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Van Gogh at the Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady St. in downtown Northville from 7:30-9 p.m. Tickets at the door are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. For more information, call the Art House at (248) 344-0497.

Wine Tasting

Northville Co-op Preschool will be holding a wine-tasting event from 4-7 p.m. on Sunday, May 17, at Little Italy restaurant in Northville. Tickets are \$30 a person and can be purchased by contacting Melissa Crain at



mkingcrain@yahoo.com or (248) 449-1885 or Lauren Kamposh at motts822@aol.com or (248) 596-9152.

This event also marks the end of an era as the school celebrates teacher Susan Collins, who is retiring at the end of this year and has been with NCP for 23 years.

Red Day

Today, the staff at downtown Northville's Keller Williams realty office is launching its first annual Red Day — Renew/Energize/Donate. They'll be working with Novi to do planting and cleanup of the ITC Community Sports Park on the northeast corner of Eight Mile and Napier roads.

They'll also be holding a food drive for Civic Concern's food bank, accepting donations at Hiller's Market and the Keller Williams office, both on North Center Street.

For more information, call Lori Crisler, team leader, at (248) 735-5520.

Edenderry paving moves ahead

Public hearing attracts naysayers

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

A rather vocal group of residents is still against the project, but Northville Township's \$1-million-plus paving project in Edenderry Hills is moving forward.

At a public hearing last Thursday in township hall on the project, several residents of the subdivision south of Seven Mile Road between Sheldon and Beck roads came to express their discontent.

The total project cost as bid will be \$1,010,000, with 80 parcels being affected by the special assessment district.

The goal of the project is to improve the streets in the 45-year-old neighborhood. The work must be done according to Wayne County's standards since the county controls the roads.

OWNERSHIP ISSUE

Northville Township does not own the roads in the subdivision

and will not maintain them after the construction is completed. Traffic calming devices will also be installed on Edenderry Drive in three different locations.

One resident, Sally Knorr, who is an attorney, turned in a five-page letter to the Board of Trustees protesting the project. She said that private meetings were held on the proposed project and that people were not consulted in the neighborhood.

She also said Edenderry is an access road and that other nearby

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WHAT THEY WILL PAY

Out of the 80 lots included in the Edenderry Hills Road Improvement Special Assessment District, 75 will have a full assessment of the projected \$1,010,000 project. The other five lots will pay a reduced amount due to the frontage of their property onto the roads. Here's what property owners of the 75 lots are estimated to pay for the 15-year assessment:

- \$13,176
- 6 percent interest (depending on market conditions)
- First year's assessment: \$1,669
- Last year's assessment (15th year): \$931

Office space highlights historic water wheel on Main



One of the firm's current projects is the 21-story Danat Al Emarat Women's and Children's Hospital being built in Abu Dhabi.

DETAILS

The full-service architectural firm designs sports complexes, corporate offices, government offices, health care buildings, hospitality buildings, resorts and more. It also handles interior design, branding, graphics. HKS Architects is located in the Water Wheel Centre at 235 S. Main Street, Suite 102C.

To contact the Northville staff from 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., call (248) 347-7050.



The HKS Northville management team takes a look at some blueprints in their new Water Wheel building headquarters. From left: Carol Kartje, director of interior design; Steve Jacobson, director; and Bob Piatek, manager.

HKS Architects open new Northville office

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Steven Jacobson, AIA, senior vice president at HKS Architects new downtown Northville office, took one look at the water wheel outside the building and knew what to do.

Occupants of the new office at the Water Wheel Centre at 235 S. Main St., Suite 102C, are making the historic water wheel the focal point of their conference room near the entrance to the office.

Formerly the Ford Motor Co. Value Plant, the art-deco building was designed by the famous architect Albert Kahn in the late 1930s for Henry Ford Sr. to manufacture tractor valves and components for the Model T.

Rick Cox later purchased the plant and converted it into office space, keeping the 19-foot-high, 7-foot-wide water wheel.

Now the architectural firm's clients can gaze at the moving water wheel while they discuss their latest design project.

The office features 14,000 square feet along the scenic Rouge River. A grand opening celebration will take place later this spring or summer.

WHY NORTHVILLE?

Kartje said the firm wanted to move the architectural firm's office

from Farmington Hills to Northville because of its proximity to Detroit Metropolitan Airport, Ann Arbor, Lawrence Technological University (where many of their interns and future employees come from) and because of the quaint restaurants and shops in downtown Northville within walking distance of the new office.

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Commissioner Capello says alcohol played a role in doing 'something stupid'

Novi woman arraigned May 8 for indecent exposure

BY CAL STONE
EDITOR

Two days after Kim Capello, Oakland County Commissioner, R- Novi, and former Novi mayor pro tem, pleaded guilty May 5 to indecent exposure in the 52-1 District Court, he issued the following statement through The Rossman

"I don't see this as a jailable offense. I'll treat it like any other case."

JUDGE DENNIS POWERS, 52-1 District Court

Group, a public relations firm based in Lansing.

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Edenderry Hills residents to gain extended water main

■ Additional \$280,000 budgeted for project

BY PAW FLIERING
STAFF WRITER

More residents at Edenderry Hills in Northville Township will have an opportunity to have city water with the second phase of the subdivision's water main.

Township trustees approved the \$280,000 cost of the additional work at a special study session last Thursday night. The current project for the new water main for the subdivision has been budgeted at \$500,000.

The engineering firm Atwell-Hicks is designing the project, which will extend a new water main throughout the subdivision.

Residents, however, don't have to tap into the new water main if they prefer to remain on a community well.

One reason township officials want to extend the water main is to provide better fire protection for homes in the subdivision.

"A water truck goes through its water in about three and a half minutes," said Chip Snider, township manager, noting that a water truck holds about 1,000 gallons of water.

Having a water main and corresponding fire hydrants close to homes means lower homeowner's insurance pre-

miums for Edenderry Hills residents.

Don Weaver, public services director, said the \$280,000 for the project was budgeted this year.

He said 37 additional homes will have access to city water once the water main is extended in phase two. Work on phase one should start at the end of this month. Residents who wish to tap into city water once the main is completed will have to pay about \$15,000, according to Weaver.

The township will abandon the old water main that is more than 40 years old.

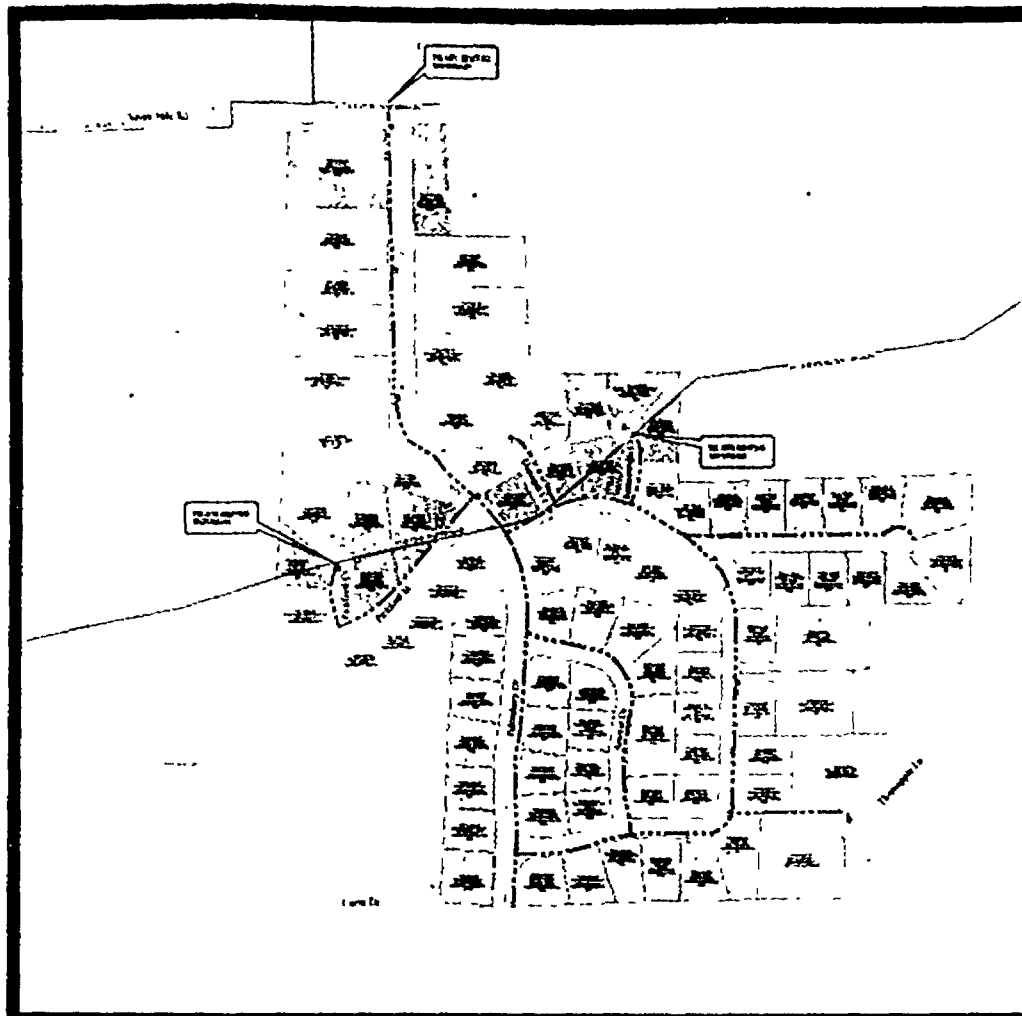
DON'T 'STRAND' HOMES

Mark Strabo, township supervisor, strongly supported the water system improvement, as he did not want to "strand" homes by not extending the water main. If a homeowner wanted to sell their house, he believes having access to city water would also be a selling point.

Trustee Sue Hillebrand, however, is afraid that people won't tap into the water main after the township spends a considerable amount of money to extend it.

"If 30 homes tap into the water main, that would cover the cost (of the project)," said Trustee Marv Gans.

Trustee Mindy Herrmann was the only trustee who did not support the project.



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 - Existing Water Service
 - Proposed New Water Service
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She believes whether to take on the capital improvement project in the neighborhood should be the decision of the residents rather than elected officials. She also voted no in the interest of fiscal responsibility.

"Everyone knows these are really difficult economic times, and now more than ever I think it is especially important to be fair across the board," Herrmann said. "Normally, neighborhoods

without water or sewer service gain the consensus of the majority to install these services through a special assessment district. In this case, there was no established majority of residents who wanted -- and were willing to pay -- for the water main. So, in voting to extend the main throughout the Edenderry subdivision, all of the other paying water customers throughout the township are essentially

funding this project. "There is the hope, but, in my opinion, no reasonable expectation, of necessarily recouping the money of this capital improvement. In deference to all of the township's water customers, I felt compelled to vote no on this issue -- at least until such time as this group of residents could establish a voting majority." Earlier in the evening, Trustee Chris Roosen cast

the only dissenting vote on the Edenderry Hills special assessment district for the paving project. He said he decided to vote no on the project since he had voted no for the \$1-million-plus project in the past. Weaver said work on the water main will take place in the subdivision's right-of-way, which is deemed public property.

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neighborhoods should also be assessed. Finally, she said that the project needed to increase the value of people's property for it to be legal.

Mark Abbo, township supervisor, said that the township's attorney had reviewed the legality of the project prior to the public hearing.

"Our attorney has given us direction, and everything is legal," said Abbo. He noted also that although these residents will have to pay their portion of the road assessment that township residents can likely look forward to a 10 percent decrease in their property taxes next year.

Knorr also wanted to know

why federal stimulus money couldn't be used to pay for the road replacement. Abbo replied that the Michigan governor is keeping all stimulus money at the state level, according to recent news reports, and that the township has lost \$60,000 in revenue sharing.

ILLEGAL ALIEN WORKERS?

Barbara O'Brien, a longtime Edenderry Hills resident, wanted to know the name of the insurance company issuing the surety bond on the project, its rating and the company that did the rating. She also asked about whether illegal aliens might be working on the construction project.

Don Weaver, public services director, said the contract has not been signed yet on the

construction project, but that he would check out the hiring practices of the firm.

June Lafferty, another Edenderry Hills resident, feels the roads need to be repaired but not replaced. "I appreciate the effort that has gone into this and the road needs to be fixed. But, it's like tearing down the whole house to repair the roof," she said. "It's costly at a time when the economy is hitting a lot of us. Right now there are people who are really hurting. I hate to bring religion into it, but I don't think this is a very Christian thing to do."

Lafferty said she was concerned about the cost and the way the road project is being assessed.

"I'm a little old lady, and I don't have \$11,000 just to

donate," she said. (Last year, the individual assessment was about \$11,000 per lot; it has since increased due to inflation and other factors.)

"Total destruction (of the roads) is frivolous, and I can't comprehend it," Lafferty said.

Weaver explained that the county still has jurisdiction over these roads, so the construction work must be done according to its standards.

"This is the only solution that's going to last," Weaver said. "There's no interest in the township to make this project any more expensive (than it should be)."

'IT IS WHAT IT IS ...'

Terry Marrs, who spearheaded the special assessment district request along with Jim Nield, said two open meetings

took place where all residents' questions were addressed.

"It is expensive," Marrs said. "But something has to be done. It is what it is, and we're kind of stuck with it. Everything has been documented."

Edenderry Hills resident Carol DiComo said she had no recollection of any meetings and that complete replacement of the roadways is overkill. She thinks a modified repair is a better solution and that the present petition regarding the special assessment district should be rescinded. "I feel this was a decision of only a few," DiComo said.

Trustee Sue Hillebrand said meetings on the proposed project were held in 2008 on March 10, July 22 and Sept. 16.

Another resident feels the

project is akin to "taxation without representation" and that he has engineer friends who say the project could be done for less.

"I hold Wayne County personally responsible and accountable," he said. "They should have done their part and taken better care of the roads. They should have to pay for a part of the repairs."

Weaver said the roads should last 20-25 years after they are replaced in the subdivision.

He also said that Public Act 184 states that in special assessment districts related to paving projects that property owners are assessed according to the land's frontage to the road being replaced.

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CAPELLO

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beyond making mistakes. And, in case there was any doubt, I proved that three weeks ago, and I take full responsibility for my actions.

While I do not agree or concur with the media-reported facts and events that took place on the night of my indiscretion, to contest the matter would have resulted in prolonging my family's suffering. I may have won the battle in court, but lost the war. My decision to admit responsibility was driven by my concern for my family.

However, mistakes were made. Unfortunately, as an elected official, my mistakes have unavoidably made their way into the public arena, which has profoundly impacted my wife and three children. As a result, and as a family, we are doing much soul-searching, crying, sharing and healing. This is a very difficult time for us, but we all are committed to getting through it - as a family.

It's bad enough to do something stupid, I did it in a way that shamed my family, my friends and colleagues here on the commission. For that, I deeply apologize to each and every one of you. I'm embarrassed and ashamed and sincerely apologize for the impact my mistake has had on my family, my constituents, my fellow county commissioners and those who have placed their trust in me.

I wish it were otherwise, but clearly alcohol played a role in poor decision-making on my part. There is no question that, had alcohol not been involved, I would have made different, smarter choices.

In closing, I would ask that all members of the media respect my family's privacy as we work through this very, very difficult time. Thank you, and God bless."

Novi resident Sheila Grogan, 37, was arraigned Friday, May 8 in front of Magistrate Judith Holtz on charges of indecent exposure in the incident with Capello. She is scheduled to appear in front of Judge Powers for a pre-trial exam 8:30 a.m. June 1.

Capello, 56, plead in front of Judge Dennis Powers. Judges Brian MacKenzie and Robert Bondy had disqualified themselves from the case. Powers served as an Oakland County commissioner from 1992-1998.

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.

"I don't see this as a jailable offense," Powers told the Detroit Free Press. "I'll treat it like any other case."

"Indecent exposure could be anything from urinating in public to lewd indecency," said Tom Lindberg, Novi's deputy police chief. "This was a very appropriate charge for the circumstance."

According to the police report, filed by Officer Hailey Paris of the Novi Police Department, Capello and Grogan were engaged in a consensual sex act on a sidewalk off Pennsylvania Avenue, just south of The Post Bar, around 2 a.m. on April 18.

Two days later, the Novi resident who made the original complaint that night told police during a follow-up interview that there have been similar problems in the past with people engaging in sexual acts in that residential complex.

He expressed concern that, with his residence being in close proximity with area bars, his family is exposed to these types of incidents.

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 & Building, member; Zoning, member; Risk Management and Safety, member; and Criminal Justice Coordinating, member.

According to the county's website, Capello is a practicing attorney of 33 years who shares a small office in Novi with his wife of 21 years, Jodi. They have three children.

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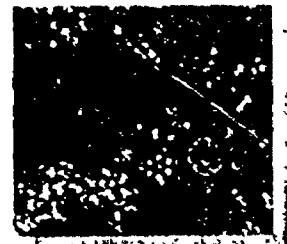
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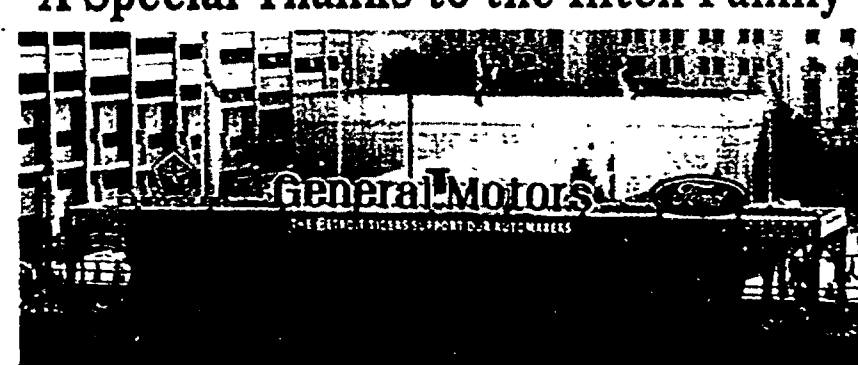


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NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP POLICE BRIEFS

Drunken driver hits bus

1 Northville Township Police and Fire responded to an accident at Seven Mile and Napier roads at 3:26 p.m. on May 7 involving a Northville Public Schools bus and a pickup truck.

The truck was traveling north on Napier Road, disobeyed the stop sign and struck the side of a Northville Public School bus with 10 students on board. No one on the bus was injured. The bus was headed east on Seven Mile Road with no stop sign and had the right of way.

The ended up in the ditch following the collision. Northville Township police conducted an on-scene investigation and arrested the driver of the truck for operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

The driver, a 22-year-old Linden man, was not injured in the accident.

Drunken driving arrest

2 Northville Township police arrested a 21-year-old Plymouth man for operating

while intoxicated at 2:57 a.m. April 25 at Northville and Five Mile roads.

The man was pulled over because his license plate was not lighted. The officer could not read the plate because it had a tinted cover on it, which was also dirty.

The officer could smell intoxicants coming from the vehicle when he talked to the man, who said he had gone to a Pistons game earlier, then met some friends at the Wagon Wheel bar in Northville.

When asked how much he had had to drink, he responded, "Just a couple of beers at the game." The man's speech was also noticeably slurred.

Property destruction

3 An 18-year-old woman who lives on Red Oak Drive told police that between 9 p.m. April 23 and 7 a.m. April 24 someone shot three BB's into the driver's side window of her vehicle parking in her driveway.

The case was closed due to a lack of solvability factors.

Theft from patio

4 A 50-year-old woman who lives on Northville Place Drive reported to police that someone stole her grill, propane tank and a rug from the patio of her apartment between 5:30 p.m. April 7 and 5 p.m. April 22.

The grill and propane tank were valued at \$147, and the rug was valued at \$30.

Bicycle stolen

5 A 42-year-old man who lives on Pebble Beach Court called police to report that someone entered his garage and stole a girl's bicycle.

The pink 21-speed Omega bike was valued at \$150.

Theft from vehicle

6 A 17-year-old girl who lives on Stonebrook Drive told police that someone broke

into her vehicle and stole a CD case with an unknown number of DS between 7 p.m. April 23 and 7 a.m. April 24.

The suspect or suspects gained entry into the vehicle by breaking the front window.

Nothing else was missing from the car.

The CD case was valued at \$35.

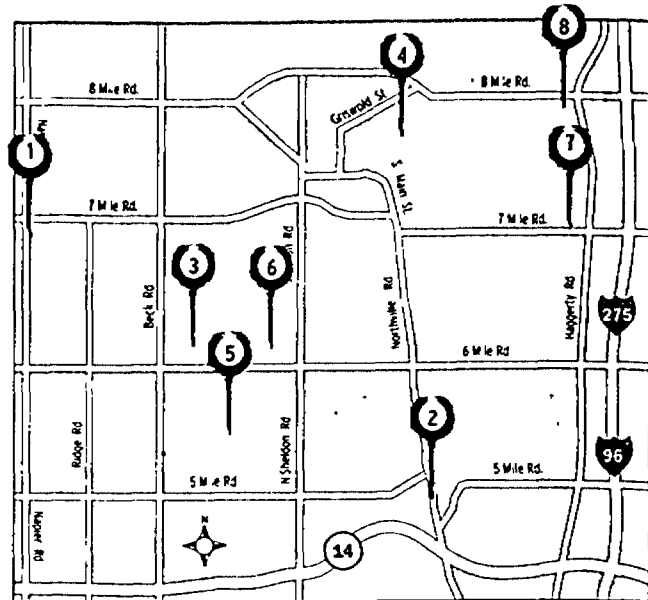
Goods stolen at Home Depot

7 An employee at the Home Depot at 39500 Seven Mile Road told police that 13 4-by-4-by-10-inch pressure posts were stolen from the property between 11 p.m. April 22 and 6 a.m. April 23.

The posts were stored outside the west end of the building in preparation for pickup at 6 a.m.

There were no investigative leads in the case.

The posts were valued at \$96.



Sunglasses stolen

8 A 37-year-old Novi man who is a delivery driver for Guernsey's Dairy Farms of Northville told police that prescription sunglasses and a metal clipboard with invoice forms were stolen from his truck between 5:30 and 6:15 a.m. on April 22 in the Meijer store parking lot at 20401 Haggerty Road.

He had parked the truck on the south side of the store to make a delivery.

When he left the store to get his invoices, he noticed they were gone along with his sunglasses. The Sunglasses were valued at \$200. The invoice forms were valued at \$25.

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NEIGHBORS

Family remembers Leah, boosts research

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Karen and Phil James miss daughter Leah, who died Aug. 3, 2005, at age 5 1/2. Good memories live on in their hearts, and they reached out to others to fight the illness that claimed Leah.

Leah's Happy Hearts second annual Happy Feet for Happy Hearts Walk will be Sunday, June 7, at Maybury State Park in Northville Township. Registration for the 5K will be at noon, the event at 1 p.m., with proceeds supporting pediatric brain tumor research.

The event raises money in memory of Leah James, who died of a brain tumor. Karen James is again organizing the walk, which will also focus on offering fun activities for children with brain tumors.

"Also we host a Christmas event at Mott Children's Hospital" in Ann Arbor, Karen James said. Organizers set up "stores" on the hospital floors where young patients can shop for free for family gifts. The volunteers than wrap those gifts for the families.

The nonprofit also makes with Girl



This photo shows Leah James at her last Christmas celebration in 2004.

Scout help no-tie fleece blankets for the children at Mott, where Leah was treated. There are also photos of the children put in snow globes.

"I think there needs to be more research done," James said. The goal is for a cure and for children to live longer.

Last year's benefit walk had about 200 participants. "We're expecting at least that many," she said. For more information, visit Leahshappyhearts.org

where you can register or donate online.

There will be a release of butterflies at the event following the walk. A Northville fire truck will be there, along with clowns offering face painting.

"Leah was known for always saying 'My heart is happy,'" said James, a longtime Livonia resident who with Phil has an older daughter, 12. "She'd look at me and say, 'Mommy, my heart is happy.'"

The logo for the June 7 event has a

smiling heart from one of Leah's drawings. There will be a temporary tattoo of the logo for walkers, and purple T-shirts (Leah's favorite color) will carry the design.

Platinum sponsors for the June 7 benefit include Independent Bank of Livonia, Charley's Deli/Grille of Northville (providing sandwiches), and RSVP.

Gold sponsors are the University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, Dearborn Police Officers Charities, Sunny J's of Plymouth, Birmingham Center for Cosmetic Dentistry (Dr. Mitchell Milan, D.D.S.), Golzzy, and The Park of Dearborn.

There are also several Silver sponsors including local businesses. James tips her hat to her hardworking Board of Directors, all volunteers and friends, which makes the work possible and keeps Leah's memory alive.

You can register in advance online or the day of the event. James said participants will have the chance to win prizes for each \$25 pledged.

There is a \$6 fee to enter Maybury State Park on the day of the benefit.

MILESTONES

NORTHVILLE ENGAGEMENT

Heise & Bohm

Andrew and Lisa Heise of Northville, formerly residents of Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Heise, to Kyle Bohm, son of Dennis and Donna Bohm of Stevens Point, Wis.

Lauren is a 2002 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 2005 graduate from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor with a bachelor of science degree in biopsychology and cognitive science. She is a fourth-year medical student at the University of Michigan and plans to pursue a residency in otolaryngology.

Kyle, a 2001 graduate of Stevens Point Area Senior High and a 2005 graduate of



Heise-Bohm

the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor with a bachelor degree in kinesiology, is also a fourth-year medical student at the University of Michigan and plans to pursue a residency in orthopedic surgery. As an undergraduate, Kyle was the co-captain of the men's varsity baseball team and *ESPN The Magazine's* Academic All-American.

A September 2009 wedding is planned.

NORTHVILLE WEDDING

Leshan & Whicker

Lawrence and Bonnie Leshan of Northville Township announce the marriage of their daughter Stephanie Leshan to Brian Whicker, son of Neil Whicker of Midvale, Utah and Julie Thomason of Jonesborough, Tenn.

Stephanie and Brian were married on March 2, 2009, in Issaquah, Wash.

They now reside in Mercer Island, Wash.



NORTHVILLE NEWSMAKERS

Jeffers elected

Northville's Gary E. Jeffers, DMD, MS, has been elected president-elect of the 5,500-member Michigan Dental Association (MDA).

Jeffers is the assistant to the dean for legislative affairs at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry, and a faculty member in the department of oral and maxillofacial surgery.

He was first elected to the MDA Board of Trustees in 2006, representing the Detroit District Dental Society. Jeffers is a past chair of the MDA's Committee on Governmental Affairs and served on the Board Committee on Finance.

Jeffers is a graduate of Malone College,



Jeffers

Ohio University and the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine.

He completed a general practice residency at the U.S. Naval Regional Medical Center in Portsmouth, VA, and received a specialty certificate in oral and maxillofacial surgery from Emory University.

He is a fellow of the American College of Dentists, the International College of Dentists, the American College of Dentists and the Pierre Fauchard Academy.

Farmers rep to attend "Championship" Conference

Local Farmers Insurance representative Aaron Pietila of Northville has qualified as a "Championship" agent by Farmers Insurance for outstanding overall performance.

Pietila was deemed "...among the best of the best at Farmers who have achieved a high sales volume for auto, home, life and business policies, while maintaining high client retention and profitability," said Farmers Executive Vice President of Field Operations Jerry Carnahan. "Through excellent customer service, Farmers continues to be Northville-area customers' first choice for their insurance needs."

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Book 'em, Dan

Michigan first gentleman Daniel Granholm talks with Jennifer Gustafson and her husband, John, of Northville at a recent book signing for Mulhern's book, "Everyday Leadership: Getting Results in Business, Politics and Life," at the As the Page Turns bookstore in downtown Northville's Old Church Square. Gov. Jennifer Granholm and Mulhern were in Detroit for a Democratic event.

Northville plane crash 50 years ago last week

Two children injured in event

Editor's note: This month marks the 50-year anniversary of a jet plane crash in Northville on May 8, 1959. Following is the story that appeared in the Northville Record on May 14, 1959.

DAVID KING, 9, IS REAL HERO OF FRIDAY'S JET CRASH

Three-year-old Elizabeth King and her brother, David, 9, are roommates at Sinai Hospital - but for an act of heroism, the room might contain only the burned boy. Both children, who are reported in fair condition, suffered second and third degree burns Friday afternoon when a jet fighter plummeted to earth behind their home and exploded.

The tale of heroism unfolded this week as Eugene King - Northville's newly appointed police chief - talked with his hospitalized son.

Elizabeth and David were playing with brother Gregory, 6; sister Patricia, 5, and a neighbor friend, Barbara Taxis, 6, in a hole in the ground near the King's backyard fence.

As the screaming jet nosedived to the ground, all the children but Elizabeth and David ran toward the house.

"Bethie's (Elizabeth) foot was caught under a root in the hole. She was stuck," David told his father.

"I'm a junior policeman, daddy, and you're supposed to help others just like the teacher says."

The impact and explosion hurled burning metal and fuel at the two struggling children. Once Elizabeth's foot was freed, the two youngsters ran, screaming to the house as their clothing burned. The younger children had already fled, unharmed.

Rev. John O. Taxis, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church and father of the child who was playing with the King youngsters, helped Mrs. King strip the burning clothing from her two children.

David suffered second and third degree burns in his back, arms and hands; his sister suffered second and third degree burns on her face, arms and hands.

Dr. E.T. Capuzzi said Tuesday that it was too early to tell how long the children would be hospitalized. He indicated, however, that some skin grafting was necessary. Both children have received blood transfusions.

In discussing the miraculous pinpoint crash into the garden surrounded by large frame homes - just 100 yards from Main Street Elementary School and two blocks from the center of the business district - Rev. Taxis said he was certain God had a hand in preventing a catastrophe.

"After the pilot bailed out another pilot took over the controls," he said.

Major John J. Moutier, 38, of Belleville, bailed out safely and landed in Cass Benton Park near the baseball diamond and the ski area. He suffered only bruises.

Moutier, member of the 107 Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron of the Michigan Air National Guard based at



Main Street Elementary School is visible in the background.

WHEN WAS IT?

Northville resident Jim Ritchie said the following posts were part of a discussion on his Northville High School 1965 Reunion page on Facebook trying to determine the exact date of the crash.

"We subsequently confirmed that the crash was Friday, May 8, 1959. My mother (Alice C. Ritchie) was not working at the police department yet, and my father (Charles) and I were in sixth grade at Main Street Elementary School.

"Reading the May 14, 1959, edition of the Northville Record recently refreshed a few details in my mind. It reported that the jet crashed in the backyard garden of Miss Ada Roe on Cady Street, whose property was adjacent to the King property on South Rogers Street. The article also specifically mentioned pieces of the jet engine landing in the front yard and crashing through the front window of the LeFevre house at the SW corner of Cady Street and First Street, just as I still so vividly remember."

Another fellow from the 1965 class wrote:

"I was nowhere near the crash that day, but I sure would like to know what became of the kids, David King and Elizabeth, who were burned. Also Police Chief Eugene King died in 1975 from cirrhosis of the liver, due to gunshot wounds he received while transporting a robbery suspect to the police station in 1965."

Metropolitan Airport, told reporters that the plane "went completely out of control" over Northville.

He said he was on his approach leg to the airport after returning from a routine photo mission when the aircraft started to climb.

Moutier said he fought desperately with the control stick, trying to correct the flight, "but I couldn't move it. I put both hands on it and locked my arms and pushed my back against the seat, but couldn't budge the stick."

The pilot said the jet zoomed upward so fast that he was unable to move because of the force of gravity - estimated at 4 G's.

As Moutier's plane rolled over on its back, he pulled the handle to blast away the plane's canopy, then pulled the trigger, which shot him out of the plane.

After his chute opened, he said, he watched the plane level off.

Most witnesses agree the jet circled the city and then shot across the center of town before flipping over and diving straight into the ground.

Moutier told King at the hospital Tuesday that no pilot could have done as good a job guiding the plane into such a small crash area.

The ejection seat nearby struck Ronald W. Bonatz, a salesman calling on Mergraf Oil Products on Railroad Street as he was opening his

car door. The car's rear window was smashed and the rear deck damaged.

The canopy of the plane - an RF-84F Thunderflame - landed near Eight Mile Road, a half mile east of Novi Road.

Flaming bits of debris were scattered hundreds of feet from the wreckage of the jet. Some pieces landed on rooftops. One section ripped through a window at 501 West Cady Street, another shook the house and cracked a window at 110 South Rogers.

Damage was minor. The vegetable garden owned by Miss Ada Roe was destroyed as the jet plunged 10 feet into the yard in the woman's backyard.

The crash scene is surrounded by houses on Cady, Rogers and Main. Main Street School bounds the area to the east.

Moutier said he believed the crash was caused by a "stick-lock" - a sudden "lock" in the aircraft hydraulic system.

Wreckage was removed and taken away for investigation and scrapping.

The Air National Guard has ordered all Thunderflash jets grounded pending completion of investigations. Capt. Harry E. Echert, in command of clean-up crews, said a study would be made to see if the plane needed modifications.

The Northville Record staff thanks the staff at the Northville District Library for its help in helping to reprint this article and photograph.

OBITUARIES

BERNICE C. BAUR

Age 94 of Milford, May 8, 2009. Wife of the late Vern Baur (d. 1989). Survived by her beloved daughters, Gail (Norman) Bourns, Joyce Mack; grandchildren, Kenneth (Paulette) Bourns, Pamela (Bruce) Chester, Frederick (Kelly) Bourns, Jennifer Mack, great-grandchildren, Brandon, Courtnee, Joshua, Nicholas; her extended family and many loving friends. Funeral Services were held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home in Milford, Tuesday, May 12th. For further information please call 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

RICHARD C. JACOBS

Age 79, of South Lyon, passed away May 6, 2009. A Funeral Service was held last Saturday at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. (248) 446-1171. Contributions to the Cancer Care Center at St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor

AVIS R. SHAFER

Age 83. Of South Lyon, MI. May 4, 2009. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK Funeral Home, Farmington

CYRIL EMIL SKRLEC

Age 87, passed away May 5, 2009. A Memorial Service was held on May 9, Saturday, at St. George Lutheran Church, Brighton, MI. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

JANE STUBEN

Age 92, died on May 10, 2009. Jane was a 27 year resident of South Lyon. She was born on December 3, 1916 in New Kensington, PA, to the late Joseph and Helen Baranowski, where she spent her earlier years. She was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church Ladies Altar Society, Providence Hospital Volunteers & the VFW Auxiliary. She was an avid reader, gardener, cook & baker. She was also a member of the South Lyon Friday Club that met at the Senior Center. Jane is survived by one daughter, Cynthia (Ron) Grenda, 8 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and one son; David. Jane is preceded in death by her husband; Tony, four brothers & three sisters. A Funeral Mass was held at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon, MI on May 13, 2009. Funeral Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

ROGER JOHN KLEIN

Age 67, died May 10, 2009. A Funeral was held on May 13 at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Contributions to Humane Society of Livingston County. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

MARY PERRI

Age 86, passed away May 5, 2009. She was born on November 29, 1922, in Detroit, to the late Petro and Francis Detroit. Mary is survived by her husband of 61 years, Giuseppe Perri; children: Joseph, Donald, Frank, Marilyn Perri-Claire; grandchildren: Jason, Adrienne, Carmen, Emily; great-grandchildren: Dominic, Julianna; siblings: Joseph, Mamie, Michael, and Frank. She was preceded in death by her siblings: Paul and Amelia. A Funeral Mass was held on Friday, May 8, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

ROBERT DAVID BARBER

Age 79, died May 9, 2009. Visitation Thursday, May 14 from 1-4 & 5-8 p.m. with the Funeral Service at 7:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME 122 West Lake Street (Ten Mile), South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

MYRA J. GIBSON

Age 85, of West Chester, PA, formerly of Northville passed away May 10, 2009. Graveside service Sat 5/16/2009 11 a.m. at Rural Hill Cemetery. Contributions to MI Humane Society Arrangements by Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.



