti went 2-for-3 with four RBI and Bobby Thomas went 1-for-2 with a home run and three RBI for the Mustangs, who improved to 15-1.

Northville's lone loss this campaign came at the hands of



David Uberti has been the ace of the Northville baseball team's pitching staff during its 15-1 start.

Noesen has been skating since he was 4 thanks to some impromptu lessons he received from a relative.

"My great grandpa taught me how to skate backwards in my living room," Noesen said. He was a pure Canadian and he loved hockey. I think he was a pretty good player, too."

Noesen was hooked on the sport immediately. The bigger he grew, the better he became. At the age of 12 he was a

standout on the national titlewinning Dallas Ice Jets team.

"Hockey was on the verge of getting really big down there when I moved up here," said Noesen. There were about seven or eight really good teams starting up.

The Whalers are coming off a highly successful season during which they finished 37-26-5-0 before getting derailed in the second round of the OHL playoffs by Windsor.

The Spitfires have advanced to the OHL championship round.

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What a Rush

The Michigan Rush U11 girls Nike soccer team was defeated in a shoot-out in the championship game of the CFA United Cup tournament in Cincinnati. The Rush took a 3-0 record into the title game against PASA of Ohio. The shoot-out was held after the two teams finished

regulation and two overtimes knotted at 1-all. Pictured are (front row from left) Sophie Chiado, Sara Hawks, Alissa Moore, Sarah Hinrichs, Allia McDowell, Emily Boss, (back row from left) Kristin Eis, Sarah Park, Katie Bryce, Christina Minna, Olivia Ulman, Emily Walkins and coach Scott Forrester.



Great Expectations: Your golf game will change while you are pregnant

By Susan Smiley

When Michigan State University women's golf coach Stacy Slobodnik-Stoll discovered she was pregnant six years ago, she visualized being able to propel the golf ball further down the fairway than she ever had before

'So many people said they hit the ball farther when they were pregnant," said Slobodnik-Stoll "It did not work that way for me. I really struggled. I just felt like I could not get through the ball But I didn't want to give up playing, so I participated in all of the events I usually play in and just got used to hitting a little

Women can expect to make adjustments to their game when they are pregnant, but just what those changes will be is tough to predict. Not only can it vary from golfer to golfer but from pregnancy to pregnancy as well

Meredith Weaver is a mother of three and says she had to make new adjustments each time she was

With my daughter I felt like I gained weight all over where with my two boys the weight was all right out there in front," Weaver said "So it was completely different each time. I think you just have to adjust as you go along "

For Weaver, one of the toughest things was getting used to having her hands so far away from her body when she gripped the club

People are probably different depending on what their swing plane is ke to begin with." Weaver said. "I think when you are pregnant you are more

likely to swing within yourself and you maybe have less of a tendency to over

Once she got her swing under control, it was a matter of dealing with her aching legs and first trimester nausea

"I always felt really crummy the first trimester so that it was harder for me to play than it was later in my pregnancies," Weaver said "I also had a problem with veins in my legs so my issues were more to do with walking than with my swing '

Julie Massa, who is typically a walkand-carry golfer, also remembers using the eart more when she was pregnant but for her the biggest issue was balance

I moved a little slower so I just had to tell myself that I wasn't going to hit it as far and to just play with what I had and try to keep it down the middle and make it easy on myself," Massa said "My balance was different and it kept changing as I went along so that was an issue I didn't think of It was a constant state of adjustment?

Massa found her putting was affected because she could not bend over as far as she was used to She never changed putters but changed her stance to compensate for the lack of flexibility

"I don't know exactly where the point was in my pregnancy where I knew I had to do something different but I think you just know," Massa said. "I just went. with how I was feeling. I think you have to listen to your body - that's what I

Slobodnik-Stoll still remembers playing in a tournament in mid-luly when slie was seven months pregnant with her daughter, Ohvia It was 95 degrees and humid and she remembers questioning her sanity for just a moment during the tournament

"I just remember thinking. I m huge and why am I doing this right now? Slobodnik-Stoll said "My expectations were so high and I was not playing like I wanted to but I didn't want to use the pregnancy as an excuse

Some golfers find their game improved after the baby is born. Both Weaver and Slobodnik-Stoll say they gained upper body strength and muscle after their babies were born just because they were carrying their children with them everywhere

"I was happy because I had more arm strength," Slobodnik-Stoll said. "It was a benefit for my game.

No matter what losses or changes their games suffered during their pregnancies, the golfers all agree that once the baby arrives, you get a new and refreshing perspective on everything including your game.

"You have something going on in your life that is so much bigger than golf,"

Slobodnik-Stoll agrees *Competitive golf is something that we do because we love it. Know that when you are pregnant, your life is going to be changing in the best way possible and you are going to have something you love more than golf."

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Duleba played above her height

BY JEFF THEISEN SPORTS WRITER

The KLAA Conference was on the line, and the Lakeland Eagles were down more than 10 in the second half at Brighton.

Jessica Duleba put the Eagles on her back and the 5-8 forward went relentlessly to the bucket for 20 of her game high 27 points in the secondhalf to lead the Eagles to victory. The Eagles ultimately lost a late comeback attempt against Salem in the KLAA finals on their way to a 16-5 overall record.

Duleba earns the All-Area Player of the Year honor.

"She always seemed to find a way to get the basket that we needed." head coach Mike Head said. "I knew she would have a good year. I just was surprised at how good it was.

Duleba is the manual for a player putting in maximum effort. She averaged 13.1 points a game with 7.4 rebounds. She also averaged 1.5 assists and 1.4 steals to fill out the stat sheet. She was money at the freethrow line, leading the Eagles with 77 percent.

"She just decided she was going to outplay opponents and help this team win some big games," said Head, "I think we have a different season if she doesn't play as well as she did."

Off the court, the senior is no stranger to working hard, earning All-Academic honors.

"She's a fantastic student, definitely a driven individual," said Head "She

did things the right way. She earned her opportunity by working hard and applying herself.

She's determined to play somewhere at the next level."

ALL-AREA FIRST TEAM

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CAROLINE JOHNSON

NOVE JUN OF

Johnson, last year's Player of the Year, put together another strong season, despite dealing with lingering injuries that kept her out of the lineup early in the year.

Johnson finished with 11.5 points and four rebounds a game. She earned All-Conference in the KLAA

She is very versatile and can play all five positions, said head coach Bill Kelp. "She was challenged this year because all other teams number one goal was to stop her. She had to work through this and develop other areas of her game which she did proven by her leading us in scoring."

