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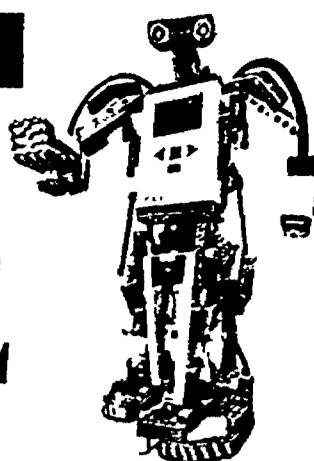
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ON THE RECORD



Are you a character?

Preservation Dental, the office of Dr. William Demray, has been participating in the annual 4th of July Parade in downtown Northville for more than 10 years. Parade-goers look forward to the cast of characters Dr. Demray rides through town in his vintage VWs. This year he is looking for some local children and teens to participate in his parade skit that includes: Mr. 2th DK, Plaque Man, Betsy Floss, The Tooth Fairy and a bevy of Sugar Bugs!

Anyone interested in a part should report to the Preservation Dental office at 7 p.m. Monday, June 29, for a casting call. The office is located in downtown Northville at the corner of Griswold and Main. The address of the historic Victorian building is 371 E. Main Street (look for the Teddy Bears in the windows).

There will be one rehearsal scheduled for 5-7 p.m. Thursday, July 2. All participants must be available for the rehearsal and the parade, scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, July 4. Details on location and the parade call time will be distributed Monday, June 29. Parents should plan to attend the Monday event. It will last until 8 p.m.

E-Newsletter winner!

Stephen Hudolin of Northville is this week's winner of a pass for two to Imagine Theatres and a free Buddy's pizza. Hudolin signed up for the E-Newsletter and was selected in a random drawing.

To sign up, click on the E-Newsletters tab on Hometownlife.com (top left of the home page).

The *Northville Record* will offer E-Newsletters on Thursdays, and local business and entertainment newsletters will come out once a week.

Group urges support for land buy

■ Fund-raiser organized at Senate Coney Island

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Supporters of the purchase of the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital property gathered Monday evening to rally support — and funding — for their cause.

With checks being made out to POF — Preserve Our Future — a fund-raiser for the cause took place at George's Senate Coney Island Restaurant on Haggerty Road south of Six Mile.

The supporters hope Northville Township residents will vote yes on a ballot proposal in the Aug. 4 primary election to purchase a portion of the property on Seven Mile Road between Haggerty and Northville Road from developer REIS for \$23.5 million. The property has been privately appraised at \$30 million.

For sale are 332 acres out of a 414-acre parcel, with the developer previously agreeing to donate 100 acres out of the 332-acre parcel.

REIS is a partnership between

Real Estate Interests Group and Schostak Brothers and Co.

In the proposed purchase agreement, the developer would keep 68 acres at Seven Mile and Haggerty roads for commercial development, with 14 acres still under discussion due to setback issues.

The township wants to purchase the property so that it has control of a large portion of the parcel and can keep it as passive park land.

Bill Sivy said he is supporting the bond proposal because, "I think

it makes sense from a financial standpoint. The alternative is that the property can be developed very densely, which would put a burden on our school system. This would eventually increase our taxes probably more than the bond proposal.

"I also think if the township could acquire the property for recreation that it would enhance our property values more than a high-density development."

TRAFFIC CONCERNS

Tony Silva wants the ballot pro-

Please see **LAND, A5**

Northville native comes home to rock downtown

■ New CD released from music festival

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

It's no wonder that Gia Warner was named after a famous singer.

The daughter of musician Bobby Lewis of Motown Records, she's been performing since she was 6.

When her mother was pregnant with her, she and Lewis were in Las Vegas, where they saw the singer Gia Maione and her husband, saxophonist Louis Prima, perform.

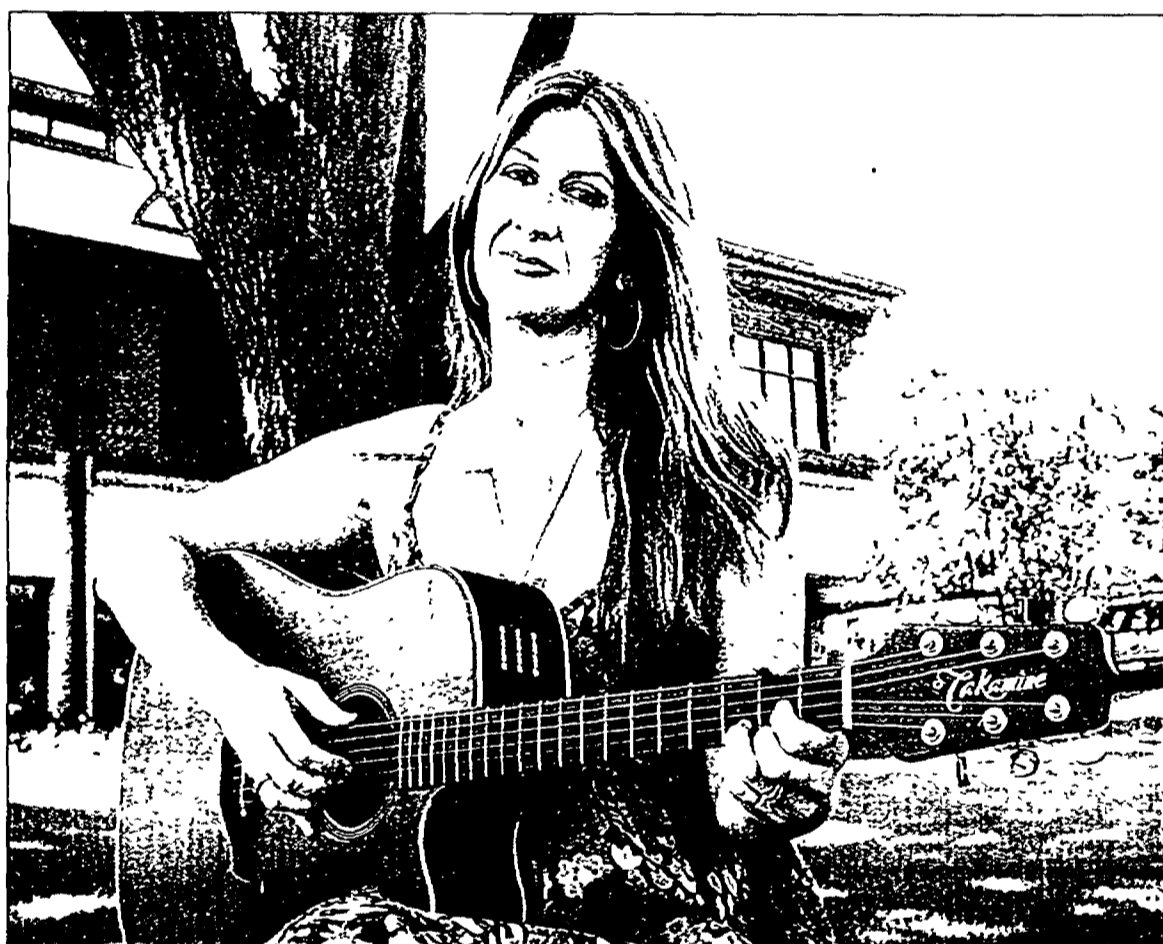
"My mom saw the name in lights and loved it," Warner said.

She will perform with other musicians that currently make up the Gia Warner Band from 7-9 p.m. June 26 in Northville's Town Square on E. Main Street.

The band is part of the Friday Night Summer Concerts series that started in May.

The concerts are providing \$18,000 worth of musical entertainment for free for local residents, with the Northville Downtown Development Authority funding \$15,000 this year.

Warner, who plays acoustic guitar and sings, produced the CD "Gia" in 2007. Her latest CD is "Gia Live: Gia Warner in Concert at Music in the Air Festival" recorded live last summer.



JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Gia Warner and her band will be performing June 26 in Northville's Town Square as part of the Friday Night Summer Concert series.

DETROIT MUSIC AWARDS

She was nominated Outstanding Rock/Pop Vocalist at the 2008 Detroit Music Awards.

At the 2009 event, she was nominated for Outstanding Rock/Pop Vocalist, Outstanding Live Performance, Outstanding Rock/Pop Songwriter and Outstanding Rock/Pop Song.

Warner has done television work for the nationally syndicated series "Xena, Warrior Princess," "Hercules," and Disney's "Legend of the Seeker," as well as national advertisements for NBC, Ford Motor Company, Chiquita

and General Motors Corporation.

Locally, she has done spots for Greektown Casino, D.O.C., Gardner White Furniture, Shore Mortgage and more.

Those who have influenced her range from Heart and Joni Mitchell to Aretha Franklin, Faith Hill, Sheryl Crow and Bonnie Raitt.

"When I write for the piano, it's more melodic, but my guitar music is definitely more rock," Warner said.

LIFE ON THE ROAD

Her father, now retired from the

band "The Headliners," was signed to Motown Records when she was just a baby, resulting in her spending the first years of her life on the road.

She traveled with him until she had to go to school.

"Luckily, that coincided with when he was signed to Motown, so they all came here to record and promote their record at that time," Warner said.

She had a front-row view of music legends, and that influence is apparent in her writing, playing and singing.

Her June 26 appearance in Northville is the first time she has performed in the city since she attended Northville High School. She now lives in Royal Oak.

"We did a Battle of the Bands," she said. "We were the high school's jazz band under Michael Rumbell, who's still at the school."

Warner will be appearing at various venues throughout the summer. For more about her and her schedule, go to www.giawarner.com.

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Northville resident asks about input on downtown project

■ Former elected official addresses council

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Former Northville City Council member Tom Swigart of Northville believes the public should have more input on whether the city should issue \$2 million in bonds to pay for phase two of a downtown improvement project.

Swigart came to the June 15 City Council meeting to ask if the issue could appear as a ballot question in the November 2009 election rather than just be the subject of a public hearing during an upcoming council meeting.

This would require a petition



Swigart

for referendum, which would need signatures from about 500 city of Northville voters.

Such a petition would also need to be submitted within 45 days of the council's

recent approval of the intent to purchase the bonds, which ends about July 25.

The council rejected Swigart's suggestion about the fall ballot question on the project.

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Northville skate park opens at Hillside school

■ Hours are 2-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday



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Harry Master, 17, who will be a senior at Northville High School in the fall, shows off the \$15 Northville SK8 Park T-shirts being sold this summer to support the new skateboarding park at Hillside Middle School. The T-shirts are available at the Northville Parks and Recreation office inside the school and at Town and Country Bike & Boards, 148 N. Center St.

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Northville-area skateboarders and in-line skaters don't have to travel far now to enjoy their favorite sport.

The new SK8 Park at Hillside Middle School on the southwest corner of Eight Mile Road and Center Street opened June 13.

The park will be open from 2-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday until Sept. 5. Skateboarders can pay \$5 for a day pass on site or \$50 for a season pass available at the Northville Parks and Recreation office. T-shirts are being sold for \$15 on-site and at Town and Country Bike & Boards, 148 N. Center St., Northville, with proceeds going to support the SK8 Park.

The SK8 Park is a portable skateboarding park set up on the

former Hillside Middle School tennis courts at 775 N. Center Street. A site supervisor will be at the park to collect drop-in fees. In addition to the skate ramps, the park also features an in-line hockey area, basketball and tennis/pickleball court.

Helmets are required, and other pieces of safety gear are strongly encouraged. Only skateboarders and in-line skaters are allowed on the courts. Rules are posted by the park.

There is no age restriction for participants. "We've been averaging six-eight kids per day," said Traci Sincok, director, Northville Parks and Recreation.

The demonstration project was approved by members of the Northville Board of Education, Northville Township Board of

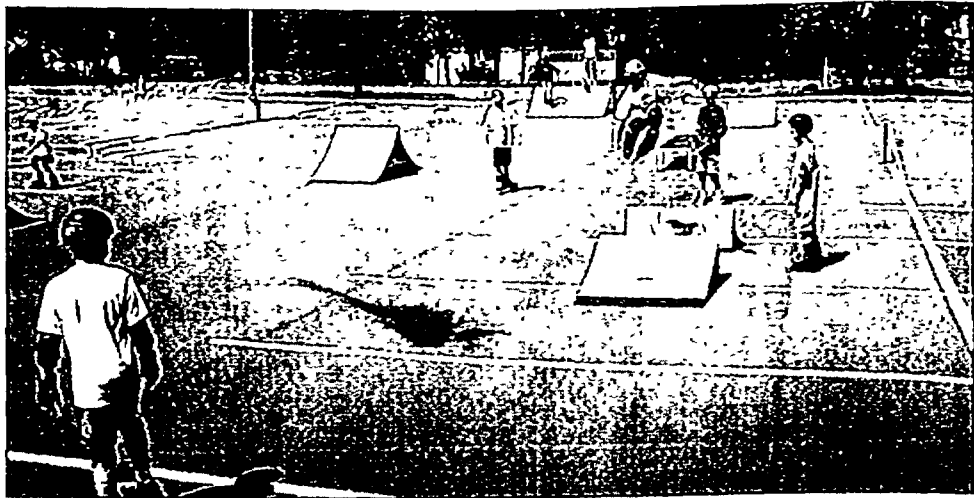


PHOTO COURTESY NORTHVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION

Skateboarders can now hone their skills at the new SK8 Park set up on the Hillside Middle School tennis courts at 775 N. Center St. in Northville. The park is open to the public for \$5 for a day pass or \$50 for a season pass.

Trustees and Northville City Council. Financial assistance is being provided by the Northville Rotary Foundation.

"We hope the kids will use it," Sincok said. "It's something here in our own community that they can participate in, and we wanted to make it a great fun but safe place for the kids to be this summer."

The park is open to the public. Sincok said area skateboarders have been informing each other about the new park through Facebook.

LOCAL STUDENT'S IDEA

The park was the brainchild of Harry Master, 17, a Northville High School senior who has been a skateboarder for about four and a half years.

"We need a place to go," Master said. "We get tickets if we try to skateboard in downtown Northville. The closest park was Modern Skate Park at Fountain Park in Novi, and it closed a couple of years ago and moved to Royal Oak. So, before the Northville park opened, the closest parks were in Westland or West Bloomfield."

Although he doesn't plan to become a professional skateboarder, he would like to find a sponsor. Master plans to attend college and earn a degree in education.

He got involved in the sport through friends.

"They were doing it, so I decided to try it one day, and I fell in

love with it," Master said.

Skateboarding involves balance, coordination and strength. Master said it's helped him as a member of the NHS Swim Team.

"There's also a little bit of thrill involved," he said.

Master is going to be at the park as much as he can this summer and hopes to be able to attract some professional skateboarders to come to the park for some demonstrations, to sign autographs and maybe hold competitions. Master said the skate park is designed for beginners.

"We're going to do everything we can to show Northville that this skate park is a good thing, and that the community should invest in it," Master said.

For more information, call Northville Parks and Recreation, at (248) 349-0203.

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Northville-area homes to be part of Koi and Pond Club Tour

Hobby provides beauty, relaxation

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Imagine being able to lie in bed and listen to running water 24 hours a day.

That's just one of the benefits of John and Sandy Rae's koi pond outside their Northville home.

The Raes' koi pond will be one of eight Northville area homes featured in the 11th Pond and Water Garden Tour presented by the Michigan Koi and Pond Club from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday, July 11, rain or shine. (Koi is a type of Japanese gold fish found in many garden ponds.)

Cost is \$10 per ticket per adult or \$5 per ticket for children ages 5-15.

Each home on the tour has a water feature, and many water features have fish, frogs and various types of water garden plants. This is a self-guided tour, with participants receiving a wristband and a tour booklet upon purchasing a ticket.

The event is being sponsored by The Pond Place, 3505 W. Highland Road, in Milford.

A LABOR OF LOVE

It's obvious after talking with Rae, and fellow club member Mike Conrad of Northville, Rae's mentor in the club, that their koi ponds are a labor of love.



The Raes have a few goldfish in one of their ponds at this time. They will be joined by real Koi fish later this summer.

"We try to create a restful, meditative kind of place," Rae said. "The fish are very relaxing to watch."

Maintenance issues do exist, however, when fish are kept in a pond.

"I used to have gravel in the bottom, which looked nice, but I learned that it held all of the residue from the overhanging trees, so I just took it out," he said. He's had his koi pond in his front yard for three years.

"This is one of the reasons I'm an advocate for being a member of the club,"

Rae said. "You can get advice."

Rae has water running over some tiered pieces of slate leading down to his pond, or a pipe can be installed. "The water has to circulate," Rae said. "The koi need oxygen."

He said many koi ponds contain about 6,000 gallons of water, but smaller ones can be built.

Rae suggests that beginners start out with relatively inexpensive fish; his fish were about \$10 each. The fish remain in the ponds year-round. Fish need to be quarantined for about a month before they go into a pond to make sure they are disease-free.

Conrad also has a Japanese garden surrounding his koi pond, which is in his front yard like the Raes'. His koi are large - at least 20 inches long - and very colorful.

"I enjoy looking at them from inside the house," Conrad said. He feeds them several times a day.

Koi pond owners need to protect their investment, however, as the fish are easy prey for predators such as blue herons and raccoons. So, it's recommended to fence the area around the pond, if possible, and make sure the pond itself is deep enough to prevent birds from standing in it and sheer

WHERE TO GET TICKETS

The 11th Pond and Water Garden Tour of the Michigan Koi and Pond Club will take place from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday, July 11. Cost is \$10 per ticket for adults; and \$5 per ticket for children ages 5-15. Tour wristbands and booklets can only be purchased the day of the tour at the Northville Community Senior Center, 303 W. Main St., Northville. A portion of the tour proceeds will go to the Northville Senior Services Program. For more information, go to www.mkpc-se.com or call Bruce Modetz, club treasurer, at (734) 673-4868 or (734) 425-7490.

sides to prevent animals from being able to get into the pond easily.

HISTORY OF THE CLUB

The Michigan Koi and Pond Club was founded in 1996, after Gil Orris took some advice from a local pond supply store which resulted in the death of all of his fish but one.

Orris realized that there had to be a better way to learn and promote the hobby, so he formed the club. This is one of the oldest and largest such clubs in Michigan with about 100 family memberships. The club is also part of the Associated Koi Clubs of America.

"We have had more than



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

John and Sandy Rae stand at the edge of their Koi pond at their Main Street home in Northville. The Raes will be part of eight homes in town that will open up their ponds for the Koi Pond Tour on Saturday, July 11.

5,000 people learn about our hobby through our tours," said Modetz. "We have also produced three educational programs using slides, videos and computer technology on our hobby that have been presented to various groups and are available to other groups at a modest fee."

Annual membership is \$25,

and people do not have to have a pond to be a member.

Modetz and Ron Kardynski, vice president of the Michigan Koi and Pond Club, are co-sponsoring the July 11 event.

"I think having a pond is an extension of gardening," Rae said.

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Frequently asked questions about hospital property

Following is a list of frequently asked questions on Northville Township's proposed purchase of a portion of the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital property from developer REIS. These questions/answers can also be found on the township's Web site at www.northvillermich.org.