EVELYN I. NATZEL

Age 76, of Novi, passed away May 10, 2009, at home surrounded by her loving family. She was born November 27, 1932 in Detroit, MI. She was preceded in death by Otto, beloved husband of 50 years and sisters Shirley and Jeanette. She is survived by her four children Susan Carol (Raul) Galang, Cheryl Ann (Gordon) Weholt, Catherine Evelyn (James) Anderson and Michael Otto (Janet) Natzel, nine grandchildren Christine Tracey, Jason, Matthew, Kimberly Sarah, Joshua, Travis and Kevin five great-grandchildren Raquel Brennan, Gavin, Chase and Joseph and sister Carol. She moved to Novi Township in 1964 to raise her four children in the small, quiet community. Shortly after moving she began working for Novi Township where she started her career in the water department and advanced up to the position of City of Novi Treasurer. Her tenure, with the city, lasted over 30 years until her retirement in 1996. She had many outside interests including golf and bowling. For many years she belonged to golf and bowling leagues and enjoyed the time spent with her friends. She had a fondness for travel and often vacationed in Myrtle Beach and Disney World. She was an avid Red Wings fan. She loved spending time at her cottage on the lake and most importantly spending time with her family. Family gatherings brought her true joy. She attended all of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren's academic and sporting events. She was the quintessential example of a loving caring matriarch. She was thoughtful, kind and fair. Her love enveloped all who surrounded her. She added joy to everyone's life. She was an amazing person and will be deeply missed. Funeral services will be held at O'Brien Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi, Thursday, May 14 at 11:00 a.m. with entombment at Oakland Hills Memorial Garden, 43300 W. Twelve Mile Rd, Novi Memorial donations may be made to MI Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph Rd. #220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025. www.michiganhumane.org or Karmanos Cancer Institute, 4100 John R, Detroit, MI 48201. www.karmanos.org



JACK A. RIESS

Age 91, died peacefully on Friday, May 8, 2009 at Kingston Care Center, Fort Wayne, IN. Born March 20, 1918 in New York City, NY, he was the son of Jack A. Riess and Mary A. Riess (Brady). He graduated from Michigan State University in 1942 with a degree in Chemical Engineering and worked for the Burroughs Corporation as a Metallurgical Engineer. He is survived by five children: Jack, Edward, Veronica (Schalek), Linda (Watch) and Michael, seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Alma (Fisher) of East Tawas, Michigan. Private family service will be held and burial will be in the South Lyon Cemetery, South Lyon, Michigan. Arrangements by D.O. McComb & Sons, Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road. To sign the online guest book go to www.mccombandsons.com

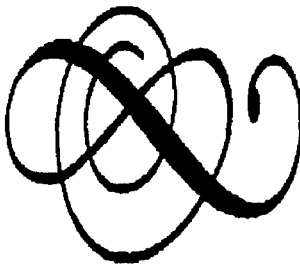
MARVIN E. WOOLEY

Age 74, of Green Oak Township, passed away May 5, 2009 at home. He was born on August 10, 1934, in Nashville, Tennessee, to the late James and Mary Lee (Robertson) Wooley. He served in the U.S. Army and was a member of the Masonic Lodge #319 of South Lyon. Marvin is survived by his children: Mary (Ronnie) Deaton, Linda (Michael) Clark, Larry (Lisa) Wooley, grandchildren: Jeremy (Evie), Jennifer (Paul), Michael, Bobby, Connor, Laine, Brenden, great-grandchildren: Kaitlyn, Kathryn, and Matthew. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Flossie Wooley in 2004. Visitation was held on May 8, Friday, 1 - 9 p.m. A Funeral service was held on May 9, at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

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Northville DDA gains next step in boundary expansion

Council OKs plan preparation

The Northville Downtown Development Authority staff gained its next step in expanding the borders of the DDA district with city council directing staff to seek public input. At city council's May 4 meeting, councilmembers gave Lori Ward, DDA executive director, the go-ahead to prepare a plan and produce a public notice about the boundary expansion. Mayor Chris Johnson said if council approves the expansion plan it would produce about \$3,000 for the DDA through the 1.86 mills levied on property

owners if all agree to be part of the enlarged district. No tax increment financing is being sought in the expansion, only the 1.86 mills, Ward said. Before a plan is approved, however, a public hearing must be scheduled and input obtained from city residents and property owners. The DDA staff will produce a document for residents and property owners to peruse and amend the map of the DDA district before a public hearing is scheduled. More than 100 residents who live in the downtown area will be asked to review the plan. Ward said this is the fifth time since 1978 that the DDA has sought an amendment of its boundaries. pflmng@gannett.com (248) 349-1700, ext. 260

Free concert to return to Northville Downs

Four tribute bands take stage Saturday, May 23

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

For those planning to stick around the Detroit area over the upcoming Memorial Day weekend, Northville Downs race track will be the site of another free concert on May 23 billed as "The Concert That Never Was."

From noon-10 p.m. that Saturday, music lovers can bring a lawn chair and/or a blanket and enjoy the sounds of four bands: Zooropa, a U2 tribute band; the Backbeats, a Beatles tribute band; Moma Kin, an Aerosmith tribute band; and Rumors, a Fleetwood Mac

tribute band.

The event, sponsored by 94.7 WCSX FM, the Classic Rock Station in Detroit, will take place in the race track's infield located at the northeast corner of Center Street and Seven Mile Road.

Part of the proceeds from the concerts will go to the Gleaners Food Bank of Southeast Michigan.

"We had about 3,000 people there last year, and we're really excited about this year's event," said Ken Wasilewski, director of event marketing for Greater Media Detroit.

Wasilewski and Lynn Montemayor, general sales manager for WCSX, were

at Northville City Hall May 4 to witness city council's approval of the event.

Last year's event over the same holiday weekend drew a mellow crowd who came to hear, among others, a Pink Floyd tribute band.

At this family-oriented event, concert goers could be seen playing Frisbee and enjoying a variety of concessions.

Attendees will also have an opportunity to win \$500 in cash at the event. Details on how the cash prize contest will be set up are still being worked out, according to Montemayor.

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Grief support volunteer says New Hope changed her life

She now assists early griever

BY PAM FLEMING
SMITH

It's 11 months after the death of her husband, Jim Duntrou, when she was only 18. And when he died of colon cancer, she was only 19. The loss was like a bomb that had hit her.

And even though it's been 18 years, she still finds it difficult to talk about the loss. It's not just the pain of the loss, but the fact that she didn't seem to see him as a person, but as a part of her life. She says she didn't know how to live without him. She says she didn't know how to live without him. She says she didn't know how to live without him.

She started by attending one of the center's workshops then support meetings and social activities.

HOW A VOLUNTEER

It really I thought it was time to get back. Duntrou said now she works as a facilitator helping newly widowed people deal with their grief and get their lives back.

"I honestly do not know what I would have done without New Hope," she said.

At a time of tragedy was she said her country had some ethnic customs that are harsh on a young widow.

"And I did not know one single person close to my age who was widowed not even



From left: Cathy Clough, director of the New Hope Center for Grief Support; Arlene Kurzawa, business manager; Patti Bligham, outreach and special events coordinator; and John O'Shaughnessy, director of fund development outside the center's new office at 315 Griswold St. A house owned by the city of Northville also used to store Northville Historical Society materials. The center was formerly located on E. Dunlap Street.

GRIEF SUPPORT NOW HER 'JOB'

Duntrou '99 works with widows on the first step people who come to New Hope after the recent loss of a spouse and in dealing with intense grief.

"I felt that I could help this group the most because, I know what it was like for me," she said. She worked in a dental office

for 25 years but when she learned her husband had terminal cancer, she quit her job to care for him. She said her husband raised two children (a son and a daughter) and she now has five grandchildren.

When a person becomes widowed, they don't know where they belong," Duntrou said.

"I lost purpose. A part of me was totally gone," she said. But, the New Hope program



Volunteers from the New Hope Center for Grief Support gather outside the center's new digs at 315 Griswold St. at last Friday night's Volunteer Appreciation Picnic. The center just recently moved to the new location next to Mill Race Village.

OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULED

The New Hope Center for Grief Support will have an open house to introduce the community to its new home at 315 Griswold St. next to Mill Race Village. The event will take place from noon-6 p.m. May 27. Please RSVP at (248) 348-0115. The center's staff thanks the following businesses that donated services or items prior to their recent move: Long's Plumbing & Bath, Northville Park Co., Edward Doody's Wallpapering & Painting, Mike Weiss of MPM Company for carpentry, Maureen Acri McDonald of The Pet Connection, Karla Decker of K Decker Design Studio and Chris Farrell of Windows by Design. The staff also thanks all of the volunteers who helped pack and move the staff as well as individuals who donated furniture and other items.



Cathy Clough, director, New Hope Center for Grief Support, left, and Arlene Kurzawa, business manager, cut the cake at last Friday's Volunteer Appreciation Picnic at the center's new home at 315 Griswold St.

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Steve's Family Dining reopens

Business returns to Lakepointe Plaza

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Steve Nedanovski started out as an 18-year-old dishwasher working at a local coney island restaurant when he came to the United States in 1971.

A native of Macedonia, he was single and spoke no English.

Today, he owns two restaurants and recently reopened Steve's Family Dining at 40370 Five Mile Road west of Haggerty Road in the Lakepointe Plaza.

He met his wife, Julie, also of Macedonia, in the U.S. She and their two sons, Dave and Danny, work at Steve's Family Dining in Livonia on Middlebelt Road between Five Mile and Six Mile roads, which he opened in 2005.

Steve spends time at both restaurants, making sure their customers enjoy the multitude of menu items.

Famous for their Polish selections, the Polish Combo Plate features kielbasa, homemade sauerkraut, three differ-

ent pierogies (cheese, potato and sauerkraut), a choice of stuffed cabbage or City Chicken, bread and butter.

"Some order both the stuffed cabbage and the City Chicken," Nedanovski said.

Nedanovski said he focuses on bringing the freshest of family favorites to his diners served at affordable prices, picking up vegetables on his own from local farmers, plus meats and dry goods.

This cuts out the delivery charge, and he passes these savings on to his customers.

The Polish plate, for example, is only \$7.25.

The Northville Township restaurant opened in 1996. Nedanovski sold the restaurant, which operated under different ownership for a couple of years, then repurchased the business, reopening it under his direction on March 18.

"We had the option to take the restaurant back, so we did," Nedanovski said. "This was my original place."

The restaurants serve five-

six homemade soups a day, including such selections as dill pickle soup, cabbage soup, chicken and dumplings soup, and czarnina or duck's blood soup, a Polish favorite.

Other menu selections are strawberry, apple or cheese nalisniki (crepes), Salisbury steak, beef tips and noodles, corned beef and cabbage, a roast beef dinner, broasted chicken, breaded or grilled pork chops and chicken stir fry.

The Livonia restaurant can seat 145, offers beer and wine and has a banquet room for 65 people. The Northville Township location can seat 80 and has a separate room for 30 diners.

The family also provides carry out, catering and gift certificates.

Hours are 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 8 a.m.-3 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, call the Northville Township location at (248) 420-1500.

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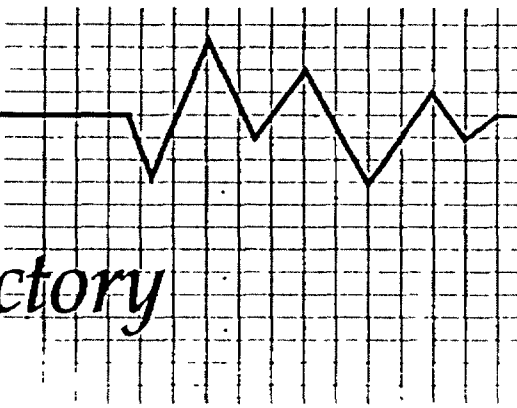


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Steve Nedanovski, owner of Steve's Family Dining restaurant on Five Mile Road west of Haggerty Road in Northville Township, displays one of his signature dishes, the Polish Combo Plate, which features kielbasa, sauerkraut, pierogies and a choice of stuffed cabbage or City Chicken. The restaurant, which was at this location for 11 years and fell under different ownership for a couple of years, just reopened in March. The family-owned business also has a restaurant by the same name in Livonia on Middlebelt Road between Five Mile and Six Mile roads.

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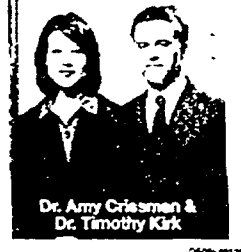
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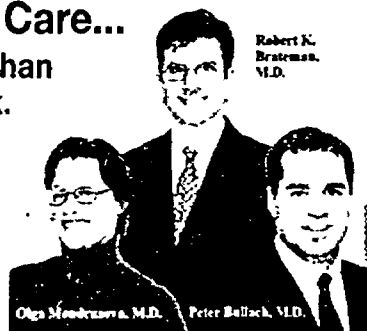
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EDUCATION

New abstinence-only course approved

■ Northville revamps sex-ed curriculum

BY CAL STONE
ED-TOP

The school board unanimously approved Northville's new health curriculum at its Tuesday meeting, culminating a year-long process that included research by a large committee, two public hearings and several opportunities for anyone to review the course materials.

A 22-member Health Advisory board was charged between Nov. 2008 and Jan. 2009 with refining the district's sex-education offering and developed a curriculum based on Healthy and Responsible Relationships, which aligns with national and state standards and guidelines.

About 50 people attended the second public hearing, on April 29, in the high school forum room, listening to Mary Kay Gallagher, assistant superintendent for instructional services, explain the different options.

"I feel very positive," said Gallagher. "The district and board has asked that we provide options for parents that meet the individual needs of students and families."

Gallagher said a 2004 survey by the Michigan Department of Education indicated that of the

state's 550 public school districts, 80 percent offered abstinence-based and 20 percent offered abstinence-only courses. She knew of no other district in the state offering a choice of either.

And she said some parents (about 8 percent, according to an EPIC/MRA survey in May 2006) don't want sex-ed taught in their schools at all.

There will be eight lessons in each semester-long health class. Parents have the choices of the students participating in all, a portion of, or none of the health courses.

But exactly how many parents will choose the abstinence-only option for 2009-2010 is unsure at this point.

"It's hard to put a number on," said Ken Roth, school board president, "but a survey we took showed about 90 percent of parents wanted an abstinence-based program and about 10 percent wanted abstinence-only."

Enrollment for the first semester of the 2008-2009 school year as of March 19 showed 185 students enrolled in health class.

Of those, 178 were in the abstinence-based program; 5 were in the abstinence-only program; and

there were no students who opted out totally.

For the second semester, 216 students enrolled in health class. Of those 173 were in abstinence-based; 3 were in abstinence-only; 1 opted out; and one chose to review materials prior to making a decision.

Students can also opt for alternate assignments chosen from a selection of health-related topics for the student to delve deeper into an area of interest; submit an alternate topic for approval; or use a take-home packet with abstinence-only wording for lessons to be completed with parents.

"Enough students have offered the abstinence-only option that we can likely offer a section each semester," said Gallagher.

After the Health Advisory Board fine-tuned the curriculum, it was available for public review for three weeks. Two public hearings were also held.

"These hearings are consistent with state law that requires public hearings when district changes its health curriculum," said Roth.

He said a series of similar hearings were held a year ago when the district began developing the new health curriculum. Based on input

from those hearings, the board decided to offer an abstinence-based portion and then spent the following year developing an additional course for parents who wanted an abstinence-only curriculum available. Other districts in the state are keeping an eye on Northville to see how it all plays out.

"I thought the process went very well," said Roth. "The board, between last year's hearings and the Health Advisory Board's work -- which has been phenomenal -- recognized the desire to have curriculum beyond what district offered. We responded."

Roth said there are some parents who still want to see materials in the curriculum that are different from what the Health Advisory Board recommended to the school board, "but I think over time the curriculum will develop just like any other curriculum at the high school."

Sue Laabs, a member of the Health Advisory Board, said for the most part, it was a positive experience, although some people questioned why extra videos were not approved.

"Some parts we felt were valid, but there were other parts that raised concerns," she said. "So we couldn't recommend them for use in the classroom."



PHOTO BY CAL STONE/EDITOR

Mary Kay Gallagher, assistant superintendent for instructional services for Northville Public Schools, explains the proposed changes to the district's health curriculum during a public hearing at the high school forum on April 29.

There may be a possibility in the future that those extra videos could be available for lending if parents want to view them first and then show them to their student.

"Even though the majority of the 2006 survey reflected people wanted an abstinence-based program," said Laabs, "I'm pretty pleased with the board and administration for asking us to put forth the effort to improve the

curriculum." Roth said the curriculum that was in place last year was acknowledged by many as being excellent, but feedback pushed the Health Advisory Board back to work.

"It speaks highly to the fact that we listened to parents and the process worked," said Roth. "It's going to be a fine course."

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Northville Co-Council of PTAs offers school supplies for 2009-10

Hate that back-to-school rush? Want your summer to last a little longer? Tired of running all over town to shop for that list of school supplies? Here is the solution for you! The Northville Council of PTAs and Schoolkidz (a Staples, Inc. affiliate) have joined forces with Northville elementary and middle school teachers to create grade-specific supply kits for the 2009-10

school year. In addition, a variety of sturdy backpacks, lunch boxes and water bottles also are available for purchase through Schoolkidz.

The PTA Co-Council will be accepting orders for these kits and supplies through May 21, 2009. Order forms will be sent home next week with Northville elementary and middle school students. The kits will be ready

for pickup just prior to the start of school in September. Pick up dates and times vary by school.

In an effort to ensure all students in the community start the school year with new school supplies, the Co-Council is working together this year with Northville Civic Concern to provide school kits and other supplies for Northville children in need of assistance. If you would

like to purchase a school kit, backpack, water bottle, or lunch box for a child in need, please add these items to the order form you receive from your school and note those items you wish to donate to Civic Concern.

Community members who don't currently have students in Northville Public Schools also are welcome purchase school kits and school supplies to

donate to Civic Concern. Please contact Co-Council Treasurer Amy Storm (astorm@tds.net or 248-344-4550) or the Northville Board of Education office (248-349-3400) to obtain an order form. The kits will be delivered directly to Civic Concern when they arrive in late August.

This marks the third year the Co-Council has offered the

school kits to elementary and middle school students. Funds raised through the sales go to support Northville Council of PTA initiatives including coordination, training, support and parent awareness programs for all PTAs in the Northville school district.

For more information, go to www.northville.k12.mi.us/parents/council-of-ptas.asp.

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Northville students are truly Kids Against Hunger

■ Fight hunger here and abroad

BY NATHAN MEMOIAN
SPECIAL WRITER

Earlier this year, Northville elementary and middle school students partnered with urban schools to help fight hunger at home and abroad.

Through an international organization called Kids Against Hunger (KAH), Northville students, area community groups and churches volunteer to package food for malnourished and starving children.

The KAH 'Michigan Project' tailors food-packaging events to the school setting. Students work together in an assembly-line manner, measuring, weighing and sealing 13.8-ounce bags of a rice-soy casserole mix that can feed up to six adults or 12 children.

A third of the food from each event goes to local food banks, one third feeds those in Third World Countries, one third goes to those in the United States - along with areas struck by natural disaster.

"Our hope is that students come out of the KAH experience feeling good about helping someone else in need and that they are inspired to become involved in community service," said Dr. Leonard Rezmierski, Northville schools superintendent.

This year, 1,025 Northville, Detroit and Hamtramck students participated in seven food packaging events where more than 111,000 meals were packaged, between January and April at Detroit-area landmarks - including Gleaners Community Food Bank; Fort Street Presbyterian Church; Compuware headquarters; the Mexican Community Center; and the Arab American National Museum in Dearborn.

Students from Amerman, Moraine, Ridge Wood, Silver Springs, Thornton Creek, and Winchester elementary schools, along with Meads Mill

and Hillside middle schools joined with inner-city Detroit elementary schools including Roberto Clemente, Neinas, Bennett, and Maybury schools, and Holbrook elementary in Hamtramck.

Rezmierski said the idea for Northville schools becoming involved with KAH originally came from Bridgepointe co-founders and Northville parents, Diane Powers and Sue Simcox as a way to bring together students from suburban Northville and inner-city Detroit to work side-by-side with peers whose experiences and cultures are different than their own.

Bridgepointe is a grass roots organization working to bridge the gap between suburbs and the inner city, said Powers, director of the group, adding that KAH is just one of many projects they are involved with.

SCHOOL BY SCHOOL

Sharon Irvine, principal at Thornton Creek Elementary said their fifth grade students went to Fort Presbyterian Church, meeting fifth graders from Neinas elementary - their sister school in Detroit.

"What we did was pack measured, dry ingredients (meat, vegetables, vitamins, minerals, starch, that when combined with boiling water constitute substantive meals that counter-balance the long-range effects of malnutrition and starvation," she said. "In addition to the main packaging, students packed snack packs for the local homeless."

Thornton Creek also held two fund-raisers: Chores for Charity and Hat day to help contribute money.

Irvine said the project is the culmination of grade level service projects that students participate in yearly.

"This project tremendously impacts their view of the dif-

WHAT THE STUDENTS SAY

After the packaging events, Sharon Irvine, principal at Thornton Creek Elementary, read through several comments from students about their experience. She shared four of them for this article:

"To me, this experience was beyond imaginable. Just even the thought of helping anyone than has no home, no food, no family, or all three is just an amazing feeling."

"Knowing the impact that I made in the community made me know how lucky I am to live where I do."

"This experience made me feel bad because I know that I throw out food every day, and some people do not even get food for weeks and weeks. It gives me more of a view how I should be happy with what I have because some people don't even have shoes on their feet."

"... Teaching us all that helping kids can make us more proud of ourselves and making kids happy and healthy."

ference they can make," she said. "They will see service as a responsibility and will understand their position to help those less fortunate. This year we are starting an exit essay where students reflect on their last four service projects and identify how they will shape their decisions to make a difference in the work in years to come."

Winchester elementary students too have increased their awareness of others outside of Northville, according to Principal Patricia Messing.

"Winchester has participated in KAH along with Holbrook



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Students from Winchester Elementary School in Northville and Holbrook Elementary School in Hamtramck pack food for Kids Against Hunger at the Arab American National Museum.

Elementary from Hamtramck," she said. "The food-packing event is extra special because we have been developing a relationship with Holbrook students and staff for the past three years. Not only did they visit our schools last March, we have communicated through Pen Pals, and in March our Student Council delivered backpacks and school supplies. We joined together and made blankets for a Red Cross Blanket Drive, and some of our staff went to Holbrook for MEAP readiness learning opportunity (teacher participants). Winchester has raised money for KAH by holding a Battle of the Change the past two years. We'll hold another one of those later this month. So far we've been able to contribute \$1,500 for KAH."

Sixth grade middle school students at Meads Mill first watched a video about the project, and were asked to write applications and a short answer as to why they would like to participate in the KAH project.

Dr. Sue Meyer, school principal said the KAH is a sixth grade project because they are the older ones - closest to the age of the fifth grade students from Bennett elementary in Detroit.

Meyer's eighth grade leadership students made the posters to advertise the project and took those to the Compuware event, and they also made posters for their school building.

"Along with some of our other projects, the students learn to share what they have, they learn that they can become actively involved in projects that help feed the hungry - not just contribute money. KAH and Empty Bowls came very closely together, so even the," Meyer said. "The conversations that occur between the kids are wonderful. Our students talk to me about it days later. They get a first hand experience that urban kids are just kids - and have many of the same thoughts and share hobbies. They even talk about school uniforms!"

Meyer is most impressed seeing how students from both cities are dispelling false impressions kids have about 'urban' and 'suburban' kids.

"The activities and careful blending of the kids in work groups helps with this, so everyone gets a better understanding of the world outside their daily experiences. And the real beauty of this project is that all of these students can work together to provide for the needy, immediate hunger needs here and other parts of the world. The conversations we have on the bus and at school in the weeks that follow show the students truly appreciate this event and want to do more with the students at Bennett."

Nathan Memoian is a free-lance writer living in Milford

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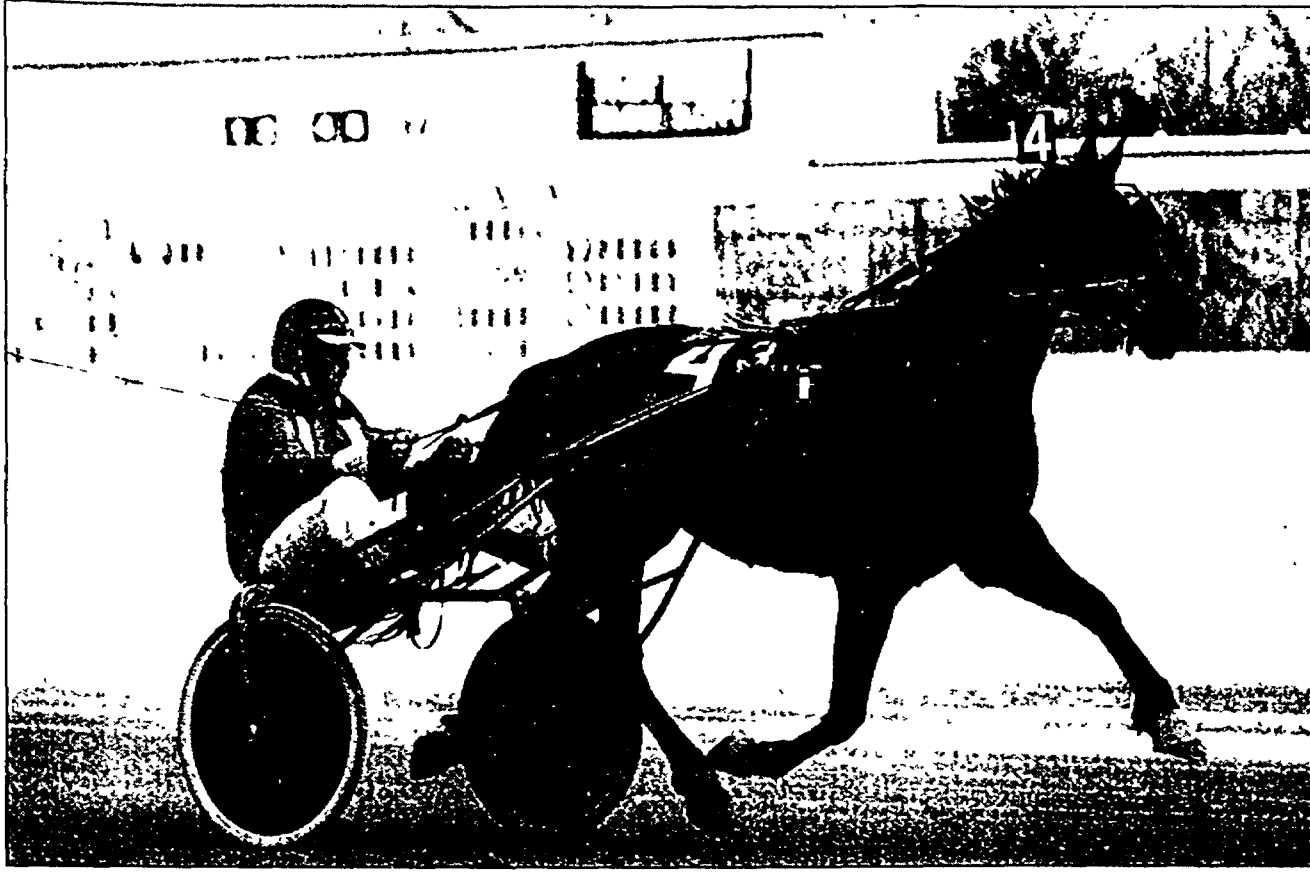
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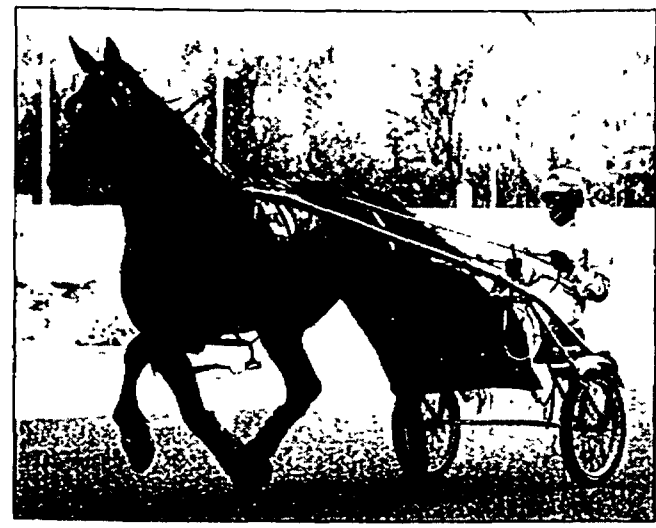
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Getting ready for the races at Northville Downs.



A driver and his horse take in a practice lap or two before the races of Friday, April 24.

Off to the races at Northville Downs

The Northville Downs recently ended its live harness racing season, just as Kentucky Derby fever got under way.

Publicity manager Michael Carlo, whose family has been involved in the track since it opened in 1944, led the Northville Record on a tour of the stables April 24. Inside, horses, trainers, vets and state officials were busy getting ready for post time.

"We have 93 horses and 12 races tonight. It's controlled chaos," Carlo said.

Among the drivers were Art McMurray, who recently celebrated his 3,000th win, and his son, Wally.

Art drove eight horses on Friday night including Abandoned Baby, A Toy

to Remember and Halo Heather.

Races consist of two laps around the track and take about two minutes, with horses hitting speeds of about 30 miles per hour.

Patrons at the Downs can watch live racing February through April, or simulcast races from across the country throughout the year.

Even if you don't know the difference between a Superfecta and a Daily Double, there's no shame in basing your wager on a horse's name, according to Carlo.

"There are a thousand ways to place a bet and a thousand ways to pick a horse," he said.

By Wensdy Von Buskirk, features editor



Against the setting sun, horses and their drivers complete a warmup lap at Northville Downs on April 24.



After finishing up the third race, drivers un-hitch their horses and get ready for another race later in the night at Northville Downs.

ARCHITECTS

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"It's relatively centralized," she said.

"We had been in a kind of a conventional office building," Jacobson said. "This office is more connected to a community. Here, our people can walk to get coffee and lunch."

HKS employees can also work out at the nearby Planet Fitness that's located in the same building.

"One of the employees at Planet Fitness is an architect student at Lawrence Tech, so her ears perked up when she learned our office had opened here," Jacobson said.

"This building is really a neighborhood," Kartje said.

The staff is enjoying the

open feel of the office with its abundance of available light, its natural setting and its access to nature.

"We design a lot of buildings that involve health and wellness, so we're living what we design," she said.

The office currently employs 32 people with room for 60.

DUBAI PROJECT

One of the firm's current projects is the 21-story Danat Al Emarat Women's and Children's Hospital being built in Abu Dhabi. Pictures of the unique design, which includes a hotel and spa, can be found in the office's main studio, which features a collection of work cubicles.

"The inspiration for the

(hospital) building is the fluid, feminine form of the veil and sculpted sand," said Carol Kartje, vice president and director of interior design for HKS Architects in Detroit. The hospital's architecture features shapes that honor women and children of that region of the world.

"We're very excited about this building," she said.

Jacobson said the structure's foundation is being laid now, and the project will take about two and a half years to complete. "It's scheduled to open in 2012," he said.

Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates has about three million people right now, and the population is growing, according to Jacobson.

"They are going through a

transformation from state-owned and insured health care to private health care and insurance," he said. "This (hospital) will give women in Abu Dhabi a choice to give birth and have outpatient services in an environment that is probably a notch above what they currently have."

The client, United Eastern Medical Services, want to be at the forefront of medical technology as well as hospitality.

"They are really setting the bar in that region," Carol said, replicating the level of Western medical care in Abu Dhabi.

Current projects in Metro Detroit include designs for St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Oakland in Pontiac as well



JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

HKS Architects firm staff in their Northville office.

as the health care system's locations in Ann Arbor and Saline, and the new University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital.

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The RFP document may be obtained at www.ci.northville.mi.us/Services/PurchasingAndRFPs/ProposalsBids.htm.

The City of Northville reserves the right to reject any all or proposals and to waive any informality or irregularity in any proposal in the interest of the City.

NICOLETTE BATESON,
ASST. CITY MANAGER/FINANCE DIRECTOR
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS
OFFICE CLOSING

The Charter Township of Northville Administrative Offices will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2009 in observance of Memorial Day. The offices will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2009.

The Department of Public Safety (Police and Fire) will remain open.

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk
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NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Northville Public Schools is soliciting sealed bids for the following:

Resodding and Irrigation System Replacement @ Varsity Stadium on Eight Mile Road. Bids should be returned to the Business Office at 501 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, no later than Tuesday, May 26, 2009, @ 10:00 a.m.

Bids should be in sealed envelopes clearly marked Resodding and Irrigation System Replacement Bids. Bid packets are available for pick-up at 501 West Main Street, between 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Please contact Chris Gearn at (248) 344-8445 if you have any questions.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
City of Northville
2009 SIDEWALK PROGRAM

Sealed bids will be received in the City of Northville Council Chambers, City Hall, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167 until 2:30 p.m. local time on Wednesday, May 27, 2009 for the City's 2009 Sidewalk Program.

This project includes, but is not limited to the removal and replacement of existing concrete sidewalk which has been damaged by tree roots, utility settlement, and general degradation of pavement. Contract documents and bid proposals can be obtained by contacting the Northville Department of Public Works at (248) 449-9930.

The City of Northville reserves the right to waive any irregularity or informality in bids, to reject any and/or all bids, in whole or in part, or to award any contract to other than the low bidder, should it be deemed in its best interest to do so.

James P. Gallogly
Dianne Massa
Director of Public Works
City Clerk

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Back to the '60s

Connor's 11 restaurant, on the corner of Haggerty and Five Mile roads in Northville, is holding a grand opening celebration May 17-18, and they're doing it 1960's style with retro waitstaffs, music, classic cars and prices on selected menu items (like 15-cent coffee).

The original Connor's Family Dining eatery was established in 1965 in Dearborn Heights. Joseph Maceri began working there as a busboy in 1971, working his way up as a cook, assistant manager and then manager. He bought it in 1982, remodeled it in 2002 and then opened the Northville restaurant.

Prep work for census

Last month, U.S. Census workers began a statewide foot canvas of every neighborhood in Michigan. Workers walked each street to ensure that all living quarters are in the Census Bureau's address database.

Census workers wear blue and white badges with their name and the Census seal affixed. They walked through neighborhoods, peering at houses and entering information into a handheld computer. This was the address verification process for the 2010 Census, and it is expected to last through early June.

The U.S. Census figures are used to determine federal funding for communities as well as the number of congressional representatives each state has for the next decade.

Census questionnaires will be mailed or delivered to households next February and March, and census officials remind residents if they want to avoid an "in-person" visit from April through July 2010, they should not ignore the questionnaires.

Northville Township's census liaison is Sue Hillebrand. She can be reached at (248) 348-5800, ext. 10491, or at shillebrand@twp.northville.mi.us.

The city of Northville's census liaison is Dianne Massa.

She can be reached at (248) 349-1300 or at dmassa@ci.northville.mi.us.

Northville Democrats

Club officer elections will be held at the annual meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26 at the Cady Inn at Mill Race Rillage on Griswold in downtown Northville.

A birthday party/fundraiser for State Rep. Marc Corriveau (D-Northville) will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 18, at George's Senate Coney Island, 39430 Dun Rovin Drive (off Haggerty, south of 6 Mile Drive). Tickets start at \$30.

Steak night set Saturday

The Marine Corps League Northwest Detroit 162 will have its Steak Grill Out from 5-7 p.m. this Saturday at 438 S. Main St. in Northville. Steak dinners are \$10 for a 10-ounce steak or \$16 for a 16-ounce steak. Hamburgers are available, too. For more information, go to www.sem-perfi162.org.

Order to file appeal

In the Miles Christi Religious Order vs. Northville Township case, a representative from the Thomas More Law Center in Ann Arbor, the firm that is representing the religious order, reports that lawyers are appealing the court's decision to the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals on behalf of the order.

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 W. 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 attend-

ing Bible 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.

"It's surprising that a group that values harmony on one hand seems to treat cooperation as an unnatural act on the other," said Chip Snider, township manager. "I am surprised by the tension between the church and the township and the members' reluctance to seek compromise."

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 serves.

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 a.m.

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

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 runners.



It's magic

Magician Jason Abbott hams it up with a child volunteer as he "tries" to remove a bandana from his head during his April 14 show at the Northville District Library. Abbott, a 1999 graduate of Northville High, had plenty of card and rope and handkerchief tricks, an escape from a straight jacket and, of course, a rabbit was pulled from a hat. At right, kids laugh at Abbott's antics.



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

Contact Joanna Harris, Special Events coordinator at (248) 349-0203 Ex: 1411 or JHarris@ci.northville.mi.us.