DANIELLE GOTHAM

SOUTH LYON SENIOR

Gotham put in a season that earned votes by more than one coach for Player of the Year honors.

At 6-2, she not only is tall, but plays tall. She led the Lions in scoring with 11.7 points and 9.3 rebounds and 2.4 blocks a game — categories she has led South Lyon in for three straight years. Gotham was no slouch at the free-throw line either, connecting on

ALL-AREA GIRLS BASKETBALL

71 percent.

The four-year starter is the career record holder in rebounds, blocks and blocks in a season for the Lions.

KRISTIN SHORT

SOUTH LYON SOPHOMORE

The underclassmen was the floor general for the KLAA Central Division winning Lions. She averaged 10.4 points, 2.8 steals, 4.0 rebounds and 2.3 assists a game. At 72 percent, she led the team at the charity stripe, while second in scoring and third in rebounding.

Short earned KLAA First Team honors along with several others from local publications.

STEPHANIE LOCK

LAKELAND SOPHOMORE

Lock didn't let the underclassmen tag change her from being upperclassmen skills to the court. She's an inside-outside player that can change a game with either skill set.

She finished second on the team in scoring with 11.2 points and led with 9.2 rebounds.

"She's 5-10 and can play bigger than that but can also do some things from outside," said Head, "She's just such a physical presence. She has shoulders that just tell you those are basketball shoulders.

"She hasn't really utilized her

strength yet. That's to come for the next couple of years.

MELLISSA BAGERIS

M LEORD SENIOR

Bageris led the Mavericks with 9.1 points, 5.1 rebounds and hit 38 threepointers to help lead the Mavericks.

Mellissa Bageris was one of those extremely rare athletes that got the absolute best out of her ability," head coach Don Palmer said. "Mellissa combined a extraordinary work ethic will a never-say-die attitude."

ALL-AREA SECOND TEAM

AMANDA THOMAS

SOUTH LYON SENIOR

Thomas was a key role player, contributed 6.8 points and 6.1 rebounds a game, while hitting 40 percent of her shots to lead the Lions. Her main duty was guarding the other team's top post players. She earned KLAA Honorable Mention in her fourth year as a starter.

KELSEY MASSERANT

NOYI JUN OR

Masserant was fearless in going to the hole while being a presence on the boards. She averaged nine points and 5.5 rebounds while earning All-Conference KLAA honors.

MAGHAN KUNZE

LAKELAND SENIOR

Kunze finished her career with 86 consecutive starts in her fourth year on Lakeland varsity. She averaged 5.3 points, 2.7 rebounds, 2.1 assists and 1.8 steals for the KLAA Lakes Conference champs.

TAYLOR PROKES

MILFORD SENIOR

Prokes put in a solid season for the Mavericks, averaging 8.0 points and 4.2 rebounds a game.

CHELSEA ATZINGER

NORTHVILLE SENIOR

Atzinger had to play big and did for the Mustangs. Northville faced a lot of changes this year with a new coach, but Atzinger was the main focus of the opposition's defense all year and continually produced on both ends of the floor.

HONORABLE MENTION

Earning All-Area Honorable Mention are South Lyon's Courtney Harrison (So), Kelsey Kaminsky (Sr) and Jenny Maslany (Jr);

Milford's Lindsey Bandyk (So); South Lyon East's Courtney Emery (Jr) and Kate Grunewald (Jr); Novi's Chantel Hill (Sr); Lakeland's Maghan Kunze (Sr), Amy Carlton (Jr) and Katie O'Leary (Sr); and Northville's Kesley Baskins (Sr)

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Northville girls track team shines at Spartan Invitational

Several members of Northville's girls trackand-field team excelled at Saturday's Livonia Stevenson Invitational.

Leading the charge was pole vaulter Amy Reynolds, who set a school record with a vault of 11 feet, 6 inches. Michelle Steslicki also sparkled in the pole vault, placing third with a 9-6 effort.

A pair of Mustangs placed second in their respective events: long-jumper Chelsea Ciampa (16-8.5) and 100meter hurdler Jaclyn Konopka

Daniela Drury placed third in the 400 dash with a time of

1:01.22 while Ciampa placed fourth in the 300 hurdles. Placing fifth were

Courtney Minghine in the 200 dash and the Mustangs' 800-meter relay contingent.

Mustangs sprint past Rocks

On April 28, the Northville girls track-and-field team galloped past Salem, 84-53. The Mustangs placed first in nine

Pacing the winners were Jaclyn Konopka and Beth Roach, both of whom placed first in two events.

Konopka won the 100meter hurdles in 15.9 and the 300 hurdles in 49.5: Roach took gold in the 400 (1:00.9) and the high jump

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Northville's Jaclyn Konopka placed first in the 100-meter hurdles event at

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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A WITH DONNA AND LARRY'S FLOWERS



Donna and Larry's Flowers' Donna and Larry Podpora and their well-known shop dog "Sammy." Donna and Larry's flowers is located on Novi Road, just north of Eight Mile.

Flower shop is throwback to old mom-and-pop stores

1. Tell us about your business, including types of services and/or products you feature.

Full service florist, weddings, funerals, everyday occasions. Large selection of plants, dishgardens, cards, gift and fruit baskets and a wide variety of fresh flowers.

2. How did you first decide to open your business?

Twenty-five years ago we met on a blind date through a mutual friend in the business, fell in love, decided to open a flower shop together. Four months later we opened our shop; a year later we were

3. Why did you choose Northville? We found Northville to be a warm town with a quaint charm all its own -- perfect for

4. What makes your business

a flower shop.

Our flower shop is truly a throwback to the old mom-andpop stores we grew up with. We're at the shop every day with Sammy, our golden retriever, greeting customers. Like Jamie, our golden before him. Sammy has a fan club all his own. And Larry's mom, Theresa, who sadly passed a year ago, worked with us for 13 years. Her warmth and charm endeared her to our customers, even today. A true family business.

5. How has it changed since you opened?

DETAILS

Business Name: Donna and Larry's Flowers Address: 1063 Novi Road, Northville Name/Title: Donna and Larry Podpora, owners Hometown: Brighton Business opened: April 1984

Number of employees: two to

Hours of operation: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday; 9-3 Saturday **Business specialty:** Finest quality and longest lasting flowers. And a commitment to extending ourselves beyond what is expected to meet our customers needs. Example - staying open after hours for late arriving cus tomer, free delivery for a forgotten pick up order.