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What is the purchase price?
The township trustees signed a purchase agreement with REIS to acquire a majority of the 414 acres of the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital property on Seven Mile Road for \$23.5 million (plus bonding fees and closing costs). This purchase agreement is contingent on the approval of a bond proposal by the voters of Northville Township. This bond would cost the average homeowner of a \$300,000 home \$144 per year, or \$12 per month. The bond would not be needed to fund cleanup of the property.
Did the township have the property appraised?
As part of the purchase agreement, the township had the right to order an independent appraisal of the property. The appraisal was completed in May and reported that the value of the property as of today is \$30 million. This is \$6.5 more than the agreed purchase price of \$23.5 million.
Is the township performing due diligence on the property?
The township is in the process of performing the due diligence for the purchase of the property. This includes a survey, an environmental assessment, an appraisal and a title report. In the event that the township is not satisfied with the findings of any of these items, it can terminate the purchase agreement.
What if the bond is rejected?
If the bond is not approved, and the township does not purchase the property, REIS can develop the following under the existing consent judgment: (1) 950,000 square feet of retail; (2) 10-25 acres of office with four-story buildings; (3) 250-450 units of senior housing; and (4) up to 500 units of single-family housing. With the addition of 500 units of family housing Northville Public Schools may be forced to build at least one new school.
Could the property still be annexed?
While the attempt to annex the 414 acres to the city of Livonia failed last year, the developer could once again attempt to annex the land in 2010. By purchasing the property from the developer and removing the residents from the security trailers, the property can never be annexed into a neighboring community.
What is the township's plan for the property?
The township has negotiated a deal that will limit the commercial density on the property to approximately half of what

is currently allowed and also eliminate office, single-family, multi-family and senior residential development while preserving the green space. The township's plan would create a low impact natural environment that takes advantage of existing pathways, the natural rolling terrain and provides residents with the opportunity to enjoy the historic trees and natural wildlife. The additional land will also connect to the 100 acres the township received under the consent judgment to create a larger usable parcel.
What is the proposed commercial development?
If this proposal is approved by the voters, REIS would keep 68 acres of property, plus an additional 14 acres designated as setbacks and for rights of way use along Seven Mile Road. Also, the area to be developed for commercial use would be cut by about 50 percent.
Why not purchase the entire piece of property?
Some residents have questioned why the township did not purchase all of the property from the developer. The reason the township did not pursue all of the property is that trustees felt that it was imperative that the taxpayers not have to pay for the cleanup of the contaminated property and the removal of the old buildings. By allowing the developer to keep 68 acres, the township will be able to use the developer's tax dollars to fund the cleanup and demolition.
Will the property be cleaned up?
The township will take advantage of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, which will allow the township to use the taxes collected from the developer's remaining 68 acres to fund the cleanup. Therefore, as REIS develops the land, the taxable value will increase. Under the Brownfield Act, the township will capture this increased taxable value to fund the cleanup of the property. The township will pursue other funding opportunities as well.
What will happen with the security trailers?
Currently there are four security trailers on property leased by individuals from REIS. REIS is still utilizing the trailers for security personnel to reduce crime on the property. However, under the terms of the purchase agreement negotiated by the township, if the bond is approved by the voters REIS must relocate these residents promptly.

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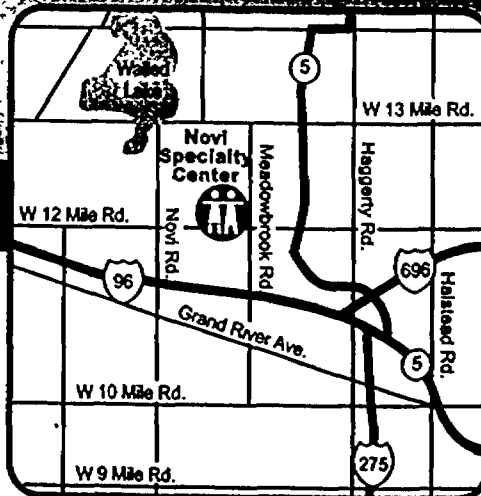
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Mark Abbo (left), Northville Township supervisor, talks with Tony Silva (right) and George Powersox at a fund-raiser Monday night at George's Senate Coney Island Restaurant organized by members of Protect Our Future, who are supporting the township's ballot proposal Aug. 4 to purchase a portion of the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital on Seven Mile. The developer wants to sell some of the 414-acre parcel for \$23.5 million.

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posal to pass because he's an advocate of maintaining green space and keeping the high-density development under control. He and his wife, Reba, live near the property and believe too much traffic would be generated from the commercial property planned if the proposal fails.

"I live on Maxwell (across the street from the property), so to get anywhere I have to use Seven Mile," Silva said. "We're bike riders and nature lovers, so we want to keep the property for passive recreation."

"I would like people in the area to be able to use the area for a park, keep the traffic down and use it as more of a community area," Reba Silva said.

Barbara Bakewell and her daughter, Bonnie, who also live on Maxwell, came out to support the ballot proposal fund-raiser.

"I would vote yes because I would hate to see a subdivision with many homes letting all that traffic out onto Seven Mile," Barbara Bakewell said. "It's only a two-lane road, it is going to be just a bottleneck. There are times now we can't even make a left turn out very easily in the evenings."

PROTECT NATURAL RESOURCES

Bakewell also wants to see the land remain as green space. "We talk about CO2 emissions, and we need the trees to process all this," she said. "We're right near I-275, and the traffic there is incredible. I think the filtering of our air is important." Bakewell also wants the 100-plus-year-old beech trees on the property to be saved.

Bonnie Bakewell believes the ballot proposal is definitely a good thing. She has worked as a national park ranger in the east and said, "There is so much natural beauty on the property." She believes communities should protect their natural resources so that people can use them and enjoy them.

Marshall Blondy said he remembers when the property where Home Depot now sits on Seven Mile Road was vacant land.

"To see the hospital property stay that way would really be

a wonderful thing rather than see more development," Blondy said. His wife, Laurie Blondy, said, "I think the land should be preserved in its current state. Northville has been so developed."

PAY NOW OR PAY LATER

George Powersox supports the bond proposal because, "One way or another, we're going to end up paying for that property because if it's developed, we'll have to pay for another school. I'd just as soon leave it the way it is because there's enough traffic already. It's a nearly pristine piece of property, and I think we should preserve something like that. I hope the proposal passes."

His wife, Danna Powersox, said she would definitely rather see the property be kept natural and be used as park land.

"We need more recreational park area in the township of Northville," she said. "I think that's why we all moved out here. If we could have something like Maybury (State Park) that would be nice."

Her brother, Dale Wolke, a former resident of the township who now lives in Cloudland, Ga., was visiting his sister and brother-in-law and attended the fund-raiser with them.

He worked on the former hospital property while he was an archaeologist at Schoolcraft College back in 1993-94.

"I was teaching at the time, and I used to take my students onto the property on an excavation," Wolke said.

If he could vote on the ballot proposal for the township to purchase the land, he said he would vote yes.

"It's pretty wild land," Wolke said. "I saw the biggest coyote I've ever seen in this area on the property one morning," back in the early 1990s. "This area has changed so much and grown incredibly since I left. There's not hardly anything wild or near-to-wild left anymore."

Liz Johnston said there are many reasons why she will be voting yes on the proposal.

"It's such a nice piece of property, and they have so many trees from 100 to 200 years old," Johnston said. "It would be great for the children of Northville (to play on) rather than having commercial and 500 houses. It's so pretty back there."

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Mark Abbo, township supervisor, made some brief comments at the fund-raising dinner organized by community activists Carol Poenisch and Liz Johnston. Fred Shadko provided video footage of the property during the event.

"The decision that Northville Township voters are going to make August 4th is probably one of the biggest decisions that I've seen in a long time that will affect this township for generations to come," Abbo said. "So, it's a really important vote. We appreciate your support on this."

Abbo said the township should grab the opportunity to have the land be used for passive recreation and open space. A yes vote would also prevent another annexation attempt on the property, which was defeated by Livonia voters last August.

"This will forever put to rest the opportunity that this property could ever be annexed to Livonia, and that's significant as well."

He said a yes vote will also ensure that the land is cleaned up quickly and the right way, with Northville Township ruling that process.

Finally, he said the purchase of the property would reduce the commercial development by 50 percent — from 950,000 square feet to 475,000 square feet.

"It would be cut in half if this bond proposal passes and Northville Township purchases the property," Abbo said. "I can't think of a better opportunity for Northville Township to control its destiny."

Abbo said the property purchase would also have a low budgetary impact on the township.

OPPONENT'S COMMENT

Janet Bernadino, a conservationist who lives in Salem Township but has a Northville mailing address, doesn't get to vote on the issue but does not support the proposed property purchase because she believes the asking price is too high.

She also thinks there will be other costs associated with the purchase that taxpayers will have to pay.

"I'm a proponent of preserving the property but only if it makes financial sense," Bernadino said, "and my information to date says that it doesn't."

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Northville Township bond proposal cost explained

Amount would change each year

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

There seems to be a lot of confusion on how much the purchase of a portion of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital property would cost taxpayers if they approve a ballot proposal to purchase the land on Aug. 4.

So, the *Northville Record* went to the expert on the matter — Thelma Kubitskey, assistant township manager and finance director for the township.

Kubitskey said that contrary to frequently-used verbiage, taxpayers will not be funding a millage if they approve the proposal. "It's not a millage," Kubitskey said. "It's a bond proposal."

The cost will also change each year.

"We would only levy what we would need that year to retire that year's debt service on the bond," she said.

Kubitskey said the township has not paid for a bond through a bond proposal presented to the voters for a very long time.

"This is new to a lot of people," she said.

The estimated first-year cost of the bond to taxpayers if the proposal passes in the primary election will be .9661 multiplied by the taxable value of a resident's home.

Kubitskey noted that with declining property values, 86 percent of Northville Township homes' taxable value is equal to the state equalized value. (A home's market value is usually double the state equalized value.)

If homes' taxable value keeps going down, the annual tax levy on sale of the bond could increase in order to pay off the bond debt service.

The finance director said a financial adviser and bond counsel have been working with the township on the bond proposal.

Kubitskey said until township officials finalize the bond sale, they won't know what the annual interest rate will be.

"They are projecting a 5.5 percent bond rate, but they are hoping it may drop to 4.5 percent because of the township's excellent bond rating," Kubitskey said.

If voters approve the bond proposal in August, the bond sale on the portion of the former hospital property would take place within 90 days of the primary election.

"The trustees would first have to approve the sale," Kubitskey said.

Kubitskey said the debt service on the bond sale would be averaged over a 20-year period, with a levy of 1.04 times the taxable value of a home estimated as the annual average tax levy over the 20 years.

Sue Hillebrand, township clerk, looked up homes in subdivisions on a random basis, typed in street names and clicked on homes to obtain their taxable value for a recent township trustee study session on the bond proposal.

A homeowner who has a home with a taxable value of \$145,400 would multiply this amount by \$.9661, which equals \$140.47 for the homeowner's bond payment for the first year.

Hillebrand said the township actually has a large number of homes assessed in the



PHOTO BY PAM FLEMING/NORTHVILLE RECORD

This huge beech tree was photographed during a recent tour of the portion of the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital property that would go to the township if voters pass an Aug. 4 bond proposal to purchase the land. Some of the trees in the forest are estimated to be from 100 to 200 years old.

WHAT HOMEOWNERS WOULD PAY

To figure out approximately how much you would pay annually, find your neighborhood's Taxable Value x \$.96 = bond amount

Example: \$145,400 (TV) x \$.96 = \$139.58 per year

Address or Area	SEV	Taxable Value
Colony Estates	128,800	128,800
Parkstone	188,300	188,300
Edenderry (new)	380,600	380,600
Edenderry (old)	179,200	179,200
Edenderry (old)	242,000	230,193
Maple Hill	155,700	155,700
Lakes of N'ville	141,100	141,100
Commons	145,400	145,400
Woodlands North	208,700	208,700
Woodlands South	245,800	245,800
Stonewater	254,300	254,300
Springwater	84,200	84,200
Springwater Sub	230,900	230,900
Woodside Village	211,700	211,700
Park Gardens	85,400	77,534
Highland Lakes	48,500 to 48,500 to	58,987 to 61,100
Pine Creek	221,100	221,100
Blue Heron	198,400	198,400
Meadowbrook	181,300	167,181
Windridge	163,300	163,300
Northville Hills	368,100	368,100
Pierson Road	210,300	210,300
Westview	116,300	109,982
Ravines of N'ville	227,300	227,300
Brooklane	221,200	221,200
Steepleview	123,100	123,100
Steeplechase	259,900	259,900
Meadows of N'ville	188,100	188,100
Beacon Woods	157,900	157,900
Reserves of N'ville	153,000	153,000

\$100,000-\$200,000 range and quite a few assessed at less than \$100,000.

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Cold air returns suck in dirty air, and over time it builds up until you have the same type of debris that you would find in your vacuum bag. Cold air returns are also the reason new homeowners are experiencing dust. While your drywall was being sanded, your cold air returns sucked all of the dust through the system and it settled on the bottom of the duct lines where a little at a time gets blown back into your home.

This debris cannot be removed without a professional. Which brings me to my next point. Choosing an air duct cleaning company. Most companies use truck mounted equipment, which is like a shop vac that you would vacuum out your car with inside the back of a van, absolutely useless. Visit our website for photos of our equipment vs. truck mounted equipment at www.americanpowervac.com.

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Larceny from auto

1 A 41-year-old resident on Pinehurst Drive reported that sometime between 8 p.m. on May 26 and 8:30 a.m. on May 27 someone entered her unlocked vehicles and stole some items. Two Garmin GPS units were taken plus a portable Sony DVD player with case and some DVDs.

The GPS units were valued at \$250 and \$300. The DVD player was valued at \$150.

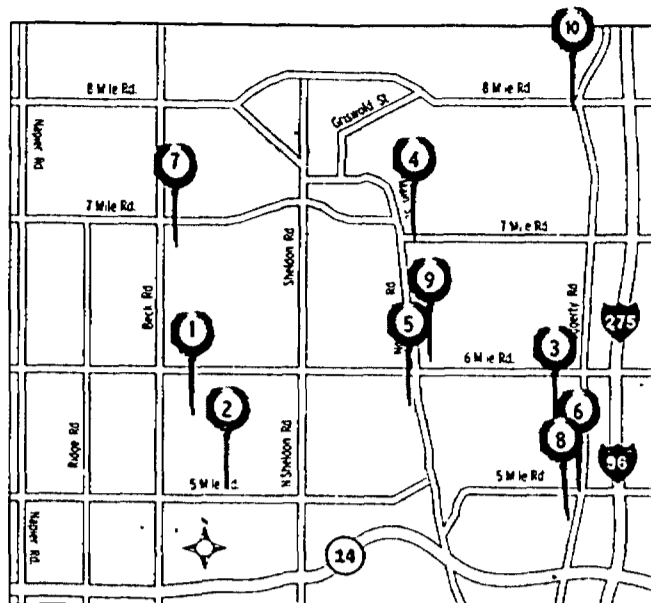
Marijuana, tobacco arrest

2 An 18-year-old Northville man was arrested for possession of marijuana, and a 17-year-old Northville man was arrested for minor in possession of tobacco at 11:22 p.m. June 2 at Five Mile Road and Centennial Drive.

While checking the exterior of a building on Centennial Drive on a breaking-and-entering alarm, police heard a vehicle start up in the darkness of the front parking lot.

Police pulled the driver over and had the two young men exit the vehicle. The officer saw a dark-colored pipe on the floor between the front passenger seat and the door that smelled like burnt marijuana.

Police found a small, white



box with an amount of marijuana for personal use and a container of smokeless tobacco in the 17-year-old's cargo pants.

More theft from auto

3 A 61-year-old resident of Rayburn Drive had a fiberglass hard top with tinted glass windows stolen from his vehicle between 11 p.m. June 2 and 7:30 a.m. June 3.

The vehicle was parked in his driveway. Wires were cut from where the electrical and washer fluid lines are located.

The hard top was valued at \$3,000.

Utility trailer theft

4 An employee from Connelly Enterprises said a utility trailer was stolen from the lot in front of his business at 43334 Seven Mile Road at 10 a.m. on June 4.

The trailer was valued at \$2,781.

Suspicious person

5 An 18-year-old Canton man said between 7 and 8:30 p.m. on June 3 someone smashed the windshield of his truck parked at the Northville Recreation Area at Edward Hines Drive and

Northville Road.

The incident occurred when he was watching a Powder Puff Football Game between Canton High School and Salem High School. The windshield was valued at \$350.

Operating while intoxicated

6 A 28-year-old Northville woman was arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol at 1:09 a.m. June 7 at Haggerty and Five Mile roads.

An officer noticed a vehicle turn left from westbound Six Mile Road onto southbound Haggerty Road with no headlights on, only parking lights.

The vehicle also remained at the light for several seconds after it turned green.

Police could smell alcohol and noticed that the woman's speech was slurred and that her eyes were red and watery.

She said she had been at a wedding and had consumed three drinks. She said she had pulled over to have a phone conversation and had turned her lights off.

Malicious destruction

7 A 79-year-old resident of Pickford Street said someone struck a window in the Florida room on the rear of her house with a small object between noon on June 5 and 4:50 p.m. on June 7.

The window had a small hole in the center of it, and the glass was in place yet shattered.

The window was valued at \$500.

Larceny from trailer

8 A 29-year-old resident of Park Lane reported that between 12:01 a.m. and 1 p.m. on June 7 that someone stole some tools from a trailer



JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Practice burn

Northville Township Firefighters watch and learn as an abandoned home is practice-burned during a training exercise this past Monday. The fire department is sharpening its firefighters' abilities on the structure off Five Mile Road in a series of controlled burns in the next two weeks.

parked in his driveway.

The enclosed trailer was secured with padlocks. When he checked the interior of the trailer, he found that the tools were missing.

Values of the stolen tools included a drill at \$250, a saw at \$187, a saw kit at \$310, a trim gun at \$150, another trim gun at \$90, another trim gun at \$100, a stapler at \$140, another trim gun at \$90, another trim gun at \$200, another stapler at \$275, a nail gun at \$290, a placement gun at \$400, a flooring nail gun at \$175, a siding nail gun at \$800, and a roofing nail gun at \$600.

Larceny from auto

9 An 82-year-old resident on Hidden Lake Way said someone stole all four tires

were stolen from her vehicle, with the vehicle placed on cinder blocks between 10 a.m. June 7 and 8 a.m. June 8.

The tires were valued at \$800.

Retail fraud arrest

10 An 18-year-old Canton man was arrested for retail fraud at 9:10 p.m. June 8 at the Meijer store at 20401 Haggerty Road.

A loss prevention employee watched the man select a bottle of Five O'Clock vodka and conceal it in a bag over his shoulder. He and some others paid for other merchandise but not the alcohol.

The liquor was valued at \$6.16.