Win Mac Bridge walk trip

Northville Parks & Recreation presents a series of walks, and with every one, you have a chance to win a trip for two to participate in Michigan's famous Labor Day Bridge Walk and visit Mackinac Island. There will be three to four walks through July, including the following:

- Community Senior Center (303 W. Main, Northville) at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 27

- Millennium Park (Located on the South side of Six Mile Road across from Northville High School) at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 31

Walks will be held rain or shine. You must be 18 or older to win; Northville Township & City employees are not eligible to win.

Looking for great homes

American Association of University Women Northville - Novi is looking for a few great Northville homes to feature in its 14th Annual AAUW Home Tour. A highlight of the Northville Victorian Festival, the tour will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sept. 19th.

Typically homes featured are widely different in architecture and interior design, span three centuries of construction and reflect how families have adapted to 21st century living in a community with a Victorian village at its heart. Some feature attractions, to be announced later, are being added to the tour this year.

The home tour is the signature fund raising event

of AAUW which directs its support to advance education in the local, national and international community. One of the ongoing local commitments is annual scholarship contributions to Schoolcraft and Oakland County Community College in addition to established endowments.

If you would like to discuss having your home on the AAUW Home Tour 2009 or would like to be a Home Tour volunteer, contact event Chair Dianne McCulloch at northvillennoviaauw@yahoo.com.

Guernsey tour a hit

Over 3,000 people toured the Guernsey Farms Dairy plant April 25, and more than 1,000 items were collected for the Novi Food Pantries. A total of \$1,071 was collected from tour goers and Guernsey will match this donation and write a check for \$1,071 for the food pantry, according to Shannon McGuire Bowman.





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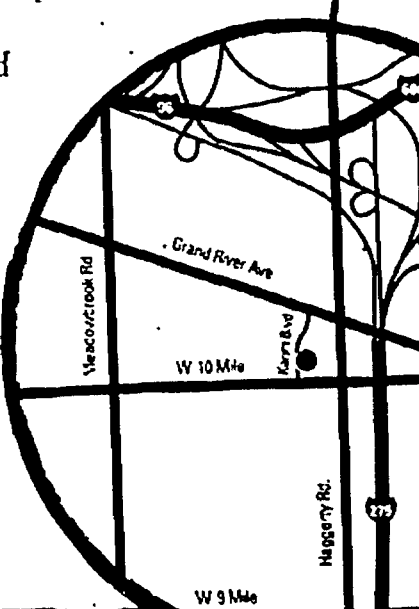
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OUR VIEWS

Time to work hard to stop underage drinking

Area police departments will no doubt begin to break up underage outdoor drinking parties, another sign that the summer season has arrived.

Regular readers likely have noticed that there's a handful of police reports every summer where some field or county home plays host to a party for those not yet 21 years of age to socialize with alcoholic beverages. It's nearly impossible to calculate the number of parties that go unreported every year.

Sometimes the home or property owners are unaware of the party. Other times, the homeowners are there and are ticketed by police.

There is one surprisingly prevalent mentality that teens will find a way to drink alcohol, so it's better to give them a safe environment to do so. We understand the rationale, but it's wrong. Michigan has a zero tolerance law for those under the age of 21. That means any alcohol consumption is illegal. It's also illegal if adults allow such activities to take place.

And allowing drinking by teens is a major safety risk. Alcohol can pose a developmental risk to growing bodies.

But the risks aren't on the drinker alone. If any of those teens then sits behind the wheel of a car, they are putting everyone else at risk, too. Teen drivers already are inexperienced. The restrictions for new teen drivers now are much more restrictive than 20 years ago. Adding alcohol to inexperience makes for a deadly cocktail.

It's up to parents, neighbors and friends to help curb these activities.

First, parents shouldn't allow any such party to take place at their home. If the parents are not home and unaware, it's up to neighbors to keep their eyes open. Or if teens are aware of such a party, it's their duty to take responsibility and let the proper authorities know. Teens need to understand the ramifications of these field parties.

With prom season, graduation parties and summer vacation filling the calendars, everyone must work together to prevent underage drinking, which will keep the area safer for all.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you think Oakland County Commissioner Kim Capello (R-Novi), who last week plead guilty to indecent exposure, should resign?



"Probably. He's a public servant, and that is not serving the public whatsoever."

- Joyce Bryant



"Yes. He doesn't belong there."

- Julius Saner



"Replace him on a morals charge. They still should have that. They should've gotten rid of Bill Clinton for the same thing."

- Phillip Markley



"It's not good. I don't know him, but he's the same guy as before - he just got caught. But he should."

- Tom Newkold

LETTERS

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content.

Mail: Letters to the Editor, Northville Record, 104 W. Main St., Suite 101, Northville, MI 48167. Fax: (248) 349-9832

E-mail: cstone@gannett.com

Deadline: Letters must be received by noon on Monday to be published in the Thursday edition.

I would encourage all people to write their Congress members -- Democrats or Republicans. I think they need to be reminded again and again what we want and expect from them. At least President Obama understands. Thank God.

Chuck Keys
Northville

Anti-bullying bills needed

I hope that you will be covering the upcoming vote on S.B. 0159 and H.B. 4580. These are anti-bullying bills that are badly needed in our state to protect families from harassment in our school system.

I spoke with you a few years back and was promptly threatened with a lawsuit by NPS. I have since pulled both of my children out of NPS and they have been enrolled in private schools for the last three years. I have also spoken with other families who have done the same thing for similar reasons. I want to see this bill pass and I hope you can help.

After reading the bill, I do not see what there is to object to. If you believe what the schools say, they are doing everything in the bill already. Or are they? It is time for parents to demand more than just lip service and anti-bullying signs from administrators. What we all need is accountability. These bills will provide that accountability and in the end they will save taxpayers a ton of money because of it.

Cecilia Bruck
Northville

this good man when he and his family are down. But I, and others like me, will rise to fight them. Because that is what friends do for friends. Kim and Jodi Capello -- I am your friend. My wife, Susie, is your friend. And we always will be.

Bob Gatt
Novi city councilman

This president gets it

We finally have a president who actually represents us as American citizens and world citizens. He is respected and we respect him. President Obama is doing what he campaigned on. And we voted for him, overwhelmingly. Now we need to support him in his efforts for us. That means that maybe we should make sure our voices are heard by both houses of Congress.

IN YOUR VOICE

money in the city's budget and use it for police staffing, clerical staff or senior center staff? What's more important -- new flowers every month or services? I vote for services! Why are the department heads still being allowed to protect their own jobs? Even though they use the guise of "fighting to keep programs," it has everything to do with their own financial security.

peterC230

■ Oakland Commissioner Capello pleads guilty to indecent exposure; Dems call for his resignation

Have you ever heard the phrase, "get a

room?!" Just proves how excessive alcohol consumption can cloud judgement of an otherwise intelligent individual. A lesson for the kids.

Pembrokeparker

■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: Review sex-ed materials

By reading one story about Levi Johnson and the effectiveness of abstinence-only education. Outdated and ineffective. Give me a good abstinence-based program any day of the week. I want my children to be protected if they make the choice to have sex.

Parks

Stand by commissioner

And so the story breaks about a local Novi man who was charged with indecent exposure. And had it not been for the man's name, it wouldn't have made it into any news story and no one would care. In fact, during my nearly 30 years of police work, I can remember hundreds of instances similar in nature to this one. Some of them may have involved your son, or your daughter. Or perhaps it was you.

Is the fact that this man served the people of Novi with honor and distinction for over 15 years so quickly forgotten?

Do his "friends" who sought his advice and counsel so often turn on him like this? Do we forget that the victims in this matter are an innocent wife and children? Are we all so callous as to condemn this good person because of an act of bad behavior when he hurt NO ONE except his family? A very great man once said, "Let he who is without sin cast the first stone." Are the people who are so ready to condemn this man really without sin? Have you done ANYTHING in your life that you are so thankful for today that you didn't get caught?

I do not condemn the actions that led to police charges. But, I will NOT abandon my friend or his family in their time of need. I will proudly, and without fear, defend him. His enemies will pounce, but probably not publicly. No, instead, their evil forces will work in the background, working to steal this good man's position and this good man's honor. They will conspire to kick

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

■ EDITORIAL: Vote yes on property buy

Well, this is definitely a "saving face" for Mr. Mark Abbo. But the question does remain, will REIS have to abide by the Township ordinance rules? Or is Mark Abbo going to once again let them get away with whatever they want?

maallen

■ Northville DDA budget under fire

Wouldn't it make more sense to keep the

Join the discussion

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As our unemployment rate keeps climbing, does anyone feel our pain?

Michigan is hurting. The state's economic meltdown continues, as measured by the official unemployment statistic of 12.6 percent.

The pain families are feeling across this state is palpable and is not captured in Michigan's staggering high unemployment statistics. Watching the unemployment number steadily climb, nearly every year in the new millennium, has numbed us to the anguish it causes to real families. This statistic does not begin to capture the human and community devastation plaguing our state.

The first part of problem solving is problem identification. And the problem is greater than the ever rising unemployment statistic sited monthly by government bureaucrats.

I encourage the governor and the Legislature to create a new methodology that does not mask the devastation



Tom Watkins

this economic disaster has wrought on the people of Michigan. This methodology must measure the true human suffering taking place. Let's call it the HMI, or Human Misery Index.

How is Michigan's misery measured? Let me count the ways:

- the growls of school children's stomachs as they come to school hungry
- lines at soup kitchens and food pantries, composed of people who a year ago were donating and are now recipients
- loss of hope in the faces of the people that have been out of work for years
- homelessness rates among school-age children climb

COMMENTARY

- soaring home foreclosures
 - families with no options to hang on to, fleeing the state
 - the giant sucking sound, as our college-educated youth migrate away from their family in search for work
 - deteriorating and declining neighborhoods
 - poverty is rising and health insurance is disappearing
 - pets abandoned along the highways
 - rising rates of suicide and depression
 - the shame and despair on the faces of parents who can no longer feed, clothe and protect their children
- There is a silent disaster happening in Michigan.
- Once the HMI is created, it should be presented to Edward B. Montgomery, an economist and

the director of Recovery for Auto Communities and Workers, who President Obama likened to someone "who helps towns recover after a hurricane or other natural disaster." We have a disaster right here in Misery Michigan.

Montgomery has been described by colleagues that know him well as "not the sort of economist who views these as abstract problems." This is good, because these are not abstractions or statistics -- these are fathers, mothers, children and communities that are being destroyed.

The assistance most urgently needed are jobs, employment training and, if nothing else, relocation assistance. Do you have some Defense Department contracts you can steer to our tool and die plants, auto suppliers and auto companies? How about FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Assistance) funds for extensive job training to help the

unemployed and underemployed gain the skills necessary so they can be absorbed back into productive employment?

Finally, if the jobs are not to be found or created now in Michigan, we need relocation assistance to help families move to areas of the country (if there are such places) that can provide them with a new start.

Certainly, there are other things on our need list, yet, Montgomery, if you can do these three things, the families of Michigan would be grateful.

Our state is standing on the roof and the human misery is rising around us. We need assistance and we need it now.

Tom Watkins served the citizens of Michigan as state superintendent of schools, 2001-05 and state mental health director, 1986-90. He is an education and business consultant and can be reached at tdwalkins@aol.com.

YOUR NEXT JOB

Cover letters for job postings

With online jobs so easy to apply for, should you bother with a cover letter? Yes, most of the time, you should. The cover letter allows you to customize information directly to the employer's needs in a way that your resume does not. Sometimes, your cover letter generates enough interest in you to make the employer stop and examine your resume in more detail.

Your cover letter should use the same heading as your resume, and should be written in a business style, with the internal address of the recipient and the date written. If the job posting does not include the name and title of the person who will be reviewing the application, use either a "Dear Sir/Madame" salutation or replace it with a "Re: XYZ position" phrase.

Usually, a three paragraph format on one page works well. Your first paragraph should spark interest. Why are you writing? What about the job or employer interests you? Why are you a good candidate for the position? For example, this letter in response to an ad begins:

"I am writing in response to your advertisement for a Budget Analyst in the Boston Globe on Sunday, April 10. I am familiar with Rockland Trust; in fact, my good friend Joe Forgiore is a vice president in the Commercial Banking Division. After reading the requirements for the position, I felt that my background and experience were a good match for your needs. I have summarized your requirements and my experience below."

The job seeker has established credibility by mentioning a connection to the organization and alluding to his being a good fit.

The second paragraph should focus on what you have been able to do for your past employers and the qualifications you meet:

YOU REQUIRE:

- 5-10 years' experience; B.S./M.B.A.
- Proven budgeting experience
- Strong time management skills
- Strong communication skills
- Strong PC skills
- Report writing experience

I HAVE:

- 10+ years' experience; M.B.A.—Pepperdine U.
- Budgeting experience in several industries

- Proven ability to manage complex projects and meet deadlines
- Proven ability to consult with people in a variety of departments/levels
- Hands-on experience with PC and mainframe analysis computing
- Experience writing a wide variety of management reports
- In addition, I have been involved in budget preparation and budget management in both banking and telecommunications. Much of my time has been spent working closely with a wide range of departments within my organizations to develop variance reporting procedures to improve the accuracy of forecasting.

Notice that the jobseeker took the requirements right out of the ad and then matched them in exactly the same order using brief, punchy phrases. This can also be set up in a "balance sheet" approach. After setting up a Word table and completing the information, go back and select the table and hide the all the borders. The final block of text will look like a two column list, but is much easier to format. The final paragraph focuses on what the next steps will be:

"I am very interested in discussing this position with you. I look forward to talking with you soon."

Your close should project confidence that you are a strong candidate and that you expect the employer will follow up with you.

Often, online job applications will give you a space to create or paste a cover letter. Do not assume that this is an optional piece. Create a basic letter that you can adapt for specific applications and include the customized letter when you apply. The employer may be evaluating your business writing skills or may be interested in learning why you believe you are a good fit, or even, may be looking for evidence that you did some research on them before applying. Make this document work for you by enhancing your application.

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Home safety solutions for seniors who live alone

Dear Savvy Senior
I'm interested in getting my mother one of those emergency call systems with a wearable push-button for her home in case she falls or needs help, but could use some help. What can you tell me?
SOS

Dear SOS,
The product and service you're inquiring about is known as a "personal emergency response system," or PERS. But with so many on the market, it can be a bit confusing figuring out which system is best for your parent. Here's what you should know:

SENIOR LIFE LINE

Each year, one-third of seniors in the U.S. suffer a fall, often with serious consequences. Add in the fact that 11 million Americans age 65 and older live alone and we've got a serious problem on our hands. The solution: A PERS - which is essentially a wireless hotline to help.

A PERS is a home-based emergency alert service that will connect your mother to a 24-hour call center with the push of a button. The transmitter (SOS button) is typically worn as a neck pendant, wrist band or belt clip. When pushed it sends a signal to a receiver console that's connected to the home telephone line (they don't work with cell phones). When your mom pushes the button, the dispatcher at the call center evaluates her situation, and will notify you, another relative, a caregiver or 911, as needed. With most PERS set-ups, your mom can talk with the dispatcher from anywhere in the house through the system's receiver which works like a powerful speaker phone.

SAVVY SENIOR

While a PERS can be a wonderful home device for elderly seniors, it does have its drawbacks. Many seniors don't wear their SOS button regularly, and if they do have it on and fall, they still have to be alert enough to actually hit the button.

WHERE TO LOOK

With all the different PERSs available today, the Internet is the best place to start your search. PERSs are available through national companies (such as www.lifelinesys.com, www.rescuealert.com, www.lifefone.com and www.lifestation.com) as well as local or regional providers. Local providers are usually run by hospitals or social service agencies. A typical Internet search will bring up only the national companies. Adding a town, county, or state to your search will help you find local or regional options. Also check with your Area Aging Agency (call 800-677-1116 to get your local number). It's worth checking out both local and national providers because features, pricing and quality will vary.

OPTIONS AND COSTS

In most cases, PERS equipment (receiver console and SOS button) is rented but some companies offer the option to buy. Costs, too, will vary but you can expect to pay a small set-up or activation fee along with a monthly service/monitoring fee, usually around \$1 per day. Most companies give discounts for longer-term agreements, but be careful of contracts that lock you in. Some services may even

offer discounted pricing options for lower-income seniors. You'll need to ask. And some companies may provide extras services (in addition to the basic PERS) such as check-in calls, wake-up calls and medication reminders for an additional cost. When choosing a service, pay attention to the small print and always ask for a detailed price quote. Most health insurance plans, including Medicare, don't cover PERSs.

HOME MONITORING

If you're looking for a more thorough service, check out "home monitoring systems." These services combine the PERS with motion detectors (not cameras), placed in key areas of your mom's home, that will let you know (via phone or e-mail) if something out of the ordinary is happening. For example, if she didn't get out of bed at her usual time, or went to the bathroom and didn't leave, this could indicate a fall or other emergency. The great thing about this type of system is it requires no input from your mother, and you can check in on her anytime through their password-protected Web site. These monitoring systems, however, are more expensive than a PERS and are not covered by insurance. To find and compare systems Visit QuietCare (www.quietcare.com; 877-822-2468), Healthsense (www.healthsense.com; 800-576-1779) and GrandCare (www.grandcare.com; 262-338-6147).

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

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Walking in the Park
 TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. every Saturday
LOCATION: Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park (Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads)
DETAILS: Group meets for lunch afterwards
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 LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road
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 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
Radical Joy
 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: 5:15-8:15 p.m. 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.

NOVI UNITED METHODIST
 LOCATION: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road
 CONTACT (248) 349-2652 or visit umnovi.com
Sunday Worship
 TIME: 9:45 a.m.
Healing Service and Holy Communion
 TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month
Peace Vigil
 TIME/DATE: Noon, first Sunday of every month
LOCATION: In front of the church
DETAILS: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace
Advent Service
 TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. Sunday
Spring into Summer
 TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, June 13
DETAILS: Annual Juned Art/Craft Show. Go to www.umnovi.com to view some last year's 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 UMI bake sale
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DETAILS: 11 a.m. every Sunday on WRDT-AM 560 The WMIJ 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 Connections - 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, fellowship, friendships and more. Contact the number below for more information.
 CONTACT (248) 374-5920
Bible Studies and Prayer Nights
Learner's Bible Study
 TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Mondays Room A101
Men's Bible Study
 TIME/DATE: 6:30 a.m. Wednesday Single Adult Ministries office
Single's Bible Study
 TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays, Room C309
Relationship 101 Class
 TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., June 12
LOCATION: Knox Hall
DETAILS: Biblical guidelines on building relationships along with light refreshments and



PAM FLEMING/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Happy 25th anniversary, Arbor Hospice

Arbor Hospice celebrated its 25th anniversary May 9 by having family members of former clients plant a perennial in their loved one's memory at Northville's Community Park on Beck Road north of Five Mile Road. Northville was one of several communities to participate in a planting celebration in observance of the anniversary. Beatrice Keeber, right, of Milford, plants a purple lobelia in memory of her husband, Willard, who passed away on Dec. 11, 2007, with, from left, Gail Keeber, her daughter, of Warren; Sarah Longoria, her granddaughter, of Lebanon, Ohio; Anne Keeber, her daughter, also of Lebanon; and David Wurtsmith, her grandson, of Ann Arbor. She said lobelia was one of her husband's favorite plants. Ray Wiegand's Nursery in Warren donated the plants, which also included rose mallow and sundrops, and Arbor Springs donated water for the volunteers.

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 7
DETAILS: Discussions from a single adult, Christian perspective. Currently reading "At Home in Milford" 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

Ballroom Dance Lessons.
 TIME/DATE: 5-6:30 p.m., May 23
LOCATION: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile Road.
DETAILS: Wear comfortable, non-stick shoes. Minimal admission fee
CONTACT: For questions, contact Monica at mgm77@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 to 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: 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday; 7 p.m. Tuesday, 5 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday
Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.
Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment
Adoptive Parent Networking Meeting - TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. last Wednesday of each month
DETAILS: Free, informational meeting open to all adoptive families in Oakland County. Child care is available. Registration is required.

DETROIT FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
 LOCATION: 20260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road
 CONTACT (248) 348-7600 or visit dcnazarene.org
Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service
 Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:30 - 11:15

a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5, 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study; 7 p.m. Men's Evening Bible Study
Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast
Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC
 LOCATION: 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi
 CONTACT (248) 347-7778
Mass Schedule
 TIME/DAY: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday
Mothers Group
 TIME/DATE: 9:30-11 a.m. first and third Wednesday every month, through May 20
DETAILS: Providing fellowship, support and opportunities to grow faith. Childcare available. Suggested donation \$20. Don't have to be a parishioner to join.
CONTACT: Becky at (248) 305-5924 or Jeanne at (248) 380-6361

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE
 LOCATION: 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 a.m. first Saturday of every month

FIFTH COMMUNITY 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
Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m. Blended; 11 a.m. Contemporary; 11:30 a.m. Traditional
Carntata
 TIME/DATE: 8:30 and 11 a.m. services, May 17
DETAILS: A Carntata by Dietrich Buxtehude called "Every Word and Thought." A choir of about 30 people and a 12 piece chamber string orchestra will play. This for the community as well as for our church. Anyone can attend

MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL
 LOCATION: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads
 CONTACT: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
YogaFit Classes
 TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. every Monday
DETAILS: Eight weeks, \$55 continuous or \$8 per drop in session.
Merry Widows Luncheon
 TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month
Spiritual Journey's
 TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. every Sunday
Community Good Friday Service
 TIME: Noon
LOCATION: Holy Family Catholic Church
YogaFit classes
 TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m., Mondays
DETAILS: \$55/8 weeks, \$8 a drop in class

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH
 LOCATION: 770 Thayer, Northville
 CONTACT (248) 349-2621 or olvnorthville.org
Saturday Worship
 TIME: 5 p.m.
Sunday Worship
 TIME: 7:30, 9, 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

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CHURCH

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GRACEPOINTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LOCATION: The Novi Civic Center, Council Chambers
CONTACT: Rev. Brian C. Skeeth, Pastor (248) 497-3178 or gracepointe@mac.com, and gracepointe@pcpa.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
DETAILS: Nursery staffed by Nanny Poppriz.

OUR SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LOCATION: 140 N. Center, above Tutto's in Old Church Square, Northville
CONTACT: Pastor Bill Burke at (734) 927-0891
Sunday Worship: 11:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NOVI-FAMILY ORIENTED CHURCH

LOCATION: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptist-churchofnovi.org
Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.
Family Worship: 11 a.m.
Bible Study: 6 p.m.
Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month.

NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY

LOCATION: 41355 Six Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 348-9030

ORCHARD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

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

CROSSPOINTE MEADOWS CHURCH

LOCATION: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointe-meadows.org
Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.
Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages
DETAILS: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

LOCATION: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 427-1175 or churchofthe-holycross.com



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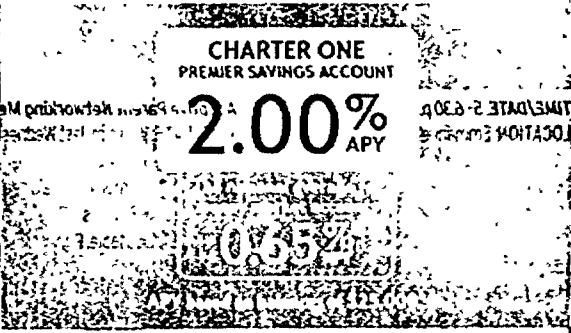
Maybury State Park staff member Selena Browne pauses by a nodding trillium along the park's path during a Spring Wildflower Walk held last Friday morning. Hikers were introduced to trout lilies, tooth wort, trillium, may apple, jack in the pulpit and a few other early season forest floor growers.



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Worship Service: 10 a.m.
Alzheimer's Support Group: 10 a.m.
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN

LOCATION: 23225 Gall Road, Farmington Hills
CONTACT: (248) 474-0584 or visit stjohn-lutheran.com

Saturday Worship: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Worship: 9, 11:15 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.
St. John Concert Series: 4 p.m., Sundays, May 17 and May 31
DETAILS: On May 17, The Lutheran Chorales, an all male choir with a love for the Lord and a talent for singing will present a concert of sacred and secular music. A free-will offering will be taken. On May 31, The Detroit Handbell Ensemble, one of Detroit's leading handbell choirs will present a concert of vibrant, exciting music. Tickets are Adults \$8.00, seniors and student \$6.00. **CONTACT:** To order tickets or for more information, call (248) 474-0584 or (248) 474-8521

NOVI-NORTHVILLE CENTER FOR JEWISH LIFE

LOCATION: Novi
CONTACT: www.novijewishcenter.com email rabb@novijewishcenter.com or call (248) 790-6075

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

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Local Events

FREE MOVIE NIGHT
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., Friday, May 15
LOCATION: NHS cafeteria
DETAILS: Northville High School's SADD Chapter will be hosting a FREE Movie Nite. Come and join us for Bo!!! Arts and craft fun before the movie plus Northville Townsh...

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

BREAST CANCER FUND-RAISERS
DATE: May 16
LOCATION: Mobil gas station - Corner of Six Mile and Haggerty roads
DETAILS: "Day of Caring" where donations will be accepted
DATE: May 30
DETAILS: A bottle and can drive in

various subdivisions throughout Northville, White Lake and West Bloomfield
TIME/DATE: 2 p.m., June 14
LOCATION: Novi Bowl on Novi Road between Eight and Nine Mile roads
DETAILS: A bowling fund-raiser
CONTACT: Local businesses or individuals who would like to make a contribution to fight breast cancer - go to the Web site www.the3day.org/site/PageServer, click on "Donate," and search for the Board of Directors page, or send a check made out to Breast Cancer 3 Day to Jan Connelly at 42654 Waterford, Northville, MI 48167

100 THINGS TIGERS FANS SHOULD KNOW AND DO BEFORE THEY DIE
TIME/DATE: 1 p.m., Saturday, May 16
LOCATION: Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 17111 Haggerty Road, Northville
DETAILS: Barnes & Noble welcomes Terry Foster author of 100 Things Tigers Fans Should Know and Do Before They Die. Events may change. Please call to confirm.
CONTACT: (248) 348-0696

RELAY FOR LIFE
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-10 a.m., Saturday, May 16-Sunday, May 17
LOCATION: Ford Field (Griswold, north of Main Street)
DETAILS: Relay for Life is a 24 hour fun-filled overnight event designed to celebrate survivorship and raise money for research and programs of your American Cancer Society. During the event, teams of people gather at schools, fairgrounds, or parks and take turns walking or running laps. Each team tries to keep at least one team member on the track at all times.
CONTACT: Learn more about this great event, including joining a team, becoming a Team Captain, sponsorship, or being a part of the planning committee and more, contact Nicole Abdilla at 248-663-3410 (office), 313-971-1011 (cell) or send an e-mail to nicole.abdilla@cancer.org

PARKINSON FOUNDATION WALK-A-THON
TIME/DATE: 9:30-10:30 a.m. registration, opening ceremony at 10:45 a.m., May 17
LOCATION: Northville High School, 45700 6 Mile Rd, Northville
DETAILS: The Michigan Parkinson Foundation (MPF) is holding its annual Walk-a-thon/5K Run events. Proceeds from these fund-raising events will benefit MPF and the individuals with Parkinson's disease



Summer theater camp

The Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main Street in downtown Northville, is offering children ages 6-10 professional theatrical instruction at its 2009 Summer Theatre Day Camp in June, July and August. Kids can have fun while learning a wide range of theatre skills and be part of a big musical theatre production using Broadway and movie tunes from the past and present. For more information, please call (248) 349-8110 or visit www.northvillemarquistheatre.com.

and their families whom it serves. 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. Each day will host great 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, the Northville Public Schools. Costs to participate are the following, day of event registration-add \$5 each: \$15 - walker, age 13 plus; \$10 - walker, age 12 and under; \$20 - All runners
CONTACT: To register, or for more information, (800) 852-9781, or visit www.parkinsonsmi.org.

Michael May and the Messarounds will perform in Town Square from 1-3 p.m. The 22nd Annual Northville Flower Sale is sponsored by the Northville Downtown Development Authority, Toll Brothers and Varsity Lincoln Mercury and presented by the Northville Chamber of Commerce.
CONTACT: For more information, contact the Northville Chamber of Commerce at 248-349-7640 or visit www.northville.org.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m., Monday, May 25
LOCATION: Downtown Northville
CONTACT: For more information, contact the VFW at 248-348-1490.

THE CONCERT THAT NEVER WAS
TIME/DATE: Noon-10 p.m., Monday, May 25
LOCATION: Northville Downs
DETAILS: To be announced soon

PARTICIPATE IN "WALK MICHIGAN" EVENTS
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m., Wednesday, May 27
LOCATION: Community Senior Center
TIME/DATE: 2 p.m., Sunday, May 31
LOCATION: Millennium Park
DETAILS: Bring your wagon and load up on great finds from over 20 top-rated greenhouses and garden shops at Northville's 22nd Annual Flower Sale. Among the many spring and summer blossoms for sale are ornamental accents, perennials, herbs, annuals, roses, shrubs, exotic plants, and trees. It brings a bounty of beautiful colors and varieties of vegetation sure to bring life to any garden. This "colorful" event also brings quality garden art and accessories for those final touches in your garden. On Saturday, May 23

LONG PLUMBING COMPANY 60 YEARS CELEBRATION
TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m., Friday, June 5
LOCATION: 190 E. Main Street, Downtown Northville
DETAILS: To celebrate their Big 6-0 Long Plumbing Co. is having an Open House and would like their customers to join them!
CONTACT: RSVP At: www.evening-withlongs.com or (248) 349-0999 x101.

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

TEDDY BEAR PICNIC COMING TO MILL RACE VILLAGE
TIME/DATE: 2-3 p.m., Sunday, June 14
LOCATION: Mill Race Village
DETAILS: Just like the old song says, "The Teddy Bears are having a picnic." Mill Race Village will open for the season. A special feature of Opening Day will be a Teddy Bear Picnic for 3-to-7-year-olds. Refreshments will be served, a costumed storyteller will spin tales. Participants are encouraged to bring their own special bears, and to wear Victorian costumes if they wish. They should bring a blanket or towel to sit on. Admission is \$1 per child. The party will take place rain or shine.
CONTACT: Reservations may be made by calling (248) 348-1845 (also the place to call for questions) by Wednesday, June 10

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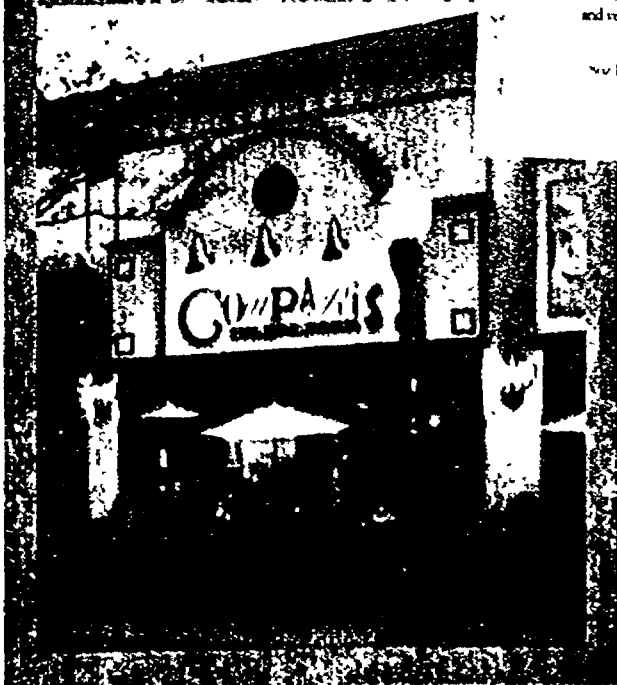
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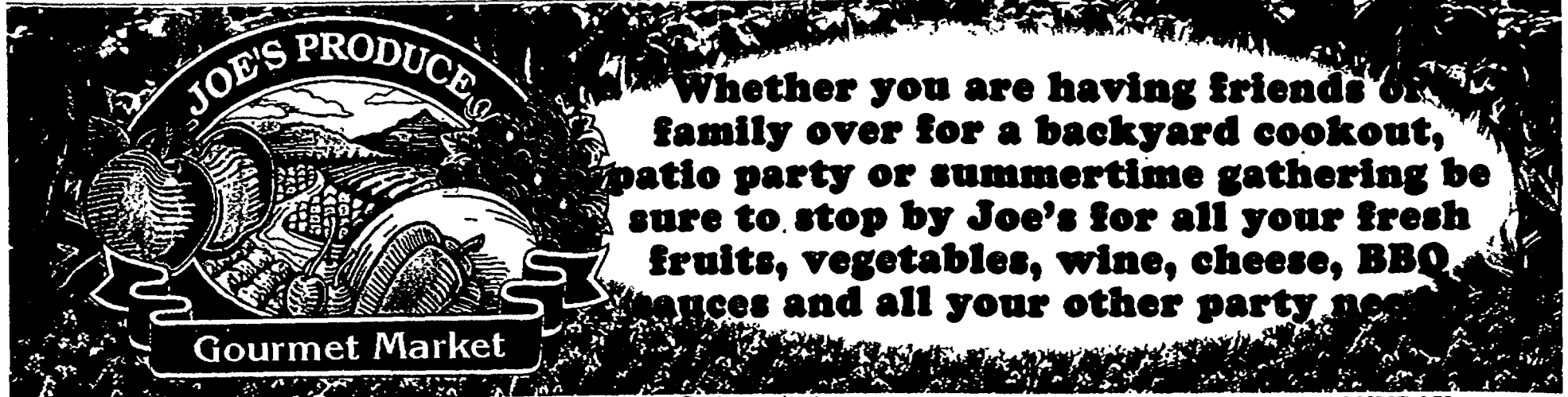
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Glove story: Mustangs' 'D' keys 2-1 victory

BY ED WRIGHT
RECORD STAFF WRITER

The only thing better than the weather during Tuesday afternoon's Northville-Salem baseball game was the leather.

Playing under 70-degree, sun-drenched skies, the Mustangs turned their 2-1 victory over the Rocks into a glove story.

With senior pitcher David Uberti throwing almost nothing but strikes, the Mustangs pulled off a pair of defensive gems to preserve their pivotal one-run win.

Northville improved to 21-1 overall and 9-1 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association. Salem slipped to 15-8 and 10-3, respectively.

With the victory, the Mustangs avenged a 19-5 setback at home to the Rocks in April.

"I didn't have to say a lot to them before the game," said Northville

coach John Kostrewa. "We had to chew on that loss for a long time. It wasn't that we lost that left a bad taste in our mouth, but that it was an embarrassing loss and that it was at home."

The first Sportscenter highlight-caliber play came in Salem's half of the fifth with the score knotted at 1-1 and Uberti deadlocked in a pitchers' duel with Rock senior southpaw Sam Ott.

Lead-off batter Heath Parling opened the frame for the hosts by reaching on an error. The next batter, Dave Loos, bunted toward third baseman Dan Mills, who fired Loos out at first. With third base unattended, Parling took off for third, but he was gunned down by Northville first baseman Bobby Thomas, whose across-the-diamond strike to hustling, on-the-move shortstop Kyle Breault capped the rare 5-3-6 double-play.

"That was a great athletic play by Kyle to get over there as fast as he did," said Northville coach John Kostrewa. "That's an instinct play that you don't even work on in practice."

Salem's next batter, Ott, then flied out deep to right field.

Northville's second big defensive effort came in the bottom of the sixth when Salem's Chris Kordick ripped a line shot to right field that Kevin Fisher fielded on one hop. He then unleashed a rope to Thomas at first to nip Kordick on the 9-3 putout.

"We actually work on that play and we've tried it quite a few times this season, but today was the first time we got anybody out," said Kostrewa. "It worked because of a combination of things. First of all the ball was hit hard. Secondly, their outfield



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Northville's Kyle Breault, pictured during a game earlier this season, stroked a double and a triple and scored both the Mustangs' run in Tuesday's 2-1 victory over Salem.

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GAME WRAPS

NHS golfers remain perfect

The Northville boys golf team — the No. 1-ranked team in Division I as of Monday — improved its record to 8-0 with wins Monday over South Lyon and Friday against Novi.