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The area has grown tremendously. Many of our customers now shop online. Though we have added competition with warehouse and grocery stores, our competitive edge is our quality and service.

6. Do you have a funny tidbit or story about your experience as a small business owner to share with our readers?

As we were putting the

final touches on our shop a few days before we opened it for business, a charming lady in her 80's jumped into our shop with all the exuberance of someone 50 years younger, and exclaimed, "Hi, I'm Mary Flynn, the old hen. Welcome to Northville. Everybody knows me, I'm going to spread the word." Although now deceased, she touched our hearts and we became fast friends. Because of her, we knew we made the right decision.

7. How has the recent economy affected your business?

We see a change in buying habits. More conservative. We've tried to help in that regard, cutting costs where we can without sacrificing quality.

8. Any advice for business owners? Look before you leap. Get as much knowledge and experience as you can, with a commitment to long hours and hard work. The reward: watching your business grow with happy, satisfied customers.

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

Now having the distinction of being the longest serving flower shop in Northville, we hope to continue to grow our business with the same commitment we stated with 25 years ago: the finest quality, the best service, and always a

NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

Corriveau hosts business forum May 11

State Representative Marc Corriveau (D-Northville) will be hosting a meeting on Monday, May 11, in Northville for companies interested in doing business with the state and competing for government contracts. The event will be held 9-11:30 a.m. at Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall, 108 E. Main St. in Northville.

"Our businesses are playing a critical role as we work to get Michigan's economy back on track." Corriveau said. "The state strives to support local businesses by providing a fair, inclusive way to learn about opportunities and bid on them. I encourage anyone who is interested in doing business with the state to attend this meeting and learn about how to get involved in the bidding process."

Corriveau will be joined by Rebecca Nevai, the Buy Michigan First coordinator in the Business Development Unit of the state's Department of Management and Budget. Businesses and organizations are invited to use this forum to take advantage of opportunities to do business with the state and get involved in the bidding process for government contracts.

For more information, please contact Corriveau's office toll-free at (877) 20TH-REP (208-4737), or by e-mail at MarcCorriveau@house.mi.gov.

Business workshops

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

Women's Business **Certification Orientation** (WBE) -- Increase profits through opportunities available through the Michigan Women's Business Council certification. Learn about the benefits and process to take advantage through the national network. The class is held from 9-11 a.m. on Wednesday, Thursday, May 6. The fee is \$25, which includes all materials. No refunds.

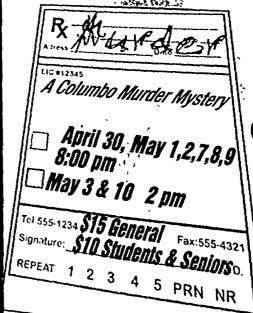
Pre-Business Research - Are you thinking of starting your own business and want to research your business idea? Are you a business owner who wants to understand which research sources to use for your business plan and where to find the information you need? The class is held from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 7. Presented by The Entrepreneur's Source, Oakland County's Business Center, Market Research Department, and Research Librarian. This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required.

Microsoft Entrepreneur Series: Customer Retention - Learn how to build a strong customer base and "keep your customer, your customer. Did you know it costs four to 10 times as much to capture a new customer as it does to provide

good service to an existing one? Small business owners are always thinking about growth, keeping customers and the best way to build repeat business. Come and learn how to accomplish these goals. Sponsored by Microsoft, Comcast, the Oakland County Business Center, Southfield Area Chamber of Commerce, City of Southfield and West Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce. The workshop is held from 8:30-11 a.m. on Monday, May 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. This workshop is free of charge, but preregistration is strongly advised.

Team SBA Financing Roundtable - Before you apply for a business loan, attend a Team SBA Financing Roundtable. The roundtables are a free loan orientation conducted by a business banker, a business consultant from the SBA's network of Small Business Development Centers, and an SBA representative. During the roundtable, we'll debunk the myths and demystify the process of small business financing. You'll learn how the lending process works and what is expected of you and you'll understand how SBA can assist with our SBA Guaranteed Loan Program. This session is best suited to those who have good credit, a solid business idea, and some money to invest in their business. Because SBA does not provide loan guarantees to real estate investment firms, including purchasing and rehabbing houses for sale, this type of financing is not discussed at the roundtables. The class is held from 9 a.m.-noon on Wednesday, May 13. This workshop is free of charge, but pre-registration is required.

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A Northville community tradition has reopened Thursday, May 7. The market features over 100 stalls of Michigan

Made and MORTHVILLE Michigan Grown products. There are lots of great features to check out this year such as Can You Dig It?, Chef's at the Market Series and a Garden Pot Recycling

program. Market hours are 8 a.m.-3 p.m. every Thursday from the beginning of May through the last Thursday of October. It is located at the Southwest corner of 7 Mile and Sheldon Roads in the Northville Downs lot. The Farmers' Market is presented by Tom Holzer Ford. The Market is sponsored by: Northville Downs, Remerica Hometown One

Flower Sale Downtown

Main Street and Town Square will be blanketed by colorful flowers, trees, and vegetation during the 22nd Annual Flower Sale. Unique finds for your garden can be discovered at the garden craft section in Town Square. Presented by Toll Brothers and sponsored by Northville DDA and Varsity Lincoln Mercury. Live entertainment: Michael May and the Messarounds on Saturday 1-3 p.m. in Town Square. Sale hours are 9 a.m.-6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday 9-5 Saturday, May 22-23.

Chamber Golf Classic

We are in full swing for our upcoming annual fundraiser, the Northville Chamber Golf Classic, with a 9:30 a.m. shotgun start on Wednesday, June 10 at Northville Hills. The outing is a scramble format with lunch and dinner included. We are looking for golf prizes, sponsors, and of course, golfers. Contact our office at (248) 349-7640 for more information or visit www. northville.org to download a golf brochure.

For Members Only

Don't forget to register for the next upcoming Northville Chamber After Hours Mixer at Wine Sync, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20. Not a member yet? Check us out - your first mixer is free! RSVP is required to (248) 349-7640 or chamber@northville.org.

For more information, call the Northville Chamber at (248) 349 7640 or visit us at 195 S. Main Street. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m., Monday-Friday.