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Died peacefully at home in Highland surrounded by her family on June 21, 2009 at the age of 93. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Franklin in 1949 and her husband, Tom Belt in 1998, and four of her six siblings. She will truly be missed by her children, Marietta Buck, Henry (Barbara) Franklin, Arlene (Del) Munson, Lowell (Carol) Franklin and her step-children, Shirley (Leonard) Hammermeister, Marge (Mel) Morford, Gerry (Linda) Belt, Kathryn (Wm.) Switzer, as well as many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, her brother, Herbert Boyes of PA, numerous nieces and nephews, and many loving extended family members and dear friends.

Lois was a loving, caring person, raising four young children after her husband Kenneth died in 1949 of polio. She and Thomas Belt were married in 1959 and they had 39 wonderful years together sharing their families and friends. She was an employee of the Milford Post Office for 20 years, a long time active member of the West Highland Baptist Church, and a life time member of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary to whom she devoted many years of service. She will be dearly missed by anyone she was associated with. A Funeral Service will be held at the West Highland Baptist Church, 1116 S Hickory Ridge Rd., Highland, on Friday, June 26, at 11AM. Burial will follow at West Highland Cemetery. Friends may visit at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E Liberty St., Milford, on Thursday, June 25, 3-8PM and on Friday one hour prior at the church. Memorials may be made in her name to VNA Hospice of Southeast Michigan 25900 Greenfield Rd., Suite 600, Oak Park, MI 48237 or to West Highland Baptist Church. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

CLIFFORD FRANCIS BURK

Age 89, June 18, 2009. WWII veteran. A Funeral Mass was held Monday, June 22, 2009 at Holy Family Church, Novi. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Online condolences: www.obrienfuneralhome.com

RICHARD STEPHEN KWOLEK

Age 73, passed away June 15, 2009 in his home with his family. Richard was born on October 11, 1935 in Detroit to the late Stephen and Lottie Kwolek. Richard is survived by his beloved wife Marie (Ryba), his loving children; Mark (Laraine) Kwolek, Michael (Cheryl) Kwolek, Richard (Sharon) Kwolek, Tracy (Bill) Booker and Tracy's brother Paul Wessels, ten grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, sister Joann Young, and brother-in-law Leon Ryba. A memorial service was held on Thursday, June 18, 2009 at South Lyon Church of Christ, South Lyon. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

DOUGLAS ALVIN PAUL

Age 88, South Lyon, died June 16, 2009. A funeral mass was held June 20 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. Arrangements: Phillips Funeral Home, 248-437-1616. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com



FRASER DAVIS SMITHSON (1939-2009)

Naples, Florida. Fraser D. Smithson passed away at their cabin in the mountains of North Carolina on June 12, 2009 after a courageous battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Kay; sister Suzanne Kay, and son Brian (Lara) Smithson; granddaughters Catherine and Olivia. And son James (Carol) Smithson; granddaughter Natalie and grandson Connor. Fraser graduated in 1963 from the University of Florida, College of Engineering. He had a successful 29 year career with General Motors culminating in his retirement as Executive Director of the GM Proving Grounds. Instead of flowers, contributions may be made in Fraser's name to his favorite charity, the Salvation Army. In November there will be a memorial service in Naples, followed by a burial at sea.

SAUNDRA KAY TOMANEK

Age 67, of South Lyon, passed away June 18, 2009. A memorial service was held June 22 at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

MRS. IRENE VOGEL

Age 75 of Punta Gorda, FL, formerly of S Lyon, passed away June 16, 2009, in Novi following a brief illness. She was born Mabel Irene Wehrly on October 12, 1933 in Silver Lake, IN the daughter of Harley & Mabel Wehrly. She was married to Daniel H. Vogel in Waukegan, IL. They moved to Punta Gorda, FL from South Lyon, in 1987. Mrs. Vogel loved reading and was an avid collector of Santa Claus figures. She worked as a receptionist & bookkeeper for her husband's tool manufacturing business. Survivors are: her husband Daniel Vogel, of Punta Gorda, FL, daughters: Bonnie I. (Randy) England of Novi, & Suzanne M. (Tom) Poole of South Lyon, sons: James R. (Molly) Vogel of Novi, & Daniel (Lori) Vogel, Jr. of New Hudson, and her 10 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren whom she loved and cherished dearly. Two brothers, Robert (Judy) Wehrly of Burlington, WI & Harley O. (Stella) Wehrly of Boca Raton, FL also survive. Mrs. Vogel was preceded in death by her daughter, Barbara A. Dahlbacka in 1992. Funeral services were held on Saturday, June 20, 2009 from Keehn Funeral Home, 706 W. Main St., Brighton, MI, 48116 (810) 229-9871. Memorial contributions in Mrs. Vogel's name may be made to the Shriners Children Hospital, Office of Development, 2900 Rocky Point Dr., Tampa, FL 33607. Please leave a message of condolence for the family at www.keehnfuneral-home.com. On the main page, please click on, "sign & view family guest book."

WESLEY DOANE WEBB

Age 90, of Novi, formerly of Redford, passed away June 22, 2009. Funeral Service was held last Wednesday at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville. Contributions to Alzheimer's Association appreciated

OBITUARY POLICY

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Deadlines: Tuesdays at 11am for Thursday
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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Charter Township of Northville, Michigan, intends to issue limited tax general obligation bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$1,200,000 for the purpose of defraying all or part of the cost of installing and constructing water main and other water system improvements to serve properties in and surrounding the Edenderry Hills Subdivision in the Charter Township of Northville.

The bonds will bear interest from their date at a rate or rates not exceeding 8% per annum.

The bonds will be issued under and pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, and the full faith and credit of the Charter Township of Northville will be pledged to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds as the same shall become due. The Charter Township of Northville will be obligated, as a first budget obligation, to advance moneys from its general funds or to levy ad valorem taxes on all taxable property within its corporate boundaries to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds as the same shall become due; provided, however, that the amount of taxes necessary to pay the principal and interest on the bonds, together with the taxes levied for the same year, shall not exceed the limit authorized by law. The source of payment for the bonds includes revenues to be derived from the water and sewer fund of the Charter Township of Northville.

RIGHT TO PETITION FOR REFERENDUM

This notice is given, by order of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Northville, to and for the benefit of the electors of the Charter Township of Northville in order to inform them of their right to petition for a referendum upon the question of the issuance of the aforesaid bonds. The bonds will be issued, without submitting such a question to a vote of the electors, unless within 45 days after the date of publication of this notice a petition requesting a referendum upon such question, signed by not less than 10% or 15,000 of the registered electors residing within the Charter Township of Northville, whichever is the lesser, shall have been filed with the undersigned Township Clerk. In the event that such a petition is filed, the bonds will not be issued unless and until the issuance thereof shall have been approved by the vote of a majority of the electors of the Charter Township of Northville qualified to vote and voting thereon at a general or special election.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information relative to the issuance of said bonds, the purpose of the bonds and the subject matter of this notice may be secured at the office of the Township Clerk of the Charter Township of Northville, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168.

This notice is given pursuant to the provisions of Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended.

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk
Charter Township of Northville

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LOCAL OPINION

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

OUR VIEWS

We should all learn from these students

"Kids these days ... they're not like they used to be."

Nope, they're not.

In towns like Novi and Northville, they're intelligent, talented, motivated and, most importantly, caring.

Case in point: the students who attend the 24 schools (including the Wildcats and Mustangs) that make up the Kensington Lakes Activities Association. Each school has numerous fundraisers throughout the year, donating the money to a variety of charities — local, state-wide, national and even international, like the American Red Cross, Veteran's Hospital, Rotary-African Water Pumps, American Cancer Society, World Vision, Toys for Tots, Humane Society, Special Olympics, Heifer International, Gleaners Food Bank, Muscular Dystrophy, Operation Good Cheer, Doctors Without Borders and more.

This school year, the KLAA students had a goal of raising \$100,000.

They hit it ... and then some. Final tally: \$374,000.

That's incredible, especially considering the current economic climate.

It says a lot about our local youth. If they can display this level of care for those in need now, just think what they'll be able to accomplish in the future.

IN YOUR VOICE

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

■ Letters: Township focuses on hospital property

I find the stated appraised value very hard to believe. Being a former steering committee member of the Citizens for Northville and a candidate for township trustee, I had been very involved with this the hospital land fight. How much more parkland does a half township need? Please don't take this question the wrong way. We have a state park that is more than a square mile, the Wayne County park system is about another square mile, numerous township parks and schools that may add up to another square mile. This is about three square miles of parkland already. A normal township is 32 square miles, Northville Township is less than 15 square miles. So why do we need another half of a square mile of park land, that is so overpriced the trustees should be embarrassed even thinking of asking the tax payers to increase our taxes to pay that price. I applaud Mr. Tulley of Highland Lakes for standing up and raising the question. Why aren't more taxpayers doing the same?

jonsabo

If the property truly appraised at \$30 million, then the township should publish who, when, where and what current similar parcels sold for, all the comps. Who, what firm, did the appraisal and how much did we, the taxpayers, pay for it? Or who paid for it? I think you will be shocked at who came up with that price. Also, why was the tax assessment rolled back to \$10 million for the entire parcel if it is worth over \$30 million. REIS went to the State Tax Tribunal, with township support, per the terms of the settlement, to lower the value of the parcel, and now claims it is highly valuable when selling it to the township. Fool me once, shame on me. Fool me twice, call us stupid.

Stevengeb

I agree that the township should make sure that we are buying this property at a fair price. Once that is established, I am all for purchasing the land for passive parkland. I think the township should make everything about this deal public. Otherwise we think something untoward is going on.

hopejoygrace

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COMMUNITY VOICE

How do you plan on celebrating the Fourth of July?



We go up north every Fourth to Glen Lake for the weekend with family. It's pretty economical -- just gas and everybody pitches in with food.

Walter Davison



Going to the parade with my kids and grandkids. Spending all day with all of them, just being happy.

Marlene Kunz



My kids set up a lemonade stand on Center Street for the parade and they sell lemonade all day.

Debbie Merriman



We'll be staying home, but we always do that on the Fourth.

Joe Rashid

LETTERS

Food drive thanks

Northville Civic Concern and the Northville Postal Carriers would like to thank the many people who made the Letter Carrier Food Drive a great success.

Above all, we would like to thank the community who left their food at their mailboxes, the volunteers who assisted the letter carriers in picking up the food, the volunteers who sorted the food and the Eagle Scouts who selected us for their Eagle Project.

We would also like to thank the local restaurants and businesses for providing lunch and snacks for the day.

A very special thank you to Marlene Kunz, director of Civic Concern, for her dedication and love year after year for the need in our community.

April K. Baker
Northville

Put downtown bond on ballot

Last week's *Record* ran an article about the city's intent to issue \$2 million in bonds for Phase 2 of the DDA Downtown Plan. DDA funds would repay these bonds with the city taking over should the DDA become unable to make the payments. Citizens have no say in this unless a petition for referendum (about 500 voters) is submitted within 45 days ending approximately July 25.

DDA funding is not via a separate tax. A DDA "captures" tax revenue from taxpayers within the defined DDA boundary. Tax dollars that were previously allocated to one purpose go instead to the DDA. Until now, DDA dollars were captured from school taxes. A dollar spent on bricks in the Town Square is a dollar not spent on our schools. Soon, the school taxes will be replaced by several other tax sources (city, public safety, parks, county, etc.). A dollar spent on petunias in downtown planters will not be spent on these other needs.

Monday (June 15) I requested that the council place this on the fall ballot for a public decision. The council rejected this request. My supporting reasons are:

First, we should take the opportunity to learn from Town Square [Phase 1 of the master plan] through a formal public review of costs, ongoing maintenance costs, successes and opportunities before proceeding.

Second, when the DDA plan was developed no one would have believed that simultaneous GM/Chrysler bankruptcy was possible. Today is a different world and our little piece of it in Northville has changed as well. It is time for an update of the DDA plan.

Third is the question of whether the current DDA plan reflects the best allocation of resources among current DDA options to promote Northville business?

Finally, everyone connected to Northville should have the opportunity to participate. I was a contributor to the original request for proposals for the downtown project. The intent was to keep Northville healthy and desirable. The DDA plan has favored making Northville pretty. Pretty is a part of healthy, but less allocated to cosmetics in Phase 2 might free up some of those \$2 million for other needs.

The only valid option that the citizens seem to have if they wish to weigh in on this bonding issue is through petition for referendum. Time is short. Petitions must be technically perfect or risk disqualification. At best, these efforts can be ugly. I don't know if there is anyone out there who has the interest or the energy to take this on.

If a petition were successful, a positive vote would send the DDA plan forward with public blessing. If the voters say no, it means

some time back at the drawing board.

Doesn't democracy mean that whatever the voters say is the correct answer?

Tom Swigart
Northville

To Sen. Cassis re: health reform

I am not comfortable to sign any commitment without knowing the impact and positive or negative consequences of any single reform proposal.

However, you know the consequences of not having health care reform:

- Elderly people going without medicine so they can have food and pay the mortgage.
- Poor people not being able to afford medical care until they're critically ill and have to go into the hospital and stay at OUR expense on Medicare.
- Poor kids who grow up without medical care and then have to be supported by us, as above.

With the economic condition of our state right now, the above conditions are only going to get worse.

Please ignore what your party is telling you to do, and act as a natural mother would for her children. As elected representative of the young, poor and elderly, you are their/our "mother." Please embrace the president's health care reform initiative.

Bob Moreillon
Northville

Buy the property

We strongly support the township's acquisition of 332 acres of former State Hospital property. This is a never-to-be repeated opportunity to scale back rampant development, reduce highway traffic congestion and preserve environmentally valuable woods and land. Environmental cleanup of the 332 acres would be controlled by Northville Township, not REIS. By shrinking the amount of development, future public service needs would be cut.

We urge township voters to learn about the advantages of this plan and join us in approving it.

Bill and Edie McKnight
Northville Township

Car wash kudos

The Northville High School Women's Swim and Dive Team would like to take this opportunity to thank the Northville Township Fire Department for their generosity and caring in assisting the team with their recent car wash fund-raising event held on June 6. The Fire Department personnel were extremely considerate in opening up a bay of their fire station to allow the girls access to their hoses and water supply. Their assistance made this event a resounding success! The team would like to give special thanks to the firemen and EMTs who were on duty that day, as well as the Northville community, for their support of the team.

Kelly Burford, Michaela Keady, Faith Miller,
Jill Moir, Becca Myers
2009 Women's Team captains

Against property purchase

The Northville State Hospital is a relic. The township should permit no development anywhere on this property until all needed monies are set aside in real dollars for demolition and restoration of the site by REIS. The site may remain in stalemata for a while, unless REIS finds itself fortunate enough to unload the problem upon the taxpayers of Northville Township. Properties neglected for extensive periods should

be subject to having any improvements removed and the cost a enforceable lien against the owner.

I am disappointed in the township board's decision to even allow a ballot bailout for REIS. The reasoning for support that I have heard is interesting but thin and not compelling. Now, having agreed to an election over the question in August, they are forced to support it. This ballot issue to buy the REIS property is clearly a bailout for REIS and promotes unwise, unnecessary taxation. Does the idea in any way suggest using a "crisis bounce" from all of us formerly defending this property's annexation by Livonia will now embrace this REIS proposal? Is the plan to save the bacon for REIS for land that may now be an economic albatross for REIS? I do not feel threatened by suggestions if the ballot bond issue fails "REIS will harvest more trees" or maybe they will present a "new high density housing plan" and subsequent need to build a new school.

Unfortunately, I expect our Michigan economy will tumble for some time. Congressional tinkering has actually pushed Michigan's industries toward high unemployment and job decline with future problems to be aggravated by a lingering, unholy debt. Our current governor's "going green" idea with expectation of a boom in economic growth is richly optimistic and unrealistic. It is a challenge to visualize solid new "industrial or commercial engines of growth" to quickly restore and repair our state to its former vitality. The political impediments embedded in Michigan are difficult. Hope without substance is nonsense!

The State of Michigan waits patiently for millions in payment for all of this land from REIS and received little. REIS must make this sweet deal for them to retain to reap the more marketable value from the corner of Seven and Haggerty. Without deep pockets of township taxpayers, REIS might even lose their limited equity. The panic mode in corporate lobbying is now active at every political level toward receiving more welfare from the taxpayer at no risk to the politician. Perhaps a reason for the deceptive "benefit robo" telephone calls on this subject recently.

The direction of our Congress points to more egregious spending on their part expanding economic woe and decay for all of us. Our country is now dazed and punchy with the effort to wallpaper the country with wild "stimulus gifting" of public debt. The current congressional theory seems to be, as the old philosopher points out "doubling down on ...," "stupid." The current tsunami of debt assures multiple taxation from all governmental subdivisions for a very long time. State taxes, of course, will rise to cover the "vital" commitments of the well-placed political bureaucrats to pump up revenue shortfall. With revenue decline, local property tax will increase for the things we actually value, schools and public safety. Then it's scary to contemplate a substantial value added tax to bail out California and other states who have spent far beyond their means.

I will vote against this township August bond issue to buy the REIS land. I do not believe the township needs expensive and basically useless "monuments." I encourage all others to vote against the bond proposal too. I hope my comments offer clarity to this issue since local issues often slide along. We will be required to "hit the hip" anyway to cover the cost of the election initiative and the township's "testing the water" polls. Many other charities are more worthwhile.

Jim Nowka
Northville

Leadership, oh, where, oh, where art thou?

WHERE ARE THE LEADERS?

Some argue that what is going on in Lansing is more akin to a pogo convention where there has been a lot of jumping up and down without going anywhere.

Our governor and legislature have managed to do the constitutionally mandated minimum and balance the budget annually. However, it has been accomplished by short-term budget fixes and federal stimulus money, all the while ignoring the exploding structural budget crisis.



Tom Watkins

Our governor has thus far cut more state spending in her two terms, with more to come, than all previous governors combined. Yet, there has been no action on the knowledge that this unprecedented economic decline cannot be solved using the typical tools of budget cuts and tax increases.

THE NEW 3 R'S

Addressing this economic and budget crisis requires local leadership that employs the new 3 R's — reform, restructure and reinvent — for all aspects of government. We cannot simply cut or tax our way out of this mess.

To date, the private sector has remained on the sidelines griping but unwilling to exert pressure to set the stage for change.

There are three notable exceptions:

- The Center For Michigan (www.thecenterformichigan.net), ably led by its founder and president, Phil Power, and Executive Director John Bebow. The center's goal is to assist our state through its current period of wrenching economic trouble and lay the foundation of informed hope for a better future Michigan. It has engaged citizens across the state and spelled out action steps necessary to forge positive change.

- The Citizens Research Council of Michigan (www.crcmich.org), led by Earl Ryan,

COMMENTARY

president, and Craig Thiel, director of State Affairs. The CRC is the Sergeant Friday of public policy research groups, always laying out "just the facts." The council has provided a constant drumbeat on the issues of the state's leaders neglecting and ignoring the structural budget crisis.

- The Detroit Renaissance (www.detroitrenaissance.com), the state's premier business leadership organization, led by Doug Rothwell. Detroit Renaissance has undertaken the work of benchmarking how Michigan stacks up on economic competitiveness with other states and advocating for fundamental state structural reforms. The organization has identified nearly \$1 billion in major state tax, spending and business reforms to reduce Michigan's structural budget deficit.