The Mustangs registered a convincing 147-165 triumph over the Lions at Tanglewood Golf Course. Steve Brown led the Mustangs with a sizzling round of 34 that proved worthy of medalist honors. Also scoring for the Mustangs were Trevor Grigg (37), Alex Bernstein (38) and Michael Walton (38). Brandon Cameron carded a 40, while Blake Bonatz came in with a 42. Alex Waybra was low man for South Lyon with a 38. Also scoring for the Lions were Ben Morman (41), Cody Tubbs (43) and Tony Kosal (43).

The Mustangs' junior varsity contingent edged South Lyon, 170-172, thanks to 41 each from Andrew Ukrop and Justin Berman.

In Friday's 153-160 victory over Novi, Trevor Grigg fired a team-low 37. Tim Kelly turned in a 38, while Bernstein and Cameron both registered 39. Wes Gates (40) and Eric Goebel (42) also played well for the Mustangs.

Novi was led by medalist Tyler Manning, who scorched the Tanglewood track with a 35. Also scoring for the Wildcats were Brent Womack (39), Steve Raykovich (41) and Nic Hanson (45).

Northville's JV team defeated Novi, 167-171, behind Bonatz's remarkable round of 35.

NHS summer boys basketball camps

The Northville boys basketball program will be hosting a Detroit Titans Basketball School June 29-July 2 at the Hillside Recreation Center in Northville and the Mustang Basketball Camp July 6-9 at Northville High School.

The inaugural Titans Camp will feature University of Detroit Mercy assistant coach Jay Smith, who will lead the two-hours-a-day clinic that will focus on playing with and without the ball, footwork, ball-handling, screening techniques, concepts of the motion offense and principles of the man-to-man defense, among other things.

Smith will be assisted by current Titan players.

The Mustang Camp will be divided into two sessions. Session I will run from 9 a.m. to noon each day and is designed for kids in grades 4-6; Session II will run 1-4 p.m. each day and is designed for seventh-through ninth-graders.

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Northville LAX team victorious on Senior Night

BY ED WRIGHT
RECORD STAFF WRITER

If Northville boys lacrosse coach Greg Durham could have written his own script prior to Friday night's Senior Night game against Bloomfield Hills United, it wouldn't have been much different than the game that actually unfolded.

The Mustangs edged Bloomfield Hills, 12-11, in a contest the team's seniors won't soon forget.

"We played well as a team," said Durham, whose team improved to 6-6 heading into this week's schedule of three games against state-ranked teams. "The defense played pretty solid all night long."

The Mustangs' attack was paced by Dylan Gelven, who netted four goals and two assists.

"Dylan really stepped it up," Durham said. "He has really come into his own this season. He was definitely the best player on the field that night. Sometimes I forget that he is only a sophomore."

Northville seized the lead for good late in the fourth on Jakob Kippola's goal that gave the winners an 11-10 advantage.

Other key efforts were turned in by Ian Meador, who won 13-of-20 faceoffs; and Drew Lamoureux and Nick Diegel, each of whom tallied a pair of goals.

"And Alec Stirton had nine ground balls and helped a great deal with the team being successful on our clears," Durham added.



BRIANNA DIEGEL

Pictured are the Northville lacrosse team's seniors: (front row) Jamie Cooke, (second row from left) Tommy Storch, Nick Diegel, Sean Larabell, (third row from left) Alec Stirton, Jack Rodzik, Chris Donohue and Drew Lamoureux.



Senior Nick Diegel has suffered two serious injuries the last two seasons while playing for the Northville boys lacrosse team.

Captain comeback

Diegel inspires teammates with amazing perseverance

BY ED WRIGHT
RECORD STAFF WRITER

If anyone deserved an adversity-free, success-paved final season of high school lacrosse, it was Northville's Nick Diegel.

Beginning with the moment he held that first lacrosse stick in his 9-year-old hands at a Novi summer camp in 2001, Diegel made a life-changing commitment to the sport.

"I saw a game on TV," he said, "and I loved it right away. My parents signed me up for a camp when I was in fourth grade. There was something about the sport that appealed to me."

"I liked the fact that it was a bunch of sports wrapped up into one. It has the formations like basketball, it's physical like hockey and football, you use some basketball moves in lacrosse, like the crossover. It's just a unique, fun sport."

Diegel dove into the sport head-first. He played nearly year-round

— including the past few summers on an elite Michigan travel team made up of the top players in the state — and often sharpened his stick skills in his spare time.

For the longest time, it appeared that the blood, sweat and years Diegel dedicated to the quickly emerging game would pay off with a college scholarship. Coaches at the next level loved his size (he now carries about 200 pounds on his 6-foot-4 frame), speed and instincts.

ADVERSITY STRIKES

But in the fourth game of his junior season, the unthinkable happened — Diegel suffered a season-ending broken ankle.

"I remember arriving at the game late because I had parent-teacher conferences," Northville lacrosse coach Greg Durham said. "I looked out at the field and noticed something wasn't right. I asked one of my assistant coaches, 'Where's Diegel?' When he told me he had broken his

ankle and they had taken him to the hospital, it took the air right out of me — not just because Nick was one of our top middies, but because he's a great kid and I knew how hard he had worked to get to where he was."

In the ensuing months, Diegel proved you can't keep a good middle down. He attacked his rehabilitation exercises like he attacked opposing defenses — with a relentless pursuit of 100-percent health that drew admiration from onlookers.

He even gave up his senior season on the Northville basketball team so that he could spend more time honing his already advanced lacrosse skills.

"I really enjoyed playing basketball," Diegel said, "but lacrosse was like my life, so I decided to dedicate my time to getting better."

A two-year captain, Diegel organized off-season workouts for his teammates and played in an indoor

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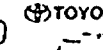
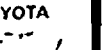
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league this past winter in Wixom.

The broken ankle was history; his future was brighter than ever.

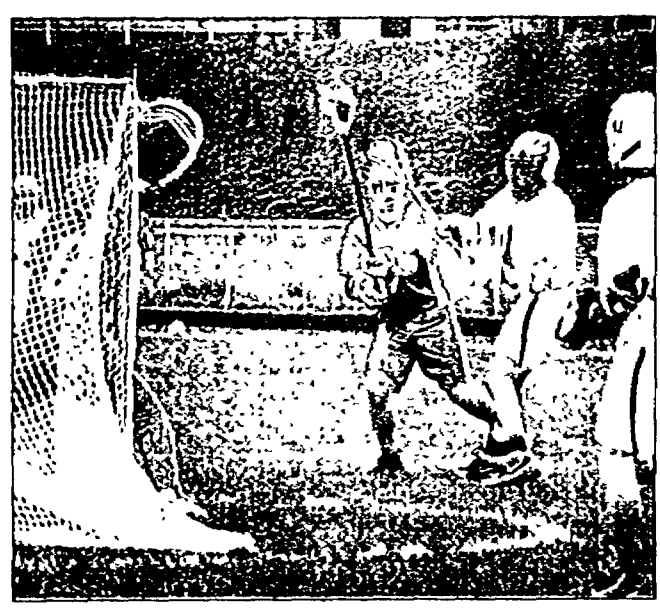
ANOTHER BAD BREAK

And then the unimaginable happened to the captain who had prepared himself so completely for a standout senior season.

"Twenty minutes into our first tryout, Nick went down," Durham said.

Diegel had suffered a serious hip injury that doctors estimated would sideline him for anywhere from six to eight weeks.

"When I talked to Nick that night, he was understandably pretty upset," Durham said. "The first thing I told him was, 'You're more important to the team right now than you've ever been.' I told him that he's the captain and that captains can't give up."



Nick Diegel (1) is pictured scoring a goal against Canton.

PERSEVERANCE RISES AGAIN

Once the shock of suffering his second serious injury in two years wore off, Diegel refocused his mind on getting back to the team as quickly as possible.

That moment came in the team's seventh game of the season, a hard-fought loss to South Lyon.

"The entire time he was out, Nick worked his butt off to get back," Durham said. "He couldn't run a lot, but he kept his stick skills sharp. When he

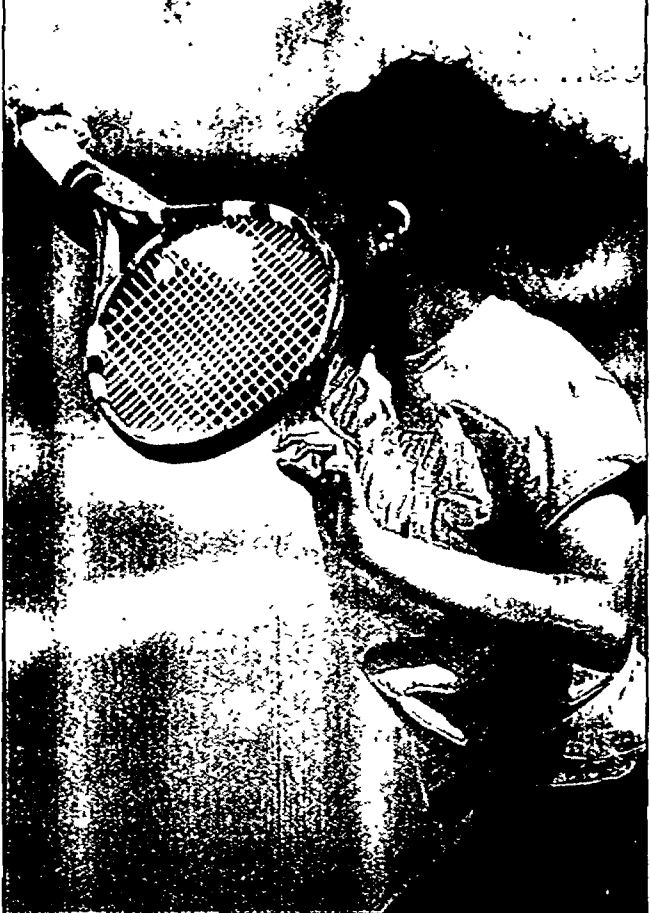
returned, he made our team so much better."

Shifted from his normal midfield position to attack, Diegel has excelled since his return. He's netted 15 goals and eight assists in just six games.

He's also proven to be an inspiring example of perseverance to his teammates, coaches and family.

"If I had to give advice to someone else who may have to go through what I've gone through, I'd tell them to keep their head up and think positive," Diegel said. "You have to know you'll get through it if you work hard enough."

While his dreams of a college scholarship evaporated with the injuries, Diegel will attend Central Michigan University beginning this fall. He plans on trying out for the Chippewas' club lacrosse team, which — without a doubt — will be enriched by his presence.



Tanya Joseph will play a key role in the Mustangs' state-tournament success.

Advertorial

TEE TIME

Your local golf guide

You are entitled to the lie your stroke gave you

By Jeanne Myers

You have played a pretty good shot to the green, and the ball has come to rest on the fringe or collar. A fellow competitor then blasts out of a green-side bunker depositing sand all over and around your ball.

Doesn't seem fair, does it? The USGA agrees with you, and has adopted many decisions they call Equity Decisions to take care of situations such as this. There is a principle in the Rules of Golf that says that a player is entitled to the lie his shot gave him. That principle comes into play here, and in the instance described above, the player is allowed to remove all the sand around his ball, even the sand on the fringe, and he can lift and clean his ball even though he is not on the green.

The same is true, in some circumstances, if another player's pitch-mark through the green interferes with your lie or line of play. Normally, you may not improve your line of play by eliminating "irregularities of surface" or "pressing down cut turf." Therefore, if the pitch-mark is there when your ball comes to rest near it, you will not get relief. But, if the pitch mark is created after your ball came to rest, in equity, you will be allowed to repair it.

Your ball lies in a bunker. You take a practice swing outside the bunker, and by mistake, tear out a large divot that lands behind your ball in the bunker. That divot is a loose impediment, and you are not allowed to remove it without penalty. However, if another player does the same thing to you, you are allowed to remove the divot under the principle that "the player is entitled to the lie his stroke gave him." The same would be true if your ball lies in a water hazard.

Suppose a branch falls from a tree and comes to rest on your ball lying in a bunker. You might assume that under this generous principle you are entitled to remove it — Not so. The principle applies only in cases in which the lie of the ball has been altered as a result of an act by another player, caddie, spectator or other animate outside agency. In this case, the lie was altered by natural causes and you are not entitled to relief.

The principle may also be applied when a player's area of intended stance is affected by another player's stroke. For example, if another player removes a huge divot when playing his ball, and that divot hole now affects your stance, in equity, you may restore that area as nearly as possible without penalty. The equity ruling even goes so far as to say that if the area of the stance can't be restored, you may place your ball without penalty on the nearest spot within one club-length of the original lie that provides the most similar lie and stance to the original. This new spot may not be nearer the hole or in a bunker.

This equity principle also applies if your lie or line of play gets improved instead of damaged. For example, your ball lies in a bunker, and before you can reach the bunker, a greenkeeping staff member rakes the bunker improving your lie or line of play. As long as you have not sanctioned the raking, you are absolved of penalty.

The general rule of thumb is that if another person creates the situation, you are absolved of blame and can get relief. However, if you create the situation yourself, or it happens through natural causes, you are just out of luck!

Jeanne Myers is currently an Assistant Tournament Director for the Golf Association of Michigan and also served as the Chairman of the USGA Women's Committee and is a Past President of the GAM.

Mustang, Wildcat netters should cross paths during state tourney

By Jeff Theisen, Sports Writer

Familiarity won't be a problem for Novi and Northville tennis at Friday's regional tournament.

The two have played each other twice during the regular season, crossed paths at a couple of tournaments and will face each other again Friday with the regional tournament title on the line. Regardless of the winner, both teams are expected to advance to the State finals.

"They're a good team and we're a good team," said Novi head coach Jim Hanson. "We're both ranked in the state. It pretty much comes down to who plays the best on a given day."

Northville handed Novi its only loss in the Central Division, but the Wildcats avenged the loss with a 6-3 win May 6, with four matches going three sets and Novi winning three of them.

The two teams tied for the Central Division title with matching 9-1 records.

The Wildcats have a clear advantage in singles, sweeping the Mustangs in both head-to-head matchups.

But Northville shows its depth by having an edge in doubles. During Northville's victory, the Mustangs swept all five doubles for a 5-4 win.

In the loss, Novi won a pair of three-sets at No. 1 and No. 2 doubles for a 6-3 decision.

Novi features juniors Amanda Border and Sara Carlsson at No. 1 and No. 2 singles, respectively. Freshman Abby Wang is playing at No. 3 singles and senior Jennifer Felcher returns to No. 4 singles.

For Northville, seniors Haley Johnston and Tanya Joseph hold the top singles spots with sophomore Joanne Weber at No. 3 and freshman Erin Doud at No. 4.

While Novi has ruled singles, Northville has had the edge in doubles.

Mustangs No. 1 tandem of Laura Taylor and Ursula Cauffiel have gone 2-1 against Novi's Lauren Felcher and Julia Thomas.

Northville's No. 2 Abby Grajek and Sabrina Masciulli have also gone 2-1 against Jenna Snyder and Megan Wenzl.

The Mustangs have swept through 3-5 doubles.

Mustang's Maudie Smith and Amy Bernstein have swept Novi and have just two losses on the year at No. 3; the No. 4 duo of Valerie Juan and Mackenzie Powers also have just two losses on the year; and the No. 5 combo of Caiti Darish and Jenna Grezlik have just one loss.

"We don't expect any trouble qualifying for States along with Novi," said Northville head coach Sandy Woolfall. "With the records we have right now in doubles, we're hoping to get seeded in all the doubles flights and have many girls advance to the second day semi-final and final rounds."

Novi, the defending regional champs will look to repeat with play beginning around 8 a.m. for the 12-team tournament. Matches will be played at Novi middle and high schools with all finals to be played at the middle school.

The top two teams and any other team that scores 18 or more points advances to the State finals.

"This is what we work for all season," said Hanson. "I think the kids are confident - you need that. You have to think positive when you walk out on the court."

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Gold Rush

The Northville Rush U9 Nike soccer team went 4-0 at the MASC Tournament in Cincinnati, OH on April 18-19. The boys kicked off their tournament schedule on Saturday exhibiting great teamwork with a 9-3 win over Hilliard FC Blue.

Stevenson boys surprise field at first KLAA Conference meet

BY BRAD EMONS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Livonia Stevenson pulled off a mild surprise Saturday by winning the inaugural KLAA Kensington Conference boys track title hosted by South Lyon East.

The Spartans, who placed fourth at the Observerland Relays and lost a dual meet earlier in the season to Salem, upstaged the 12-school field with 116.33 points.

Salem was runner-up with 103, while Northville (99), Livonia Churchill (66) and Livonia Franklin (64) rounded out the top five.

"We scored in every event and obviously that's a big thing," Stevenson coach Scott Shaw said. "All those sixths, sevenths and eighths, too, add up."

Stevenson individual winners included David Simor, long jump (20 feet, 6.5 inches); Nick Anagnostou, 100-meter dash (10.68); and Nate Sergison, 400 (51.03).

The foursome of Simor, Austin White, Sergison and Anagnostou also captured the

4 x 200 relay in 1:30.95.

Anagnostou just a week earlier finished fourth in the Observerland Relays' 100 behind Livonia Franklin's Paul Voegel and Westland John Glenn's Jeremy Langford, who went one-two.

This time Anagnostou edged out Churchill's Devon Easterling (10.81) and Voegel (10.96).

"Nick winning the 100 and not being seeded number with almost all the same sprinters (as Observerland) was a big thing for us," Shaw said. "And Eric Plisko finishing second in the 800 (2:00.75) with his best time by three-and-a-half seconds was key for us as well."

Stevenson also got a boost from Will Burek, who added three fifths including both hurdles events (110 highs and 300 intermediates) and long jump; Shawn Howse, fourth in the 1,600 and 3,200 runs; and Jon Aneed, sixth in both the shot put and discus.

"Aneed was seeded 11th and 12 and came in sixth in both," Shaw said. "Burek's three fifths added up to 12 points.

And both pole vaulters (Jon Gudeman and Henry Weyand) did decent in bad weather by taking third and fourth where we don't normally score that high."

Salem got firsts from Dana Baltazar, shot put (49-4); Dominique Williams, 200 (22.36); and Zach Gaskell, high jump (6-1).

Other individual winners included: T.J. Arancibia (John Glenn), discus, 146-6; Joe Marlow (Churchill), pole vault 11-1; Renaldo Powell (Wayne), 110 hurdles, 14.23; Frank Griffith (Northville), 1,600, 4:30.57; Warren Buzzard (Plymouth), 800, 1:59.91; Alisaghar Arastu (Northville), 300 hurdles, 37.78; and Mike Blaszczyk (Novi), 3,200, 9:51.45.

Churchill's foursome of Tony Frezzell, Scott Coppola, Travis Tomey and Easterling captured the 400 relay (43.62), while Northville captured both the 1,600 and 3,200 relays in 3:27.86 and 8:16.6, respectively.

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KLAA KENSINGTON CONFERENCE GIRLS TRACK MEET

May 9 at South Lyon East
TEAM STANDINGS 1 Novi 120.66 points 2 Churchill 114.5 3 Northville 97.5 4 Franklin 91.5 5 John Glenn 60 6 Stevenson 54 7 Canton 43 8 Plymouth 45 9 Salem 33 10 South Lyon 13 11 South Lyon East 3

100-meter hurdles 1 Jacklyn Konopka (Nville) 15.66 2 Dayna Esper (LC) 16.01 3 Seneca Scott (LF) 16.16 4 Regina Barbosa (Novi) 16.42 5 Jen Mueller (LS) 16.66 6 Lindsay Tyler (SL) 17.2 7 Anne Irvin (Novi) 17.42 8 Mandy McManus (P) 17.49

1,600 1 Caika (LS) 5:00.07 2 Kroll (LC) 5:01.02 3 Megan McPherson (LF) 5:21.36 4 Eie Robinson (Novi) 5:26.84 5 Brooke McManan (Novi) 5:32.12 6 Bethany Pilat (LC) 5:37.33 7 Abby Chandler (Novi) 5:40.18 8 Bianca Lucki (Canton) 5:41.6

BOYS TRACK RESULTS

KLAA KENSINGTON CONFERENCE BOYS TRACK MEET

May 9 at South Lyon East
TEAM STANDINGS 1 Livonia Stevenson 116.33 points 2 Salem 103 3 Northville 99 4 Livonia Churchill 66 5 Livonia Franklin 64 6 Canton 59 7 Novi 52 8 Westland John Glenn 33 9 Plymouth 31 10 Wayne Memorial 19 11 South Lyon 13 12 South Lyon East 6.5

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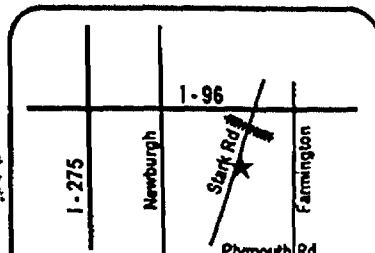
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Second to no one

The Northville varsity softball team captured the Oxford Invitational Tournament Saturday, May 9. Pictured are (front row from left) Megan O'Malley, Paige Wilson, Samantha Doud, Karly Fisher, Jennifer Buckingham, Mariel Wilson. (middle row from left) Nara Demuro, Katie Fenech, Meredith Williams, Natalie Demuro. (back row from left) coach Jim Ritz, Mary Rounsifer, Sara Rounsifer, coach Lindsey Elgammal and head coach Kary Couchman.

Lack of offense hampers Mustang soccer squad

BY ED WRIGHT
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Stellar defense couldn't overcome an offensive power outage for the Northville girls soccer team in a pair of games played Friday and Monday.

On Monday at Canton, Mustang defenders clamped down on the Chiefs, yet Northville suffered a 2-0 setback to drop its record to 7-2-3. The winners' goals came on a Lindsay Winters penalty kick during the game's 25th minute and a Mustang own-goal in the 65th minute that was credited to Canton's Tracy Rymph.

"We outshot Canton, 7-0, but allowed a penalty kick and an own-goal to hand the game to the Chiefs," said Northville coach Ron Meteyer.

On Friday, the Mustangs battled powerful Saline to a scoreless draw.

Northville held an advantage in every statistical category, according to Meteyer, but was unable to put the ball in the back of the net.

Kathryn Jansen registered the shutout as the Mustangs outshot their hosts, 7-2, while possessing the ball approximately 70 percent of the time, Meteyer estimated.

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is hard the ball got to Kevin fast. And third, Kevin has a great arm."

Salem's Kyle Powell sliced a two-out double in the bottom of the seventh, but Uberti extinguished the fire by getting Parling to ground out to second.

Uberti and Ott's brilliant performances were mirror images of each other as they both yielded four hits. Uberti notched two K's and Ott whiffed one. Both hurlers walked just one batter; Uberti's was intentional.

The game, which was delayed by 25 minutes to wait for the umpires to arrive, was played in just 90 minutes, due in large part to the efficiency of the two pitchers.

The contest had all the makings of a slugfest in the first inning when both clubs pushed across single runs. Breault led off with a triple and scored four batters later on Bobby Thomas's two-out single. Ott nearly escaped the frame unscathed, however, a catchable foul ball off the bat of Thomas was misplayed by the Rocks' first baseman.

Ott helped his own cause in the bottom of the first with an impressive home run over the right-center field fence.

Salem threatened in the third when Justin Bashi led off with a single, the next batter, Powell, reached on an error and Parling sacrificed them over to second and third.

However, Uberti got the next batter to ground out to the catcher. After Ott was intentionally walked, Drew Grabowski flied out to right to end the threat.

Northville scored the game-winner in the top of the sixth when Breault led off with a double, advanced to third when Matt Deacon flew out deep to center, and scored on a Uberti sacrifice fly.

Dave Hales and Bashi accounted for Salem's other two hits.

NORTHVILLE 9, SOUTH LYON 0: Kevin Fisher pitched a one-hitter with four strikeouts for Northville (21-1). Bobby Thomas went 1-for-3 with a three-run homer, and Joe Hirka went 2-for-4 with a



Senior first baseman Bobby Thomas has played a key role in Northville's 21-1 season.

three-run home run. **NORTHVILLE 13-8, CHURCHILL 3-2:** Ryan Mullen had a big day as the Mustangs (17-1, 10-1), K.L.A.A Central Division leaders, won both ends of a double-header Friday from visiting Livonia Churchill (8-11-1, 5-7) in a Kensington Conference crossover.

Ryan Mullen allowed just three hits in the opener and belted a grand slam as Northville won the first game, 13-3. Mullen knocked in five runs and scored three times.

Troy Bogenschutz was the losing pitcher.

In the second game, Mullen hit a solo homer as the Mustangs prevailed, 8-2. Ryan Leining worked the final 4.2 innings in relief of starter Trystin Scott to pick up the win.

David Uberti also added two hits, two RBI and scored twice for Northville.

Tyler Bledsoe went 2-for-4 for the Chargers, including a 2-run homer in the third inning.

Churchill starter David Harris, who went the first four innings, took the loss. He allowed all eight runs on eight hits and one walk.

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8. Any advice for business owners?

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Dan Hoops

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ing that threat.

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for the time he or she spent working on your behalf. Attorneys bill their clients in hourly increments (e.g. 1/6 or .25 hour) due to the fact that every phone call, short cover letter will add up at the end of the day. So, you must understand that every time you call your attorney with a question or to provide "a thought" or "see if you heard anything," this phone call will be added to the tab (10-minute phone call at \$250 per hour = \$25). If you find yourself in a prolonged legal proceeding, you need to understand that each trip to the courthouse, waiting in the courtroom for your case to be called for a hearing, deposition, every meeting (inter-office or between opposing parties), research, etc will be added to the bill. 300 hours x \$200 per hour = \$60,000.

Consider pooling your assets

If you are in a position where retaining an attorney yourself just does not make good economic sense, try to determine if there are other people who may have the same dispute or rights as you do. For example, if you are a tenant in a building and the landlord has not followed the terms of the lease. You may discover that five or eight other tenants have the same or similar grievances. Consider discussing with these fellow tenants the prospect of retaining an attorney together. All of you would be asking for the same judicial relief, but rather than take the lead on your own, split the costs and fees evenly. \$60,000/5 = \$12,000.

Request a split reduced hourly fee

Some attorneys are willing to discuss with you the prospect of reducing their hourly rates for a partial contingency fee if they are successful. By receiving a partial hourly fee, they are able to minimize their risk of losing at the end. This also benefits you knowing that you will not bleed yourself dry trying to prosecute your case. In other words, your attorney could reduce his or her hourly fee from \$250 per hour to \$100 per hour plus a 20 percent contingency fee if they are successful.

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For location specifics and pre-registration, call (248) 858-0783.

Start a Business — A seminar for anyone thinking about going into business, participants examine their entrepreneurial skills, learn how to implement their ideas and receive a list of pitfalls to avoid when starting a business. The class runs from 9 a.m.-noon on Thursday, May 14.

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tion, call (248) 858-0783. The fee is \$30. No refunds.

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SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Dr. Koss (left) confers with Frances Pachota, RN, over a tablet computer. Koss and other Brighton Family Care Specialists physicians can access their patients' electronic medical records (EMR) instantly with this technology.

BY ALISON BERGSIKER
ADVERTORIAL COORDINATOR

A good family physician will not only take care of your physical, mental and emotional health, he or she will become a trusted consultant for you and your family through all the stages of your life. With so many doctors to choose from, finding the right family physician can be a difficult choice to make.

Brighton Family Care Specialists is an IHA group practice located inside the Genoa Medical Center. Six licensed and board certified family physicians work cooperatively to provide the most up-to-date care in all areas of medicine. They are trained to treat and diagnose a wide spectrum of health problems.

Welcome Dr. Koss

Adding to its list of qualified family physicians, Brighton Family Care Specialists warmly welcomes Marcus Koss, M.D. to its staff.

Dr. Koss recently left a practice in the Northville area to join the team at Brighton Family Care Specialists, and is eager to accept new patients — as well as patients he served in the Northville- Novi area.

"This is a very beautiful area, and I'm really enjoying meeting new people," states Dr. Koss.

To accommodate patients with busy schedules, Dr. Koss is also available Monday and Wednesday until 7 p.m. One of the six physicians is available to see urgent-need patients on Saturday mornings.

"He is a welcomed addition to the practice," said Janice Queener, practice manager. "He is also accepting patients from all insurances and has really flexible office hours."

Dr. Koss graduated from medical school at Wayne State University in 1999 and completed his residency at Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center in 2002. He holds an American Board of Family Medicine certification and provides

care to patients of all ages, from newborns to seniors.

Dr. Koss also has an interest in sports medicine and is able to provide tips to athletes and treat sports-related injuries.

Health education and advancements

Dr. Koss finds great value in the relationship he develops with patients. He believes in empowering, educating and encouraging patients to become active participants in their own health care.

"I enjoy answering patient questions," Dr. Koss said. "I find that many patients are confused. I try to educate my patients through handouts and discussion to clarify concerns they may have."

Dr. Koss chose Family Medicine because he likes the variety it offers. "I can provide care for the entire family. There's a lot to be said for knowing the dynamics of a family and its affects on their health."

With the push by the Obama administration for new technology in health care, electronic medical records (EMR) are the wave of the future. Brighton Family Care Specialists are ahead of the game with a fully automated system. Dr. Koss and the other providers utilize a computerized system for all visit notes. Prescriptions are electronically delivered to pharmacies, eliminating the need for a paper script.

EMR also allows the physicians at Brighton Family Care Specialists to provide instant records, such as lab and X-ray reports to area health care systems including St. Joseph Mercy and University of Michigan hospitals.

"Using EMR, I can look up patient histories, conduct patient interviews, enter information and have instant access to my patients' records," Dr. Koss said.

Brighton Family Care Specialists also hosts a nurse triage system, where patients are instantly connected with a nurse who evaluates their needs.

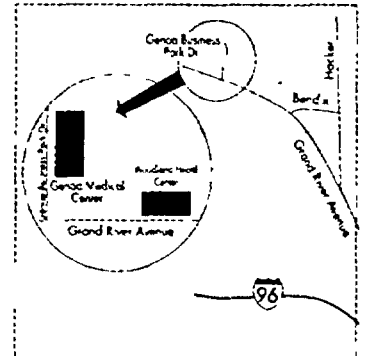
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—Marcus Koss, M.D.

Brighton Family Care Specialists welcomes Marcus Koss, M.D.

Local family physician accepting patients new and old

Brighton Family Care Specialists



"We give them appropriate advice on treatment right over the phone and clarify the level of care that they need," said Frances Pachota, RN.

Other specialized services offered at the practice include "Planned Care Visits," where patients with diabetes are provided in-office consultations and scheduled follow-up phone visits to help manage their chronic condition.

Centrally located

Dr. Koss' practice is located in the Genoa Medical Center on Grand River Avenue, just a few miles west of US 23 off I-96. The practice conveniently shares space with a range of other medical specialists.

Within the Center, patients have access to experts in orthopedics, ophthalmology, otorhinolaryngology, gynecology and obstetrics, a fertility center, a pharmacy and even a café bistro. Also in the Center is a blood drawing facility and an imaging center to take needed X-rays. Patients find this helpful because they can get everything done in one visit. The Woodland Health Center is located just south of the building, and St. Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital is a short distance away.

Brighton Family Care Specialists is an IHA group practice. IHA is southeast Michigan's leading private practice, multiple specialty group with 150 physicians and 37 nurse practitioners, care for more than 250,000 patients throughout the Washtenaw, Livingston, Wayne, Jackson, Lenawee, Monroe, Ingham and Oakland counties.

Brighton Family Care Specialists is located at 2305 Genoa Business Park Drive, Ste. 200 in Brighton and can be reached at 810-494-6840.

Learn more about the practice at www.ihacares.com.



Dr. Koss examines a patient at Brighton Family Care Specialists. Koss recently left a practice in the Northville area and is eager to accept new patients — as well as patients from the Northville- Novi area.



Brighton Family Care Specialists physicians and staff are dedicated to providing quality medical care for all of your family. From your newborn to your most senior members. Brighton Family Care Specialists are accepting new patients. To schedule an appointment call 810-494-6840.

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Tundra Keeps Toyota Relevant in Scrappy Pickup Segment

Advertising Feature

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By Dale Buss

Toyota uncovered a freshened 2010 Titan recently, a marked improvement with a new Platinum package, updated appearance and a new 4.6-liter V8-engine option. The enhancements added appeal for Toyota's pickup entry at a time when it really comes in handy as two of its main competitors have fielded brand new versions.

Now, the premium Platinum package is being offered on CrewMax Limited models with the 5.7-liter V8. On the outside, special 20-inch wheels, "Platinum" icons, a billet-style grille, chrome bumpers and door-sill protectors distinguish this top-of-the-line version.

Inside, the new Platinum version includes a power driver's seat with memory, puddle lamps, moonroof, navigation, vented seats, unique leather seats and wood-trim shift knob and door trim. The Platinum package retails for \$5,140, in addition to the price of the base truck.

Toyota also spruced up the rest of the Tundra lineup with updated grilles, rear lamp housings, standard front-knee airbags, and height-adjustable headlights.

Toyota is trying to equip the Tundras it builds at the sweet spot of option levels for the market, explained Kevin Higgins, Toyota's corporate marketing manager for pickups and SUVs. Among other things, that means increased output of the Double Cab version equipped for the new model

year with the new 4.6-liter engine. The new power plant offers 34 more horsepower than the 4.7-liter V8 it replaced in the 2009 Tundra. "With this version, we can compete more at the segment's core price points than before," Higgins said. Tundra is a huge vehicle, weighing in at about 5,400 pounds. The old 4.7-liter engine did alright moving the metal, but it never generated the right levels of driver confidence on the highway - especially compared with its monster sibling, Toyota's 5.7-liter V8. The new 4.6-liter engine has the best power ratings per liter of any mid-level, half-ton V8.

The engine in the Double Cab 4x4 version is twinned with a new six-speed transmission, and together they reach about 20 mpg on the highway.

The company replaced the original, eight-year-old Tundra with a redesigned, full-size version in early 2007, projecting sales of 200,000 units a year as the launch essentially completed Toyota's invasion of its last major U.S. vehicle segment. Tundra came close to 200,000 sales in its first year, and then Toyota invested about \$800 million in a new plant in San Antonio to handle predicted growth.

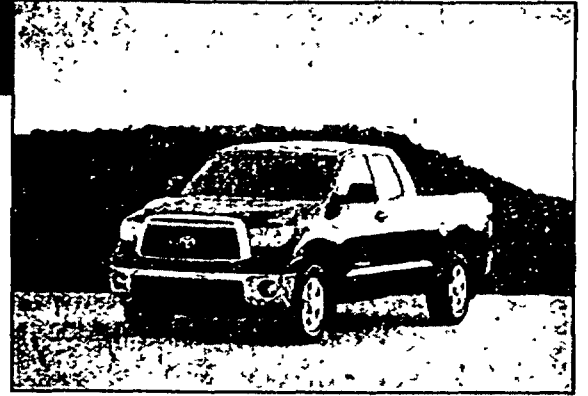
But last year, sales dipped to about 137,000 Tundras. And so far this year, the projected total is about 74,000 units, according to Edmunds.com.

Naturally, such a breathtaking shortfall

PLATINUM

Tundra's new Platinum package burnishes the brand for 2010.

The popular Double Cab version of the Toyota Tundra.



has called for some marketing adjustments even by the normally sure-footed Toyota brain trust. There have been several as the company introduces its 2010 Tundra series right now.

Also, Toyota truck marketing is going increasingly online even though pickup-truck buyers have been the least likely demographic to find there. "We're trying to get our message points a little lower in the shopping funnel where we might have greater efficiencies" in reaching buyers, Higgins said.

The company will continue to rely greatly on event marketing. The Tundra Prove It! Tour gave thousands of people in the truck-buying demographic opportunities to try out the new Tundra over the last couple of years without having to go to a dealership. And Higgins said Toyota wants "to continue that." But the company is likely to include other models along with Tundra in future such events.

And, Toyota plans to continue its demonstration-based TV marketing. Over the past couple of years, that approach has had Tundra performing some mechanically amazing feats involving a high cliff. Look for the 2010 model to be promoted with the return of an ad first aired during the Super Bowl in which a Tundra actually tows 10,000 pounds up a very steep tower proceeding through a tunnel of fire.

"We still have the top-line objective of communicating Tundra's performance capability, and we think this is the best way of doing that," Higgins said. Competitors may be focusing more on specific features in part because Tundra has established its supremacy in the segment in areas such as fit and finish, he asserted.

"I'm not sure; we think we have that as brand equity," Higgins said. "Anyway, what we need to communicate about Tundra is 'presidential' issues and top-line capabilities."