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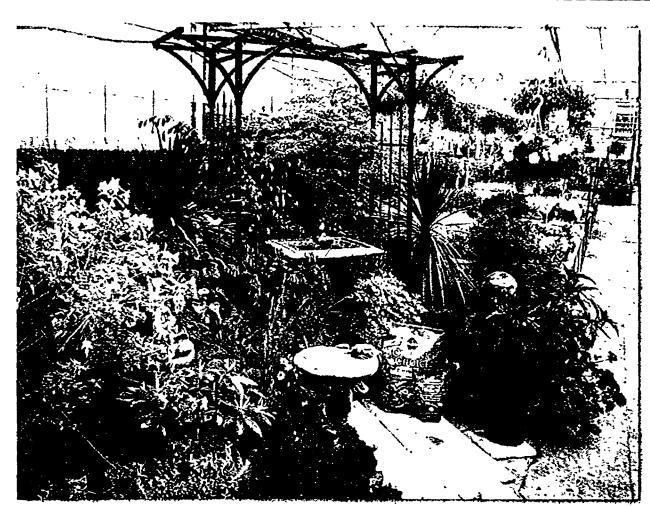




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BY MIKE HOGAN SPECIAL WRITER

Any gardener, novice or expert, knows that starting a garden is not a simple task. There are many things to consider, like what to plant, when to begin, when to fertilize, etc.

Luckily, the growers at Raney's Gardens are more than capable to help with your gardening needs.

"Helping our customers to garden successfully is our goal at Raney's," said owner and horticulturalist Mike Raney. "We offer courteous and friendly service while providing accurate technical knowledge about our plants and supplies."

Raney's staff consists of master gardeners with many years of gardening experience to help the community with their horticultural needs

*Most plants that we offer are grown at our own facility, so we can provide our customers with fresh, high-quality plants that are re-stocked regularly from our 60 greenhouses," said Raney.

A family business

Rancy's Gardens opened in South Lyon in 1950, and has been familyowned ever since.

"My parents, Ray and Irene, sold vegetables grown on our farm to local South Lyon residents for years, and then began selling their vegetable seedlings to area farmers to produce their own crops," Raney said.

Eventually, the Raneys began to grow garden plants in addition to fresh produce.

"We've been helping local residents beautify the South Lyon area since our beginning." Raney said proudly. "I enjoy the fact that the South Lyon area has the smalltown, friendly atmosphere that

other communities are lacking. Raney's, as well as other local businesses, provide the community with a vast offering of goods and services."

Part of the community

South Lyon resident Debbie Cook has been a customer of Raney's for almost 30 years. "I've lived in South Lyon since 1981, and back then they were really the only business in town," Cook said. "It was a local place, it was close by, and I could just buzz over there and get whatever I needed. I just continued to support them. They've been here many years. They're a family-owned business." It's the right thing to do."

Cook often comes to Rancy's for more than just purchasing plants.

"I like the personal help they give you," Cook said. "I go in there if I have a plant that's not doing well, and they can tell me what's wrong with it,

and what I need to do."

Cook also enjoys the personalized

service that Raney's offers.
"They're community-oriented,"
she said. "I buy everything there.
I buy my soil, my pots, fertilizer,
whatever I need."

Across the country

Raney's doesn't just serve the South Lyon community. People come from all over the country to get their gardening needs from Raney's.

"I have one customer that purchases 10 flats of tomatoes every year and distributes them to his family members in Tennessee," Rancy said. "There's a large produce farm from Upper Michigan that drives for hours to shop our vegetable selection. I've even helped a regular customer to select potted roses to be shipped to her brother who grows them in Alaska. You could say that Raney's plants are grown nationwide!"

"Quality Plants" has been Raney's slogan for many years, but their services extend far beyond just plants. Their holiday displays bring in

crowds every year.
"I go in there at
Christmas time.
They're like my
inspiration," Cook
said. "Before I
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The plants aren't the only thing growing at the gardens. Raney's has recently expanded their vegetable department.

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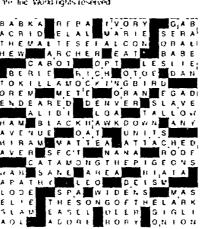
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In a throwback to a simpler era, the new Ford F-150's drop-down tailgate step has become an entertaining flashpoint in the marketing war between heavyweights in the pickup-truck segment.

In a current TV ad for the Silverado, Chevrolet's celebrity pitchster, Howie Long, tweaks the addition of the "man step" to the F-150 as an embarrassment -- because it only helps make up for the unreasonably long reach required to get over the walls to the bed of the F-150.

But Ford executives assert that Chevy's gambit actually highlights an appealing innovation for potential truck buyers - and makes them more likely to choose an F-150.

"Our tailgate step has done very well, because it's selling at about 30 percent of the mix of our F-150s," said Doug Scott, Ford's truck marketing manager. "So I hope GM keeps running the ad [in which] they're panning it.

I found the "man-steps" - by the way, Ford doesn't use that name for its tailgate and box-side steps -- a great idea for someone who's of average height and not "professionally" accustomed to clambering in and out of pickup-truck beds several times a

The feature was available last year on Ford's Super Duty line, a pricier nameplate than the F-150 line, and more than 50 percent of buyers chose the option, Scott

"We were talking to customers out in the parking lots of do-it-yourself stores in Houston, and people said it would make getting stuff in and out of the truck that much easier," said Sharon Wacker, group contractor for Ford truck advertising through the Team Detroit agency, in Dearborn, Mich. "When you add up over 365 days a year and maybe five years, you're looking at a lot of times the owner might go

into and out of that bed." So Ford has been emphasizing the utility of the available tailgate and box-side steps in its advertising. In one TV spot, F-150's own celebrity spokesman, actor Dennis Leary, claims that the steps will come in handy "the 50- or 60-thousand times" an owner might need access to the bed over the vehicle's lifetime.

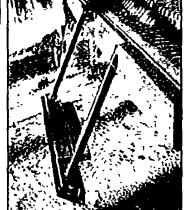
In any event, surely in part due to the appeal of the steps feature, the F-Series is up 6 points of truck-market share since the launch of the new line, Scott said, on its way to what Edmunds.com estimated will be sales of about 326,000 units this year. That compares with the F-Series' best sales year, 2004, when nearly 890,000 trucks were

And George Pipas, Ford's head of U.S. industry analysis, noted that transaction prices for the new F-150 are about \$2,000 higher on average than for its competitors.

One big reason for both gains so far with the new F-Series, Scott explained, is that



Ford's advertising for the new F-150 emphasizes its ruggedness and capabilities.



The tailgate step that has become a focus of controversy.