Each of these three organizations have offered the tools to help our state elected leaders reform, restructure and reinvent itself.

To date, the governor and legislature have refused the tools developed on their behalf and offered to them. And as we all know, a tool not used properly, or not used at all, is of no help in solving a problem. All of us should ask them why they continue to ignore or refuse to use these tools to help turn around a state that so desperately needs to turn itself around.

Like Chrysler and GM, the day of reckoning has arrived for the State of Michigan. Those in leadership positions have been provided with road maps for change and reform. The time for our elected leaders to act is now.

These are perilous times. Perilous times make or break leaders.

Leadership does matter.

Tom Watkins of Northville served as state superintendent of schools, 2001-05, state mental health director, 1986-90, and as an elected member of the Wayne County Charter Commission, 1980-82. He can be reached at: tdwatkins@aol.com.



JOHN WEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Rainy day feeling

After attending a recent Celebration of Success program at Meads Mill Middle School, parents of students leave with umbrellas held high as the rain picks up.



JEWELRY BY ANN JALSA

Art in the Sun

The 21st Annual Northville Art in the Sun fine arts festival invites you to experience over 100 juried artists, lively music, food, kids' activities, and the ambiance of downtown Northville! Over 15,000 people will enjoy the sights and sounds of this popular event on June 27-28 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 11-5 Sunday. Kids activities include sand art, plaster painting, sandy candy, caricatures and face painting. Musical guests include Sheila Landis, award winning jazz vocalist (noon-4 p.m. Sunday); Roy Scoutz, classical guitarist; Americamanta, Brazilian music; and Ken Majors, professional drummer (10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.). Sponsored by Atlas Home Improvement, Everdry Waterproofing, Achieving Health Chiropractic Plus, Americraft, Trupp Family Care Chiropractic, Infinity Windows, Relax the Back, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Guttertoppers, Renewal by Andersen, and Varsity Lincoln Mercury. For more information, leave a message at the Northville Art House at (248) 344-0497 or visit online at www.northvillearts.org.

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GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

LOCATION: 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi
CONTACT (248) 349-0565
Sunday Schedule
TIME: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE

LOCATION: 200 E. Main St.
CONTACT (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpresby.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:30, 11 a.m.
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
CONTACT: Sue (734) 459-0036
Single Place Ministries
TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. social time, 7:45 p.m. opening, 8 p.m. program, every Thursday
DETAILS: Informative and entertaining programs for singles, \$5 per person
Check web site for details, single place.org

OAK POINTE CHURCH

LOCATION: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org
Worship Services
TIME: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday
ReNew Life Ministries
TIME/DATE: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday
DETAILS: Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning and change from a Christian perspective
CONTACT: For more information or to register call (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org
TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday
DETAILS: Studying the book "Surviving a Spiritual Mismatch in Marriage"
CONTACT: Joy Ruby at joy@oakpointe.org or call the church

FIRST UNITED METHODIST OF NORTHVILLE

A Stephen Ministry church
LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road
CONTACT (248) 349-1144 or funnorthville.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m.
Coffee hour at 10:15 a.m.

Healing Service

TIME/DATE: 4 p.m. first Monday of every month
Radical Joy
TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. first and third Thursdays of every month
DETAILS: All women seeking to strengthen their faith and connect with other women are invited to attend, irrespective of church affiliation
Crafters and Vendors are needed
TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 24
DETAILS: The annual Community Bazaar Bazaar to benefit Village Banking at First United Methodist Church Northville. This is a great opportunity to showcase talent or business to hundreds of local customers. As cost is nominal, booth space is filling up fast.
CONTACT: For details and reserve a space email Pat Breslin at BazaarBazaar@care2.com. For more information regarding Village Banking: www.villagebanking.org.

NOVI UNITED METHODIST

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

WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile Road
CONTACT (248) 374-7400 or (248) 374-5978
Sunday Worship
TIME: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Traditional: 9:30 a.m. Contemporary: 11:00 a.m. and Sunday School during the 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services
Service Broadcast
DETAILS: 11 a.m. every Sunday on WRDZ-AM 560, The WJMU 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 A01
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
Lighthouse Café.
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., June 26
DETAILS: Also known as work 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
Softball League Sign-up
TIME/DATE: 6:15-7:30 p.m., Thursday evenings, through 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.

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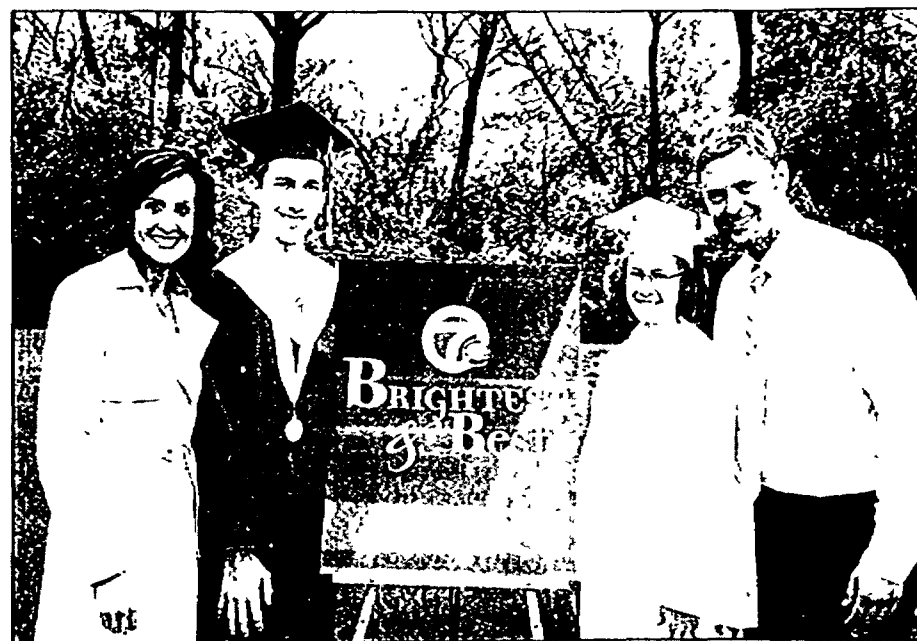
LOCATION: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
CONTACT (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org
Mass Schedule
TIME/DAY: 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.
Sunday: 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 7 p.m. Tuesday; 5 p.m. (English); 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday
Holy 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: 22620 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, \$2 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Outing, Adult Classes, Youth Blast
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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.
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TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. every Monday

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Saturday Worship
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Sunday Worship
TIME: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

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

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LOCATION: 140 N. Center, above Tully's in Old Church Square, Northville
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CONTACT: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org
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Family Worship: 11 a.m.
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Garage Sales (710)

LYONIA - Multi Family Sub Garage Sale Sat June 27, 9-4pm. Windridge Village, S of 8 Mile, W of Farmington.

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LYONIA 18376 Mayfield, E of Farmington, N of 6 Mile. Roll top desk, Computer Desk, Jenny Lynn bed, hand saw with mounting table and much more June 25-26, 9am-4pm.

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Downsizing for Dollars: How to make money on unwanted stuff

Dear Savvy Senior

Over the years, my husband and I have acquired a house and garage full of stuff, and would like to start downsizing before we get too old. To do this we would like to sell off what we can. So my question is what is the best way to get the most money for our possessions?

Retired Packrats

Dear Packrats,

Selling off old items that you don't want or need anymore is a great way to downsize, de-clutter and pad your pocketbook. Here are some top options to help you pedal your stuff.

Online Selling

If you have the time and access to the Internet, the best way to get top dollar for your old unwanted possessions is to sell them on the World Wide Web. Online selling provides literally millions of potential customers, so your odds of getting more money for your stuff is much greater than you'd get at a garage sale or through a consignment store. While there are lots of sites that will help you sell your stuff, the two biggies who draw the most visitors are Craigslist and eBay.

Craigslist

If you're not familiar with Craigslist.org, it's a huge classified ads site that serves more than 550 cities and attracts some 50 million visitors each month, and it's free to use. It works just like putting an ad in your local newspaper. You list the item you want to sell including a brief description (pictures too) for the price you want. Interested buyers will then

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contact you directly via e-mail, and the rest is up to you. Larger items that are difficult to ship sell well on Craigslist like furniture, appliances, exercise equipment and even vehicles.

eBay

With around 85 million active members, eBay.com is by far the biggest selling site on the Web. Almost anything can be sold on eBay. The downside however is their fees which cut into your profits. eBay charges a non-refundable listing fee between 10 cents and \$4 per item, depending on the asking price. And if it sells, a closing fee of 8.75 percent of the sale price up to \$25, with declining percentage paid on larger sells.

eBay can also help if you don't have the time, or don't want to do the selling yourself. Just go to ebaytradingassistant.com where you can find a trading assistant in your area who will do everything for you. They typically charge between 15 and 40 percent of the selling price.

Another large selling site you should check out is Amazon.com (it charges sales fees too) which is great for selling old books, CDs and DVDs. Also see Gazelle.com, a green company that buys old cell phones, computers and other electronic gadgets to recycle them.

Easy To Use

If you have concerns about learning how to maneuver these selling sites, you'll be happy to know that they are all pretty user-friendly and offer step-by-

step instructions. Once you sell a few items you'll feel like an old pro. You also need to know that if you're planning to sell a lot of items, a digital camera is a must. Pictures are essential to selling on the Web, and a digital camera makes it easy to transfer your photographs to your computer so they can be uploaded to the sales site.

Price Setting

When it comes to figuring out how much to charge for your stuff, you can get a ballpark idea by doing a search for items that are similar to yours on the sales site you're planning to use. If however, you suspect you have a rare or extremely valuable item, you should get it appraised. Check with a local auction house to see if it offers free appraisals. If not, for a fee you can hire

a professional appraiser (see www.appraisers.org) or call a reputable dealer to assess your possessions.

Other Options

If online selling doesn't appeal to you, have a garage sale (see www.yardsalequeen.com for tips), or see what your nearby consignment store will sell for you. While neither of these options will make you as much money as the Web, they're still great ways to get rid of old stuff and make a few bucks in the process. And the stuff that doesn't sell can always be donated to a charity for a tax deduction.

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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Old Timers' Luncheon

Joe Traudt, left, and Wes Henrikson share a handshake at the recent Old Timers' Luncheon at Northville's Genitti's. The noon-time affair brings together those that have lived in Northville for decades and decades and has its fair share of mayors, city council members and local business owners.

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PROJECT

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Phase two of the downtown project, which is referred to as the Landscape and Sidewalk Replacement Project or the Sidewalk and Streetscape Project, would be funded by the Northville Downtown Development Authority.

Nickie Bateson, assistant city manager and finance director, said the DDA has the funds to pay for the project, which has already reached the design phase by JJR's urban designers and landscape architects in Ann Arbor.

The bonds would be paid for by taxes captured from the DDA district through tax increment financing. Bateson has said the debt service on the bonds is estimated to cost

the DDA about \$186,000 a year until the \$2 million worth of bonds plus interest is paid off.

Approval on initial costs of the project will come before the City Council on July 6, with the final project being reviewed on July 20. Work is to begin in the spring of 2010.

Swigart is simply suggesting that the funds might be better used by the DDA in another area and that other DDA program could possibly suffer due to the amount of money to be spent annually to pay off the bonds for the project.

Swigart would also like to see a review of phase one of the project, the \$1.8-million Town Square, before moving on to phase two.

"I didn't see the need for a full referendum on this," said

Mayor Chris Johnson at the June 15 council meeting.

However, Nancy Darga, council member, said she did think the public needs a chance to be informed about what's proposed in the bond issue. "But, I'm uncomfortable about having a vote on the issue because there's so much emotion out there," she said. "Even when I've sat down with people and tried to explain that it's dedicated DDA funds and not operating funds that will pay off the bonds, I don't think they get it."

"The public's not always wrong," Swigart said at the meeting. "I think we've made an effort to allow the public to speak out on this," said Michele Fecht, council member.

Darga said grants are being

sought for the project.

"We're trying everything we can to lessen the cost of the project," she said. "I think there was a lot more soul-searching in this phase. I think we're trying to do it in the most economical and efficient way possible."

Doug Bingham, council member, said he is in favor of any project, including the Sidewalk and Streetscape project, that will potentially increase foot traffic in downtown Northville.

"What I don't want to see any more vacant stores or buildings in our city than we already see," Bingham said. "And, I think we need to plan for the long term."

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NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Green Up Northville to have bottles at run

The environmental group Green Up Northville will have a table with their stainless steel water bottles for a suggested donation of \$7 each at Ford Field during the Solstice Run on Saturday, June 27.

Racing kicks off at 7:30 a.m. with a 10K run and continues at 8:35 a.m. with a Kids Fun Run and a 5K Run/Walk.

All registered participants will receive a T-shirt be served a buffet lunch. Classic medals will be awarded for the top 500 finishers in the 10K run. Proceeds from the race will be donated to Special Olympics through Northville Parks & Recreation and to the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

To find out more or to register, go to www.solsticerun.org.

Buttons and free information on eliminating disposable water bottles will also be available at the Green Up Northville table.

Green Up Northville meetings are at 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of the month in Northville Square near Solid Grounds Coffee House.

Household hazardous waste collection

The Wayne County Department of Environment is sponsoring a

household hazardous waste collection from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 27 at Northville Public Works, 650 Doherty Drive (north of Seven Mile Road and east of South Main Street).

Examples of acceptable items include household paints, stains, dyes, floor wax, floor care products, carpet cleaner, furniture polish, bathroom cleaners, stain removers, solvents, pharmaceutical waste (non-controlled substances only), nail polish, glue, fertilizer, lawn and garden chemicals, pesticides, antifreeze, motor oil, gasoline, automotive batteries and dry cell batteries, fluorescent bulbs (all types) fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, mercury thermometers, thermostats and elemental mercury. Electronics recycling items include computer CPUs, monitors, printers, scanners, keyboards, mice, cell phones, fax machines, copiers, and televisions. Only household generated products from Wayne County residents will be accepted.

Items that will not be accepted include commercial waste, industrial waste, radioactive material, explosives, ammunition, 55 gallon drums, shock sensitive materials, household trash, refrigerators, microwaves or other appliances, tires, yard waste and concrete. Contact the Wayne County Resource Recovery Coordinator at (734) 326-3936.

NOTICE CITY OF NORTHVILLE RESIDENTS

If you experience an overflow or back up of a sewage disposal system or storm water system, you must file a written claim with the Northville City Clerk, within 45 days after the overflow or backup was discovered. Notice should be mailed to the City of Northville, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167. Failure to provide the written notice will prevent recovery of damages. Contact the Department of Public Works at 248-449-9930 for assistance immediately upon discovery of an overflow or backup.

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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 Friday, July 3, 2009 in observance of Independence Day. The offices will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, July 6, 2009.

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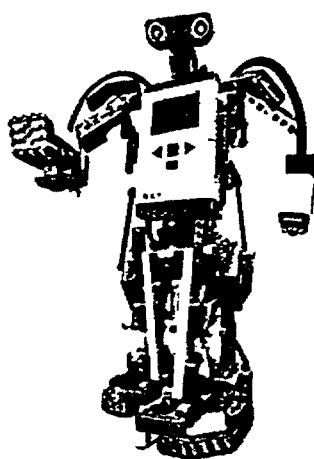
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EDUCATION



The NHS team will be hosting RoboCamp, a Robotics camp for elementary students this summer.



Members of the Robostangs, the Northville High School robotics team.

NHS Robotics team to hold robotics camp for elementary students

With America's economy struggling, Robotics programs for children valiantly fight the battle against pop culture. Inventor and engineer Dean Kamen founded FIRST Robotics in 1992 to inspire the younger generation to pursue science related careers. According to Dean Kamen, FIRST Robotics strives "to transform our culture by creating a world where science and technology are celebrated and where young people dream of becoming science and technology heroes."

The Northville High

School Robotics team, the Robostangs, was formed with a similar vision. The team has run the Lego Robotics program at Hillside Middle School with great success, where team members mentor Northville Lego Robotics teams. The Robostangs even host a Lego robotics competition specifically designed for rookie teams, known as RoboRally. In addition, the team holds car washes and attends the Victorian Festival.

New this year, the team will be hosting RoboCamp, a Robotics camp for elementary

students. This two-day camp is designed to introduce students entering grades fourth through sixth next year to Lego Robotics. Students will learn basic engineering skills and programming techniques from high school camp counselors.

The camp will be held at Northville High School's cafeteria from 1-4 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 21-22 at a cost of \$30 per student. Contact Beth Hadley at bhadley@mi.rr.com or (248) 374-6369 if you are interested in attending RoboCamp.

Submitted by Beth Hadley

Robostangs 548 bring home Lunacy awards

As the Northville High School robotics team, the Robostangs, wrap up another successful season, they thank their sponsors, including General Motors Powertrain and Vector CANtech as well as several local Northville shops and businesses.

The 52 members of the Robostangs, assisted by wonderful adult mentors and two dedicated applied technology teachers from Northville High School, Mr. Conzelman and Mrs. Fissette, attended three Michigan District Events, the Michigan State Championship, and the FIRST World Championship in Atlanta, Ga. At these

events, team 548 placed in the quarterfinals twice, the semifinals twice, and finished in the second place alliance at the Michigan State Championship.

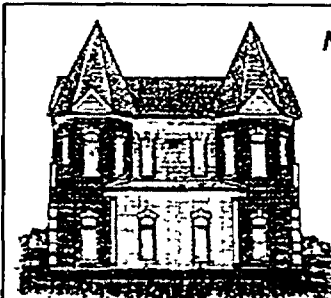
The team also had the honor of winning two Delphi Driving Tomorrow Technology awards, a Motorola Quality award, a Xerox Creativity award, and the State Animation Award. The 2009 FIRST challenge, called Lunacy, featured a game and strategy honoring the 40th anniversary of the

moon landing. (Visit www.usfirst.org for more details.)

As the team looks ahead to the 2010 season, they say goodbye to 12 graduating seniors and look forward to welcoming new freshman/rookies into the loud and proud Robostangs crowd.

If you have any questions about the Robostangs, please contact Mr. Conzelman at conzelja@northville.k12.mi.us.

Submitted by Audrey DiComo, Robostang Team 548, business manager.



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INVITATION FOR BIDS City of Northville

PERMANENT UTILITY CUT REPAIR PROJECT

Sealed bids will be received in the City of Northville Council Chambers, City Hall, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167 until 2:00 p.m. local time on July 14, 2009 for a "Permanent Utility Cut-Repair Project" for the City of Northville.