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Photo by John R. Hall
Dr. Kathy Duncan uses a soft touch to correct spinal alignment in her Novi and Allen Park offices.

Soft Touch Chiropractic

248-348-2000

For Dr. Kathy Duncan, talking about her business, Soft Touch Chiropractic, is like taking a nostalgic trip down memory lane.

So many foundations for her success began with the teachings of her father and the many lessons she learned as a registered nurse working in a hospital in critical care and the emergency room. When she looks back on her experiences in the medical field, she knows that her patients today have benefited from her knowledge of her field and her genuine care for them.

"My nursing experience has been very helpful," she said. "I utilize it every day when I am examining and helping my patients."

Basically, the soft touch tissue approach to treatment focuses on the spine, muscles, tendons and ligaments. "I have to thank my dad for getting me interested in the soft touch chiropractic method. He went to a seminar on the subject and began using it in his practice. He was getting such good results that I decided to give it a try. I used the method during the years I worked with Dad before eventually using it in my own practice," she said.

Dr. Duncan's method involves using constant static pressure on specific points along the spine, allowing the spine to realign and balance the nervous system. "Patients are surprised by how gentle and non-invasive the method is," she said. "Yet despite its gentle nature, the method produces dramatic results."

Dr. Duncan has been using this method to successfully treat her patients for 18 years — the last 15 at her present location on Novi Road, just south of Ten Mile Road. And her patients have remained very loyal to her.

"I have had some patients for the entire 18 years," she said. "I have enjoyed hearing stories

about their kids and even their grandkids. I've even been invited to some of their weddings, too!"

Her patients think so much of her methods and her friendly personality that 98 percent of them have come to Soft Touch Chiropractic through referrals and word-of-mouth. Despite the many familiar faces among her patients, there are also many new ones as well. The group is becoming decidedly younger.

"I'm starting to see a lot more children," Dr. Duncan said. There are so many activities for them and their sports are becoming so much more competitive. I have seen a lot of sports injuries."

She has also seen a lot of new faces who are trying out soft touch chiropractic for the first time, curious to find new ways to take better care of their bodies. "People know they have to take responsibility for their health," Dr. Duncan said.

The slower economy has not been a deterrent. Affordable alternatives, such as soft touch chiropractic, have come at a very opportune time.

"People are looking for alternatives to more expensive methods of pain relief," she added.

Thanks to her recent purchase of her father's practice in Allen Park, Dr. Duncan can now bring her popular practice to a larger audience. That suits her just fine. "The main thing that I enjoy is helping people," she said. "I enjoy what I do and do not feel like I am going to work every day."

Soft Touch Chiropractic is located at 23895 Novi Road Ste. 100 in Novi. Contact Dr. Duncan today at 248-348-2000 to see how she can help you.

— John R. Hall

Janice Eldon



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Jan works one-on-one with every client to provide entirely personalized skin pampering sessions.

Jan's Skin Spa

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Tucked into a cozy corner of downtown South Lyon is a business that offers what we all deserve, but so rarely achieve... gorgeous, radiant skin. Jan's Skin Spa's charismatic founder and Licensed Esthetician, Janice Eldon, has made it her mission to rejuvenate and purify the skin we're in, so that our mirrors reflect back our beauty, not our age.

"Think of me as a Personal Trainer for your skin," invites Jan.

A Licensed Esthetician with both a dermatological background and seven years of salon experience, Jan brings an experience-based knowledge and professionalism to her work. In addition, she stays current on the latest evolutions in facial/bio aesthetics field through continual research and training. In this way, she is able to offer her clients the most effective and innovative services available.

Jan designed her business to provide a tranquil and private retreat from the hustle and strain of daily life. Customers hail from across the county and beyond to enjoy everything from body-wraps and microcurrent facial/body sculpting, to glycolic peels, and waxing/sugaring hair removal. The Spas Injection Specialists, Kristine Rondeau, RN, BSN, applies her own expertise to easing away clients' lines and wrinkles with Botox and dermal fillers. Most popular, however, are Jan's specialty facials.

"I've developed a system that combines the best of four different styles of massage that work on uplifting under the chin and over the face," she said.

Jan's beautifying services extend to professional make-up application — using and retailing the finest eco- and skin-friendly cosmetic products from Mirabella, Bioelements and AHAVA Dead Sea Laboratories. Clients can likewise choose from a myriad of uniquely scented Root Candles, or the popular self-tanning product, St. Tropez, also offered at the Spa.

With the popularity of her services on the rise, Jan's time is always at a premium. However, as an 18-year South Lyon resident and a strong supporter of fellow business owners, Jan has recently been appointed to the Downtown Development Authority.

In her spare time, Jan likes to spend time with her family, along with faux finish painting, refinishing furniture and home decorating with the help of Mary at Casa De Amici.

Jan's Skin Spa is located at 105 N. Lafayette St. in downtown South Lyon.

Interested in turning back your skin's clock? Visit www.jansskinspa.com for list of services, or call Jan today at 248-515-8987 for an appointment.

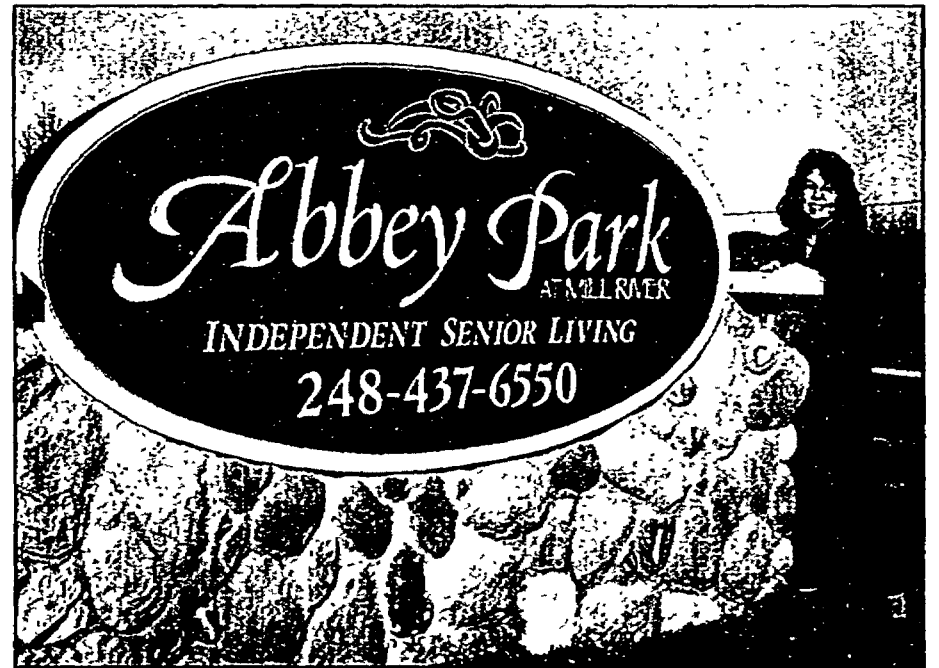
— By Allison Bergsteiner

Tamra Ward



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Abbey Park at Mill River opened its doors to residents in January and is located in Lyon Township.



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Tamra Ward, South Lyon resident and Administrator of Abbey Park, has more than 30 years of volunteer experience.

Abbey Park at Mill River

248-437-6550 • www.abbeypark.com

Tamra Ward didn't plan on becoming administrator of Lyon Township's newest senior housing community — the opportunity chose her.

"When I stepped into the building, I walked in and knew that was it," Ward said of Abbey Park at Mill River, which opened January this year. "When you step into the building, there's a grand entrance, a chapel, a theater, a little country store and an ice cream parlor I'd never seen anything like it for seniors. There's all of these things under one roof and yet everything about the way we do business is intended to make everyone independent."

A South Lyon resident and former director of the Chamber of Commerce for the South Lyon Area, Ward is well known in the community. She's currently a member of both the Lyon Township Rotary Club and Downtown Development Authority. Tamra is proud of her husband, John Ward, general manager of Light Source Inc., a theatrical lighting company in Milford. Her oldest son, Ryan, 27, is pursuing a master's at Michigan State University, and her other son, Christian, 23, is a junior at Texas A&M University. She has two dogs, girlfriend and Sydney.

Ward has a passion for giving, and her previous occupations are obvious indications of that: boasting more than 30 years of volunteer experience. She started out early as a PTA president, went on to serve as a community representative for a congressman, served on a fundraising committee for a children's hospital, served on a board of directors at a hospice and for a domestic violence shelter in

Texas. Ward also worked on a fundraising gala event for the American Heart Association, where she raised \$1.5 million to fight heart disease.

"When my kids were little, they'd say, 'My mom's a volunteer,'" Ward said.

Abbey Park is a 150-unit senior living community independently owned by Oakland County residents Edward Rosenbaum, Dr. Benjamin Stein and Joseph Norber.

"Our owners have more than 30 years experience caring for seniors in Michigan," Ward said.

The state-of-the-art community has 24-hour staffing, a medical alert system, dining room, café, theater, chapel, library, hair salon, fitness center and a full-facility generator. Medicare-certified care and personal care services are available around the clock. Residents are able to maintain their dignity while the staff quietly cares for them in the background.

"I like to take care of people," Ward said. "Here, I can be a caregiver. I can put my heart out there and help people and not have anybody hurt it. This work is very, very fulfilling."

After serving as chamber director, Ward sees a lot of similarities in her new job.

"Abbey Park kind of like a little community of its own," Ward said. "I am building relationships with our residents everyday and creating activities and events for them to attend."

Abbey Park is located across from Coyote Golf Course off Milford Road. Fireplaces, water fountains and elegant lighting

grace the spacious lobby and welcome visitors. Within the 195,000-square-foot facility, residents can choose from nine floor plans with one or two bedrooms with or without a den, and many offer walk-in closet options. All apartment rental fees include a daily continental breakfast, luncheon in the grand dining hall, daily housekeeping, weekly maid service, scheduled chauffeured transportation, a complete schedule of organized events and activities and more.

A full-facility generator, two elevators and electronic key entry offer additional reassurance. Heat, water, electricity and basic cable are included, and the community is also pet friendly.

A full-time activity director offers a menu of field trips and activities ranging from trips to the theater, restaurants, local landmarks and festivals, shopping malls and regular trips to the market. Within the community there are exercise classes, current event and book discussion groups, craft and sewing projects, card games such as bridge, poker and Euchre, weekly live entertainment, ice-cream socials and happy hour, bingo and luncheon in addition to holiday parties and celebrations.

Abbey Park is located at 28413 Abbey Lane. New Hudson Tours are available during regular office hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Advance reservations for tours are encouraged. Contact Tamra Ward at 248-437-6550 or visit www.abbeypark.com for more information.

— By Allison Bergsteiner

Women who truly shine!

Women are proud of who they are, how much they accomplish and what they overcome to be successful.

Women in our communities have become caring mothers and wives, specialized doctors and medical personnel, salon experts, sales consultants and business owners, providing young girls role models to look up to while sharing their skills with local residents.

Meet the 2009 Women in the Know!

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Ladies drive success at LaFontaine



The ladies of LaFontaine Automotive Group are an integral part of the success of the entire LaFontaine team, working in all aspects of corporate operations.

LaFontaine Automotive Group

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There's a reason that all these women are smiling at LaFontaine Automotive Group! They are thrilled to be an integral part of the success of one of southeast Michigan's most innovative and busy dealerships — the new "green" LaFontaine Automotive at M-59/Highland Rd. just west of Hickory Ridge Rd in Highland Township.

The first Gold LEED-certified dealership in the nation, LaFontaine Automotive moved into its new state-of-the-art "green" building in Highland in June 2008.

LEED stands for "Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design," and provides a basis for community education and support for a local commitment to environmental concerns through this dealership.

This new "green" dealership actually conserves energy, water and other natural resources, according to the LaFontaine family. It improves the quality both in the indoor and outdoor environments, reducing the amount of waste sent to landfills, as well as harmful greenhouse gas emissions.

"We have made LaFontaine Automotive in Highland a destination," said Maureen LaFontaine, the matriarch of this proud automotive family. "We actually have our buses stopping here on a regular basis to see the dealership and its amenities. There's nothing like it anywhere else."

In addition to state-of-the-art technology, architecture and design, these unique dealership amenities include Lady La's Boutique & Salon, Ooh La La's Bistro Cafe, a 450-gallon aquarium in the Kids' Zone play area, among many others.

"We know how busy everyone is these days, so we have brought a number of services into our dealership to be helpful to our customers," explained Maureen. "Now when you're bringing

your vehicle in for service, you can also pick up a gift for your mother's birthday, have a bite to eat in our cafe and enjoy a manicure yourself!"

LaFontaine Automotive in Highland has also created a sense of community within its own walls by adding a conference room that groups and organizations can use at no charge. The facility is able to cater to many different events, said Kelley LaFontaine, business to business manager.

LaFontaine Automotive is truly "the family deal," as their slogan says. "My two sons are the general managers, my daughter, nephew, daughter-in-law and her mom work with Mike and I, too. We also think of our staff as family." When the LaFontaine's are not inside their dealership alongside their 150 employees at the Highland store alone, they are out and about in the community helping to promote local events and charities.

"We involve ourselves in our community 24 hours a day, seven days a week," said Maureen. "We are thrilled to be an active community participant in the lives of our schools, businesses, community organizations and charities. Especially close to our heart are two charities — Child Cancer Campaign and the National Kidney Foundation."

"Our motto at LaFontaine is to 'work hard, play hard and the customer is number one,'" said Maureen. "This new dealership provides an environment that allows all of us to do just that."

The former Highland location of LaFontaine Automotive now serves as the LaFontaine Auto World, the dealership's used car super store. It joins the other LaFontaine family of dealerships in Dearborn, Dexter and Saline.

— By Sally Rummel

Dawn Salvati



Dawn Salvati, owner of La Casa Del Rio Grande, prides herself on being very customer accommodating. File Photo

La Casa Del Rio Grande

248-446-7700 • www.riogrande-restaurant.com

Nearing its eighth birthday this month, La Casa Del Rio Grande continues to be the South Lyon area's one-stop for authentic Mexican food, American specialty cuisine and amazing service.

To celebrate, Owner Dawn Salvati invites the public to kick off the summer on Saturday, May 23, with an American barbecue.

"We will be offering ribs, chicken and burgers with sides of homemade potato or pasta salad or scalloped potatoes," Dawn said. "All American beers will be specially priced at \$2 per bottle."

Year-round, La Casa Del Rio Grande offers an inspired menu of Mexican and American food, tailored to your personal tastes and preferences, along with a full-service bar. The restaurant has won the South Lyon Herald's People's Choice Award seven years in a row.

"I take great pride in our kitchen, and our recipes come from the Chihuahua, Mexico area," Dawn said. "My whole family is involved in making your experience here an enjoyable one. I serve the food in the restaurant as if I were serving it to my family."

In fact, Salvati is more at home in the restaurant than one might think. La Casa Del Rio Grande is located on the site of her childhood home, with the property owned by her family for more than 40 years.

"I'm a true New Hudsonite, with close ties to the community," said Salvati. "This place is very meaningful to me. My grandmother was the playground attendant at the local elementary for more than 25 years. I have a wonderful husband and two daughters who are all part of the restaurant staff."

Salvati prides herself on being very customer accommodating. She can easily provide options for guests with food allergies and will customize your order to your liking. Everything served in the restaurant is made right in the building, except for tamales that come straight from Evies in southwest Detroit.

"Our dinner prices are better than a bailout," Salvati said. "We're less expensive than fast food chains with sit down service."

Although Mexican food is Salvati's specialty, she's expanded the menu to include a lot of American food too. The restaurant also features a full-service bar with a smoking area available upon request.

"We have awesome burgers, American specials, hand-dipped onion rings and much, much more," she said. "We welcome carryouts and call ahead orders. Just call us and tell us when you will be here, and we will have it on the table waiting for you. We are also available for catering services and can customize a menu for you!"

Wireless Internet and patio seating (weather permitting) is also available.

Join Rio Grande's "Loyal Customer" e-mail club by visiting www.riogrande-restaurant.com to receive coupons and specials.

La Casa Del Rio Grande is located on Grand River Avenue in New Hudson, one-quarter mile west of Milford Road on the north side of the street. Hours are Monday through Thursday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday noon to 10 p.m.; and Sunday noon to 9 p.m.

— By Allison Bergsticker



Submitted Photo
Dr. Madhuri Gudipaty of Metro Partners in Women's Health in Providence Park, Novi, chose her profession because she always wanted to help women, from adolescence to menopause.

Madhuri Gudipaty, M.D.

248-662-4388 • www.womendocs.com

A patient's health and well-being is the prime goal of any doctor, and it is especially true for Dr. Madhuri Gudipaty of Metro Partners in Women's Health, a group practice in Providence Park, Novi.

Dr. Gudipaty has always felt a strong desire to reach out to people and help them make informed decisions about their health.

"Obstetrics and gynecology are my calling," she said. "My work is all about reaching out to people to help them make informed decisions about their health."

Dr. Gudipaty works with seven other doctors and two midwives, performing deliveries and surgical procedures in Providence Hospital in Southfield and Providence Park Hospital in Novi. Some of the services she offers include pre-natal counseling, antipartum care, high risk pregnancies, pregnancy complications, menstrual problems, irregular cycles, fibroids, hysterectomies and more.

She contrasted the nature of her business, stating, "We are dealing with life and birth involving two patients, mother and baby. Saving a life is my biggest achievement, such as performing an emergency C-section or managing a pregnant patient's seizure."

Dr. Gudipaty's care for her patients has been a trademark of her professional career, which she began in 1994. She graduated from Andhra Medical College in India and came to the U.S. in 2001, becoming a resident specializing in internal medicine in Detroit. She completed her residency training in obstetrics and gynecology at Providence Hospital in Southfield. Ten months ago she joined the group of doctors in her practice, some who have been in the medical

field for more than 25 years.

Dr. Gudipaty chose this profession because she has always wanted to help women, from adolescence to menopause. "It is an intriguing and very unique field," she said. "My job is a balance between surgery and clinical medicine. It allows me to see women of all age groups, from prescribing contraceptives and managing pregnancies to dealing with menopausal issues."

She also credits her father, an ophthalmologist, for being an inspiration for her career. "He was my role model," Dr. Gudipaty said.

The staff of Metro Partners in Women's Health continues to provide the best care for their patients through continuing education. Dr. Gudipaty said it is very critical to re-educate and train all of the time, especially learning about new medical procedures. "There are so many advances in obstetrics," she added. "In my spare time I read as much as I can about women's health and problems. I attend workshops and conferences to keep myself updated."

As part of the group, Dr. Gudipaty is often involved with residency training and supervision. She admits that as a doctor, "I am a student for life."

When not helping her patients, Dr. Gudipaty enjoys spending time with her husband and two young children. Whether it is her own family or the many families she serves, Dr. Gudipaty loves the relationships that she has formed. "I love the family rapport — getting to know the patients and their families," she said.

Dr. Gudipaty is accepting new patients. Visit www.womendocs.com to learn more about Metro Partners in Women's Health.

— John R. Hall

Mary Kabisa



Photo by Hal Gourd, Staff Photographer
Mary Kabisa, owner of Casa De Amici, has an upbeat outlook and creative flair that make her truly memorable.

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Enter Casa De Amici, downtown South Lyon's premiere design and home decor store, and you're likely to be inspired.

Mary Kabisa, owner, interior designer, floral designer, special events planner, chef, homemaker and friend, warms each room with unique furnishings, decor and her own personal creative flair.

Casa De Amici, or "The House of Friends," is not your average design shop. Kabisa knows how to put unusual items together to create a truly unique look using her "crazy eye." A self-taught talent, Mary's intuition seems to come from some place deep inside herself, a place of knowing.

"I can be looking at something, and then all of a sudden, my eye starts to flit and I start pulling things together from around the store, and that's exactly what I do in the client's home," she said.

Inside the store, you'll find unique furnishings to switch up your setting, including paintings, mirrors, antiques, funky clothes, drapes and frames. The shelves hold candles of many sizes, colors and scents. There are vases, pots, books and countless other gifts inside the shop.

"Touch up your home with something unique rather than ordinary," she said. "I've got items that captivate even the most discriminating tastes. I invite you to experience how fashion meets art."

To Mary, kindness and a welcoming feeling seem to have gone by the wayside in the current economy. She extends her warm welcome to each guest by offering coffee, tea or water upon arrival.

And while Mary's space isn't as architecturally divine as the Chapman House in Rochester, a home design store that she

admires, she works hard to make her store visually interesting by artfully decorating the five small rooms and narrow hallways.

"Creating beautiful and restful environments is my ultimate goal," she said. "I want people to feel better that they entered my store than if they had not. I try to be customer friendly, inspiring and maybe bring out some creativity just by looking around my store."

Mary's father-in-law, John Kabisa, recently passed away on the store's one-year anniversary weekend in March. She said his positive energy and encouragement has carried her through a successful year.

"It's been a bittersweet journey," she said. "My father-in-law was an inspiration to my life about positivity. He never made me feel like a daughter-in-law, more like a daughter. You don't realize until someone's gone what an impact they had on your life. If we could all take a little lesson from that, we would possibly live in a more wonderful world."

Mary's upbeat outlook and creative talents are what make her memorable. Not only does she single-handedly run the shop, Mary also does interior design consultations. She recently designed a piece of art for Providence Hospital in Novi. The steel artwork, called the "Tree of Life," is displayed in a shadow box casing inside the hospital's lobby. Visit Mary's art at www.metrolive.com.

Store hours are Monday by appointment only, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday; and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Visit Casa De Amici at 129 N. Lafayette St., South Lyon's best kept secret tucked away in the courtyard of the Chamber Building. Don't hesitate to call Mary on her cell phone at 248-343-2811.

— By Alison Bergsicker



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Huron Valley State Bank fully knows the importance of being active in the community. Staff members collectively volunteer their time and resources to at least a dozen area organizations, as well as supporting local events, and schools.

Huron Valley State Bank

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A few important things that set Huron Valley State Bank apart from other financial institutions is when customers walk through the door, they are greeted by trained and experienced staff that is more than willing to help with any question and will gladly fill out bank slips if needed. You also will be treated to fresh-brewed coffee and chocolate chip cookies made daily at the bank.

The bank, located at 130 S. Milford Road, officially opened for business in August 2005, and is owned by local investors within the Huron Valley community. Lori Verbrugge, vice president of retail operations, has lived in the community for 19 years with her husband, Dave. Many of the staff are long-time residents of Milford and Highland. That means a lot in terms of commitment, confidence and trust for bank customers.

Services offered include consumer and business checking and savings accounts, online banking and bill payment; auto loans, personal loans; home equity loans, business loans and other services. The bank also offers a free courier service for its business clients. This is a service that is well-liked and fully utilized.

"In addition to all of our services, it's important to note that decisions concerning customer accounts are made locally at the bank. Customers can also stop in to the Milford branch and meet the bank president, Jack Shubitowski," stated

Verbrugge. "How many banks can make that statement?"

A second branch location was opened November 2008, located at 2920 E. Highland Road, at the corner of Duck Lake Road and M-59. "People want service. It boils down to that, and we make sure they get that here. They want to know you care about them, know their name and will greet them with a smile," said Shelley Dickerson, Highland Branch Manager.

"One of bank's customers recently spent some time in the hospital. On the way home he stopped by the bank to thank the employees for the cards, basket and many well wishes during this stay. He let the staff know they were thought of as family," shared Verbrugge.

The bank fully knows the importance of being active in the community. Staff members collectively volunteer their time and resources to at least a dozen area organizations, as well as supporting local events, and schools. The bank was recognized in 2007 as "Business of the Year" by the Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce and was recently voted the "Best Bank," People's Choice Award in Huron Valley.

Huron Valley State Bank is open Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon for lobby and drive-thru customers.

— By Nathan Menotian

Nancy Nawrocki



Nancy Nawrocki works closely with all of her clients in planning for their future.



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Nancy Nawrocki of the Nawrocki Center for Elder & Family Law is committed to working for the peace of mind of her clients and their families.

Nawrocki Center for Elder & Family Law

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Nancy Nawrocki, attorney at law, wants her clients and their families to have peace of mind. That's really what Nawrocki Center for Elder & Family Law is all about.

As one of the only attorneys in Livingston County to take a holistic approach to quality of life aging concerns, Nawrocki continues to work on behalf of her clients through estate planning, probate avoidance, Medicare and Medicaid planning, and special needs trusts, as well as divorce, abuse and other elder law issues.

"Everything I do is with the goal of helping a client achieve peace of mind," said Nawrocki, who has devoted her professional life to her passion for helping people through the various stages of their lives.

"You have to look at a person's entire situation from an estate planning, tax planning and public benefit planning point of view," explained Nawrocki. "Being knowledgeable in just one of these areas is not enough, because they all provide their own unique circumstances that can change a person's entire future."

That's why Nawrocki and her office are passionate about helping people devise their own "Plan for Living." "The law will take care of you when you are deceased," said Nawrocki, "but who will take care of you and your family while you're still living, but ill? That

will be up to you."

Nawrocki Center for Elder & Family Law is focusing this year on disability law, helping clients who have a child with special needs (autism, cerebral palsy, etc.) or adult children/parent with mental/physical disabilities.

She will be sponsoring a series of "Take 5 Workshops" to help the community understand these issues and how disability planning can have a profound effect on the lives of families.

"You can plan for disability, like you can plan for every other area of your life," said Nawrocki. "That way you have some control over its effect on your life and your family."

With today's economy causing stress and uncertainty for many people, Nawrocki feels that never before has it been so important to make a plan.

"If you fail to plan, then you plan to fail," said Nawrocki from her Brighton office. "Even if you have done nothing up until now to plan for your family's future, the time to start is now."

Even though she is not a financial planner, Nawrocki's knowledge about tax law, estate law and public benefits, such as Medicare and Medicaid, can help guide an individual's decisions regarding these areas.

If financial resources are tight this year due to job loss,

dwindling savings, etc., Nawrocki suggests that people use resources that are available to them — from general information on the Internet to affordable community resources, like the library or workshops such as "Take 5."

In addition to helping her clients, Nawrocki has been involved in a variety of community organizations. She was an elected trustee of the Cromaine District Library, served on the board of the Women's Resource Center and is a charter member of the Academy of Special Needs Planners, assisting the aged and disabled.

She has been recognized by the city of Brighton and was elected into the Michigan Women's Roll of Honor. Closest to her heart has been her work as president of the Presbytery of Detroit, where she has led 80 Presbyterian churches in the Detroit area.

Nawrocki continues her studies in the masters of law degree program from Stetson University School of Law in the elder L.L.M. program — the first of its kind in the U.S.

She and her husband Paul are the parents of three grown children, as well as six foreign exchange students who are still part of their family.

— By Sally Rummel

Nicole Jackson



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As The Page Turns

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For Nicole Jackson, words are a powerful tool of inspiration, encouragement and knowledge.

Owner of As The Page Turns in downtown Northville, Jackson shares her passion for reading and educating with children and adults alike by offering a unique selection of books and gifts.

"Bookstores are the focal point for most communities where they reside and we like having a central focus of helping," Jackson said. "We try to carry books that may not be known to the general public and are looking to expose less mainstream authors. We want to feed your imagination and your mind and let you know that if you can conceive it, then you can go and do it."

Jackson opened the store in July 2007, focusing on education and community involvement.

"Whatever profession you pursue, you definitely need to know how to read," she said. The store carries a variety of multilingual and cultural books to accommodate the diverse population in surrounding communities. Portuguese, French, Japanese and Mandarin Chinese books with CDs for verbal pronunciation are available in-store.

"We offer special books for kids, teens and adults," Jackson added. "I can sometimes get a book the next day if my suppliers have it."

Several events are hosted at the bookstore throughout the year including book clubs, story times, fundraisers and birthday party packages. The store also hosts several book signings with local and nationally known authors including Brandon Mull, a New York Times best selling author and Willie Horton, a former Detroit Tiger's player.

Jackson said her greatest accomplishment is

being a parent which has enabled her to easily recommend books for various age groups.

"I always try to put things into a perspective that I can understand," Jackson said. "When parents come in and they talk about what would be good for their kids, I think about what I would want somebody to tell me for my child."

Ambience within the store is also important to Jackson as she tries to create a very warm and welcoming environment for her customers.

"Our store is somewhere you can bring the family and have a good time," she said. "It's the experience that you give people that will have them come back or have them refer you to someone else. I go above and beyond in customer service."

On top of her love for books, Jackson is also passionate about music and art. She supports local authors and musicians and enjoys live jazz, gospel, rhythm and blues and folk music. Personally, she enjoys reading political history and science fiction books.

"I like a good novel, but I tend to like history, biographies and autobiographies," she said.

With Mother's Day in mind, Jackson recommends the children's book "M is for Mom" by Mary Ann McCabe Riehle. She also recommends Susan Ormond's "Women & Money: Owning the Power to Control Your Destiny."

As The Page Turns is located at 149 N. Center St. in downtown Northville. Store hours are noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and noon to 6 p.m. Saturday. Hours are extended to 9 p.m. the first Friday of each month.

Reach Nicole Jackson at sales@asthepageturns.biz or at 248-912-0085

— By Alison Bergsiekler

Brandy Eberhardt, D.O.

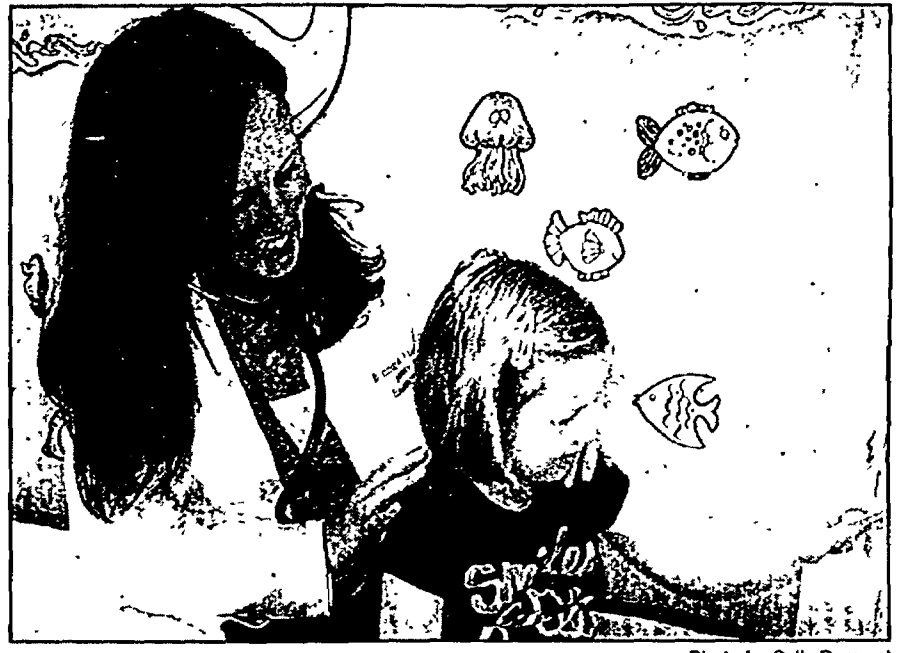


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Dr. Brandy Eberhardt uses a stethoscope on three-year-old Madilyn Gleason, while the preschooler enjoys drawing on the office's art wall.

Beaumont Family Medicine

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Dr. Brandy Eberhardt enjoys practicing family medicine in a small community setting like South Lyon — while still being connected to a large health network such as Beaumont Hospitals.

"We pride ourselves on being able to offer personalized medical care to each patient, while still having access to a larger health system," said Dr. Eberhardt, whose practice includes Dr. Micah Scherer, also a board certified family practitioner.

Dr. Eberhardt and Dr. Scherer opened their office in South Lyon in January, 2009 in the Gateway Commons Office Building next to Comerica Bank on Pontiac Trail, just north of 11 Mile Road.

As a board certified family practitioner, Dr. Eberhardt has an opportunity to work with patients of all ages, focusing her attention on health and prevention.

"Most people don't realize that a family doctor cares for all ages and medical concerns," said Dr. Eberhardt. "We are able to address most medical diseases Women's health, dermatologic procedures and sports medicine are just a few of many aspects of medicine that we treat."

While Dr. Eberhardt has all the advantages of high-tech medicine and resources available for her use in patient care, what she enjoys most is being a doctor listening to her patient.

"I have traveled to Guatemala, Malawi and Kenya during various times in my medical career," said Dr. Eberhardt. "Being able to treat

people with minimal resources has helped me to become an astute listener, which has given me the ability to really tune into a patient's physical exam."

Offering same-day sick visits, extended patient-friendly hours, state-of-the-art medical equipment and Electronic Medical Records, Dr. Eberhardt's office works with each patient to educate and empower them to take control of their own health care.

"I enjoy being a patient advocate and educator," said Dr. Eberhardt. "As a family practitioner, I have a chance to do both. A family doctor has the opportunity to evaluate the whole patient, not just a specific disease process."

She takes very seriously her role in guiding patients through the complex medical world, getting them to the right specialist when necessary, making sure each patient's concern is addressed and even taking the time to speak with a patient's family when he or she is not able to.

"Interacting with patients and their families is very rewarding," said Dr. Eberhardt. "The opportunity to assist a new mother in caring for her child, then watching her child grow to become an adult with their own children is an experience I look forward to."

Beaumont Family Medicine is open for appointments Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Friday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday from 8 to 11 a.m. The office is located at 26006 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon.

— By Sally Rummel

Kim Moyski

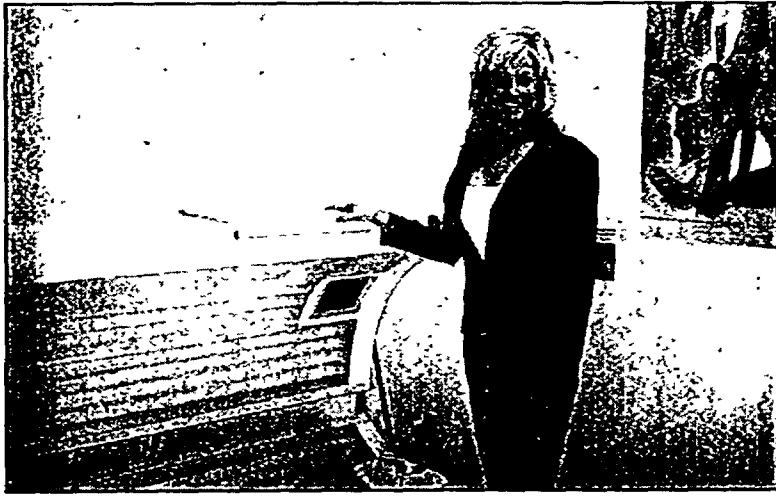


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Kim Moyski, owner of Akapolco Tan in White Lake is dedicated to customer service and being a part of the community.

Akapolco Tan

248-698-7974

When it comes to customer service and dedication, White Lake Township resident and business owner Kim Moyski is committed to her community.

Owner of Akapolco Tan on Highland Road, Moyski runs a business that is much more than a tanning salon — it's a hang out for area residents and venue for small events.

"I just can't believe how close knit everybody in White Lake is, especially with how the economy is," Moyski said. "We've always known that the folks here are great, but they really support us."

A former long-time cheerleading coach for White Lake School District, Moyski opened the salon in July 2005 with her husband, Al, who is also well known in the White Lake area in the commercial business. A J Steel Erectors. Since the salon's opening, customers of all ages have become regulars at Akapolco Tan.

"Right around 62 percent of our customers are between the ages of 25 and 60," Moyski said. "When it comes to teenagers, we are very strict too. I follow stricter laws about eyewear and kids younger than 18. They have to have a parent signature and talk to staff about tanning."

Spray tanning is very popular right now, and Moyski offers an all-natural sunless airbrush tan. For participants in the Lakeland High School Prom Fashion Show in April, Moyski donated free spray tans to student models.

"It's a great alternative for somebody who does not want to go into the sun or has had a bad experience in the natural sun," she said. "Tanning should be done in moderation."

Moyski educates her customers about protective eyewear and the heat lamps used in her tanning beds. All products sold in store are tested by staff before offered to customers — and Moyski only purchases her products from Michigan distributors.

"I think it's important to shop local," she said.

"When someone does call me about their products, I am very nice to them, but I can get the same product in Michigan."

Community involvement is extremely important to Moyski, so she tries to make her store and services available wherever she can. She hosts a Ladies Night Out event every three months, inviting local vendors to showcase their products and services. At recent events, customers were treated to shopping for purses, sunglasses, bathing suits, candles, jewelry and more! Moyski also offers bachelorette and baby shower parties with food and drinks.