Ford has been selling a far higher proportion of the line's pricey SuperCrew version, which provides about six inches of extra leg room in the rear seat. About 58 percent of the mix in April was SuperCrew, he said, compared with the roughly 50 percent he had expected. "And," Scott added, "there has been no let-up in that kind of proportion since launch.

Ford also has used Leary to underscore the company's identification with core customers. "Odds are, if you're one of the people in America with a pickup truck, it ain't a luxury," Leary intoned in one F-150

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In addition, Ford believes that while the so-called lifestyle buyer may never return in large numbers to the segment, there remain plenty of "mixed-use" buyers who are reachable. The kind of person whom Scott calls the "never never" buyer -- because they never tow and never go off-road - is gone.

But Wacker said that "many Americans' lifestyles still call for a pickup truck, if they're towing a landscaping trailer or a boat for the weekend or some ATVs. And our marketing messages resonate with those people even though what they're doing might be described as a personal use.

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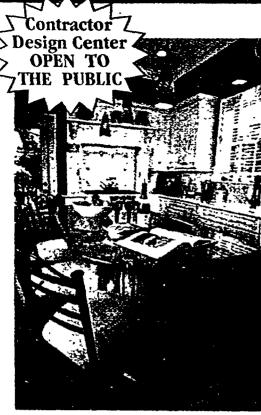
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BY ALISON BERGSIEKER ADVERTORIAL COORDINATOR

If you haven't visited South Lyon in the last 20 years, you're in for a change of scenery.

South Lyon and its surrounding communities have exploded with new neighborhoods, businesses, restaurants and schools, making it an appealing location for new residents in recent years.

Tedd Wallace, a retired teacher from South Lyon Community Schools, experienced the community's first boom while serving as mayor from 1985-89.

"From the '80s to the '90s, we more than doubled in population," Wallace said. "Lyon Township was growing with us too. CNN ran a special on us at that time about how we were the fastest growing per capita community in the United States. Since then, there's been new neighborhoods popping up, and the high school has split into two schools."

While businesses have come and gone in the area, some staples have remained for as many as 50 years.

To pay tribute to those businesses most loved by area residents, the South Lyon Herald announces this year's **People's Choice Awards**, chosen by residents of the South Lyon and Lyon Township areas.

A life-long resident of South Lyon, Wallace is able to reminisce about some of the businesses still around in South Lyon today after many years of serving the community.

Again this year, the South Lyon Village Bakery wins best coffee, donuts and bagels, and has been up and running since 1978.

"They are family owned and still hanging in there," Wallace said. "They care about their community as well. I hope the community doesn't forget them."

Browns Root Beer and Sandwich Shop wins this year for best hot dogs and coneys, and Wallace said he wasn't surprised. You'll also find Kim Ortwine at Browns, voted best server.

"They've been family-owned since 1960," he said. "Ed Brown sticks to the same formula. That's why his rolls are always incredibly fresh. And he has specials and he's also good for other foods."

The South Lyon Hotel that has been around since 1867 but has since relocated, wins best family restaurant this year, also voted best for its burgers, beer and wine selection and steak.

"The hotel has a lot of history here,"
Wallace said. "It used to have 16 rooms."

Other longstanding businesses include Diane's Dollhouse, voted this year's

best specialty shop; and Pat's Field of Flowers, voted best floral shop and in business since the '70s.

But old favorites aren't the only business recognized this year. South Lyon Herald readers awarded plenty of new businesses in South Lyon and Lyon Township for their customer service, great food and products and more.

Grab a bite

With more residents shopping local every day, it's nice to have a wide variety of eateries, coffee houses and cafés to choose from close to home.

Pick up a cup of coffee at The Gallery Café, voted this year's best specialty coffee house. The store is located right downtown and is accessible to shopping nearby. For a sandwich made in minutes, visit Jimmy Johns, voted best sandwiches this year. Don't have time to sit down? Wendy's is this year's best fast food restaurant, and Subway is voted for best subs.

Get the best soups, seafood and desserts at Big Boy's, or try the salad, chicken, barbeque ribs or the catering services at Aleko's. Either way, you're in for great meal at a restaurant close to home.









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South Lyon Watch & Jewelry wins this year's People Choice Award for Best Jeweler.

Not in the mood for American food? Fortuna Inn has the best oriental food in town, and La Casa Del Rio Grande has the best Mexican food this side of Mexico itself.

If you're looking to entertain at home, you'll find the best wine selection at Busch's Fresh Food Market and the best beer selection at Lafayette Party Store. Pick up a pizza from Jet's Pizza and finish it all off with an ice cream from Dairy Queen.

Local luxury

South Lyon area residents can afford luxury spa, hair and nail services right at home! Scapparé is this year's best salon for hair and nails, and Sun Spa is this year's best tanning salon. South Lyon Herald readers voted Kathleen Rosselot of Precision Edge Hair Design as best hair stylist. Hair salons not for you? Try Headmasters Family Hair Care, this year's best barbershop.





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Bifano Eye Care, South Lyon Dental
Group and South Lyon Orthodontics.
For the best physical therapy in town,
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is this year's winner. Readers also voted
Larry Kaplan this year's best chiropractor.

For your fitness needs, **Snap Fitness** is voted this year's best health/fitness company.

Automotive care

Having local collision shops, car dealerships and auto parts stores is a huge advantage in a tight economy. Luckily, the South Lyon area has an assortment of automotive services close to home. Norm's Total Automotive Service is this year's best auto service center, and Auto Zone is this year's best auto parts

store. Looking for a used car? South Lyon Motors is this year's best area dealership. Be sure to stop by Valvoline Express Care for the best oil change and South Lyon Collision for the in collision care. Finally, our readers acclaim South Lyon Tire Shop as this year's best tire shop, and Lightning Auto Wash as best car wash.

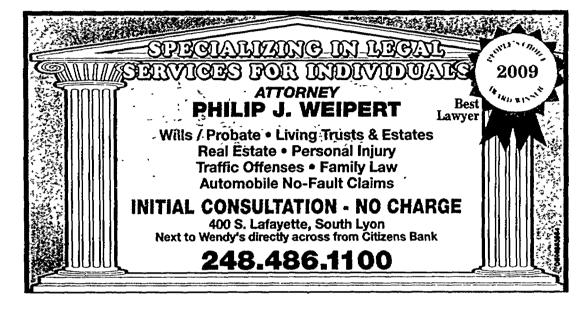
Community services

Small businesses, many with owners who live right in the community, are the backbone of the South Lyon and Lyon Township communities. In recent years, the New Hudson area along Milford Road north of I-96 has become a fast-expanding business area.