This project calls for the saw cutting and removal of temporary cold patch material along roadways in areas of recent utility repairs, along with the placement of properly compacted hot mix asphalt. 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
Director of Public Works

Dianne Massa
City Clerk

Publish: June 25, 2009

NOTICE OF MEETING TO HEAR OBJECTIONS TO APPORTIONMENTS OF COST QUAIL RIDGE INTERCOUNTY DRAIN

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Quail Ridge Intercounty Drain Drainage Board will meet at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 16, 2009, at the Northville Charter Township Hall, Lower Level Training Room, 44405 6 Mile Road, Northville, Michigan, for the purpose of hearing any objections to the apportionments.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the costs for the establishment, inspection and maintenance of the Quail Ridge Intercounty Drain, located in the City of Novi, Oakland County and the Charter Township of Northville in the County of Wayne, Michigan, have been tentatively apportioned as follows:

PUBLIC CORPORATION	TENTATIVE PERCENTAGE OF COST
City of Novi	77.31%
Charter Township of Northville	17.15%
County of Wayne	5.54%
TOTAL	100.00%

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that after consideration of all objections to the apportionments, the Drainage Board shall determine whether the apportionments fairly reflect the benefits to accrue to each public corporation and the extent to which the public corporation contributes to the conditions which makes the establishment, inspection and maintenance of the Drain necessary. If the Drainage Board determines that the apportionments are equitable it will enter a Final Order of Apportionment confirming the apportionments.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Section 536 of Act No. 40 of the Public Acts of 1956 as amended, provides that the Final Order of Apportionment shall not be subject to attack in any court, except by proceedings in certiorari brought within 20 days after the Order is filed in the Office of the Wayne County Drain Commissioner, the Secretary of the Quail Ridge Intercounty Drain Drainage Board, and that if no such proceedings shall be brought within the said 20 day period, the legality of the assessments shall not thereafter be questioned in any suit at law or equity, either on jurisdictional or nonjurisdictional grounds.

Dated: June 12, 2009

Butler Benton Jr., Wayne County Drain Commissioner and
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City of Northville

Purchase of a V-Box Salters / Snow Blade

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Specifications for this equipment along with contract documents 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, to split the bids and award vehicles separately, or to award any contract to other than the low bidder, should it be deemed in the City's best interest to do so.

James P. Gallogly
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FY 2008/2009 and FY 2009/2010 PROJECTS

At a Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Northville held on Thursday, June 18, 2009 at 7:30 P.M. the Board conducted a public hearing approving the following reallocation of FY 2008/2009 and FY 2009/2010 CDBG Funds:

Transfer \$14,500.00 from the FY 2008/2009 Minor Home Repair to ADA Ramp Detection Warning Plates at Crosswalks

Transfer \$20,909.62 from the FY 2008/2009 Housing Rehabilitation to ADA Ramp Detection Warning Plates at Crosswalks

Transfer \$21,900.00 from the FY 2009/2010 Housing Rehabilitation to ADA Ramp Detection Warning Plates at Crosswalks

Transfer \$49,080.00 from the FY 2009/2010 Demolition project to ADA Ramp Detection Warning Plates at Crosswalks

The final Statement has been prepared and is available to the public at the Northville Township Civic Center, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168-9670

Sue A. Hillebrand
Clerk

Publish: June 25, 2009

SYNOPSIS JUNE 18, 2009 - REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, June 18, 2009
TIME: 7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting
PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Abbo called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

1. Agendas: A. Approve Consent and Regular Agendas approved omitting 6/4/09 Minutes, add items 5 I, 5j, 5k.

2. Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:

- A. Dorothy Garrity - Ethics Committee - approved
- B. Resolution 2009-81- support for Livonia Auto Dealerships - approved

3. Public Hearings: A. Public Hearing for CDBG

4. Brief Public Comments: Thornapple Lane resident re: easement agreement, Resident re: REIS property.

5. New Business:

- A. USEPA grant coalition Resolution - approved
- B. Five Mile Water Replacement - Phase 2 - Payment #6 (final) - approved
- C. Homer Road Sanitary Sewer Extension - Payment #2 (final) - approved
- D. Edenderry Hills Water Main - Wayne County Resolution - approved
- E. CDBG FY 2008/2009 & 2009/2010 Funds Reallocation - approved
- F. Hidden Coves - Open Space - approved
- G. Public Safety - vehicle purchase - approved
- H. Engineering Design Services - Main Street Sanitary Sewer Ext. - approved
- I. Intergovernmental Agreement - Sheldon Road Pathway - approved
- J. Intent to issue bonds on Edenderry Water Main - approved
- K. Sheldon Road Pedestrian Connection - Engineering Services - approved
- 6. Unfinished Business: None
- 7. Ordinances: None
- 8. Bills Payable: A. Bills payable in the amount of \$1,583,190.54 - approved
- 9. Board Communication & Reports: Reports were given by Mark Abbo, Richard Henningsen, Marv Gans, Christopher Roosen, and Chip Snider
- 10. Any other business or public comment for the Board of Trustees:
- 11. Adjourn: The Board meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

The unapproved draft of the Board of Trustees minutes will be available after June 30, 2009

Respectfully submitted:
Sue A. Hillebrand, CMC

Publish: June 25, 2009

NEIGHBORS

NORTHVILLE BIRTH

Sophia Gaudino

Gino and Jackie Gaudino of Northville Township announce the birth of their daughter Sophia Gaudino, born April 9, 2009, at University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor.

She has two brothers: Anthony, 4, and Dominic, 2. Grandparents are Phillip and Norma Salomon of Dearborn Heights, and Sabina and the late Anthony Gaudino of Butler, Pennsylvania.



Girl Scouts honor locals

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan recently honored two women from Plymouth and Northville for their dedication to Girl Scouting. They are Lillian Buckman, of Novi, Northville Service Unit C, and Chris Messina of Plymouth, Plymouth Service Unit B. Buckman

was recognized as an Outstanding Leader and Messina was recognized as an Outstanding Volunteer. The women were thanked for their service at the first annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony in the Ann Arbor Region of Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan, held June 9 at the First United Methodist Church in Saline.

ENGAGEMENT

Jordan-DiMassa

Michael and Debra Jordan, of Salem, announce the engagement of their daughter, Katrina Marie Jordan to Domenic Alexander DiMassa, son of Blaine DiMassa of Spring Hill, Fla. and Patricia and James McLain of Brighton.

The bride-elect earned her bachelor of science degree from Eastern Michigan University in 2006 and is a 1998 graduate of South Lyon High School. She is a stay-at-home mom to their 18-month-old son, Caleb.

The groom-elect earned his Welding and Fabrications degree from Washtenaw Community College in 2004 and is currently attending the University of Michigan for a mechanical engineering



Jordan-DiMassa

degree. He is a 2000 graduate of South Lyon High School. Domenic is employed by Heinanen Engineering. The couple is planning a February 20, 2010 wedding.

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Flag football league forming in Northville

■ New youth program to offer alternative to tackle football

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

Young football players looking to break into the sport without the heavy pads and physical tackles will have a new, local alternative this fall.

Michigan Youth Flag Football will debut its Northville program with the fall season after successfully running programs for more than 6,000 kids in 15 different local communities.

"We have had many families that have played with us over the years that have come from Northville and have played with us in our Canton or Livonia leagues," said Laura Kelley, MYFF's cheerleading coordinator. "Tackle football at that time was their only option, and only an option if they were able to play. Many people are looking for an introduction to football and are not ready to commit to the schedule that tackle football demands. Michigan Youth Flag Football provides a program that gives kids fundamental skills as well as the opportunity to play."

"Flag football is also an excellent feeder program for the tackle leagues. Many tackle football teams join our leagues in off season to develop their skill and have the opportunity to play in the off season."

The seven-game season, which will kick off its one-hour Saturday games at Northville Community Park on Sept. 19, will have separate divisions based on age and residence. The youngest of the four divisions will feature kindergarten and first graders, while the oldest will feature sixth through eighth graders.



Michigan Youth Flag Football will debut its Northville program with the fall season. The seven-game season, which will kick off its one-hour Saturday games at Northville Community Park on Sept. 19.

Teams will be determined by what school the player attends.

"The first 10 to register will be placed on a team together. It gives kids a great opportunity to play on a team with their classmates outside of school. If we are short players, we combine the schools. Either way, everyone gets the opportunity to play," Kelley said. "Many of the kids that join our leagues we expect to come from neighboring communities - now they will have the opportunity to play in their own city. We hope to bring in 320 kids our first year in Northville."

Each player will receive a

reversible NFL team jersey and a flag belt, as well as a participation trophy at the end of the season.

Although the MYFF program differs from the Northville Colts and Stallions programs by offering flag football rather than tackle football, it does have the similarity in offering cheerleading squads. Every cheerleader will receive a skirt, shell and pom poms. Girls are also welcome to sign up for flag football.

"Girls are great to play football and we have many that do," Kelley said. "Flag

is a bit different than tackle - you benefit from being quick and agile. The girls are mixed in with the boys - again no tackling and we have had nothing but really great things come from it. We have not had any boys sign for cheerleading at this time, but it is an option that is available to them."

Each football team will consist of 8-10 players and each cheer team 10-20 cheerleaders.

"It will help kids learn the game of football and instill life long lessons in them. There are no tryouts and everyone gets

the opportunity to play," Kelley said. "This is a wonderful way to introduce cheerleading or football to your child without the commitment or level of competition of other programs."

The \$128.50 registration fee is due by Aug. 3. Those interested can register online for flag football or cheerleading. Contact Northville league representative Madelina Rosario at (248) 454-9700 or myffmadelina@comcast.net for more information.

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer living in Redford.



Every cheerleader will receive a skirt, shell and pom poms.



Daniel DiTommaso, 12, lines up a putt at Northville Hills golf club last Tuesday morning. DiTommaso was part of a group of thirty kids who gathered at the 10 a.m. session to introduce young golfers to the game. Junior Golf at Northville Hills will continue for the next six weeks.

JOHN HEIDER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Area Junior Golf Program in full swing

■ Second-year camp triples in size this summer

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

Grooming future generations of Northville golfers, the Northville Hills Golf Club recently saw a burst of interest in its summer Junior Golf Program.

The second-year program kicked off its six-week instructional series June 23 with 124 golfers, triple last year's 40-person group.

"We had Nike step in this year as one of our sponsors, which I believe helped brand the program and draw young players in addition to an additional year I have had to promote the program here in Michigan," said Susan Vail, head golf professional at Northville Hills Golf Club.

The program breaks down 5- to 15-year-olds into three 30-person age brackets to teach them the game of golf through six one-hour Tuesday sessions.

"The program is designed to offer instruction, practice and play activities, all of which are designed to teach boys and girls the necessary knowledge and experience to become golfers," Vail said. "This program will

teach each junior golfer more than just a golf swing, but the importance of understanding the game of golf, which includes knowing and observing the rules and etiquette that are basic to playing the game. Our primary goal is to develop each young player into a lifelong golfer who will continue to play the game long after the program is over."

As a PGA of America member, Vail brings 10 years of experience to the club. Combining her experiences with those of the other instructors, the Junior Golf Program is able to offer young golfers a great experience with a four-to-one instructor-to-golfer ratio.

"We added another division to accommodate the demand of our Northville residents and members of the club," Vail said. "As each division is based on age, within that division we divide them by ability. Safety is one of our primary concerns and that is the primary reason for our extensive junior golf professional staff."

The \$95 registration fee includes a pair of Nike golf shoes, glove and sleeve of balls for each player, in addition to the six sessions. The final session July 28 will include a junior tournament and awards pizza party.

Although the sessions are full this summer, Northville Hills Golf Club will offer several junior clinics in August as a follow-up

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SUSAN VAIL, Northville Hills head pro

to the program. Those dates will be posted at www.northvillehills-golfclub.com.

Vail said golf is a great sport for all ages, but is especially good for youths because it teaches valuable lessons.

"Not only is it a family sport that everyone can enjoy together, but it is a game that can be introduced on an athletic field, playground or golf range," she said. "It teaches a young player values such as honesty, perseverance, control of emotions and courtesy. Golf is one of the few games where you keep your own score, call your own penalties and depend only on yourself."

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer living in Redford.



LAURA K. LUCIDO

Runners-up

The Northville U10 Stampede finished as Runner Ups in the Wayne Baseball Classic Tournament on June 7. Pictured are (l to r, front) Alex Tyburski, Justin Woolhiser, Nate Holloway, Andrew Blazo, Josh Gutowsky, Chris Dunn, Ian Welsch; (middle) Brian Lucido, Noah Huggins, Zac Osaer, Brian Lally; (back) Coach Tyburski, Coach Hershberger and Assistant Coach Lucido. Not shown are Kian Hershberger and Coach Lally.



Tour de Cure

As part of their continuing commitment to community service, 26 Northville High School Cheerleaders participated in the American Diabetes Association Tour de Cure biking event June 14 at Island Lake/Kensington Metropark. The money raised will be used for research, education and the treatment of diabetes. Pictured are: (front row, left to right) Sara Ramsey, Alex Romano, Marisa Sourges, Megan Callahan, Rachel Polanski, Delaney King, Tess Reed, Kallie Bergers; (middle row) Ashley Adamczyk, Clare Elise, Rensy Wu, Alli Hartnagel, Victoria Clay, Alex Wright, Sarah Raymond, Jordyn Trotter; and (back row) Alyssa Wierzbicki, Alex Roach, Courtney Wagner, Morgan Breault, Melissa Scott, Alex Saad, Emily Lister, Jennifer Upmeyer, Samantha Mullens and Olivia Gorczyca.

Health benefits despite a budgeted time schedule

SUBMITTED BY CHRIS KLEBBA

With summer here, I am outdoors more often, so it's tough to get to the gym more than 1-2 days a week. Is there a minimum amount of time I need to work out to receive health benefits?

Great question! - This is probably one the most frequently asked questions I have received in the last 25 years. It's still tough to answer because it depends on several factors; such as your current state of health, your current activity level, what your health goals are, what your definition of health is and how active you are during summer.

You are not alone with it being tough to get to the gym during summer, our attendance typically drops 30 percent during the summer months. Michigan summers are typically short and sweet so one would expect this and I certainly encourage outdoor activity; but the reality is for most adults, while they are indeed outdoors, their activity levels often do not substantially increase from that of the winter months. So bad news - sitting on a pontoon boat, drinking beer (even if it is light beer and you are steering) is not considered moderate to

intense physical activity. Also, fishing and camping, while a great experience, does not qualify on their own as intense activity, either.

Most of my contact now is with average adults that have not been regular exercisers their entire life, so my standard year around answer to the question of how much exercising time is needed to realize health benefits is usually, "whatever you can do weekly." This generally prompts a look of confusion and then a gaze to someone who might actually know the answer to their question. But consider this: What is the alternative to doing a little exercise weekly if that is all you can do in a particular week - doing no exercise? Even a little exercise still has health benefits. So year-round be consistent with what you can do each week even if it is only a day or two and even if the time is broken up in small time segments. Consistency and the habit of doing some exercise is as important as frequency. The technical answer to your question is to shoot for three times a week, 30 minutes minimum of moderate to intense activity, combined with a healthy diet, but don't abandon the entire week because you may only be

able to get your work out in once or twice. At the very least, these mini-sessions will burn calories and keep your muscles moving.

If you want to incorporate more activity in your outdoor time great, but remember it is moderate to intense activity you are looking for and for many adults and seniors this kind of activity can be uncomfortable with the heat of summer exclusively outdoors. Another plan to consider and one I recommend is a little of both, reduce your program in the gym for the summer to 1-2 days per week and increase the activity outdoors. Use the time in the gym for some strength training and maybe outdoors for your cardio activity. Even if the heat of the day is intense, if you perform the 30 minutes of cardio activity in 3-10 min. sessions, you will receive benefits. But the truth is, for the average adult our bodies and muscles don't need a summer vacation.

This column was written by fitness expert Chris Klebba. Chris owns and operates Planet Fitness in Northville and Waterford, and is a regular columnist and public speaker. For fitness questions, e-mail planetfitness@bcbglobal.net and for more information call (248) 449-7634 or go to www.planetfitness.com.

NORTHVILLE SPORTS BRIEFS

Mustang Scramble/Auction

The Northville Mustang Boosters Club, Inc. will hold its Golf Scramble and Dinner Auction at Fox Hills Golf Club on Saturday, August 29.

The cost is \$100 per golfer for golf, lunch at the turn, dinner, open bar and auction; \$50 per person for dinner, open bar and auction.

Deadline to register is August 1. Make Check payable to: Northville Mustang Boosters Club, Inc. (a 501 (c)(3) organization) and mail registration to Sue Baldwin, 1004 Shannon Court, Northville, MI 48167.

MYAA Football Champ Camp

The Michigan Youth Athletic Association is hosting the second annual Football Champ Camp this year at Livonia Churchill High School for grades third through incoming ninth.

Session 1 (for fall third, fourth and fifth graders) is 9 a.m.-noon. Session 2 (for fall seventh, eighth and incoming ninth graders) is 1-4 p.m. Cost for the camp is \$85 for all three days, June 29-July 1.

The Champ Camp Football Camp will specialize in all positions: quarterback, running back, wide receiver, offensive line, defensive line, defensive end, outside linebacker, defensive back, punter, field goal/extra point kicker, long snapper, kick/punt return; no experience necessary.

The non-contact camp will emphasize individual and team football skill development. Campers will participate in fundamental drills, lectures on self-discipline and mental preparation. All instructors are members of local coaching staffs such as Livonia Churchill Staff, Fred Miller (Livonia Falcons), Phil Adkis (Livonia Orioles), St. Edith/OL Sorrows/OLGC/St. Mike's CYO, Rich Popp, and many other local programs. The camp will focus on the physical/mental aspects of the game as they apply to lifetime situations. All instruction will be in a positive, encouraging atmosphere. The Camp director will be Coach Brad Dickey, formerly of St. Edith CYO/Divine Child.

Contact us at www.miyaa.org or Email us at michiganyaa@gmail.com or call (734) 444-5931.

Midweek Triathlon Series

The first of three midweek sprint triathlons began June 24 at Island Lake Recreation Area in Brighton.

The course which will remain the same for all three events includes a 0.5 mile swim, 12 mile bike, 3.1 mile run and is simple enough for beginners while offering a practical fitness level check for athletes training to compete in additional events.

The swim, organized in waves, is extremely straightforward, in addition to the bike and run portions of the course, which are all on paved surfaces. Volunteers will line the course to ensure the smooth flow of participant 'traffic' and answer any questions along the way.

Participants who are up to the challenge and enter all three events - Triceratops Tri on June 24th, Pterodactyl Tri on July 22nd, T-Rex Tri on August 19th - will receive a distinctive Series Finisher pint glass, a chance to win exclusive T-Rex series age division awards and

discounts on race series entry fees.

All events will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will be limited to 600 participants.

For course maps and more information on this T-Rex Triathlon Series, sponsored by Running Fit, please visit: <http://www.runtrextri.com/> or call: (734) 929-9027

Fall sports tryouts

The Northville High School fall athletic season begins with football on Aug. 10 and all other sports on Aug. 12. Students must have a physical on file with the Athletic Office to try-out or practice.

For more information see the Northville High School website: www.northville.k12.mi.us/nhs

Following are tryout times and locations: Football, Aug. 10, Northville High School (NHS), 8 a.m. varsity, 3 p.m. freshman/junior varsity.

Boys Cross Country, Aug. 12, NHS, 8 a.m.

Girls Cross Country, Aug. 12, NHS, 8 a.m.