Earlier this month, Moyski held a fundraiser for a family friend and Commerce resident suffering from an illness. Employees worked for free and all proceeds were donated toward the cause.

Local customers are important to Moyski, but she's also become popular among several high-end business clients, including business executives, reality show stars and entertainers, whom Moyski accommodates on different schedules to maintain their privacy.

Acknowledging the growing need for tanning services, Moyski opened a Clarkston location in October 2008 with Onyx Salon at White Lake and Andersonville roads, where the two businesses work cooperatively within one large space. Moyski offers tanning and massage therapy, while Onyx Salon owner Tracy K offers hair and nail services.

Massage therapy is now available at both locations, with certified therapists Reanna Golab in White Lake and Bonnie Dodd in Clarkston. Tanning package prices have been maintained due to the economy, with no co-pays or membership fees.

Visit Akapolco Tan at 10743 Highland Road in White Lake. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday; and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

— By Alison Bergsiekler

Dr. Rhonda Bifano has vision for your future



Photo by John R. Hall

Dr. Rhonda Bifano offers premium eyeglass frames and state-of-the-art technology at Bifano Eyecare of South Lyon.

Bifano Eyecare

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Dr. Rhonda Bifano, optometrist, of Bifano Eyecare in South Lyon understands the importance of time.

She also has experienced first hand the use of glasses and contact lenses to correct her vision at a young age — eventually undergoing Lasik surgery herself to correct her own vision.

That's why she makes sure to spend an ample amount of time with each patient so that a thorough assessment of a person's visual skills takes place during each exam.

"We take our time to meet your individual needs," said Dr. Bifano, whose practice also includes the skills of Dr. Chris Bifano. "We listen to you and we care about you."

The services at Bifano Eyecare include eye exams, glasses, contact lenses, co-management laser refractive surgery and the treatment of some diseases. The office also handles low vision care for people who need special magnifying pieces to allow them to perform everyday pleasures such as reading and watching television.

For children and adults who have problems processing visual information, Bifano Eyecare is able to help them with vision therapy, resulting in improved hand-eye coordination.

"We evaluate your visual skills very

carefully," said Dr. Bifano. "We take great pride in the accuracy of our eyeglass prescriptions."

This thorough eye exam includes retinal photos. On the same day of a patient's exam, he or she is able to view a digital image of the inside of the eye.

"We utilize the highest level of technology available," said Dr. Bifano. "That way, we are able to more accurately diagnose problems such as glaucoma, cataracts and other eye diseases, as well as high blood pressure and diabetes, which can both affect one's vision."

In addition to owning and operating two successful practices for the past 13 years, including another office in Dearborn Heights, Dr. Bifano is most proud of her two children, Michael, age 12 and Lauren, age 11.

When she's not at work doing what she knows and loves, she's likely found out on the golf course, on a bike, exercising or traveling.

Bifano Eyecare is located at 317 N. Lafayette St. in South Lyon. Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

— By Sally Rummel

Maggie Kurtzweil



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Attorney Maggie Kurtzweil goes through a file with Citizen's Bank Branch Manager Brad Kolky looking for financing options for a potential small business client.

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A slow economy significantly impacts small businesses. In order to conserve financial resources, businesses scale back on purchasing new inventory, downsize personnel and slash overhead just to keep their doors open and hopefully survive.

Surviving these tough times raises legal challenges for the business owner from devaluing collateral and security for loans to shrinking markets for products or services. Regardless of the economic climate, legal issues abound making investing in legal advice and support a necessity.

Luckily, there are affordable options for small business owners who need legal advice right here in western Oakland County. Attorney Maggie Kurtzweil, of Madison Crest Business Law in downtown South Lyon, is committed to representing and educating her clients on the legalities of forming and maintaining sustainable businesses. She currently services clients throughout Oakland, Livingston and Washtenaw counties and has an international base of clients also.

"I provide small businesses with access to a business attorney at an affordable price," Kurtzweil said. "It is now cost effective to provide the business planning techniques and strategies of the larger firms to the small business community at an affordable price. Additionally, I partner with other professionals such as accountants and financial institutions to assist in servicing my clients."

Kurtzweil practices in such areas as corporate law and entity formation, landlord/tenant law, residential and commercial real estate transactions, collections, transactional matters including buying and selling businesses, employment and sales agreements, and election law. She's been practicing law privately for 12 years and previously served as in-house counsel for Key Bank, clerked for Judge Maureen Pulte Riley at the Michigan Court of Appeals and clerked in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan in Detroit.

In addition to a law degree from the University of

Detroit/Mercy School of Law, Kurtzweil has a master's degree in Applied Economics from Eastern Michigan University, where she taught economics and presently sits on an advisory board. Her rigorous economic training enables her to further assist clients in economic forecasting and understanding the economic climate for business opportunities.

"Our lives and standard of living are attributable to the growth of the entrepreneurial spirit of small businesses," Kurtzweil said. "Small businesses generate a substantial amount of the job growth in the U.S. economy, not IBM or Walmart. They are able to adjust more quickly and efficiently to change than larger corporate structures and are clearly better aligned and adapted for product creativity and innovation."

"One of my best arsenals for assisting small businesses is a referral base of trademark and copyright attorneys. Critical to small business growth is a free market economy that has been somewhat straddled by current political policies."

Kurtzweil uses technology in new ways to advance her services to clients.

"The practice of law is changing with the changes in technology," Kurtzweil said. "A lawyer's laptop is now the office." For example, Kurtzweil subscribes to an online service that provides electronic access to a digital law library that is viewable from her computer. If a small business owner is unable to travel to her for legal services, Kurtzweil makes on-site visits with a portable printer and laptop. She even requires that her clients be computer-savvy and have access to email.

"I work with innovative clients every day and if you can't think outside the box, you will be hampered in the business challenges ahead of you," she said. "You have very few chances to make a good business decision, so take your time and think it out."

Visit Maggie Kurtzweil at her South Lyon office, located at 417 S. Lafayette St. in the McHattie Business Center.

— By Alison Bergsieker



Photo by John Hall

Dr. Rebecca Studinger (center) is surrounded by members of her supportive staff in her Novi office.

Rebecca Studinger, MD, MS

Plastic, Cosmetic and Reconstructive Surgeon

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Throughout her professional career, Rebecca Studinger, M.D., M.S. wanted to do a lot of different things but what always stayed consistent was her love for medicine and the scientific breakthroughs that are associated with it. When she settled on plastic and cosmetic surgery, she knew she had found her calling.

"I enjoy the nature of my work and truly care about my patients," she said. "There are so many ways to help people."

Dr. Studinger has been a member of the team of Gowda & Studinger since 2007 and recently moved into her new office in the Providence Park Medical Building in Novi. She specializes in cosmetic, plastic, and reconstructive surgeries, as well as other services such as Botox, injectable filler products, laser treatments, and facial care.

"Medicine has always fascinated me," Dr. Studinger added. "I enjoy seeing results in a physical sense, to work a problem from beginning to end, and seeing the excitement on people's faces when their appearance is restored or improved. It's an amazing feeling to have helped bring that happiness to someone's life."

She noted that while there are many different procedures and services available at her practice, two of the more unique ones are perforator flap breast reconstruction (DIEP) and lymphatic reconstruction.

DIEP flap breast reconstruction is creating a new breast using only the skin and fat of the abdomen, like a tummy tuck, without using the muscles or fascia. This can result in a faster recovery period with intact abdominal muscles and a much more natural result.

Lymphatic reconstruction is for patients who have lymphedema, which is usually a swelling

of an arm or leg that can be a result of an injury, surgical procedure, or radiation. This reconstruction helps to restore the function of the lymph nodes in the areas that aren't working, and to reduce the swelling in the affected arm or leg.

"My greatest accomplishment is bringing DIEP flap reconstruction and lymphatic reconstruction to this area," Dr. Studinger said. "I was able to train with Dr. Robert Allen for the DIEP procedure in South Carolina and New York. I trained with Dr. Corinne Becker for lymphatic reconstructions in Paris, France."

"Each procedure has its own challenge. The smallest procedure can be as rewarding as the largest."

Dr. Studinger's career in plastic surgery began after finishing medical school in 2000, residency in general surgery in 2005, and plastic surgery in 2007. She has been supported along the way by her husband, who she describes as "a talented guy who never ceases to surprise me."

In her free time Dr. Studinger keeps bees, plays the piano and tends to her garden. She said she is trying to learn to play golf and explore other activities. But her professional calling is very important to her, as are her patients.

"I feel privileged to serve in this profession," she said. "It is incredibly exciting."

Dr. Studinger, in practice with Dr. Mune Gowda, is located at 26850 Providence Parkway Ste. 125 on the campus of Providence Park Hospital in Novi. She also has an office at 3270 West Big Beaver Road Ste. 415, Troy. Call 248-979-9858 or view Dr. Studinger's biography at www.stjohndoctors.org

— By John R. Hall

June Tyrrell & Anna Hoffman serve up family food for all



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The staff of Bon-A-Rose Catering is able to meet all of your event needs. From left Jane Shopp, June Tyrrell, Anna Hoffman and Kellie Highhouse.

Bon-A-Rose Catering

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Some families pass down heirlooms while others pass along family history. For June Tyrrell and Anna Hoffman, food has been the connection between the generations of their family — they're sharing their delicious family secrets with the world.

Bon-A-Rose Catering in New Hudson is offering homemade Italian cuisine for lunch, on-site catering and private parties in the century-old home that houses the business. Bon-A-Rose sprung to life last fall but the family has been providing good food and good service for years.

Owned by the mother-daughter team of Tyrrell and Hoffman, Bon-A-Rose was originally a full-service restaurant for years. The family took a break from the restaurant business but felt the pull to return because they love serving people. Hoffman said they chose the catering route for a simple reason.

"It's much more conducive to having a family life," she said. "And we are family oriented people."

Family is at the heart of Bon-A-Rose Catering and has been from the beginning. In addition to Tyrrell and Hoffman, one of Hoffman's daughters, Kellie Highhouse, is also part of the staff and additional family members are called upon to help out if needed for events. The name of the business itself is based on family as it is a combination of the names of Tyrrell's parents, Bonaventura and Rosalia Maviglia, who supplied many of the recipes and also instilled a love of food and cooking in Tyrrell, who has handed it down to her children and grandchildren.

"It's in the blood line," Hoffman said. Bon-A-Rose caters all types of events such as weddings, birthdays, anniversaries or even funerals. Hoffman said they are particularly looking forward to the upcoming wedding shower and graduation season. Depending on the number of people at the event, customers can choose to have the Bon-A-Rose staff come to

them at a specific location or they and their guests can come to Bon-A-Rose and hold their event in the business' cozy, home-like setting. The building seats 30 people downstairs and 50 people upstairs. There is also an outdoor garden seating area that is used in good weather and Hoffman said they hope to be able to expand soon.

Whatever the location, customers will receive top quality homemade Italian food such as chicken parmesan, spaghetti and meatballs, lasagna and much more.

"We've done it all," Hoffman said. In addition to providing the food, Hoffman said they can help plan the entire event from creating centerpieces to invitations and decorations.

"We can pretty much be party planners," Hoffman said.

Bon-A-Rose is also open for lunch Monday through Friday. Hoffman said they decided to start a lunch service earlier this year due to all the businesses in the nearby area. Lunch goes on get much of the same authentic fare as catering clients in a comfortable and friendly atmosphere. Bon-A-Rose's doors are open to anyone looking for a good lunchtime meal, from office workers to construction workers.

"Everybody's welcome," Tyrrell said. Hoffman said anyone looking for a great meal will not be disappointed when they visit Bon-A-Rose.

"Once you try it, you will come back," she said.

Bon-A-Rose is located at 56808 Grand River in New Hudson. Business hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., or by appointment, Monday through Friday with lunch served from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information call 248-437-4341 or visit www.bonarosecatering.com.

— By Erin Johnson

Kathy Tosoian, MA, LLPC, NCC

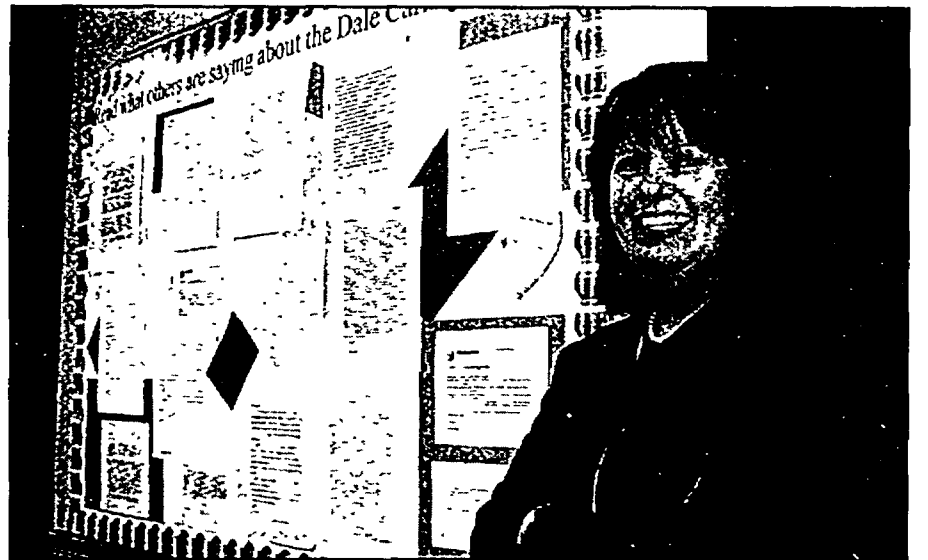


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Kathy Tosoian, director of youth development for Dale Carnegie Training, stands in her classroom, proudly showing the student comment board.

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For Kathy Tosoian, it is all about building confidence — both her own and the clients she serves.

Kathy, the Director of Youth Development for Dale Carnegie Training, began her career 16 years ago by taking the Dale Carnegie Course, seeking a way to boost her confidence while attempting to get back into the work force after staying home to raise her two children.

"I enrolled in the course to help myself and then realized that I wanted to teach it so I could help others," she said.

Kathy has her bachelor's degree in education and a master's degree in counseling. Her role as an instructor for Dale Carnegie Training is a natural connection, and her passion for teaching and helping others has expanded to teenagers.

"I really love working with teenagers," Kathy noted. "Watching these teens come into the class with all their issues about school, relationships, fears, peer pressure, and life in general, is a real concern. Then, to see them graduate 12 weeks later with a positive attitude, self-acceptance and confidence, and a tool kit of skills to deal with life, is most rewarding. I love my job!"

Each class session is designed to build the student's self-confidence, improve their communication skills, develop leadership skills, strengthen their relationships, help them manage stress and worry, improve their attitude, and help them to reach more of their potential. This is especially critical for teenagers because they are so vulnerable at this age.

"Parents see this as an opportunity to help their teens create a successful future," Kathy said. "The world is more competitive than ever

before. These are skills, in general, that are not currently being taught in schools. But they are life skills that everyone needs to get ahead. If they can be learned at a younger age, they begin to develop better habits that will help them succeed in life."

Not only does Dale Carnegie help prepare students for their future, it helps them cope with the problems they are faced with today. The skills they learn in class can be immediately applied in their life. Relationships start to get better. They start to cope with stress and worry. They become motivated to accomplish more. They procrastinate less. In many cases, their grades improve.

"Our course helps kids to see themselves in light of their strengths and positive qualities, not their weaknesses or faults. When we focus on what kids are doing right, they will do more of the right thing. This is how we build their confidence."

Kathy encourages people to attend a free orientation so they can see how this course will benefit their teens before making their decision. She also likes to meet with parents and teens ahead of time to assess their needs and maturity level. This allows the teen to ask questions they might be afraid to ask in a group (the course also helps them to overcome fears).

Dale Carnegie Training is offered by Ralph Nichols Group, Inc. and recently moved their offices to Novi. Classes this summer are being offered for teens and adults in Novi, Ann Arbor, Lansing and Troy. Students can earn three college credits for participating in the course.

For more information, call Kathy at 248-437-7897 or visit www.dalecarnegiecourses.com.

— By John R. Hall

Barb Herzog, PT



Submitted Photo
Barb Herzog, PT, HealthStyles owner, demonstrates a therapy technique on Kelly Gresock, physical therapy assistant at the Center.

HealthStyles Physical Rehabilitation Health and Fitness Center

248-486-2582 • www.healthstylesrehab.com

HealthStyles Physical Rehabilitation in South Lyon, has been open 17 years. During those times, owner Barb Herzog has seen many changes in the industry.

Perhaps the most noticeable one, she says, is how early intervention after injury or surgery has helped to shorten the patients' time in therapy. "Many more patients today are able to get back to their job and lifestyle quicker because surgical techniques have improved. With more outpatient and with less invasive surgery, patients are even getting into rehab sooner," she said.

A highly experienced staff of physical therapists is there to meet patient's needs — young and old alike. HealthStyles offers several special training programs including: Manual, aquatic, and hand therapy. They also take care of sport injuries for middle school, high school, and adults.

This summer, a new selection will be offered. "It's a neurological program and we're working on the certification for that now," Herzog shared. Also being conducted there this summer is a children's speech clinic, to help the children transition through the summer.

HealthStyles offers more than just physical therapy. In 2002, Herzog expanded her facility to include a 6,000-square-foot medical fitness site. Many rehab patients take advantage of that once they are finished with therapy. And along with former patients, many people from the general community join the fitness center just to stay in shape.

The fitness program includes use of: Cybex machines, weights, cardiovascular equipment, numerous fitness classes, a therapeutic pool, massages, nutritional counseling, locker rooms

and showers.

Members are provided with body composition evaluations, goal and fitness assessments, and membership options. A trained staff guides each individual with initial assessments and personal training.

"We have very competitive pricing on the fitness memberships, and every trainer has a bachelor's or master's degree in exercise science," she said.

Herzog pointed out that everything at HealthStyles is about helping the person. In order to do that, she said, staff training has to remain current.

"The profession is growing in certifications and advanced education," Herzog said. "Our staff continues to increase their training and that enables us to offer more to the patient."

In addition to the advanced seminars and classes the staff attends, HealthStyles is a member in many professional associations including: Michigan Physical Therapy Association; Private Practice Section of the American Physical Therapy Association; Physical Therapy Provider Network and many others.

Physical therapy hours are Monday and Wednesday 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Friday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Fitness hours are Monday - Friday 5 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

HealthStyles is at 301 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. They have a second location in Brighton at 12420 Grand River that can be reached at 810-229-3022.

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The staff at Independence Village



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Let our family of experts help your family with your retirement needs. Pictured above are (from left) Rita Sandon, Activities Director; Carolyn Pelland, Leasing Director; Beverley Immel, General Manager; Sarah Fenton, Property Administrator; Lisa Iacobelli, RN; and Julie Goodreau, Food Services Director.

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Pediatrician looks for new ways to keep kids healthy



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The staff at Dr. Rekha Kostecke's office are ready to greet their little patients with a smile. From left to right are Monica Smith, Shawn Sanchez, Dr. Rekha Kostecke and Abbey DeVries.

Dr. Rekha Kostecke

248-676-0991 • www.milfordkidsdoctor.com

When a child isn't feeling well, no parent wants to take chances. They want to make sure their child gets the help they need right away so they head to someone they trust. For years Milford parents have trusted their children's health to Dr. Rekha Kostecke.

Dr. Kostecke has been taking care of children in the Huron Valley area for a decade and has based her practice in Milford, which is where her husband is from. Being in the same area for such a period of time means that Dr. Kostecke has been able to watch her patients grow up.

"We have lots of patients still from when we initially opened," she said.

Dr. Kostecke treats patients from infancy through the age of 18 and her services run the gamut from asthma treatment to sports physicals for new patients in August. She also has plans to expand on the numerous services she already provides by adding an obesity clinic and doing more in the area of natural and supplemental medicines.

"This is something we are working on for the future," Dr. Kostecke said.

She said within about three months she hopes to have the clinic up and running and plans to bring in a dietician for workshops. Dr. Kostecke said she intends to encourage healthy habits in her young patients by teaching them about portion control and other weight-related issues.

Dr. Kostecke also has plans to bring in a meditation expert for workshops, as well. She said many parents have expressed an interest in learning more about alternative and natural medicines. This is an area that Dr. Kostecke is very familiar with as it played a large role in medical treatment in her native India.

"That's what we grew up with," she said.

Dr. Kostecke said she became a pediatrician due to her love of children and having little ones around all the time keeps all the office's staff in good spirits.

"They are so cute," said Shawn Sanchez, who handles the office's billing.

Medical assistant Monica Smith said the days she works in the office she feels happier and her family even notices the difference in her. The staff members say being around children all day is a form of stress relief, as well.

"We have a lot of fun," said medical assistant Abbey DeVries.

Dr. Kostecke goes above and beyond for her patients in various ways such as having office hours on evenings and weekends and offering payment plan options for those dealing with economic difficulties. She also accepts most types of insurance and will work with those who may be under insured to make sure they are able to get treatment.

Being a mom herself, Dr. Kostecke understands that sometimes a mother just knows when something isn't right and she always makes sure to listen to all the parents' concerns.

"We know the patients well," Dr. Kostecke said.

Dr. Kostecke's office is located at 1550 N. Milford Road in Milford. Hours are Mondays from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Tuesdays from 1:30 to 7 p.m.; Wednesdays from 2 to 6 p.m.; Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Fridays from noon to 7 p.m.; and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Call 248-676-0991 or visit www.milfordkidsdoctor.com

— By Erin Johnson

Marilyn Smith



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Marilyn Smith purchased the South Lyon Resale Shoppe in June 2008 and is happy to be a part of the downtown area.

South Lyon Resale Shoppe

248-437-5055

Repurpose, Reuse and Recycle.

That's the motto at South Lyon Resale Shoppe, nestled in the heart of downtown South Lyon on Lake Street.

With more people going green and looking for bargains in a tough economy, a local consignment shop is a great resource for gently used items and a way to earn money!

The Shoppe's owner, Marilyn Smith, purchased the store in June 2008, returning the business to family ownership as it had been in past years.

"It's nice to have something back in the family that once belonged to my Mom," Smith said.

Smith has since given the store a facelift, adding new carpet, shopper-friendly layout changes and an updated computer system. A store website will be available in the near future.

"The South Lyon Resale Shoppe is a great resource for our town," Smith said. "We have clothing, shoes and accessories for the entire family, along with general housewares, small electronics, jewelry, art and lots more. You truly don't know what you will find from one visit to the next."

The shop offers customers the option of bringing in items for consignment several days during the week without having to make an appointment.

The community has been quite welcoming to Smith. Customers constantly tell her they have finally found something that they have been searching for a long time.

"Many of our customers come in several times a week and comment on the quick turnaround of merchandise," Smith said. "My advice is, if you see something that you have to have, you had better get it, because chances are it won't be here when you come back!"

And the best part about it? You don't have to

spend big bucks at the mall when you can most often find the same or similar gently used item at South Lyon Resale Shoppe for a fraction of the cost of new items.

Smith is proud that she continues to bring in new consignors and customers on a daily basis. Customers are able to earn money on items that they no longer wear or use, and in today's tough economy, resale shopping and consigning has never made more sense. It's doing your share for the environment, the community and your family budget.

She's also proud of her staff, Linda Muirhead, Jillian Hart, Judy Caddy, Dana Hill, Mary Stchur and Nancy Draplin.

Though Smith doesn't live in South Lyon, she is extremely interested in seeing the town grow.

"I'm interested in seeing the 'been here for a while' businesses do well, as well as seeing our new places in town blossom," she said. "South Lyon has a lot of genuinely nice, friendly people that make my job not feel like a job. I've been enjoying getting to know our customers and all of the new friends they bring in to introduce to 'their favorite place.'"

Smith said she is very interested in customer feedback because it serves as a way to make sure that she stays on top of her game. She is also thankful for her repeat customers.

"A big thank you to our loyal customers," Smith said. "We appreciate you! Please also remember that new faces are always welcome. Make us a part of your next ladies' night out with a shopping trip to the Resale Shoppe, a movie at The Lyon and then dinner in town at the Lake Street Tavern."

Visit The South Lyon Resale Shoppe at 120 E. Lake St. in downtown South Lyon

— By Allison Bergstecker

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When it comes to "gentle dentistry" there are few dentists in the Novi community who can match the gentle care for patients like Dr. Abir Faraj. That gentle care transcends into the concern that Dr. Faraj and her staff shows for each patient. She knows the importance of dental health and takes her role as a respected dentist very seriously.

"My goal is to make patients feel comfortable," she said. "I concentrate on improving the general oral health of my patients."

The overall dental health begins with healthy gums, which Dr. Faraj sees as an integral part of all dental health. "We are aggressive when it comes to treating gum disease," she said. "Your gums are just as important as your teeth."

And speaking of teeth, Dr. Faraj and her staff offer several services to ensure healthy and attractive teeth. Some of these include

- Dental cleanings and examinations
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In addition to these services, Dr. Faraj offers diet consulting, a direct link to cavity prevention. "People can make changes in their diet which can improve their oral health tremendously," she said.

Dr. Faraj is happy to oversee the dental health of all of her patients, including geriatric and pediatric patients. And she also works with athletes who need mouth guards or sports protective guards.

But any service is only as good as the people who perform it — and Dr. Faraj has a very experienced staff at her office, located in the Novi Professional Village at 23985 Novi Road Ste. B103, just south of the intersection of Novi and Ten Mile

roads. Her experienced staff includes dental assistants and dental hygienists who have 15 to 20 years of experience.

Dr. Faraj received her degree from the University of Detroit-Mercy School of Dentistry in 2003. Last year, she was featured in Hour Detroit magazine, which described her nomination by her peers as a top dentist in 2008. This year she has also been nominated as a top dentist. She is a member of the American Dental Association, the Michigan Dental Association and the Detroit District Dental Society.

Dr. Faraj's goal is to teach and maintain patient's health. To do so, she and her staff are always participating in continuing education classes to keep up with the latest trends in dentistry and dental technology. She uses the latest dental equipment, including an intraoral camera so patients can see what the dentist sees. Her office also used the latest in digital x-ray equipment so patients are exposed to much less radiation.

But there are other "types" of technology that support the gentle side of Dr. Faraj's practice. This technology helps promote the relaxation side of the business. "It's a very caring and warm atmosphere here," she said. "To achieve this gentle, relaxed atmosphere we offer nitrous-oxide sedation, relaxation CDs, noise-reduction headphones, warm blankets and even a massage chair."

The dental office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday; and 1 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday. Weekend times are available by appointment.

Dr. Faraj, a mother of three and married to a pharmacist, knows the importance of having a flexible schedule. She also accepts most insurance plans.

For more information or to schedule an appointment call 248-348-5151. If you would like more detailed information on the services available and to learn about Dr. Faraj, visit www.novismilecenter.com.

— By John R. Hall



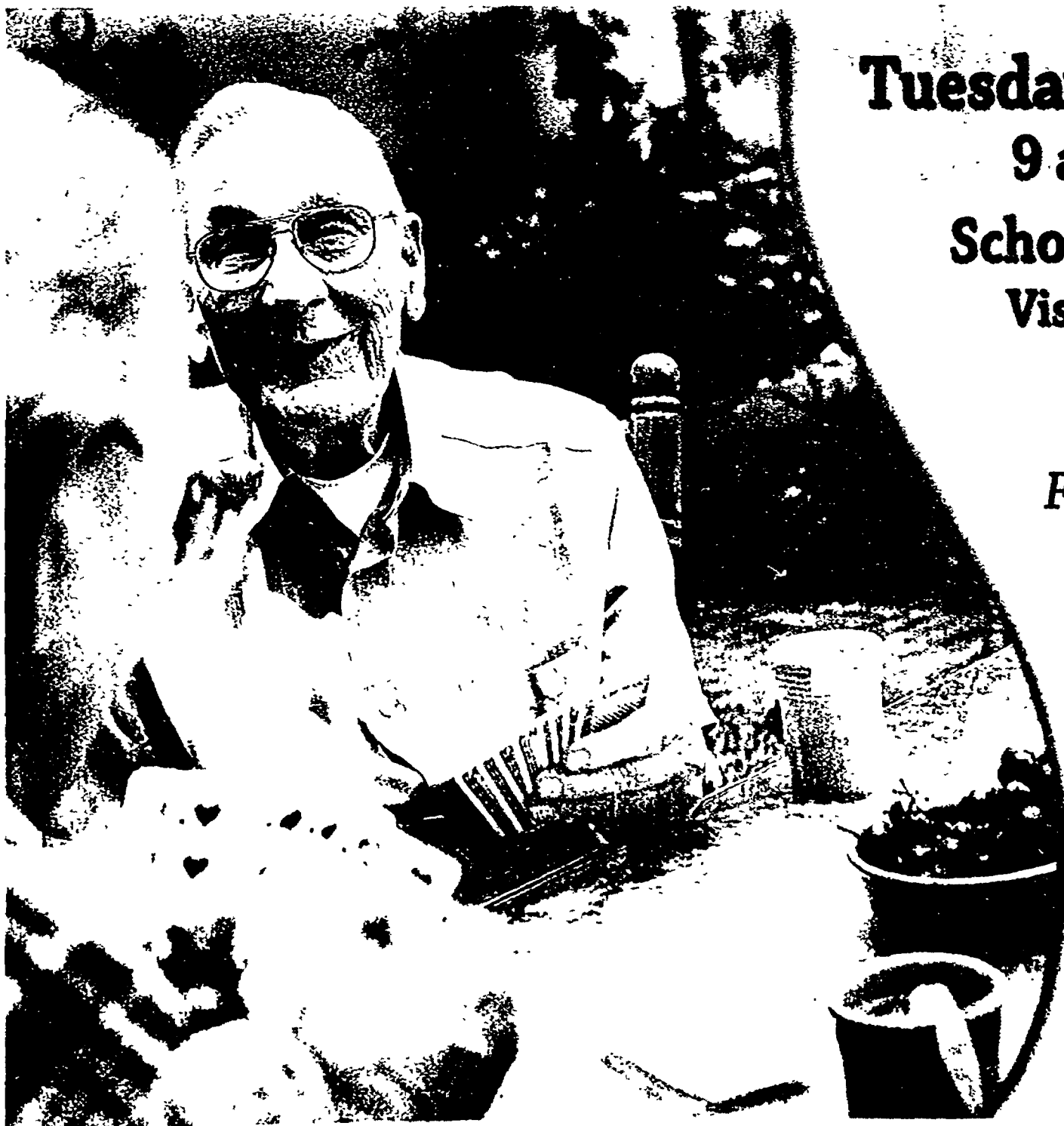
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Admission and parking are free!

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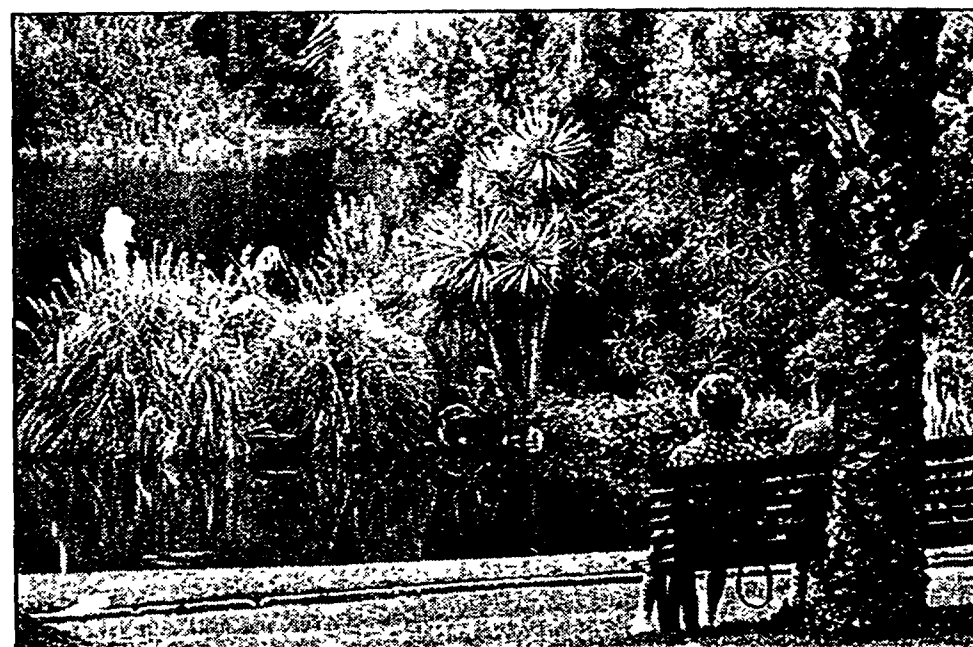
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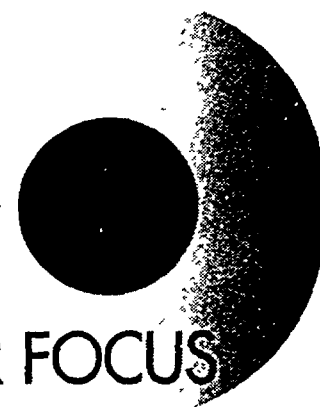
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May is Older Americans Month, a great time to bring attention to the issues that affect older adults and create communitywide opportunities to help older Americans improve their quality of life.

This year's theme is "Living Today For a Better Tomorrow," and we, as a nation, must work together to give older adults the tools they need to make healthy decisions.

By 2030, one in every five Americans will be age 65 or older. Although the risk of disease increases with advancing age, poor health is not an inevitable consequence of aging. Many illnesses, disabilities and even death associated with chronic disease are preventable. Nearly

40 percent of deaths in America can be attributed to poor health habits such as lack of physical exercise, poor eating habits and smoking. Older Americans can prevent or control chronic disease by adopting healthy habits such as exercising regularly, maintaining a healthy diet and ceasing tobacco use.

The benefits of regular physical activity include weight control; healthy bones, muscles and joints; arthritis relief; reduced symptoms of anxiety and depression; and more. Exercise does not have to be strenuous and is safe for people of all age groups. In fact, it's healthier to exercise than eliminate it altogether.

Older Americans can greatly benefit from a regular exercise routine that includes strength, balance, stretching and endurance exercises. In addition to a regular exercise routine, good nutrition is vital in maintaining good health.

Improving older Americans' diets can reduce the occurrence of chronic diseases, but most older adults over age 65 do not maintain a healthy diet. Reducing saturated fats and eating a balanced diet of fruits, vegetables, and grains can help out older Americans on the right track to staying healthy.

Tobacco use increases the risk of heart disease and cancer and is the single most prevent-

able cause of death in the United States. Older adults who stop smoking will gain immediate and long-term health benefits.

While it's important for older Americans to have good physical health, it's equally important that they maintain good mental health. Nearly 20 percent of Americans age 55 and older experience depression and anxiety disorders.

Studies have shown that engaging in social activities within the community can greatly improve mental health. In fact, research has demonstrated a strong relationship between volunteering and mental health and that volunteering provides older adults with greater benefits than younger volunteers. Benefits include improved mental and physical health, greater life satisfaction, lower rates of depression and lower mortality rates.

The U.S. Administration on Aging and its National Aging Services Network support a number of successful programs throughout the country that are helping older adults live better today and in the future. These programs keep people independent and out of nursing homes through streamlined access to health and long term care information and options and provide home and community-based systems of services that include the support for family caregivers. These programs also encourage older people to remain active and make behavioral changes through the increased use of evidence-based disease prevention programs under the Older Americans Act as well as the use of preventive benefits available under Medicare. Americans of all ages and backgrounds can celebrate Older Americans Month.

Become a volunteer for activities in your area; promote community, state, and national efforts to serve older adults; and find ways to enrich the lives of older adults who touch your life. Additionally, actively search out ways you can involve your community's older adults in volunteer efforts, allowing them to share their wisdom and energy. By working together, we can improve the health and well being of our Nation's older adults and pave the way for better health as we age.

AT A GLANCE

In recognition of Older Americans Month 2009, the U.S. Census Bureau compiled the following data regarding older adults. A meeting of the National Council of Senior Citizens resulted in President John F. Kennedy designating May 1963 as Senior Citizens Month, encouraging the nation to pay tribute in some way to older people across the country. In 1980, President Jimmy Carter's proclamation changed the name to Older Americans Month, a time to celebrate those 65 and older through ceremonies, events and public recognition.