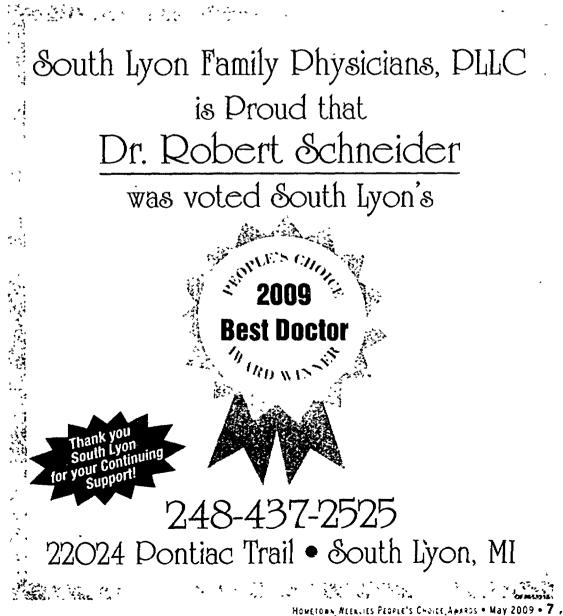
"New Hudson and all the new stuff around there is certainly a big deal in the last five to six years," Wallace said. "Those closer to the highway have benefited."

For the best financial advice, visit Brent McKellar at Edward Jones, or National City for the best banking services. Real estate services are also aplenty in the South Lyon area. Check out Real Estate One for the best services, or Patti Maida, voted best real estate agent. The South Lyon area's best insurance agency, Allstate/Lisa Vanderhoof Agency, is also conveniently located nearby.



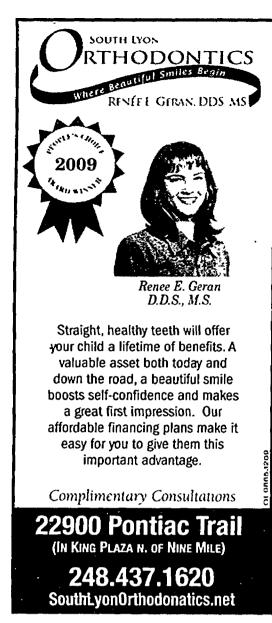








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Home improvement

With more residents looking to spruce up their homes to increase their value instead of attempting to sell during tough economic times, home improvement services have become increasingly popular. Many businesses in the South Lyon area offer affordable products to give your home a facelift, along with expert advice on how to do several projects yourself. For landscaping services, our readers choose Lightning Lawn Care & Landscape. If you are in need of a fresh coat of paint this spring, Van Gogh is this year's best house painter. And for all of our renovation needs, our readers vote Jim Seghi Renovation, Inc., this year's best home improvement contractor. South Lyon Lumber is this year's best home improvement store and lumberyard, and Martin's Hardware is the best place to find the best hardware

Updating your floors can also give your home a fresh look, and South Lyon Herald readers recommend Perfect Floors. Looking to jazz up your backyard this summer? 3-R Pools is the best local place to purchase a new pool.

If you're looking for a new residence altogether, new neighborhoods are still up and coming in the South Lyon area. This year's best builder is Tony Van Oyen Builder.





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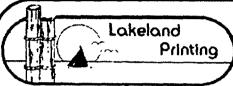
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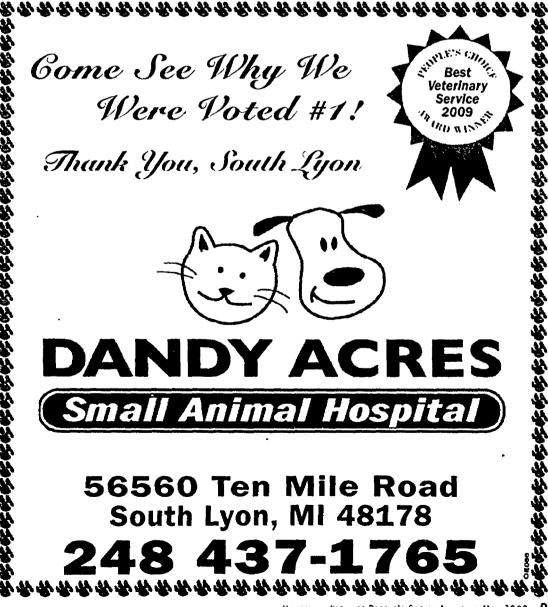




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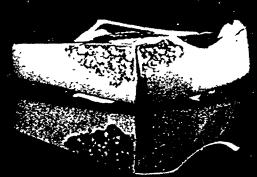
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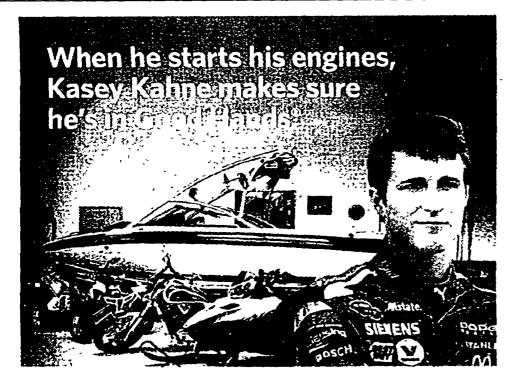
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BY ALISON BERGSIEKER ADVERTORIAL COORDINATOR

Take a stroll through downtown Milford, and you're in for a real treat.

The Victorian-style downtown is stocked with small business owners, many whom live right in the community.

Nestled inside Milford Township, the Village of Milford shares the Huron Valley Schools district with Highland, White Lake and Commerce townships.

Further north, a stop in Highland Township can lead to an adventurous afternoon in Highland Recreation Area, a stop at Colasanti's unique market or a quick trip to the township's evolving downtown area.

Readers of the Milford Times are proud of their communities too and have voted again this year in our People's Choice Awards to show support for their favorite businesses.

Our readers' ultimate menu:

Breakfast

Begin with a trip to Kozmos Coney Island for breakfast. Be sure to request Jessica Murphy, the best waitress in town! If you're planning a Sunday trip,

you may want to opt for Baker's of Milford, voted Best Sunday Brunch.

Lunch

If it's lunch you're pining for, The Burger Joint serves up the best burgers, and Saint George's Café has the best sandwiches. Or try Kozmos Coney Island again, voted best family restaurant, best hot dogs/coneys and best French fries. Find the best health food selection at Health Mart.