Boys Soccer, Aug. 12, Community Park, 5-8 p.m.

Boys Tennis, Aug. 12, NHS, 9 a.m. ninth and 10th grade, 10:30 a.m. 11th and 12th grade

Girls Golf, Aug. 12, 7 and 9 a.m., Tanglewood Golf Course

Girls Swim, Aug. 12, NHS Pool, 8 a.m.

Volleyball, Aug. 12, NHS 9 a.m. junior varsity and varsity; 11 a.m. freshman

Family Sport Pass

Don't miss your chance to purchase a 2009-2010 Northville High School Athletic Boosters Club Family Sport Pass. This convenient pass provides admittance to all Northville High School sports regular home games.

A one-time cost of \$100 covers your immediate family including your NHS student or students.

All funds generated from the sales of these passes goes directly to support NHS sports. Purchasing a Family Sport Pass is a great way to support Northville High School sports at a time when budgets are being cut. Help to enhance the NHS sports program by filling out the attached Family Sport Pass.

Send a check for \$100, made out to Northville Athletic Boosters, to the upcoming registration event with your child. You can also send your completed form and check to Membership Director, Maureen Owen, 22583 Fuller Dr., Novi, MI 48374. If you have any questions contact Maureen Owen at (248) 348-0075.

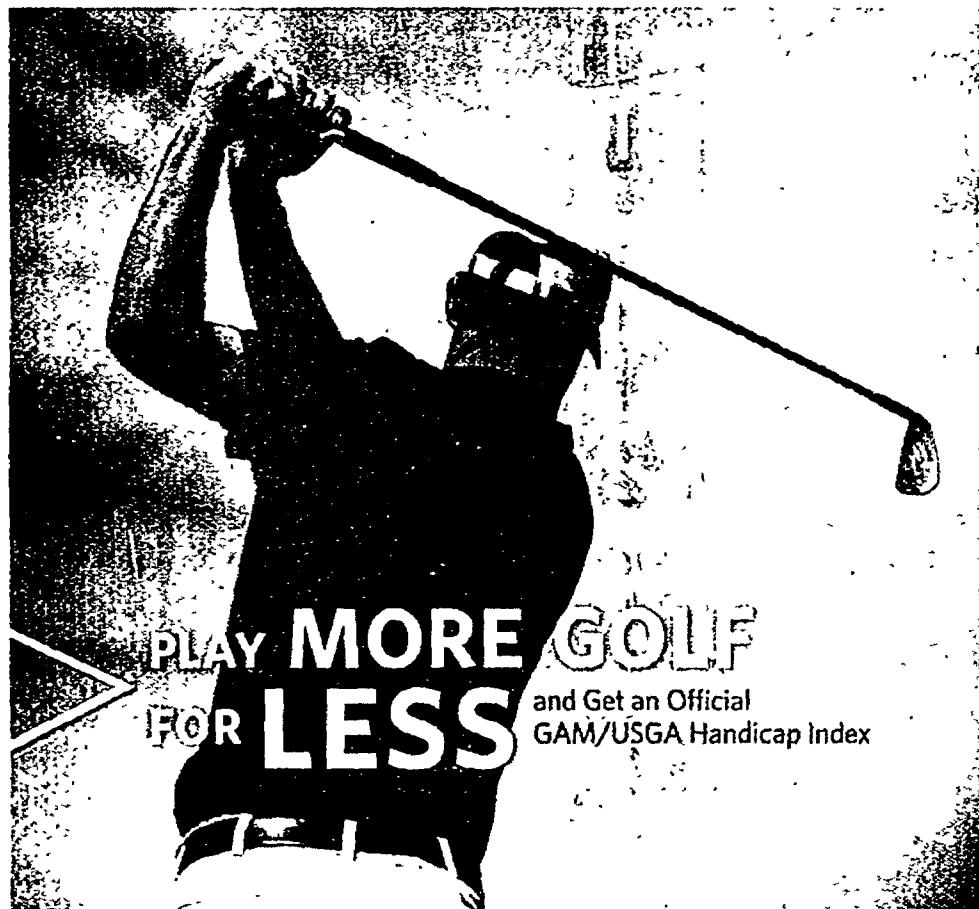
Spring men's hoop league

Registration started June 15 and continues until each of the leagues are full. Paid is playing!

Play starts the week of July 6. Offered again this session are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday night leagues running all nights that are full.

Plans are to offer a tournament in late July or early August; details will follow. There will be both competitive and recreational brackets (AA and A/B) available. You may register for the tournament even if you do not register for the leagues.

For more information, contact Monica Belanger, adult basketball coordinator, at mbelanger@ci.northville.mi.us or (248) 349-0203 x1404.



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Keller Williams: Sticking to the plan

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

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Our specialty has been in the residential aspect of the business with the recent venture into the commercial arena as well. Recognizing specific needs in today's market, some of our agents are specializing in assisting homeowners in the sale of their home even when the homeowner owes more than what the home may be worth. They have achieved a certification for this type of transaction.

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

There is a definite need for agents who want to be located in the center of the community in which they serve. Keller Williams has always been an active participant in the community across the nation, and what a better way to be a part of it than by working right in the center of it.

3. Why did you choose Northville?

Northville has so much to offer everyone: the school system, parks, pride of ownership and the downtown atmosphere are qualities that other communities strive for. Many of our agents have been lifelong residents as well.

4. What makes your business unique?

As a result of our business model, agents are able to build careers worth having, businesses worth owning and lives worth living. The agents are partners in our company, and they share in the profits. This creates a wonderful, unique synergy within the office. Everyone wants to see their fellow agents succeed. We challenge ourselves and our colleagues in a productive, meaningful way. We encourage growth and self discovery and we have fun in the process.

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

The first few days we were open we discovered a very peculiar problem. Our new phone system requires the users to dial a 9 in order to



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Jim Willis, associate broker, outside Keller Williams Realty new branch office in downtown Northville at the corner of Center and Dunlap.

DETAILS

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obtain an outgoing line. This would normally not be an issue; however, several of the newer phone pads were sticky and the agents were inadvertently dialing 9-1-1 when trying to make an outgoing call. Soon, we had the police at our office asking if everything was alright. It suddenly dawned on us that we were unintentionally dialing 9-1-1. After many apologies, we promised our great City of Northville police force that we would longer bother them unless it was a true emergency.

6. How has the recent economy affected your business?
 It has been very challenging; however, Keller Williams has actually grown to be the 3rd largest real estate brokerage in America, surpassing Re/Max this year. We have continued

to grow while others are either consolidating and contracting or even closing their doors without much notice to the agents or their customers. As a result of our business model being built amid a recession, we have a good understanding of these conditions and plan on growing in spite of the current economic climate.

7. Any advice for business owners?
 Lead by revenue and keep costs at minimum. Stick to the plan!

8. What's in store for the future of your business?
 As a result of the competitor's contractions, we offer a great alternative for these displaced agents to thrive and flourish. We see a great future in Keller Williams and, more importantly, for the agents (partners) within it.

Many professionals are using the LinkedIn Web site for professional networking. Most of the social networking sites like Facebook or MySpace are intended for social use while LinkedIn is designed for professionals to build a network of colleagues and contacts. You could think of your LinkedIn page as an abbreviated version of a résumé attached to a list of your professional contacts with some of the bells and whistles associated with a Web page. The most common reasons to use LinkedIn are finding a job, networking, and business development.

LINKEDIN FOR YOUR JOB SEARCH

In today's tough economy, LinkedIn can serve as the focal point of a job search. Some employers and recruiting firms are using LinkedIn to find candidates with specialized skills or backgrounds. If possible, start using LinkedIn before you begin building your network and continue to use LinkedIn after you find a new position. LinkedIn should become part of your professional life. If you're already looking for work, it is not too late to use LinkedIn.

LINKEDIN FOR NETWORKING

Many people use LinkedIn to develop and maintain their professional contacts. Once you have opened your LinkedIn account at www.Linkedin.com, you begin by building your profile of previous employers, specialized business skills, and professional associations. You then ask your business associates to



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LINKEDIN FOR BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

LinkedIn is an excellent vehicle for business development. LinkedIn serves an electronic Rolodex. Think of all the business cards that you have collected over the years; you can use LinkedIn's search feature to track down these colleagues to find where they are now. Not only can you renew old acquaintances, you can reconnect with valuable potential business opportunities. For example, one of the authors has a binder full of business cards from a 30-year industry career that he has used to initiate searches for all old friends and colleagues. LinkedIn allowed him to reconnect with some old co-workers from Ford Motor in the 1980s.

We have found LinkedIn to be a valuable job search and networking tool. LinkedIn presents you as a professional to firms around the globe. Whatever you put in your profile and whoever you add as a connection will make a statement about you to everyone and every business that uses LinkedIn to evaluate you as a business professional.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Business workshops

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars in offered by the Oakland County Business Center.

Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford.

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

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25: How To Write a Business Plan Workshop (p.m.)

JULY 2009

9: Pre-Business Research Workshop (a.m.)
 15: Marketing Your Business Workshop (a.m.)
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 30: Small Business Loan Workshop

(a.m.) Morning Class 9 a.m. to noon/12:30 p.m.
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The Web site address for Oakland County Planning & Economic Development Services Workshops is www.oakgov.com/peds/calendar.

4th Annual Grub Crawl

The 4th annual Northville Grub Crawl is on tap for another fun-filled, filling evening of "crawling" from 6-10 p.m. on July 28.

Participating restaurants -- including Northville Sports Den (formerly Dino's), Poole's Tavern, and Rusty Bucket Corner Tavern -- will provide free samples of appetizers and signature items along with cash bar specials for "Crawlers". Highlights include

free shuttle transportation and a grand prize drawing for an outdoor grill, compliments of Home Depot (7 Mile).

Ticket holders receive a brochure containing an event map and their starting point. Free shuttle transportation operates on a 15-minute schedule to take "Crawlers" from one restaurant to the next, or you can "crawl" on your own.

Tickets (\$30 each; must be 21 or older) may be purchased at the Northville Chamber of Commerce (195 S. Main, (248) 349-7640), Gardenviews (202 W. Main, (248) 380-8881), and Good Time Party Store (567 Seven Mile Rd., (248) 349-1477). Tickets are limited and this event does sell out, so get your tickets early! This year's event is sponsored by Patti Mullen - Remerica Hometown One, Northville Record, and Residential Design.

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Garage Sales

BERKLEY- HUGO Multi-Family Sale - Fri., Sat. & Sun. (6/26-6/28), 9am-5pm. Furniture, Baby/Kids, household. 1933 Gardner, Berkley, S. off 11 Mile, W of Coddage.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS SUB-WIDE GARAGE SALE! Balmoral Orchards Sub. Just W of Franklin Rd. bwn Orangelawn & Walnut Lake Rd. Many homes included. 9am-Sat, June 25-27, 9-4pm. Lots of great stuff!

BRIGHTON 5389 Ethel. June 25, 26, 9am to 5pm. Kids, furniture, household, misc.

BRIGHTON, JUNE 25, 26, 27, Thurs., Fri., 9 to 5pm. Sat., 9 to 1pm. 5482 Bradford Cr. W of I-96, off Culver, bwn. Pleasant Valley & Spencer.

BRIGHTON, Multi family. Woodfield Square Condos, on Rickett Rd., bwn. Lee & Oakridge. June 25 thru June 28, 8 to 5pm. Tools, antiques, furniture, stuff, much more.

CANTON 40031 Cherry Hill Rd. between Lotz & Hix. 6/26-6/28, 10 am - 4 pm. Furniture, baby items, household, misc. No early birds.

CANTON 45200 Tinning Ct. Misc. Household items, books, clothes, etc. Fri. and Sat., 6/26-6/27, 9-4 pm.

CANTON 74871 Royal Pointe Dr., S of Warren, W of Beck. June 25-26, 9am-4pm.

CANTON: 6865 Monfort. June 25-27, 8-4pm. Multi-Family Sale. Baby items, clothes, books & goodies. Off Sheldon, bwn Ford/Warren.

CANTON: Subside Garage Sale. Central Park Sub. S. of Cherry Hill. June 25-27, 9-4.

CANTON: Moving! Tons of teen/young's clothes, housewares. Fri-Sat. 9-4pm. 43534 Stuart Ct. Off Ford, bwn. Morton Taylor/Sheldon.

COMMERCIAL TWP. 4046 Heatherwood Dr. Moving sale. June 25, 27, 10 to 5pm. Thomasville King br. set, end tables, bookshelves, Hitachi 50in. Projection TV, household items, Senco framing nailer, whisks & air compressor, Stihl chainsaw, backpack leaf blower, Toro snowblower, Nordic Track weights, lots more. Cash only. 248-470-6819

FENTON LAKE SHANNON Sporting goods, guns, and antiques. June 25 & 26, 9-5pm. 7101 Linden Rd

FRAMINGHAM - Huge Fundraising Garage Sale too many items to list. June 25-27, 9-4pm. 32875 Colony Hill Drive.

GARDEN CITY - 6105 Deering, N. of Ford, S. of Warren, bwn Middlebelt & Inkster. June 25-27th, 9-5pm. Tables, patio furniture, kitchen items, tools, & lots of misc.

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HOWELL - Huge Moving Sale! 4185 Colonial Ct. Oakpointe Sub. June 25-27, 9-5pm. Furniture, collectibles, deck, 56" designer Home Decor, toys, designer clothing, halloween, Christmas & more.

HOWELL. LOTS of baby items. 1643 County Farm Rd. Friday, Noon - 5pm Sat., 10-5pm, Sun., 10-3pm.

LIVONIA - Multi Family Sub Garage Sale. Sat. June 27, 9-4pm. Windyville Village, S of 6 Mile, W of Farmington.

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Dearborn Heights Estate Sale 6/26 & 6/27, 10 to 6, 6/28, 10 to 4pm. Bessie, Buddy L. & Toys. Tools, clock & watch parts, Barnster Bookcases, Brunswick pool table, Lazy-boy sofa. 6541 Rosemary, off Charlesworth at Warren, W of Telegraph.

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FARMINGTON HILLS Timbercrest Subdivision Community Garage Sale. Fri-Sun. 9-8. 12 Mile & Middlebelt.

FARMINGTON HILLS - 23104 Glenmoor Heights, Middlebelt & 9 Mile, Sat. June 27, 9-4. Christmas, bike rack, kid's bike stables & household.

FARMINGTON HILLS - Ard Garage Sale. 25521 Ard Park, S of 11 Mile. 1 bk W of Inkster, 11th house from 11 Mile. Fri-Sat, 10-5pm.

FARMINGTON HILLS - Sub Sale, Hunter's Point Colony. 6/25-6/27, 9-5 Stanhurst Rd, W Drake, W 13 Designer & kid's clothes, household, misc.

FARMINGTON HILLS BIG GARAGE SALE - 28156 and 28072. Thorry Brae, Farmington Hills. Fri/Sat. 10am-4pm. Household items, antiques, comics, furniture, toys, crib, etc.

FARMINGTON HILLS MOVING Everything Must Go! 22981 Tuck Rd., S of Shawneet, W of 9 Mile, Sat. June 27, 8am-5pm. Furniture, small appliances, dishware & misc. no clothing or children items.

FARMINGTON HILLS Moving Sale: A little bit of everything for everyone. Rain/shine Sale in Garage! 17781 11th Ave. June 28th, 11am-4pm. June 28th, 11am-4pm. 25716 Power Rd., Farmington, bwn 10 and 11 Mile.

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LIVONIA 18376 Mayfield, E. of Farmington, N of 6 Mile. Roll top desk, Computer Desk, Jenny Lynn bed, hand saw with mounting table and much more. June 25-26, 9am-4pm.

LIVONIA 3 Family Garage Sale 32559 Leon St., W of Wayne Rd, S of Plymouth. June 26-27, 8-3pm-4-3pm. Clothing, furniture & household items.

LIVONIA 32659 Greenland Ct. off Hubbard, bwn 5 & 6 Mile. June 26-28th, 10am-6pm. EVERYTHING MUST GO!

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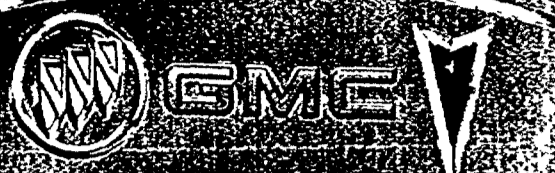
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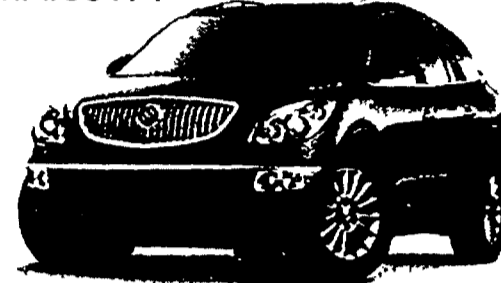
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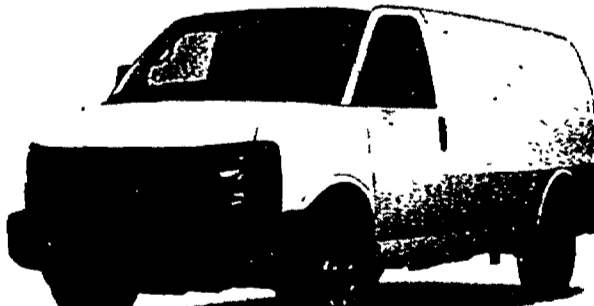
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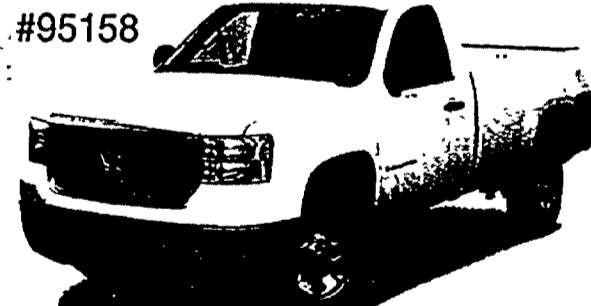
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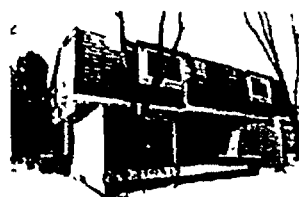
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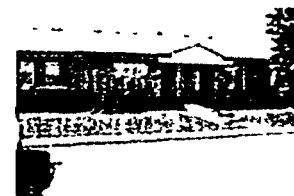
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4 Bedroom, 2 Bath Colonial with newer dimensional roof, gutters with covers, windows through out, newly fenced yard, new kitchen top to bottom and more. Bonus Florida room!

(29000498) \$199,000



Plymouth 734-455-7000
AN ADVENTURE INTO ELEGANCE! Most Admired Historic Cape Cod in the City of Plymouth! Designed by GM Bldg architect. 1st time marketed in 45 years! 5 bedrooms/5 baths. Spectacular wooded acre!

(28172722) \$599,000



South Lyon 248-437-3800
55 & Over Co-Op Community! Enjoy this 2 BR unit within walking distance to stores, clubhouse & pool. Many updates. Enjoy large sun room. LL includes 20x28 family rm, large utility area.