37.9 million

The number of people 65 and older in the United States on July 1, 2007. This age group accounted for 13 percent of the total population. Between 2006 and 2007, this age group increased by 635,000.

88.5 million

Projected population of people 65 and older in 2050. This would be 20 percent of the total population at that time.

518 million

Projected 2009 midyear world population 65 and older. Projections indicate the number will increase to 1.6 billion by 2050.

\$28,305

Median 2007 income of households with householders 65 and older.

9.7 percent

Poverty rate for people 65 and older in 2007. There were 3.6 million seniors in poverty in 2007.

\$190,100

Median net worth for families in 2004 whose head was between 65 and 74.

9 million

Estimated number of people 65 and older who were military veterans in 2007.

5.8 million

Number of people 65 and older who were in the labor force in 2007.

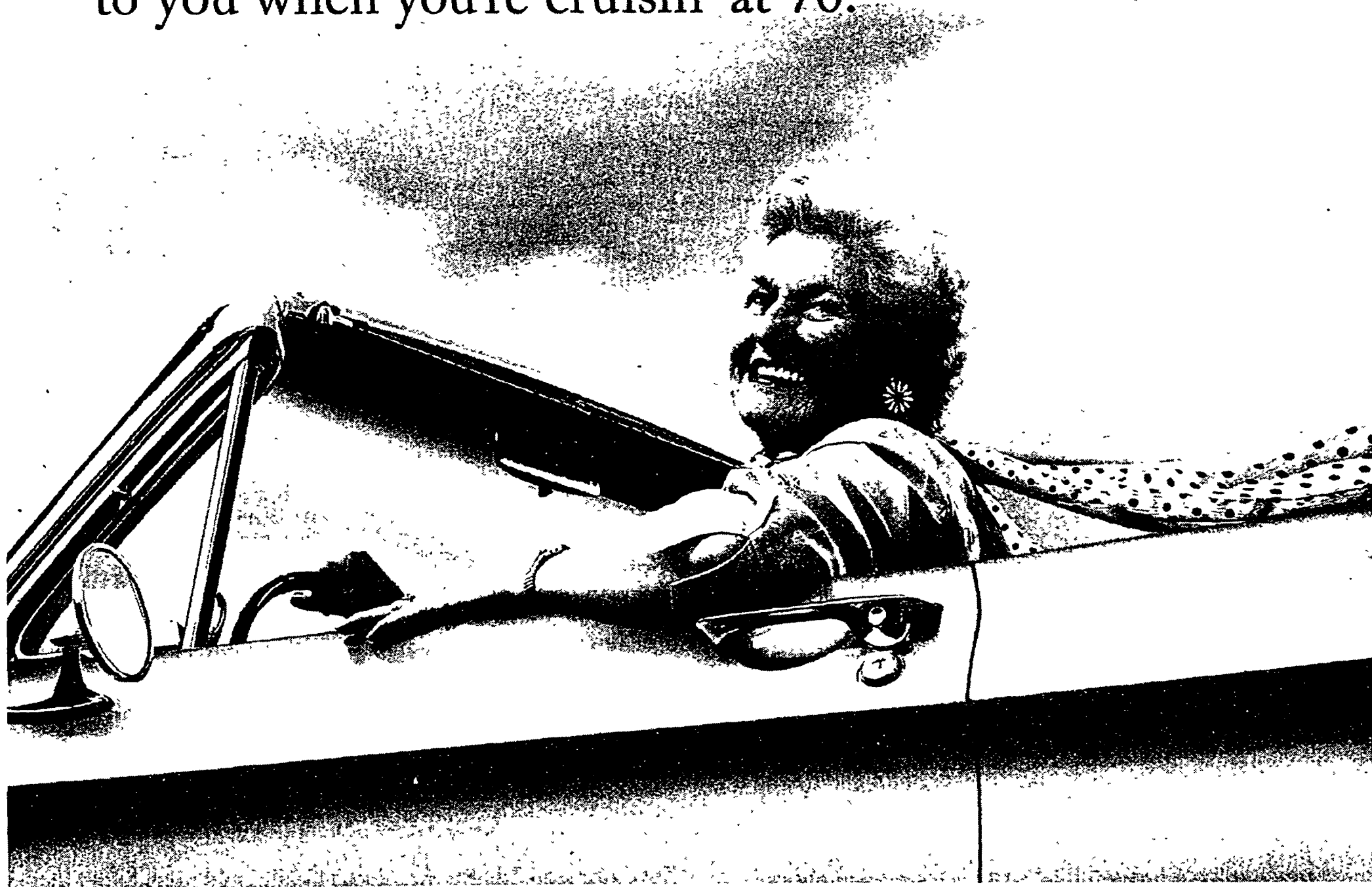
74 percent

Proportion of people 65 and older in 2007 with at least a high school diploma. Nineteen percent had earned a bachelor's degree or higher.

7.3 million

Number of people 66 and older taking adult education courses.

“It’s harder for old age to catch up to you when you’re cruisin’ at 70.”



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Retirement might sound like a happy ending after years and years of hard work, but being financially prepared is a whole different story.

From preparing a family will to finding the right insurance, there is a lot to do before officially retiring.

Megan Lee, licensed representative for Novi-based Estate Preservation Agency, said an uncertain economy and job market has people worrying about their retirement savings.

"The biggest worry right now is outliving your money," Lee said. "A lot of people are retiring right now with maybe \$400,000 in the bank, but nobody is sure what will happen with Medicare or what will happen with their pensions. It's really important for people to be evaluating their money early."

Lee said a common problem for aging adults is waiting too long to evaluate their investments.

"People retire and will have money invested in risk accounts,"

she said. "They need to sit down with somebody who can suggest wise investments that are especially made for retirees."

Long term insurance coverage is also an important factor to consider for those nearing retirement. Lee said the average age of people who are buying policies is 47.

"The longer you wait, the more expensive it gets," she said.

Many older adults have been choosing cheaper policies, but Lee warned that insurance policies need to be carefully reviewed.

"People are choosing policies that are not right for them or not good policies in general," Lee said. "The providers have to make up those costs somewhere. A lot of people are getting nickled and dimed with health bills and prescription costs."

Lee also advised that many seniors aren't educated about their social security benefits.

"A couple that has been getting \$2,000 to live on in social security may not realize that if one of them dies, the spouse will be forced to live on half of what the couple was accustomed to living on before," Lee said. "Losing 50 percent of your income is heartbreaking."

Estate Preservation Agency works with more than 47 companies in Michigan, shopping around for the best deals based on their clients' age, health and zip code.

"We try to create clients for life," Lee said. "Our job is to protect their



estate and make sure they'll be set for the rest of their life. We help people with their investments and their IRAs, the money they have in stocks and annuities so that they have a whole picture put together."

Here is a run down of retirement services adults should consider:

Long term insurance

While costs for nursing home care vary depending on services included, amenities and community location, they average about \$4,500 per month. This means an annual cost of \$50,000 to \$60,000 each year for senior care.

A study by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services says that people who reach age 65 will likely have a 40 percent chance of entering a nursing home. About 10 percent of the people who enter a nursing home will stay there for five years or more.

Long term insurance can help protect senior's estates from these catastrophic costs and give seniors peace of mind knowing they will not be a burden to their kids and instead maintain their independence.

Medigap & Medicare Advantage

Medigap or Medicare Supplement policies have been helping seniors for years paying in coordination with Medicare their hospital and

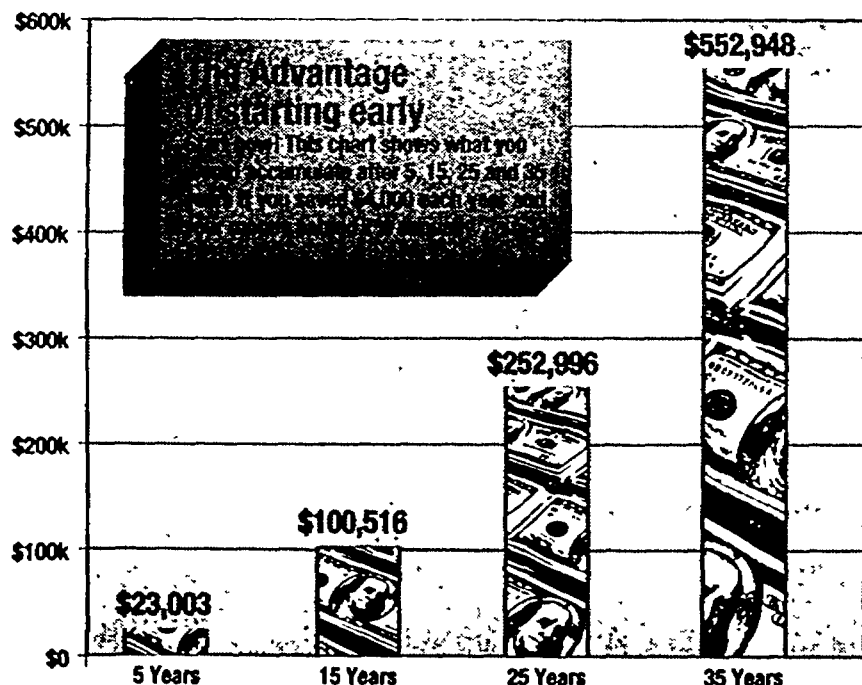
doctor bills. Recently, Medicare Advantage has been a cost saving alternative. Either way, seniors need to make sure they have one of these forms of coverage to protect themselves from rising healthcare costs.

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According to the U.S. Federal Trade Commission, a traditional funeral, including a casket and vault, costs about \$6,000, although "extras" including flowers, obituary notices, acknowledgement cards or limousines can add thousands or dollars to the bottom line. Many funerals run well over \$10,000. Final Expense Life Insurance is designed to pay a tax-free death benefit to the beneficiary to help with these rising funeral costs.

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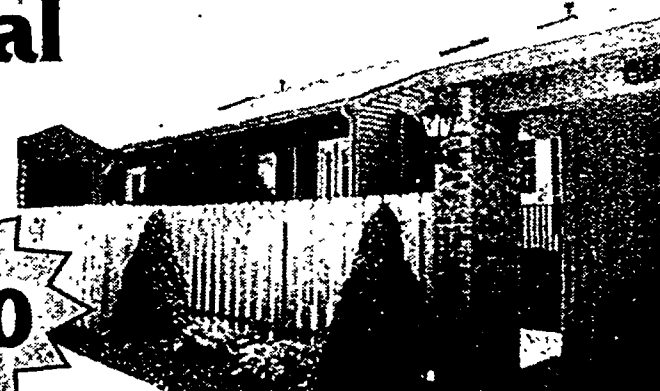


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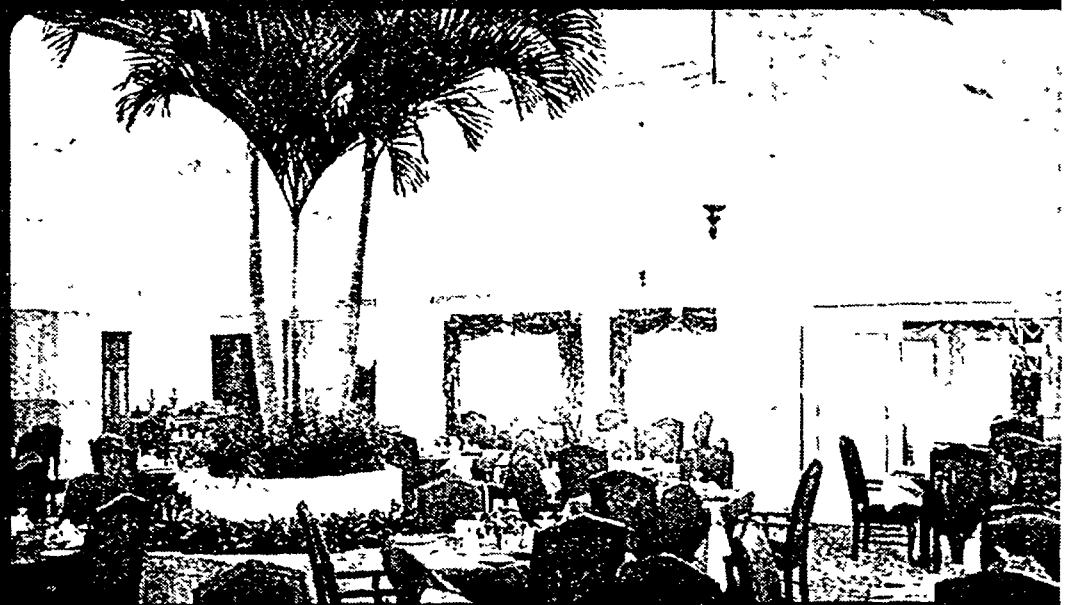
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Know your retirement needs

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Don't touch your savings

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Start now, set goals and stick to them

Start early. The sooner you start saving, the more time your money has to grow. Put time on your side. Make retirement savings a high priority. Devise a plan and stick to it, and set goals for yourself. Remember, it's never too early or too late to start saving. So start now, whatever your age!


Consider basic investment principals

How you save can be as important as how much you save. Inflation and the type of investments you make play important roles in how much you will have saved at retirement. Know how your pension or savings plan is invested. Financial security and knowledge go hand in hand.

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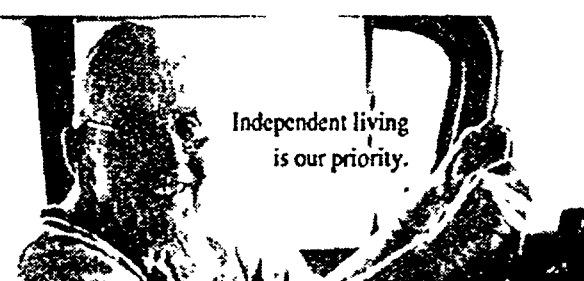
These tips point you in the right direction, but you will need more information. Talk to your employer, your bank, your union or a financial advisor. Ask questions and make sure the answers make sense to you. Get practical advice and act now. Financial security doesn't just happen. It takes planning and commitment, and yes, money.

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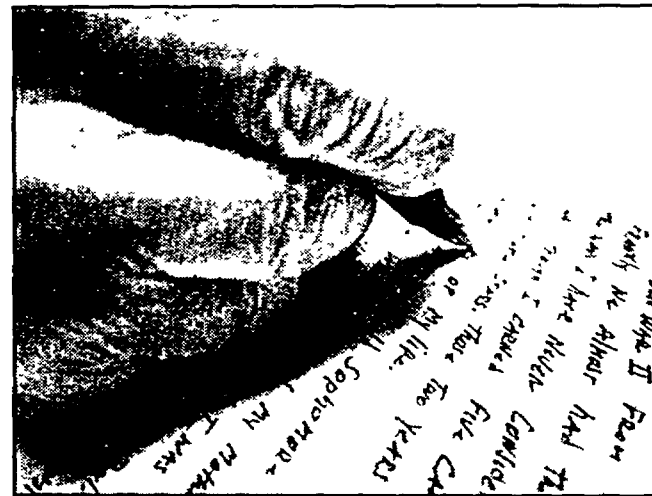
"People act as if death is contagious. It's not contagious, you know. Death is as natural as life," so said Morrie Schwartz in the 1997 best-seller by Mitch Albom, "Tuesdays with Morrie." The popular biography made death seem almost accessible given Morrie's comfort level talking about it. Yet, most people still avoid the topics of death and dying.

Among living creatures, awareness of one's own mortality is a uniquely human experience. And, for most people, it is not easy to discuss. While some may be afraid to talk about death, most do not want to be a burden to loved ones and would prefer to see their wishes followed in the event of a significant health status change or even a catastrophic event. Yet more than two-thirds of the adult population does not have a living will or other advance directive.

Older adults are more likely to use advance directives, which are documents that give instructions about health care or appoint someone to make medical treatment decisions, but young people have as much at

stake when they have not expressed their preferences. If stricken with a serious disease or accident, medical technology combined with the lack of clear direction may mean they are kept alive against their wishes.

If you are considering your own advance directive, it is essential to write your wishes and preferences down on paper, and then have a meaningful conversation with your family members and doctor. By putting everything in writing, you ensure that the information is available to your appointed health care agent, doctor, hospital, and clinic or managed care plan. You do not have to put specific wishes in your advance directive document if you aren't sure of your wishes in the face of future unknown. But it is vitally important to appoint a health-care agent or proxy — someone who will follow your wishes in the event that you can no longer speak for yourself. Appointing that agent and having the conversation about your preferences are important steps toward peace of mind.



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The American Bar Association has a 10-point toolkit for consumers that helps make the process easier to navigate. And the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization provides state-specific forms for use. Experts recommend reviewing advance care planning documents at critical life stages, including the "5 Ds" — every

new Decade of your life, after the Death of a loved one, after a Divorce, after any significant Diagnosis and after any significant Decline in functioning.

National Healthcare Decisions Day (NHDD) Initiative on April 16, is part of collaborative effort of national, state, and community organizations committed to ensuring that all adults with decision-making capacity in the United States have the information and opportunity to communicate and document their healthcare decisions.

Whether younger, middle-aged or older, responsible adults benefit from making their own advance care plans. And while it is a difficult discussion, talking to family, friends, doctors and your lawyer makes your wishes clear. An advance directive can assure that those wishes are carried out and that your loved ones are spared potentially agonizing decisions.

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Factors to consider when looking for senior housing

BY ALISON BERGSIEKER
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Transitioning from living independently to assisted senior housing community is a difficult decision for many older adults and their families.

Many are concerned about giving up their privacy, staying connected with loved ones and having access to medical care, transportation and other services vital to living comfortably.

"Moving to a senior community is very hard," said Jennifer Alwin, senior living counselor for WaltenWood at Carriage Park in Canton. "It's important to allow seniors to still get the assistance they need, have their own space and live privately."

To help make your transition easier, area experts helped devise a list of important factors to consider when choosing and touring senior living communities:

Location

Depending on where your housing is, pricing will vary based on the demo-



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Abbey Park at Mill River in New Hudson has fireplaces, water fountains, elegant lighting and an extensive list of amenities.

graphics of the area.

"Newer housing communities located in cities where there is a lot of development going on tend to have

more expensive home values, so it may be worth shopping around," said David Leslie, retirement counselor for Henry Ford Village in Dearborn. "A more

mature community is just as safe but may cost less depending on where it is located."

Proximity to family and churches is also important, Alwin said.

Many of the seniors residing at WaltenWood at Carriage Park attend mass at nearby churches and are transported by staff each week.

Housing communities featured at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Schoolcraft College's sixth annual Senior Expo on May 19 are located in several Metro Detroit communities, including Canton, Dearborn, Farmington Hills, Hazel Park, Livonia, Milford, New Hudson, Plymouth, Rochester Hills, Royal Oak, Southfield, Sterling Heights, Taylor, Troy and Westland.

Price

Cost of living is a huge commitment to consider before signing on to a housing community. Check out whether

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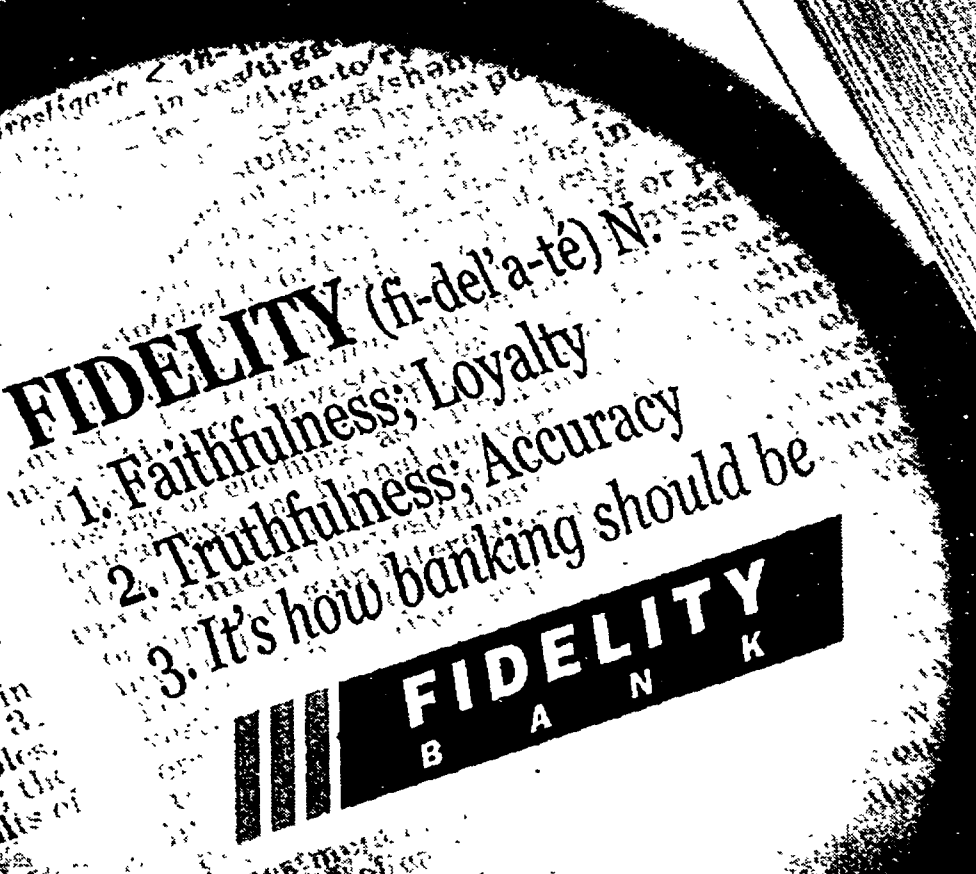
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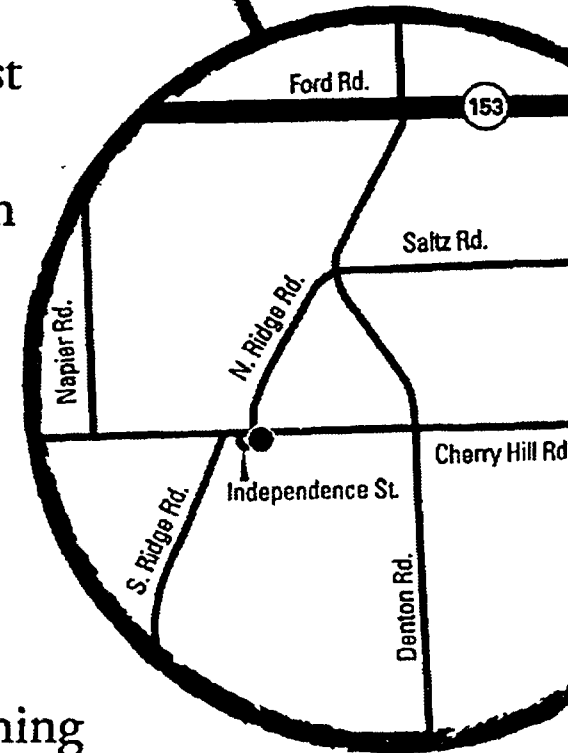


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or not the monthly fee is affordable and what it includes.

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"In most places, that monthly fee will include just about everything that they're looking for," Leslie said. "But it doesn't hurt to ask."

Inquire about what utilities are included, especially considering the high cost of heating as of late, Alwin recommends.

The Community

Make sure the community consists of everything your loved one desires, indoors and outdoors.

Depending on what you are willing to pay, you can choose options such as housekeeping, shopping, laundry, shuttle services, communal eating, dressing, bathing, toileting, etc.

But the people are important, too. Spend time with staff members and other residents to make sure the environment is a good fit for you.

"The number one factor for many residents is the social environment," Leslie said. "Most people are looking for the opportunity to do something that is better than what they are doing now. If they are leaving their house, it's likely they are looking for a place where they can enjoy a better lifestyle."

At MediLodge, an annual senior prom is hosted complete with dressy gowns and suits, fine food and an orchestra. Residents from all MediLodge facilities, their families and staff join together for this gala event. MediLodge also hosts a senior Olympics each summer with events such as shot put, discus, basketball, kickball, beanbag toss and horseshoes.

Amenities

The list of services offered at a senior housing community range from community to community, so it's



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Henry Ford Village in Dearborn has on-site banking, a TV studio run by residents, music and art rooms and more.

important to make comparisons before making a decision.

For example, on-site banking is unique to Henry Ford Village, which offers Comerica banking on campus.

"A lot of places have banks that are open a couple of days a week," Leslie said.

Unique to Henry Ford Village is an on-site TV studio run by residents and broadcast on a local cable channel. The facility also hosts a music and art rooms, 300-seat church, swimming pool, library, hobby shop, convenience store and more.

Recently opened in New Hudson is the senior housing community, Abbey Park at Mill River, offering a wide range of medical and entertainment amenities.

"We provide medical and personal care services tailored to the needs of each member of our

community," said Tamra Ward, administrator. "For those who need assistance, our care team offers personal care plans ranging from medication management to 24-hours plans with two-hour check-ins around the clock."

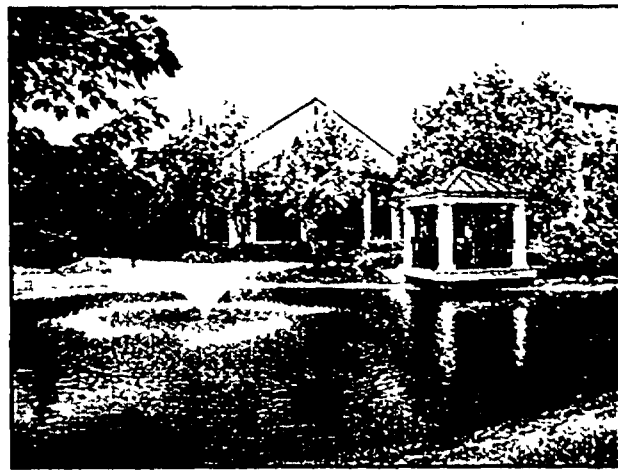
Abbey Park also offers daily housekeeping, weekly maid service, scheduled chauffeured transportation, a theater, salon and ice cream parlor.

Dining is a popular amenity considered by future residents, Leslie advised.

"We all remember great food," Leslie said. "Look at restaurants or dining rooms. Review the menus and see what kind of entrée choices are offered."

At American House in Westland, residents are offered the option of using a personal care company that is on site 24 hours per day. Services such as medication reminders, a.m. and p.m. care, personal care assistance, incontinence care and escort to and from meals and activities are available.

Depending on what your needs are, area housing communities will offer additional activities including lunch at local restaurants, shopping and walking to local stores, malls or outlet centers, gambling at nearby casinos, recreational activities, religious outings and voting at local polls.



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Scenic landscaping at Henry Ford Village provides a peaceful backdrop right in residents' backyards.

TYPES OF SENIOR HOUSING

55+ Lifestyles

55+ Lifestyle communities are 55+ age-restricted communities that offer resort style amenities and social activities. These may be ownership, rental or land lease communities.

Independent Living

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Assisted Living

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Home Care

Home Care is a general term to describe services delivered at home to recovering, disabled, or terminally ill persons in need of medical, nursing, social, or therapeutic treatment.

Adult Day Care

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Alzheimer's Care

Alzheimer's Care provides specialized care and housing tailored to the special needs of individuals with this disease.

Low-Income Affordable

55+ Lifestyle, Independent Living and Assisted Living communities offering one of several different government assistance programs designed for low-income seniors. Income restrictions generally apply and individuals must meet certain criteria to qualify for assistance. The two most common programs are the Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly Program and the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program.

Respite Care-Short Term Stay

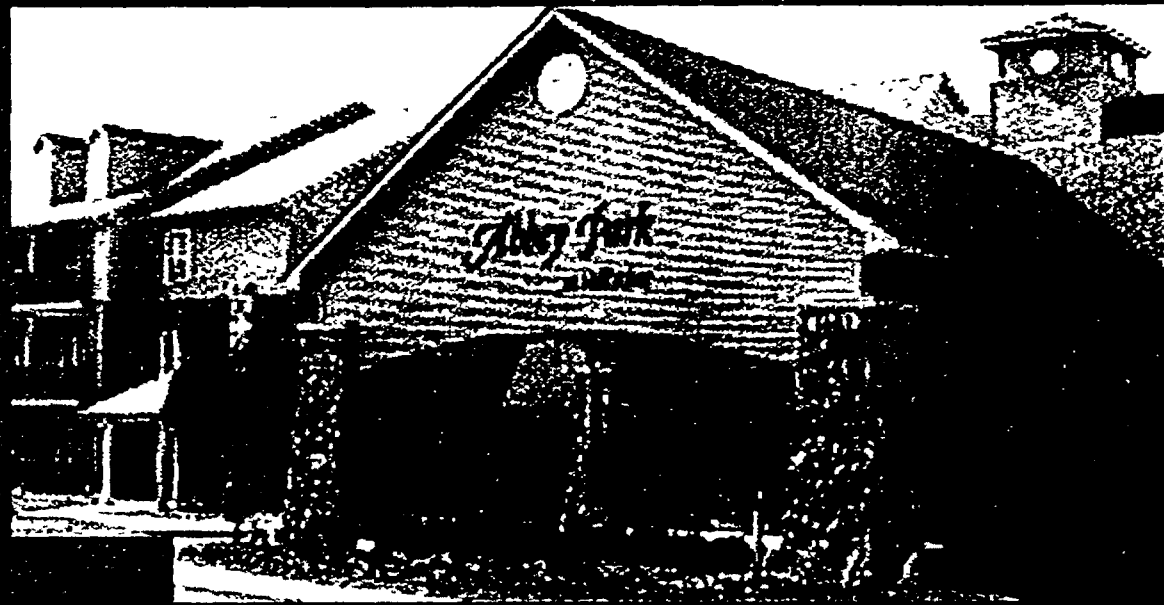
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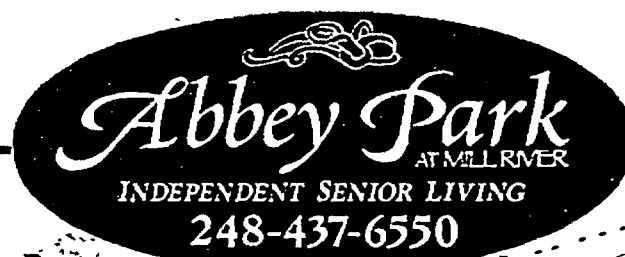
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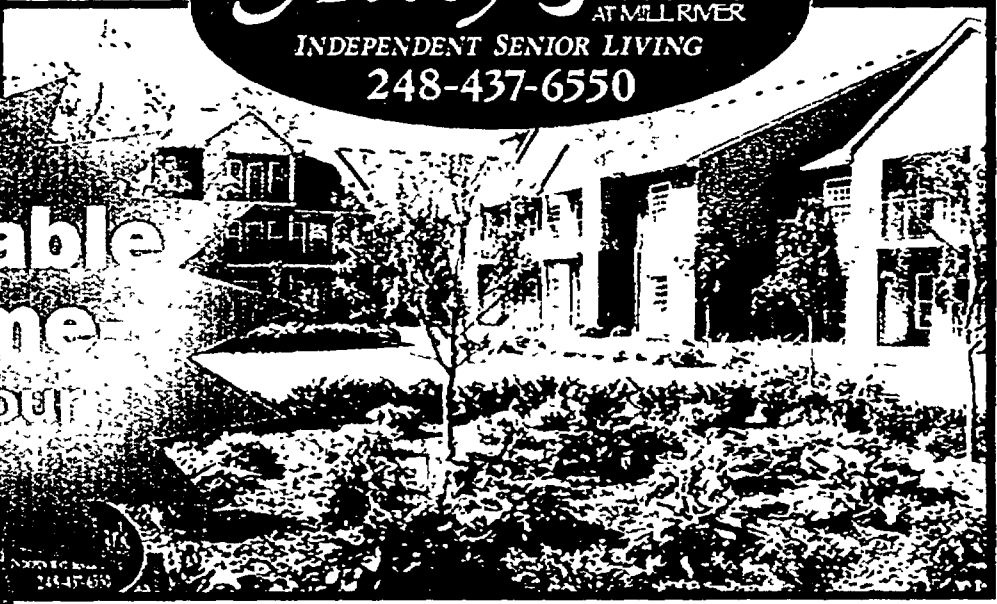


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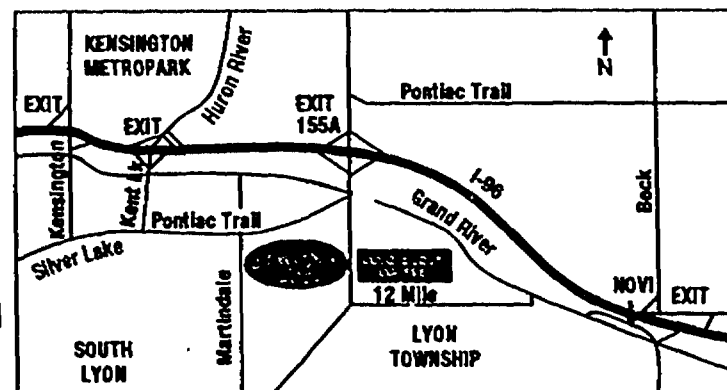
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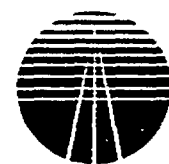
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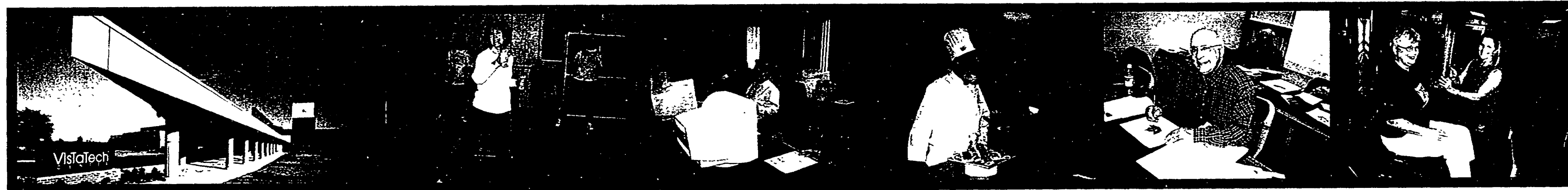
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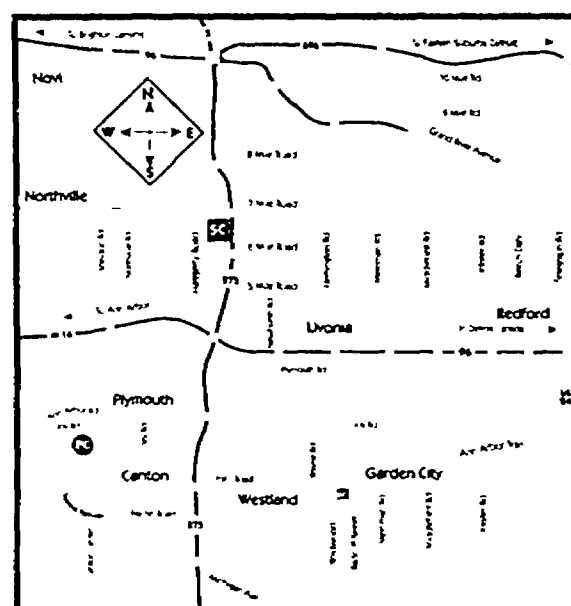
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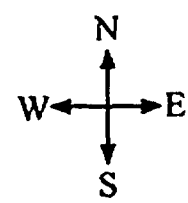
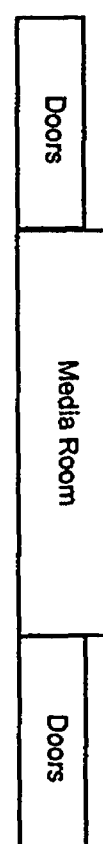
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In 1950, the United States were just coming out of a major war and the Great Depression. The economy was finally



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It wasn't uncommon to spend 25 cents on a dozen eggs, 80 cents for a gallon of milk or 45 cents for a hamburger.

The population of the United States as reported by the 1950 Census was 150,697,361, with the world population at approximately 2.5 billion.