Dinner

When you're ready for a night out, consider dining at Milford House Bar & Grill, home of this year's best soup, salad and barbeque ribs. For the best fine dining menu, wine selection and the best steak in town, Five Lakes Grill will serve up exquisite cuisine. Main Street Bar & Grill is where you'll want to be if you're heading out after work. Got a craving for ethnic food? Our readers recommend Lei Ting. For a romantic setting, our readers suggest Gravity Bar & Grill. And chicken lovers are sure to find what they're looking for at both Kozmos Coney Island and Holdens Party Store.

Don't want to sit down for dinner? Wendy's is your place for fast food, Subway has the best subs and Papa Romano's serves up the best pizza.

Dessert

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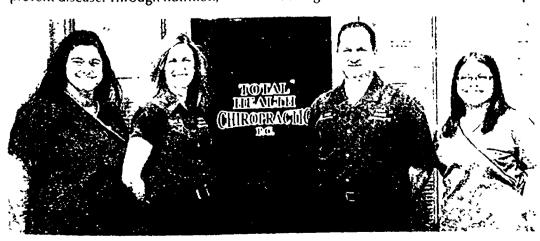
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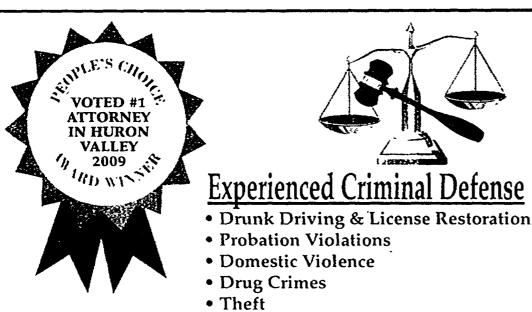
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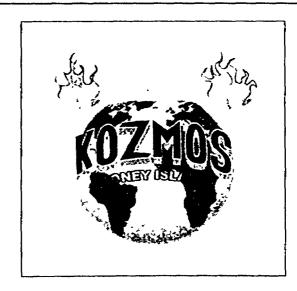
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BY ALISON BERGSIEKER
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As one of the fastest growing communities in Michigan, Novi has a relatively fresh history.

Rapid growth led to the construction of Twelve Oaks Mall in the 1970s, a major shopping destination for metro Detroit residents to this day.

Now home to several commercial and industrial developments, Novi is a known as a shopping mecca and is a popular attraction for long-term families.



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Shawn and Peter Wolford in front of their Novi Road Novi Pizza Company. A robust business community is a large part of what makes Novi attractive to shoppers, new residents and new businesses.

Newer developments, including Twelve Mile Crossings at Fountain Walk, Rock Financial Showplace and West Oaks I and II shopping centers, have become major destinations for shopping, dining and entertainment.

In honor of local businesses, readers of the Novi News voted again this year in our People's Choice Awards. Here's how it played out:

A day or night on the town

Novi's retail core is a regional draw for shoppers — and shopping means eating. Voted best baked goods this year is **Dunkin Donuts**, which can be nicely paired with coffee from **Biggby**. Want a sit down breakfast? Our readers voted **Big Boy** for best breakfast.

Shoppers who need a break from lunch are sure to find a variety of places, from fast food restaurants to delis and sit-down restaurants.

As voted by our readers, Busch's is the area's best deli, McDonald's has the best fast food, Panera Bread has the best

soup and Olive Garden has the best salad. Grab a burger from Gatsby's or from the Library Pub, also voted best sports bar and best place for an after work meeting. For the best hot dogs and coneys, Leo's Coney Island came out on top this year. Both Subway and Pizza Marvelous were voted best subs, and Novi Pizza Co. won best pizza.

For the best family eatery and ice cream, our readers choose Guernsey Farms Dairy.

Novi is a great place to meet friends and family for dinner, with an acclaimed listing of restaurants along Grand River and Novi roads.

Novi News readers recommend Outback Steakhouse for steak; Happy Sushi for sushi; Andiamo for Italian food; China Café for Asian cuisine; La Fuente for Mexican food and Athenian for Greek food. For the best romantic dinner, try Bonefish Grill.

There are also plenty of places to grab a drink in Novi. You'll find the best beer in-store selection at Novi Fine Wines and the best restaurant beer selection at Gus O'Connors. Novi's By the Bottle has the best in-store wine selection, and Grapevine has the best restaurant wine selection.

For the best martinis and dancing, our readers vote the **Dirty Martini**.

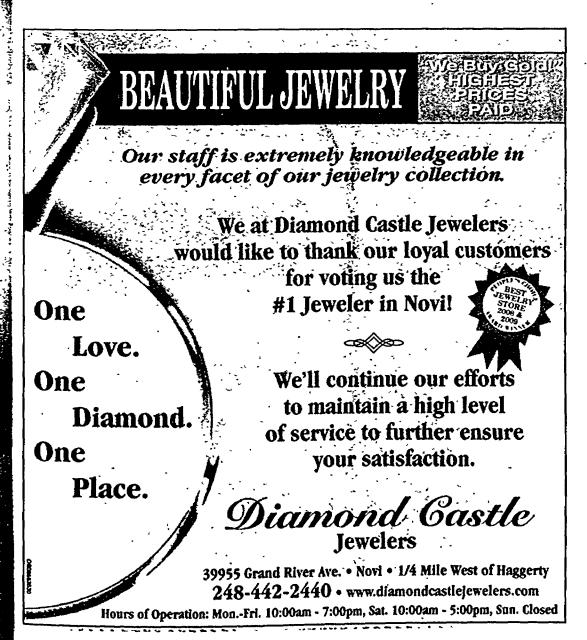
Automotive expertise

A number of automotive businesses were awarded for their customer service and expertise. Collex Collision is this year's best collision shop; Tommy's Firestone and Valvoline Oil Change are this year's best oil change centers; Tommy's is best for auto service and tires; Tom Holzer is this year's best auto dealer; and \$3 Car Wash is this year's best car wash.

Community convenience

Novi isn't only known for its shopping. To its residents, the city offers esteemed schools, government and police amenities. Local business owners offer a variety of services that allow residents to stay within the community for their everyday needs. This year's best physician is Dr. David Schindler. Novi News readers voted best eye care to Town & Country Eye Care.

This year's best dentist is Dr. Warren P. Vallerand, and this year's best orthodontist is Dr. James B. Reynolds.