(29063887) \$44,900



Brighton 248-437-3800
Castle On A Hill! Wooded serene setting. 1.5 story, well maintained 5 BR, 3.5 bath. 1st fl mbr w private deck, jet tub, 3 br up w/ closets, fin w/ w/ Open Sun 1-4 pm.

(28204192) \$289,000



Detroit 248-348-6430
Loads of Potential! LR w/ bay, DR and eat in kit. Large mstr upstairs w/ bath, convert as a walk in closet. Find bsmt, separate laundry & bath. One car garage. Immediate occupancy.

(27133297) \$20,000



Livonia 248-348-6430
4 Bed Colonial in North West Livonia 2500 sq ft. in sought after Stevenson High. Features updated KIT, bath w/ jacuzzi tub, extra large Florida room, new furnace & A/C, att deck and in-ground pool.

(29036933) \$160,000



Northville 248-348-6430
Lovely Private Entry Condo Nice condo located on quiet cul de sac. 1,220 sq ft, newer carpet, nice KIT incs all appls, LR w/FP, fin'd BSMT, clubhouse, pool, tennis CRTs, BLK in complex.

(28111585) \$105,000



Plymouth 734-455-7000
LUCKY YOU! There's a Plymouth Beacon Estates Colonial just listed in likely to knock your socks off 3000 sq ft deliciously updated on superb lot! Be looking for you!

(29061823) \$386,900



Southfield 248-208-2900
Extra large lot! Nice 4 bdr, 1.5 bath home. 1 car attached garage. Located on one of the largest lots in the area.

(28190364) \$59,900



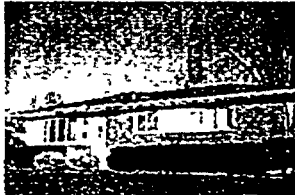
Brighton 248-437-3800
Fine Beauty! Enjoy the park like setting in the back yard from the spacious deck from family room or kitchen. Beautiful hardwood floors on 1st floor & master bedroom.

(29080887) \$235,000



Farmington Hills 248-348-6430
Totally Renovated Gem! Panoramic views of 1.29 acres w/ pond & gardens, 4 bdr, 2.2 baths, lit w/ cherry & granite. 3 lps, new Anderson windows, year round FL room.

(29029106) \$419,900



Livonia 248-348-6430
Highly Desirable Northwest Livonia! Features: Updated kitchen, ceramic baths. Stamped concrete walk & patio, bay window, full finished basement, BR and new driveway 2.5 car garage & much more!

(29001443) \$120,000



Novi 734-591-9200
Model of Autumn, Dual stair/cases. New lands/ scap with Aggreg Dr & new gar drs. Inter has custom trim, limestone tile. Granite tops. Fin day/ light bsmt w/ bar/wine cellar, fit rm/BR/FP/line theat, much more.

(29069312) \$599,900



Plymouth 734-455-7000
WOW ENJOY THIS GREAT COMMUNITY! A great well-maintained home in Plymouth! Newer roof & HWY. Open flr plan. Fireplace in family rm w/ glass door to patio & great backyd. Fin bsmt. Home Warranty!

(29067409) \$166,900



Walled Lake 248-348-6430
PRVT Ranch Duplex Condo Great Location Quiet cul-de sac. 3 BR, 2 BA with W/O LL. Soaring ceilings, skylights & FP in FR. Separate DR & KIT w/ HWYD FLRS. FF laundry MBR has double closets & PRV BA.

(29004065) \$1,875



Canton 734-455-7000
ABSOLUTELY FANTABULOUS! 4/5 bedrooms, living rm, family rm w/ fireplace, upper level den/office. 2 full baths, finished basement & much more!

(29080478) \$199,000



Garden City 248-348-6430
Immediate Occupancy! All appliances included. Enclosed back patio. Wood floors, 2 car garage, updated kitchen, oak cabinets, newer furnace & hot water heater. Access to park.

(28137834) \$129,900



Lyon 248-437-3800
Super Clean and Ready To Move In! Large fenced yard, almost 1 acre of land! Everything is in great condition. If you enjoy spending time outside, this is the one for you. Great private deck.

(29076537) \$110,000



Novi 248-851-1900
BUILDER'S HOME, NORTHVILLE SCHOOLS Custom built 07.1 acre lot. Gourmet island kit. w/ granite, stainless, travertine & walk in pantry. Great library. 1 BR including MBR suite guest suite. 4 car garage.

(29040403) \$494,900



Rose 248-684-1065
10 Acre Retreat! Buy, lease or lease w/ option to buy! Lovely home on private cul-de-sac. 36x42 pole barn. MBR w/ jacuzzi tub, WIC. 3 BR & 2.5 BA.

(29074739) \$369,000



White Lake 248-684-1065
Adorable ranch w/ Cedar Island priv. Open flr plan. HDWD flrs in kitchen. BR w/ dual sinks. Part fin W/O Full BA in bsmt. Deep lot w/ privacy fence.

(29072648) \$160,000



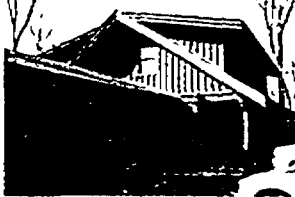
Canton 734-455-7000
DON'T WAIT! THIS HOME WON'T LAST LONG! Well-designed & maintained. Updates and newer roof, furn, windows, counters, sink, A/C, HWY, etc. Close to shopping & xmas churches, etc. Fly Canton schools.

(29042088) \$174,900



Grand Blanc 248-684-1065
Come see this 4 bdr, 3 1/2 bath, spacious 3187 sq ft home w/ finished LL, GR w/ corner fireplace. Open and airy kitchen w/ ceramic flr & backsplash. INGR Pool.

(29071943) \$275,000



Milford 734-591-9200
Stunning log home on 4 acre, almost 5000 sq ft of liv space. 5 BRs, 4 BA's, Huge mstr BR. Hdwd flrs match country decor in LR formal DR, 6th BR in Fin W/O w/ hot tub. Furn 05. All appls.

(28155569) \$797,900



Novi 248-851-4100
BEAUTIFUL HOME DESIRABLE TOLLGATE RAVINE Everything looks new! Granite, wood & high ceilings. Both 1st floor & 2nd floor master suites. 3 car side entry garage. For sale or lease.

(29074004) \$340,000



Salem 248-437-3800
Enjoy Country Living On 3 Acres! Charming 3 BR ranch on high ground w/ pole barn. Many updates. Large 24x28 rec room in LL w/ bar area. Woods in rear. Great location.

(29063286) \$189,900



White Lake 248-684-1065
Colonial on large lot w/ pond & perennials. Large rooms w/ original HDWD flrs. Newer oak kit w/ ceramic flrs. Florida room. 1 yr home warranty incl.

(29063668) \$159,900



Canton 734-455-7000
DELIGHTFUL CONDO LINKS AT FELLOWS CREEK! 2 BR, 2 BA, neutral decor, clean & well-maintained. Priv patio, ample storage. Pool, workout rm, billiards. Offers beautiful views, & a courted golf X way access.

(29055073) \$119,000



Highland 248-684-1065
Stunning Cobblestone beauty, stately home w/ custom quality U/O. Approx. 1 acre. Upgrades & unique details. Dual stairways, terrace. 3600 sq ft. 4 BR/4.5 BA.

(29051905) \$549,000



Milford 248-684-1065
Stately home with curb appeal! 2 stry foyer & GR, FF MBR w/ WIC, jacuzzi, BK walnut flrs, maple cabs, granite ctrs. 900 sq ft bonus room. LL w/ O w/ BA.

(29046613) \$700,000



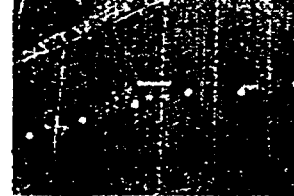
Novi 734-455-7000
THIS HOME SHOWS LIKE A MODEL w/ several upgrades no longer included in standard options... Island kitchen w/ slate backsplash & under-cabinet lighting, hdwd flr, upgraded carpet, & much more!

(29074530) \$319,900



South Lyon 734-591-9200
Col w/ Amsh Bk in Windcrest Sub. Cathedral ceiling in GR & Mstr Ste. Side entry gar. Fin W/O Bsmt for added space. Prof landscaped, spec lit w/ oak cabs, 1st flr laund, show and sell. Deck over flrs nature area.

(29073564) \$229,900



White Lake 248-684-1065
High dry site overlooking Grass Lake. 3 parcels to choose from. Bring your builder or use mine.

(29072749) \$30,000



Canton 734-455-7000
ENJOY THIS CONDO LIFESTYLE! Great condo community in Canton! Love the end unit w/ 2 bed rms and 1-1/2 baths, open floor plan w/ a g/l updates. Updated kitchen formal dining rm.

(29079241) \$42,000



Highland 248-684-1065
Beautiful home! Quality materials & trim details. U/O HDWD flrs & staircase, granite & natural cherry kit, SS appl, bonus 4th rm, 150' on All Sports Duck Lake.

(28198231) \$499,900



Milford 248-684-1065
Milford Village 3-4 Bedroom, 2 Bath brick ranch with finished lower level and two car garage. Fenced yard, central air and much more.

(29020668) \$122,000



Novi 248-851-4100
BEAUTIFUL 3 BR 2.5 BATH DETACHED CONDO First floor master suite. Library, great room, first floor laundry. Vaulted ceilings, 2 car garage. Also for lease.

(29067727) \$130,000



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Aspen Model Home. Great opportunity to live in prestigious Hidden Creek Community. Open flr plan, neutral decor thru-out. Beautiful h/m in excellent condition. Private back yard.

(29062509) \$209,000



Whitmore Lake 734-591-9200
No Need to Wait, not a Short Sale. Leave your Down/Prnt at home. 0% down. Immac cond, newer blk col in Whitmore Lake Sub w/ side/ wicks & fenced yd. Prof fin bsmt, lg eat in kit w/ doorwall to deck, NW roof 2009.

(29076086) \$164,900



Commerce 248-348-6430
Sports Commerce Lake! 265 acre LK Commerce 2 full kit & bas on separate flrs. New kit w/ ceramic island, brand new furnace. Anderson win 06 car lift, race dock & seawall. Hurry!

(27137133) \$185,000



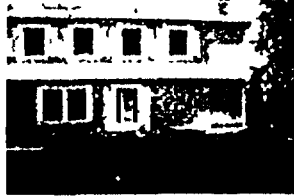
Highland 248-684-1065
Stunning lakefront home w/ cath. ceiling & large windows for great view of Sears Lk and mature trees. Remodeled U/O MBR, french drs, loft, WIC, Florida Rm.

(29052533) \$275,000



Northville 248-348-6430
Cape Cod On Oversized Lot, Private Yard! 1st flr MBR, GR w/ floor to ceiling windows & panoramic view of lush private yard. S/E sun in bright brfst rm w/ DR wall to deck. 3 car garage. Must see! 10+++

(29072206) \$365,000



Novi 248-851-1900
JUST REDUCED! Cozy 3 BR end unit townhome. Spacious open kitchen/dining area, living rm w/FP, large bedrooms, finished basement. Private patio, 1 car garage. New windows, furnace, AC.

(29080958) \$104,500



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Just Reduced! Some lucky buyer will get brand new brand flrs just installed. New cement driveway. Brand new stove, dishwasher & frig in kit, replacement cabinets & counters.

(29060819) \$124,900



Wixom 248-851-1900
ALL SPORTS LOON LAKE PRIVILEGES Totally remodeled home. Updated kitchen cabs, floors & bath. Huge LR w/ wood burning stove. Brick paver patio, wood deck, fenced yard. Newer windows, roof, siding, furnace.

(29051549) \$69,900



Dearborn Heights 248-348-6430
A Rare Find In North Dearborn Heights! Frank Lloyd Wright inspired home features, new kit, ceramic baths, furnace, roof. Andersen door-wall & a pool for the perfect retreat from the summer heat!

(29072777) \$145,000



Highland 248-684-1065
Enjoy the 1/2 acre parcel backing to nature preserve! 2 story foyer, HDWD flrs, GR w/ stone FP, vaulted ceiling, MBR w/ WIC, 3-car heated garage.

(29061519) \$194,900



Northville 734-591-9200
Lg Cape Cod has All Location, 3 Bedrooms 2.5 BAs, Den, Study. It's just paint, landscap, hdwd flrs, freep, form DR. Hine bks to commons area, walk dist from pool. Priv/wing trls & pyramids.

(29005066) \$249,900



Novi 248-348-6430
Estate Condo, Family Says Bring Offer! Ready to stop paying rent or downsize? Great value with 3 BRs, 1.5 baths, basement and garage for under \$90K! Peaceful location, private patio for summer BBQ!

(29041554) \$88,900



South Lyon 734-591-9200
Stunning End unit is Flawless Throughout 2 Bdrms 1 1/2 baths, KIT w/ all appls, spacious deck, priv side yd. Newer crpt & paint, Lrg Mstr w/ w/4 Closets, Brand new C/A, End Unit w/ priv en, Att Gar.

(29019496) \$104,999



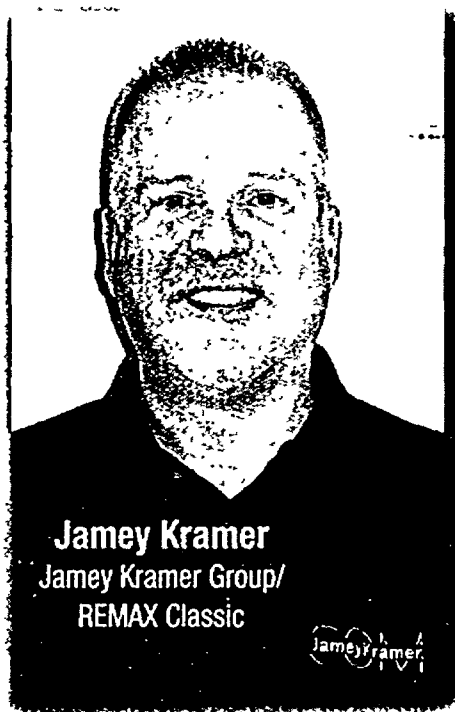
Ypsilanti 248-437-3800
1600 SF Ranch. Hard to find ranch on a spacious southern exposure lot. Offering spacious mstr suite w/ private bath, giant open kitchen w/ oversized new frig, heated pool.

(29074899) \$139,900

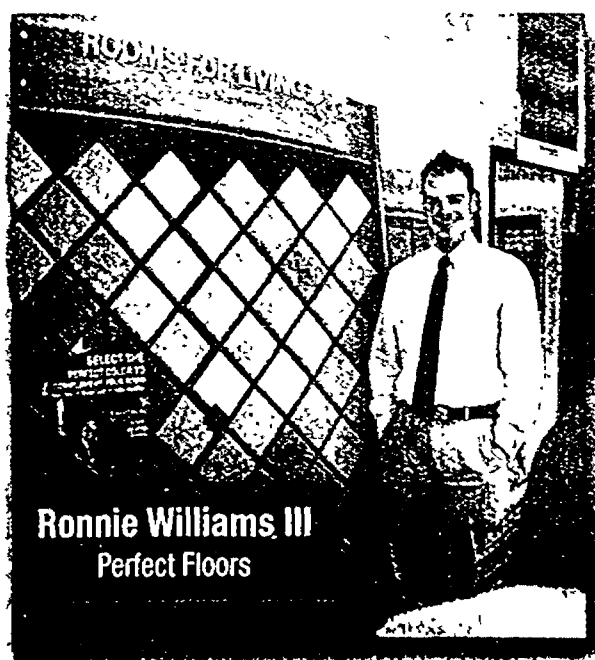
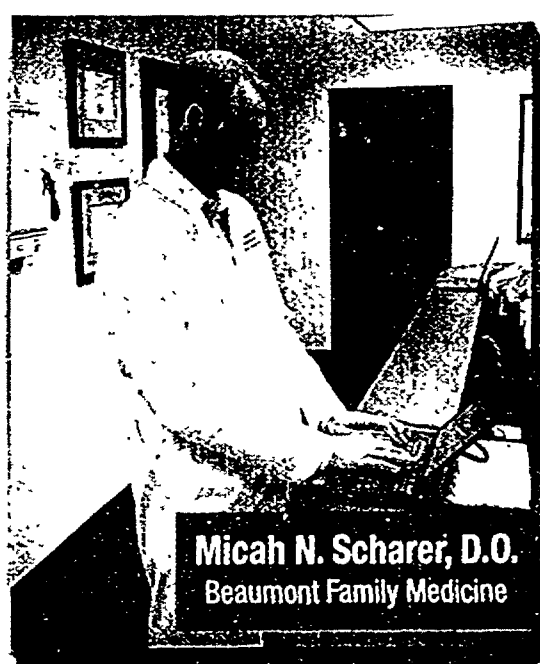
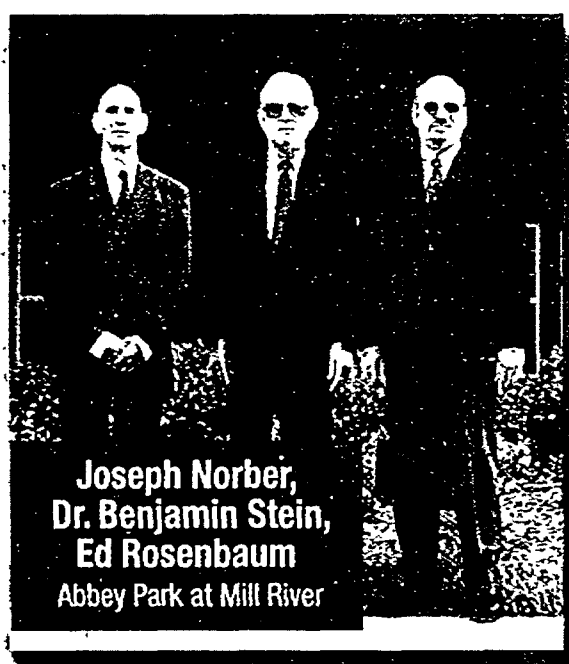
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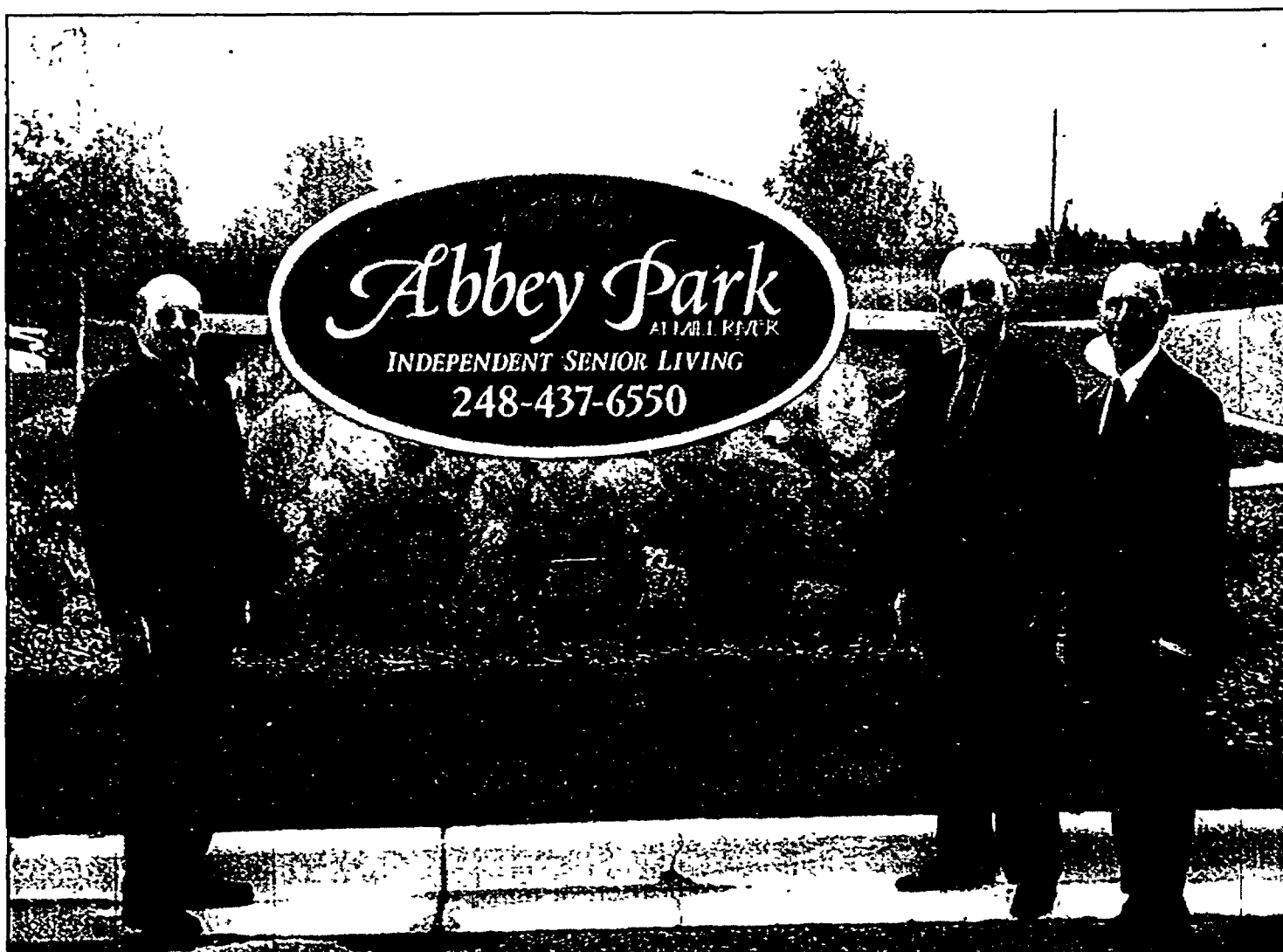