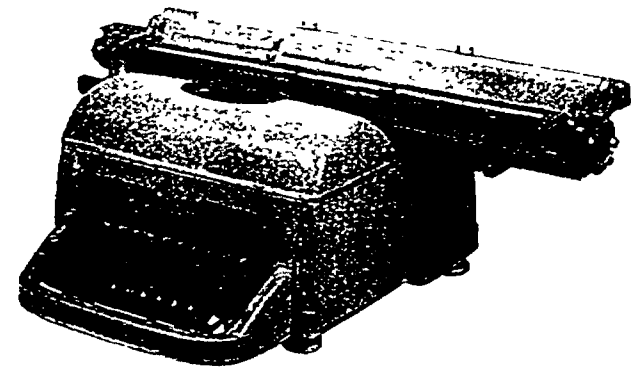
The median age for marriage was 22.8 years old for men and 20.3 for women.

Walt Disney's Cinderella debuted on VHS in 1950, and antihistamines became popular use for treatment of allergies and head colds.

CBS received an FCC license to begin broadcasting in color, and KRAFT Deluxe process cheese slices, the first commercially sliced packaged cheese, were introduced to grocery store shelves.

North Korea invaded South Korea. President Truman ordered the U.S into war where 3 million soldiers and civilians were killed or wounded before it ended in 1953.

Truman also gave Albert Einstein per-



mission to build the hydrogen bomb despite Einstein's warning of its effects.

In 1950, 36.3 percent of all advertising dollars were spent on newspapers, while only 3.3 percent were spent on TV.

According to www.fiftiesweb.com, there were 10,500,000 TV sets in 10,400,000 homes in 1950. The unemployment rate averaged 5.3 percent, the U.S. Gross National Product (GNP) was \$288.5 billion.

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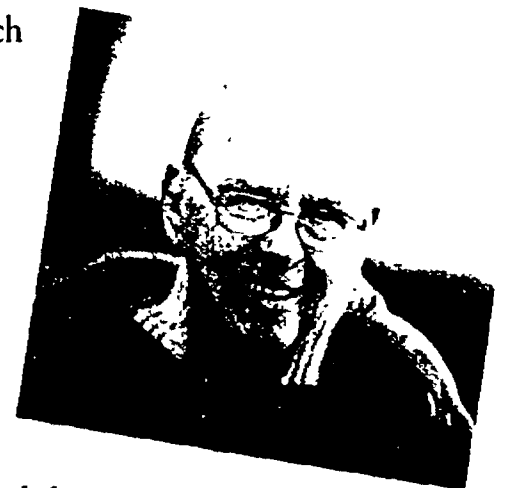


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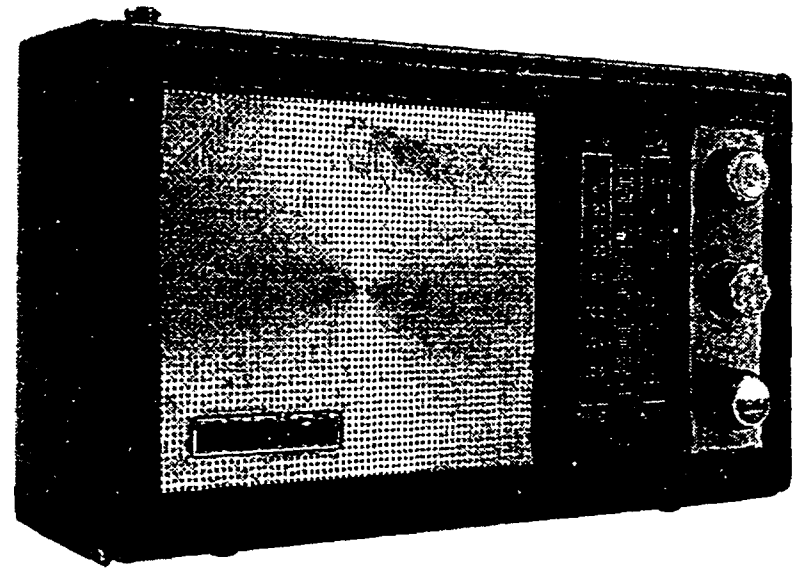
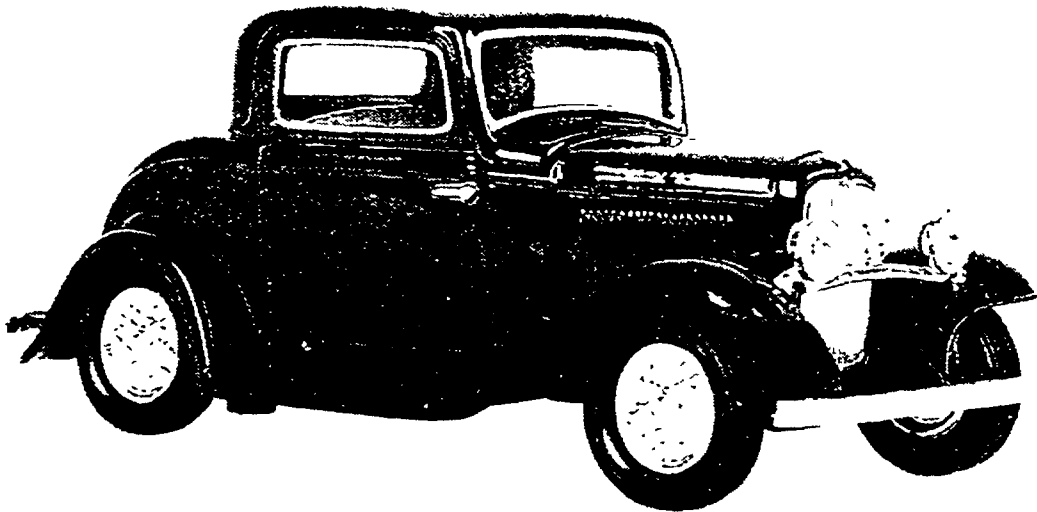
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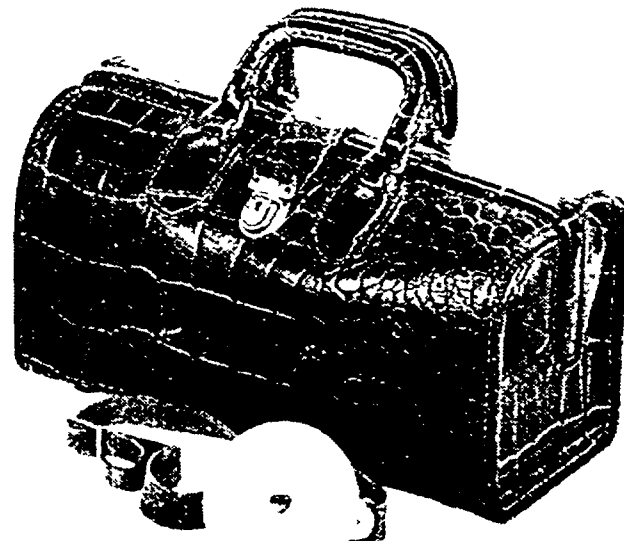
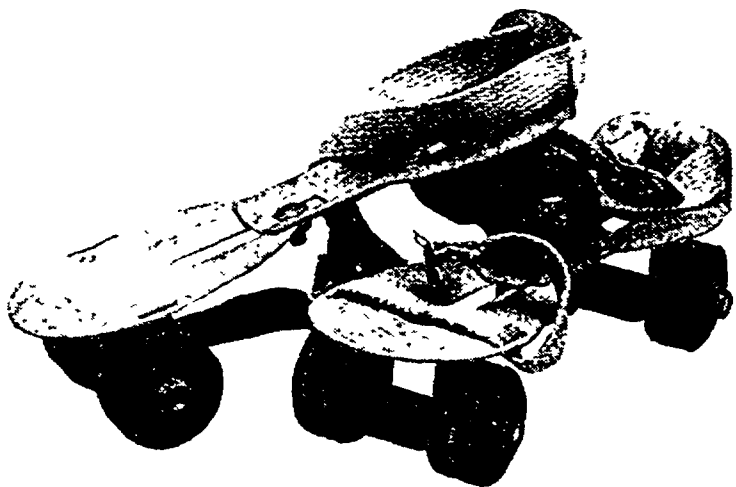
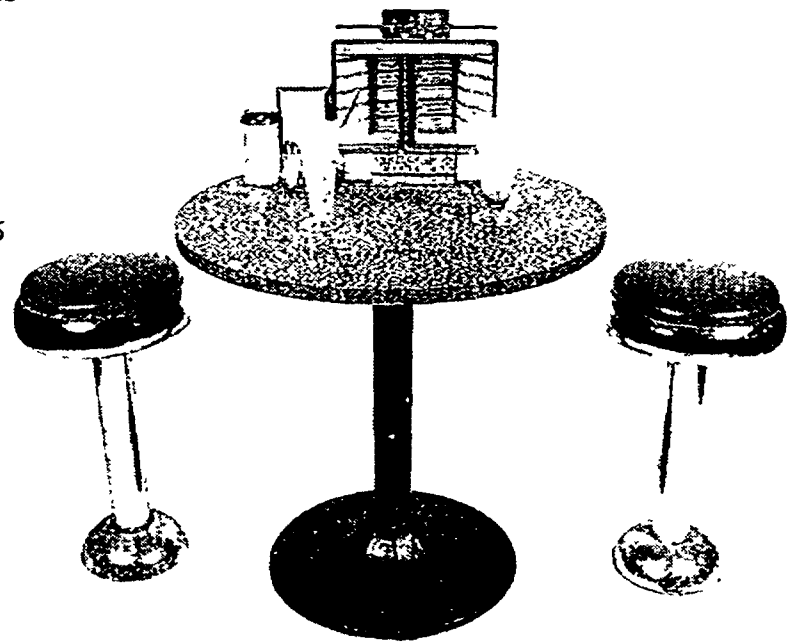
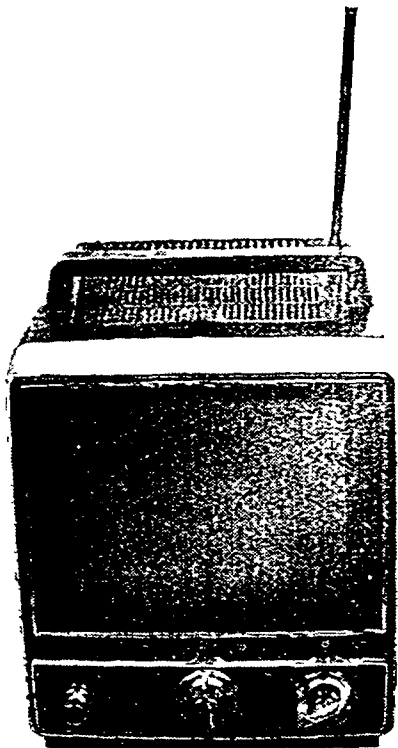
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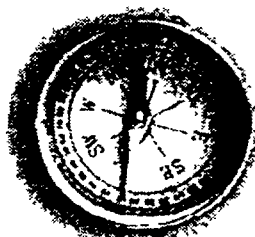


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Hiring formal caregivers

Caring for an older adult can be a rewarding and challenging experience. Most caregiving is done "informally," meaning that family members and friends provide the care with no outside agencies assisting in caregiving activities.

Informal caregiving can often-times be physically, emotionally and financially challenging. Informal caregivers must therefore be alert to the inherent stressors associated with caring for an older adult and aware of the vast amount of resources that exist in their communities to support informal caregivers in their role.

One option for those caring for an older adult is to hire an individual or agency to supplement some of the caregiving duties. These are typically referred to as "formal caregivers." Formal caregivers can either be hired through an agency or hired privately. Both methods have advantages and disadvantages as described below:

Self-hiring a caregiver

Advantages:

- May cost less
- Personal selection of caregiver
- Flexibility in caregiver's work schedule
- Flexibility of caregiver responsibilities

Disadvantages:

- Time, cost and effort to advertise, interview, check references and select caregiver
- No supervision or training
- Cost of insurance coverage
- No coverage for caregiver absenteeism
- Requires payroll deductions and taxes

Hiring a caregiver

Advantages:

- Supervised caregivers
- Screened caregivers
- 24-hour/7-day back up (usually)
- Insurance coverage in some cases
- Agency serves as employers and handles all payroll issues

Disadvantages:

- Higher cost
- Agency selects the caregivers
- Individual caregivers may alternate

Regardless if a formal caregiver is hired through an agency or privately, there are some necessary steps that must be taken to ensure a safe environment for the older adult.

Screening prospective caregivers

If you self-hire a caregiver, thoroughly check the references for at least two of the final applicants you're considering. Ask for contact information from all of their previous employers and be sure to contact those employers. It is best to talk directly with former employers rather than accepting letters of recommendations. Also, inquire about any time gaps in the applicant's employment history. With permission from the applicant, you can also conduct a criminal background check. If you hire a caregiver through an agency, learn about the agency's screening and firing practices. Inquire if criminal background checks are conducted and work references are checked on all staff and volunteers. It is also important to find out about the supervision of staff and the process for filing complaints.

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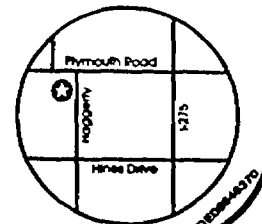
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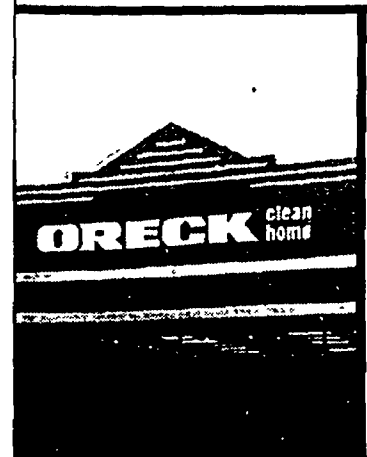
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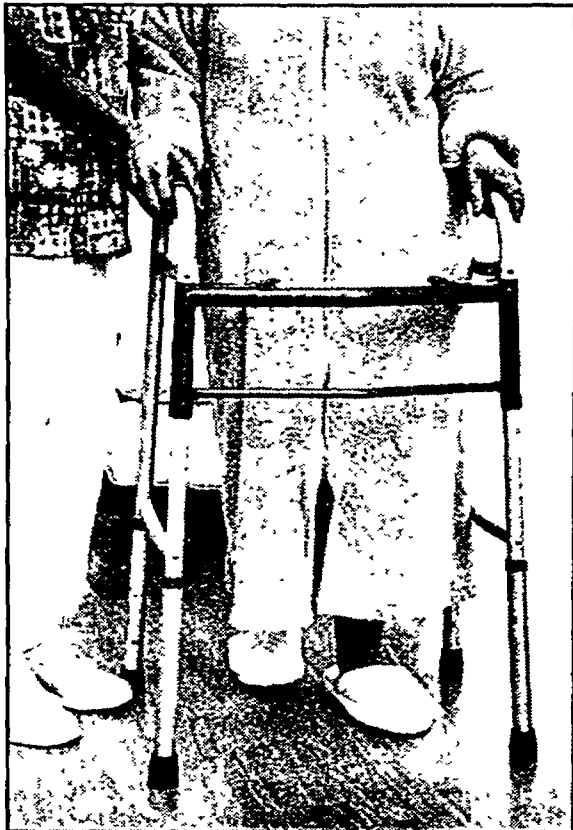
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Taxes and paychecks

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Agencies typically administer paychecks to their employees. If you hire a caregiver privately, however, you may be responsible for administering their paycheck and withholding taxes. If you do not want to deal with these issues, you can use a payroll preparation service. These services require a fee for their services.

Homeowner and car insurance

Check with your homeowner's insurance about coverage for an in-home caregiver. If the caregiver will be driving your car, inform your insurance agent. If the caregiver has a car, discuss the use of his/her car on the job and insurance coverage

for transporting an older adult.

Ensuring a safe environment

Although abusive situations are not common, you must be alert to the possibility. It is critical to thoroughly check the references of prospective caregivers. Make sure the caregiver completely understands what their position entails, the medical problems and limitations of the older adult, as well as any behavior that could lead to stressful situations. Before hiring a caregiver, ensure that the terms of employment, including hours and wages are clearly stated and agreed upon. It is strongly suggested to have a written employment contract signed by both you (the employer) and the caregiver. Most importantly, keep communication lines open and ensure the caregiver is not overburdened.

Regardless of who is providing the care, it is necessary to protect the older adult's valuables:

- Lock private papers and valuables in a file cabinet, safe deposit box or safe.
- Make arrangements to have someone trusted pick up the mail, or have it sent to a post office box

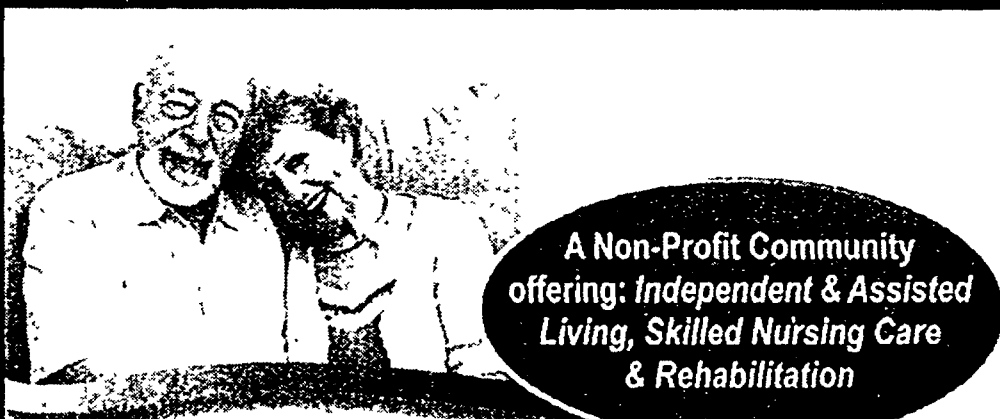
where it can be picked up at a later time.

- Review bank and credit care statements at least once a month and periodically request a credit report.
- Consider having social security or pension checks deposited directly in to the bank account.
- Do not allow caregivers to pay bills.
- Protect checkbooks and credit cards, never make them available to anyone you do not thoroughly trust.
- Always get receipts any time the caregiver shops for the older adult.
- Never add the caregiver's name to savings, checking, charge accounts, social security or any other documents.

If abuse or neglect is suspected: Immediately take the older adults out of harm's way and ensure their safety. Report the situation immediately to your local Adult Protective Services office or Michigan's Vulnerable Adult Abuse and Exploitation Helpline at 800-996-6228. All calls are confidential. If the situation is severe, do not hesitate to contact police.

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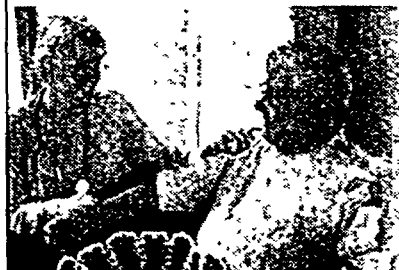
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Cardiovascular disease remains the No. 1 cause of death for both men and women in the United States. While heart-related illnesses are widespread, the good news is that your lifestyle choices can have a significantly positive effect on your overall heart health.

"You can easily improve overall heart health with a few, simple lifestyle choices," says dietician Keri Glassman. "One in four Americans does not get enough exercise to maintain a healthy lifestyle. With obesity on the rise, especially among children, routine daily exercise is a great place to start. When combined with a healthier diet, particularly one with reduced sodium, you'll lower the risks of heart disease, stroke, diabetes and hypertension."

True, there are factors that you don't have control over when it comes to heart health, including age, race, gender and family history. However, by monitoring controllable risk factors such as weight, diet and exercise, you can proactively take the necessary steps to limit the threats and improve your overall well-being.

Here are five easy tips to get your ticker in tip-top shape:

Heart smart staples

Stock up on whole grains, lean proteins rich in omega-3s, and a colorful array of fruits and vegetables. Fruits and veggies are not only low in fat and calories, they are also a great source of vitamins, minerals and fiber.

Also, omega-3 fatty acids found in salmon, tuna, walnuts, soybeans, brussel sprouts and flax seeds, can help lower blood fats called triglycerides, which are harmful to your heart. A diet high in soluble fiber and low in saturated fats along with increased fruits and vegetables may help decrease cholesterol and blood pressure.



Shake the salt habit

Sodium is one of the biggest contributors to heart disease and hypertension; and, as a general rule, you should not exceed 2,400 milligrams of sodium per day. Buyer beware: high amounts of sodium lurk in many of the everyday foods you love, including soups, breads and even beverages. Help stay within your daily sodium recommendation and opt for the low salt or reduced sodium options of your favorite foods, when available.

Many choices, such as Del Monte's 50 percent Less Salt Vegetables, are a convenient way to reduce salt while maintaining delicious flavor. Look for heart smart options in the grocery store. Products such as Del Monte's 50 percent Less Salt Whole Kernel Corn and Sweet Peas display the American Heart Association heart-check mark on the label as they meet the Association's food criteria for saturated fat and cholesterol for healthy people older than age 2.

Other low-sodium options readily available at the supermarket include Pepperidge Farms reduced-sodium breads, lower sodium soups from Campbell's and Progresso, and Orville Redenbacher's SmartPop popcorn. For great ways on switching out those high sodium foods with lower salt versions, visit delmonte.com/solutions/recipeTools.aspx for delicious recipes.

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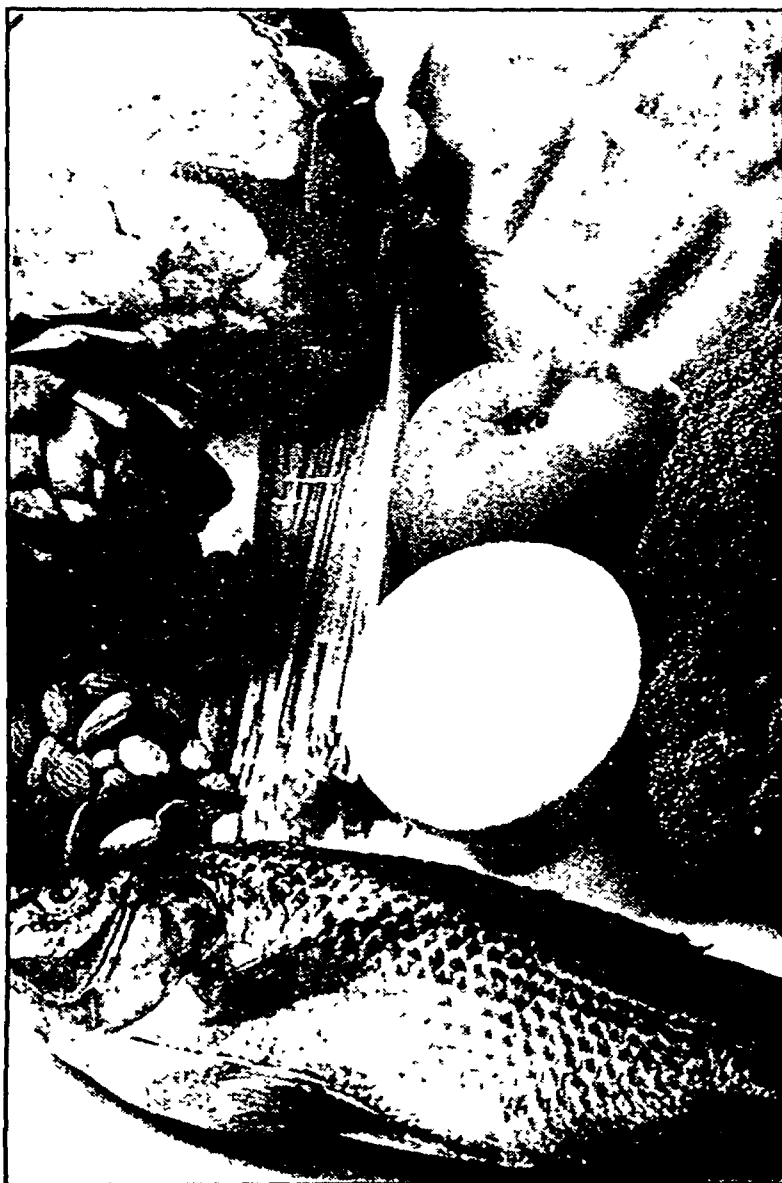
Statistics show that 1.3 million people will have a new or recurrent heart attack in 2009 according to the American Heart Association, and one major contributor is a lack of daily exercise. Tired of your old routine or going to the gym? Sign up for a fun salsa, ballroom or meringue dance class at a local community center. You'll get your blood moving, heart pumping and have fun with friends and others while you're doing it.

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The Senior Alliance (TSA) is a nonprofit agency designated as the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) for western and southern Wayne County.

Funding for agency services are provided primarily by the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging (OSA) and the Michigan Department of Community Health. While many programs have different qualification requirements, the information primarily addresses the needs of people age 60 and older.

A Board governs the agency, with representatives from each of the communities in the service area. The Board receives advice on senior issues from an Advisory Council and Corporate Committee.

Eldercare Locator

To search for information or assistance for older adults in other areas of the state or nation can be initiated by contacting the Area Agency on Aging that serves that region.

Information about AAA services nationwide can be obtained by calling the toll-free Eldercare Locator at 800-677-1116. Website: www.eldercare.gov.

The Senior Alliance Service Network

The Senior Alliance Service Network includes programs and services offered directly by agency staff and service providers who are contracted by The Senior Alliance.

These in-home and community-based services are provided to assist older adults maintain their independence and provide support to caregivers. Contact the Information & Programs Department at TSA for additional information about Network services and other community programs.

Services are provided by The Senior Alliance, noted with (TSA), unless otherwise listed.

Adult Day Services

Adult Day Services provides a daytime program of social and rehabilitative and/or maintenance services to functionally impaired elderly persons.

Revival Outreach Adult Day Services
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Caregiver Support

Caregiver information and assistance, support groups, individual counseling, and/or education & training services. Program details vary among these providers. Call each to determine the scope of programs offered.

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734-727-7378

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734-246-2280

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313-937-8291

Care Management

Care Management is designed to provide support and link services to older adults with complex needs who are at risk of nursing home placement. It includes an in-home assessment by a registered nurse and social worker, followed by arrangements for service delivery.

The Senior Alliance 734-722-2830 or 800-815-1112 for the following communities: Belleville, Canton Twp., Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Huron Twp., Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Northville Twp., Plymouth, Plymouth Twp., Redford Twp., Romulus, Sumpter Twp., Van Buren Twp., Wayne, Westland.

The Information Center 734-282-7171 for the following communities:

Allen Park, Brownstown Twp., Ecorse, Flat Rock, Gibraltar, Grosse Ile Twp., Lincoln Park,

Melvindale, River Rouge, Riverview, Rockwood, Southgate, Taylor, Trenton, Woodhaven and Wyandotte.

Case Coordination & Support

The Case Coordination & Support program assesses the eligibility of seniors for in-home services such as Personal Care, Homemaker, and Respite Care. (TSA)

Chore Referral

Seniors looking for home maintenance assistance will be given the names of independent workers who have been asked to charge reasonable fees. Homeowners make their own arrangements for the work and payment for service. (TSA)

Chore Services

The Wayne County Cares Chore program provides snow removal, leaf raking, and lawn mowing. (TSA)

Congregate Meals

Seniors can get a hot lunch on weekdays at any of 41 community lunch sites. The meals provide at least one-third of the Recommended Dietary Allowance (RDA). Reservations must be made. Wayne County Office of Nutrition Services 734-727-7388 or 800-851-1454

Elder Abuse Services

The service includes the provision of public education, outreach, and referral with respect to the prevention of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of older individuals.

Neighborhood Legal Services Michigan Elder Law & Advocacy Center
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Gatekeeper Program

The Gatekeeper program is designed to assist frail, isolated and vulnerable older adults who have little contact with others and who may go unnoticed when they need attention. The program involves the public in recognizing the signs that someone may need help. (TSA)

Friendly Reassurance

This program (also called Tele-Care) provides for regular telephone contacts with homebound older adults to assure their well being and safety along with social interaction.

Wayne County Senior Citizens Services
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Information & Assistance

Information is given to individuals pertaining to in-home services, senior housing alternatives, and other TSA and community services for older adults and their care-givers. Assistance is provided to help understand and find appropriate human service providers that can best meet their needs. (TSA)

Kinship Caregiver Assistance

Information and support services to grandparents and/or relative caregivers age 60 and over who are legally responsible for children 18 years of age or younger.

Adult Well-Being Services

313-924-7860

Neighborhood Legal Services of Michigan Elder Law & Advocacy Center

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Legal Assistance

Provision of legal advice, representation and counseling on issues such as guardianship, power of attorney, age discrimination, entitlements, etc. to older adults. No fee-generating or criminal cases are handled.

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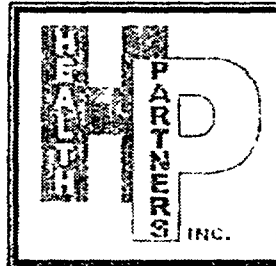
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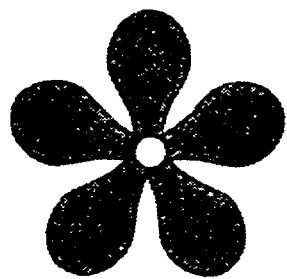
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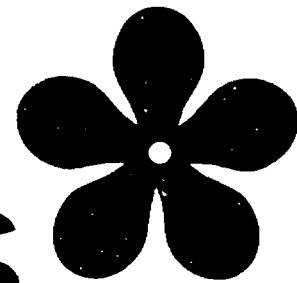
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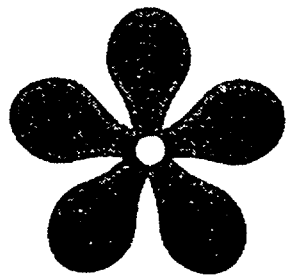
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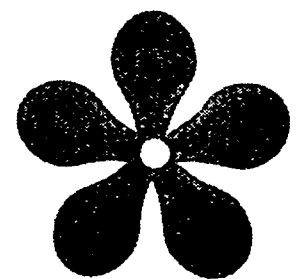
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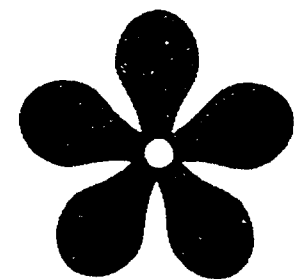


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Outreach

This program is designed to identify and assist isolated older persons in the greatest social and economic need, access agency services. (TSA)

Refugee Support Project

A project designed to assist older adult refugees to gain access to TSA services and community pro-

grams. (TSA)

Respite Care

This program provides relief to caregivers at home. The service includes attendant care (assistance with toileting, eating, and ambulation), and basic care (assistance with activities of daily living, routine exercise regimen, and supervision of adherence to medication). (TSA)

Senior Alliance

Holiday Meals

This program provides hot festive meals to homebound seniors on Christmas, Thanksgiving, Easter, and Labor Day. SAHM is supported primarily through private donations. Volunteers deliver meals. (TSA)

Senior Center Staffing

The Senior Alliance provides funds for staff positions at senior centers, such as senior center director, program coordinator, or specialist. Contact TSA for information about centers that are supported by agency funds.

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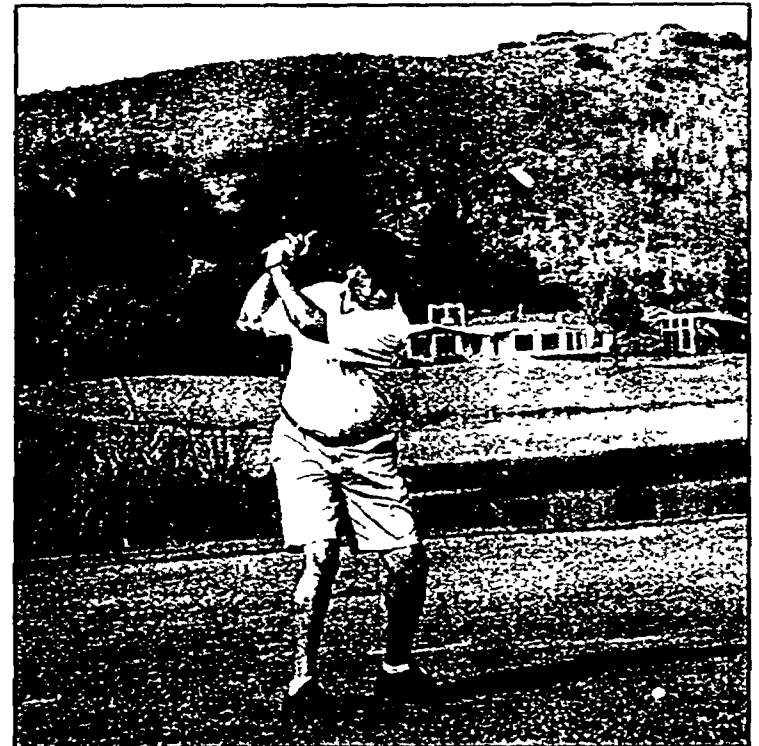
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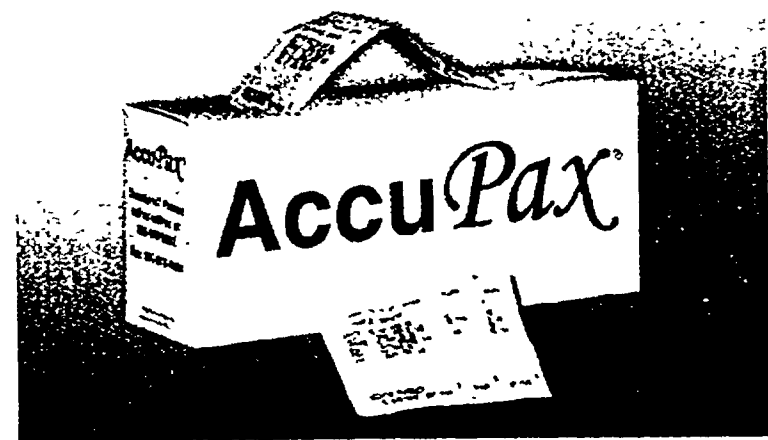


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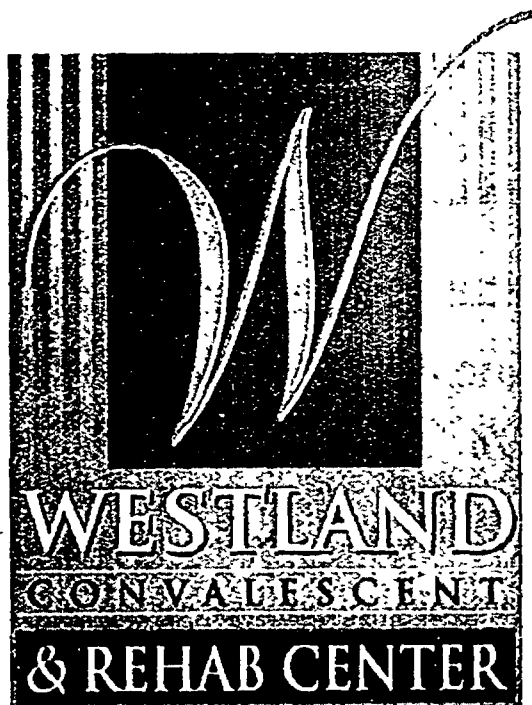
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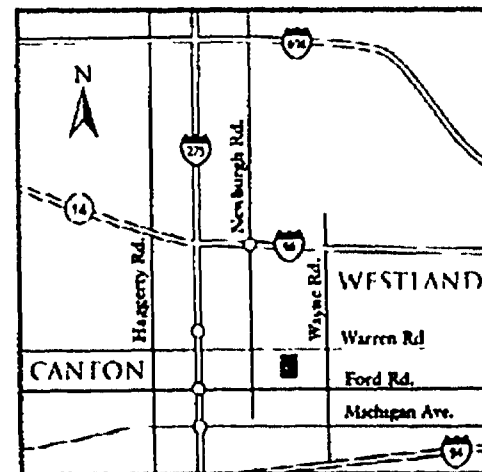
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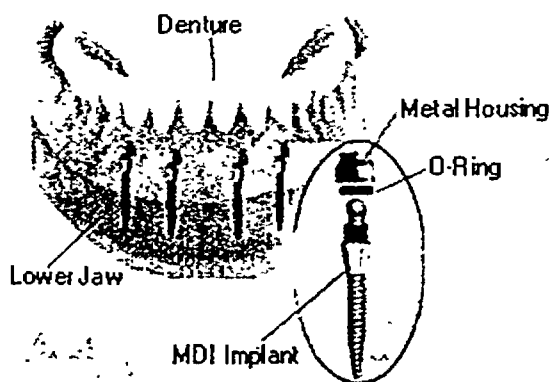
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