Our readers recommend Novi Vet for the best veterinary services, and O'Brien Sullivan as the best funeral home.

Planet Fitness is voted this year's best health club. For the best landscaping services in Novi, visit Begonia, or visit Glenda's, voted best garden center. The Flower Alley is this year's best flower shop, and Flex Pointe is voted best dance studio.

While there are a number of neighborhoods and developments going on in Novi, our readers vote River Oaks as best apartment complex and Toll Brothers as best custom home builder. For video rental, try Blockbuster, and for travel help, try Passageways.

There are a number of financial businesses to service Novi residents with a number of needs. Our readers recommend Fifth Third Bank and Telcom Credit Union as this year's best banks; Chase, First Metro Mortgage, Countrywide, Bank of America and Lotus as this year's best mortgage services; and Averill, William Strait and Yarmack & Co. for best accounting services. For real estate services, our readers recommend Real Estate One, and Jamie Kramer for best real estate agent. Allstate-Bruce Faber is this year's best insurance agency.

This year's best consignment store award goes to Smart Chick. For salon, nail and tanning services, our readers voted Gina Agosta, D.M.C. and Planet Beach. And if you're looking for jewelry, this year's best jewelry award goes to Diamond Castle.

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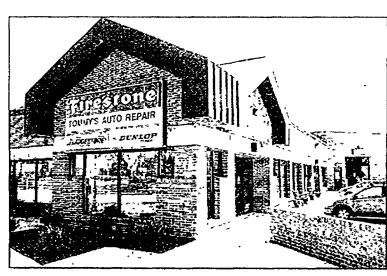
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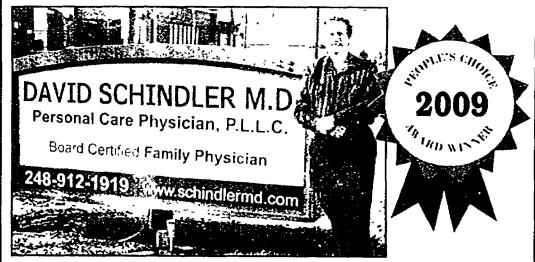
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Divided between Wayne and Oakland counties, Northville has a vibrant history — well documented by devoted residents who've become personally connected to the city's growth and culture.

Known for its scenery. Victorian-era architecture and small-town atmosphere, Northville is a popular attraction for long-term families.

The city is home to the Northville Downs Race Track and a modern day downtown shopping district stocked with restaurants, niche clothing stores and small businesses.

Readers of the Northville Record are proud of their communities too — and have voted again this year in our People's Choice Awards to show support for their favorite businesses.

Where to eat and entertain

If it's breakfast you're pining for, Northville Record readers recommend Starbucks for the best specialty coffee, Joseph's Coney Island for the best breakfast, Great Harvest Bread Co. for the best baked goods and Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center of the best Sunday brunch.

For lunch, Northville offers a variety of venues to either grab a quick bite or sit down for a meal. Our readers recommend Wendy's for fast food; Zoup and Edwards Café & Caterer for the best soup; Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center for the best salad bar; Poole's Tavern for the best burgers, after work hangout and sports bar; Joseph's Coney Island for the best hot dogs/coneys and Subway for the best subs.

The dinner selection in Northville is also excellent, with several ethnic and American menus within the downtown

Our readers recommend Rocky's of Northville for quality dining, steak and seafood; Little Italy for Italian cuisine, restaurant wine and beer selection and a romantic dinner; China Café of Novi for oriental cuisine; Border Cantina for Tex-Mex cuisine; Starting Gate for pizza; Rib Shack for barbeque ribs and Guernsey Farms Dairy for the best ice cream, chicken and family eatery. Readers also recommend the Dirty Martini for dancing; Hiller's Market for groceries and **Good Time** for best beer and wine selection.

For the best wait service, our readers recommend Julie and Jim at Starting Gate and Carrie at Edwards Café & Catering.

Where to shop and run errands

Northville's downtown area offers the community a variety of businesses all in one central location. And businesses outside of the downtown area are still close enough to home to be convenient for local residents. Located on Cady Street in the downtown area is Margo's of Northville Salon & Spa, voted this year's best hair salon.

For financial services, the best bank is Comerica; the best accountants are Scott Lowery and Jim Miller; the best real estate companies are RE/MAX and Remerica; and the best real estate agent is Patti Mullen. Readers also voted AAA and Jim Storm as the best insurance agencies.

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For automotive services, Davis Auto, Jim's Oil Depot and Northville Collision won awards this year.

Health services are also available locally to Northville residents. Planet Fitness is this year's best health club; Dr. Stopa is this year's best chiropractor; Dr. Nathan Block and Dr. Regina Simone are this year's best physicians; Dr. Hamerink is this year's best dentist; and Urban Optik is this year's best eye care center. For your pharmacy needs and gift cards, our readers recommend CVS

The Floral Alley in Novi is this year's best floral shop, and Orin's is voted best for jewelry.

For clothing, our readers recommend The Moon & Me for children's wear; Alexander's Custom Clothier for men's wear; Van Dams for women's wear; and Baby Baby for resale.







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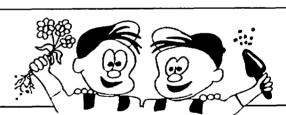
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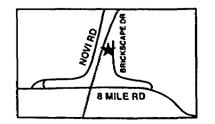
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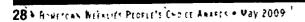
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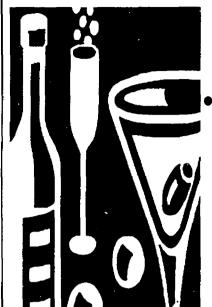
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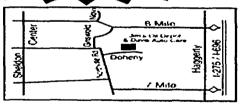


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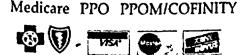
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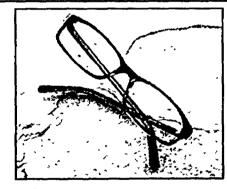


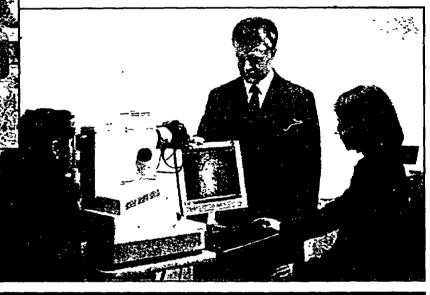
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