Photo by Alison Bergsieker
(From left) Ed Rosenbaum, Dr. Benjamin Stein and Joseph Norber, owners of Abbey Park at Mill River, have created the ultimate, affordable living experience for seniors seeking independence, closeness to family and friends and an enjoyable social environment.

Abbey Park at Mill River

248-437-6550 • www.abbeyparkatmillriver.com

Imagine a grand entranceway, complete with fireplaces, comfortable sitting area, an elegant water fountain and piano.

Just out of reach is a grand dining hall, chapel for daily worship, movie theater room and country store with modest grocery and toiletry supplies.

Take a stroll upstairs to find a beauty parlor, quiet library and computer room. A fitness center around the corner is stocked with treadmills, a pool table and a Nintendo Wii gaming console, used often for virtual bowling tournaments.

Throughout the building are private apartments with nine different floor plans, complete with kitchen, living room, bathrooms and bedrooms.

This vision is a reality to many aging adults who live in West Oakland's newest retirement community, Abbey Park at Mill River in New Hudson.

The community's owners, Dr. Benjamin Stein, Ed Rosenbaum and Joseph Norber, have created the ultimate, affordable living experience for seniors seeking independence, closeness to family and friends and an enjoyable social environment.

At age 91, former podiatrist Dr. Stein knows the importance of staying mentally and physically active.

And after owning numerous nursing home facilities over the years, Stein is well versed in the needs and wants of aging adults.

"I've been caring for adults since 1960," he said. "I keep getting older, so I know what older people like and dislike."

Dr. Stein and long-time business partner Ed Rosenbaum have been in the nursing home business since before the onset of Medicare through the mid 1980s, and are now excited to introduce new congregate living options for aging adults in Oakland County.

"Nursing homes were very difficult to

operate under the requirements of the state," Rosenbaum said. "We took our experience and applied it the congregate living business. In this business, the idea is to keep people mentally, physically and emotionally healthy and active."

Luxurious living

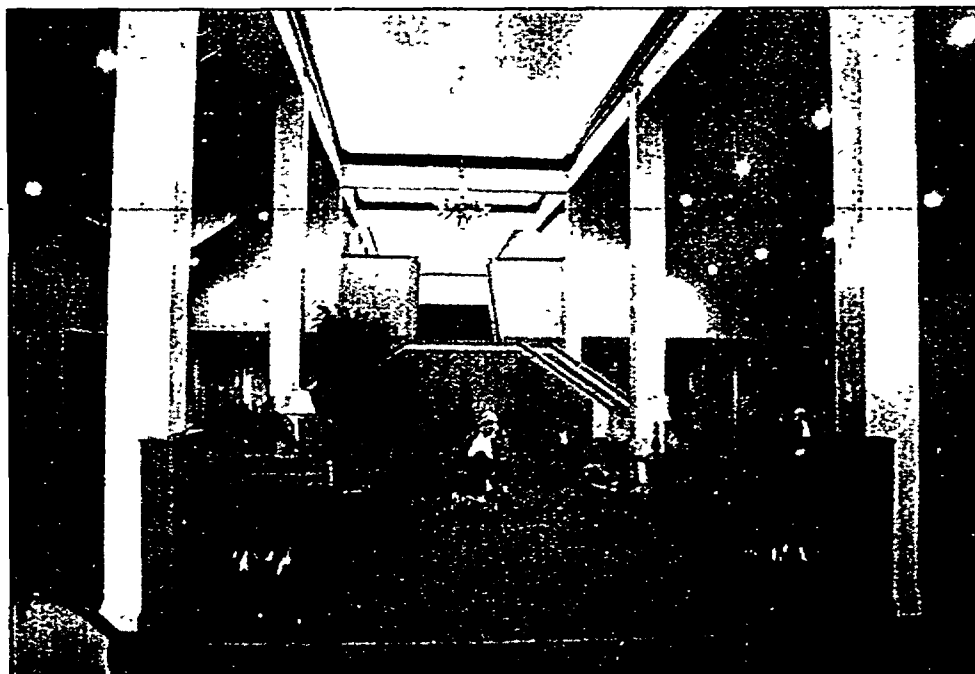
The community is a vast 195,000-square-foot facility constructed by partner Joseph Norber, who brings 45 years of construction management experience to the team.

"The uniqueness of Abbey Park's design is its volume and size," Norber said. "All of the activities are in a centralized core. The apartments are tucked back into separate wings, giving residents more privacy and personalization."

The apartments range from one bedroom, one bedroom with a den, two bedrooms, walk-in closet options and handicap amenities. All apartment rental fees include basic cable, a daily continental breakfast, luncheon or dinner in the grand dining hall, daily housekeeping, weekly full cleaning service, scheduled chauffeured transportation, a complete schedule of organized events and activities and more.

An emergency pull cord is accessible in each room of the apartment in case a resident needs assistance from a nurse.

"All apartments on the top floor have cathedral ceilings," Rosenbaum said.



Submitted photos
Just beyond the front doors, Abbey Park at Mill River opens up to a grand hall, where fireplaces warm the room during the wintry months and a water fountain adds a peaceful decoration.

"We felt that everybody likes to be where all the activity is on the first floor, so we gave residents on the top floor cathedral ceilings enlarging the rooms as an added amenity."

Each apartment has an enclosed patio or balcony as an added safety feature.

The three business partners, all West Bloomfield residents, frequent the community each week for lunch and socializing.

"The food has to be great," Dr. Stein said. "I have more than 90 years of eating experience. We like activities. I don't think we like some rock singer, but we do like someone playing a nice piano. We also like our independence, and Abbey Park gives seniors the opportunity to be as independent as they want to be."

from trips to the theater, restaurants, local landmarks and festivals, shopping malls and regular trips to the market. Residents also enjoy access to a fitness center, large activities suite, beauty shop, theater and chapel conveniently located within the facility.

The community offers exercise classes, current events 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 bunco in addition to holiday parties and celebrations.

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.

Abbey Park is located at 28413 Abbey Lane in New Hudson, across from Coyote Golf Course. Tours are available during regular office hours from 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 Administrator Tamra Ward at 248-437-6550 or visit www.abbeypark.com for more information.

An additional Abbey Park location is available in Grand Blanc at 3221 E. Baldwin Road and can be reached at 810-606-1110.

"You have to see us to believe us," Dr. Stein said. "Until you're here, you won't know what it looks like and what we're about."

— By Alison Bergsieker

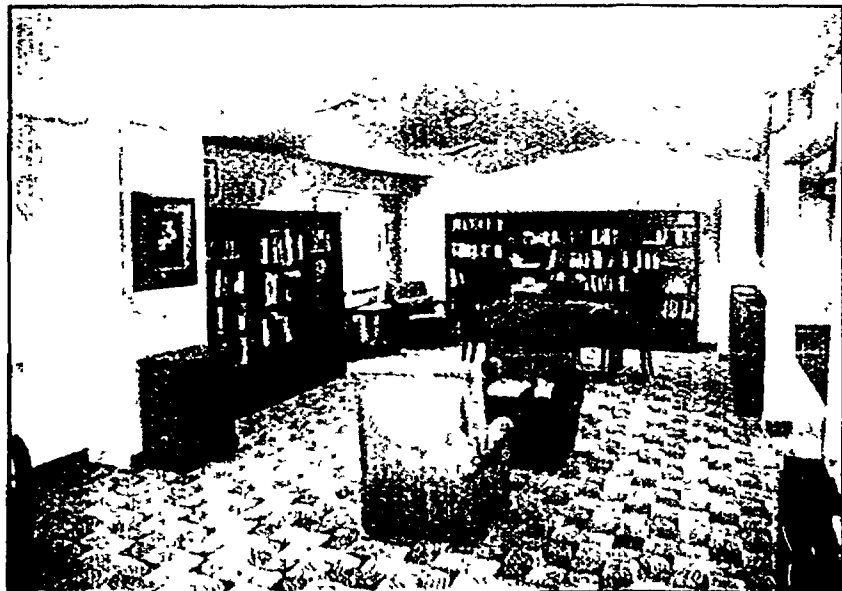
Close to home

No more than a 30-minute drive from Detroit and Ann Arbor, Abbey Park at Mill River is located across from Coyote Golf Course off Milford Road.

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

The library at Abbey Park is tucked away on the second floor for a quiet getaway. The books are restocked every 60 days by the Lyon Township Public Library, along with other donated books from community members.



EXTRAORDINARY MEN

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

From the small town business owner to an entrepreneur to the CEO of a prominent company, men continue to excel in everything they do.

In this issue of Gentlemen in Business, we celebrate the men who give young boys someone to look up to, and help readers of the Milford Times, Northville Record, Novi News and South Lyon Herald connect with the men who shine in our communities.

Meet the 2009 Gentlemen in Business!

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Jamey Kramer



Photo by John R. Hall
Jamey Kramer and his team at Jamey Kramer Group/REMAX Classic in Novi list and sell homes throughout Southeastern Michigan.

Jamey Kramer Group/REMAX Classic

248-348-7200 • www.JameyKramer.com

It should come as no surprise that Jamey Kramer was voted the winner of the 2009 People's Choice Award as Novi News' reader's favorite realtor. An award like this goes to people who have built a reputation on customer service customer care.

Jamey and his team at the Jamey Kramer Group/REMAX Classic in Novi list and sell homes throughout the Southeastern Michigan area, using years of experience and attention to detail. But it is his genuine sincerity and believability that has made Jamey the number one agent for listings sold in Novi for the past eight years.

"I know what it takes to get the job done for my customers," he said. "I don't quit until the job is done."

During his early years in Novi – he has been in the business for 16 years – Jamey spent a lot of effort getting his name out into the community. He is a high-profile person who believes that it is important to be active in and supportive of the community he works in. For several years he donated a \$1,000 scholarship to a local high school student and has actively supported many charitable events in the Novi area.

Along the way, Jamey has added key members to his staff, people that specialize in certain areas. "My team is great," he said.

"My assistant, Jackie Selinsky, is sincere, caring, likable, and conscientious. She handles all of the administrative work."

Jamey said the group has a family flair to it, too. His sister Kathy Raburn works on seller feedback and husband Frank takes photos of listings. Jean Lang is another member of the team, serving as a buyer/staging specialist. "She works the buyer's side of the business," Jamey added.

"You need help from others in this type of business," he said. "That is the best way to ensure great customer service. This is a people business. Without them, we would have a lot of empty houses in Novi."

And speaking of Novi, Jamey points out that the community has all of the amenities that buyers are looking for, including top notch schools, shopping centers, parks, and a state-of-the-art hospital complex at Providence Park. Despite the positives, Jamey knows that the economy provides a huge challenge to him and his business.

But he remains upbeat – and continues to do what he can to connect to his customers. He "modestly" believes that his Web site – www.JameyKramer.com – is "the best individual Web site around."

For more information visit Jamey's Web site or call 248-348-7200.

— By John R. Hall

Darin and Dwayne March



Northville Paint Company

43145 Seven Mile Road, Northville
248-348-1599

Photo by John R. Hall
(From left) Darin and Dwayne March check out one of their most popular paint lines, Aura, inside their Northville Paint Company store.

Since early 2008, home remodelers and professional painters have been part of a flurry of activity at the Northville Paint Company in the Highland Lakes Shopping Center – a company that features quality Benjamin Moore paints. And so far, business has been good for new owners Darin and Dwayne March.

The store, replacing the former Decorating by Dan business, is a welcome sight for customers who are choosing to freshen up their homes and for professional painters who have come to know and respect the March brothers over the years.

Darin said his staff of five "color experts," experienced professionals, who concentrate on one thing only, are helping customers choose the best paint for their indoor or outdoor needs. And paint is all that matters at the

Northville Paint Company.

"We specialize in paint," he said. "We don't carry a lot of other things like a typical hardware store. We sell painting needs from the floor to the ceiling."

Some of these supplies include wall/ceiling patch kits, tape, drop clothes and paint brushes.

Paint is all Darin and Dwayne have been doing for more than 20 years. They own two Benjamin Moore signature stores, including one in Brighton. They are very proud to be representing Benjamin Moore paints, one of the best and most trusted names in paint. Benjamin Moore has been in business for more than 125 years and has more than 3,000 retail outlets across the United States.

"It really is the greatest paint available," Darin said.

"It goes farther, covers better, and is more dependable. For example, we sell the Aura line from Benjamin Moore which is the best paint ever made."

The Aura line uses special technology to "lock in" the color, resulting in richer hues and durability.

"You can rub as hard as you want an Aura paint job and the color will not rub off," Darin said.

Another new line of paints is keeping with an "environmentally friendly" green theme and it quickly becomes part of a home in a matter of moments. The Natura line has zero volatile organic compounds (VOCs) that are often found in carpeting, furniture and wall coverings.

"You can apply a coat of Natura to a dining room wall in the morning and eat dinner that night, without smelling any paint," Darin said. "This is good

for people with allergies, pregnant women, kid's rooms, etc."

For people with historical homes, Benjamin Moore has 172 colors that are matched specifically to these homes. And with so many people deciding to fix up their own homes rather than sell, a fresh coat of paint can go a long way.

"For \$40, a person can really update a room and make it look fresh," Darin added.

Darin said his store will also offer occasional specials and have an annual anniversary sale, too.

The Northville Paint Company is located at 43145 Seven Mile Road. Store hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information call 248-348-1599.

— By John R. Hall

Brian Bak



Photo by Hal Gould
Brian Bak, owner of Bakman Floral Design, takes part in five educational design shows every year for specialists in the floral design industry.

Bakman Floral Design

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For almost any event, no matter the atmosphere, great floral designs are a necessary item. In South Lyon, Bakman Floral Design provides the absolute best in floral arrangements to suit any occasion.

"We'll arrange for any occasion," said Brian Bak, owner and founder of the floral shop. "We do weddings, funerals, any kind of party work like birthdays or corporate events."

Bak opened up in South Lyon more than 30 years ago, and has been very happy with the support the community has given him since. He named the shop after a nickname from school.

"South Lyon was an area that was up and coming, and a place I just wanted to be," Bak said.

Bakman Floral Design is prepared for any occasion. If there's a large gathering that needs arrangements, the staff can accommodate. If someone needs a last minute small arrangement, a customer can put together their own selection.

"Everything is made to order, but we do have a whole cooler of flowers to mix and match," Bak said.

Every arrangement is designed specifically for each customer. The staff at Bakman Floral Design will create an arrangement down to specific details. If a customer isn't a flower expert, the staff

can create a display using their own expertise and creativity.

"It's all about customer service," Bak said. "If people want something a specific way or at a specific time, we try to get them what they want, when they need it."

Bak's knowledge of floral design is so vast that he takes part in five educational design shows every year for specialists in the floral design industry. Other florists attend these shows to learn tips and tricks from Bak and the team of designers.

"I hope when our peers come to our shows, they can learn some new techniques," Bak said.

These shows take Bak far and wide, but he is always ready to come home to South Lyon.

"The people here are the best," Bak said. "I work a whole lot of different areas, but I can't wait to get home. South Lyon has been so friendly and supportive."

Bak says his business would be nothing without the dedication of his company, employee loyalty, and the unique brand of customer service that his staff provides.

Bakman Floral Design is located at 22800 Pontiac Trail. Call 248-437-4168 to arrange a reservation. More details are available at www.flowersbybakman.com.

— By Mike Hogan

Tom Groom



File Photo
Tom Groom, Farmers Insurance Agent, stands next to his sign in front of his office at 410 N. Lafayette St. in South Lyon.

Farmers Insurance

248-437-5309 • 248-486-7923

For Tom Groom, Farmers Insurance agent, it's all about customer service. That means returning calls quickly, processing calls quickly and taking calls after hours.

He's been serving the Lyon community with that commitment for 29 years.

"Treating people with respect is the key," Tom said. "I treat everyone equally, whether they have a large or small policy with me."

He provides insurance policies for autos, homes, life RVs and mobile homes. Tom said his customers know that when they call, he is the one who answers the phone. "They have access to me all the time," Tom emphasized.

Not forgetting to give credit where credit is due, Tom said that his mother, Janet, helps out behind the scenes.

Though his office is small, he is connected to some pretty big

insurance companies.

"I represent not only Farmers Insurance, but Bristol West Insurance Company, Titan and Foremost. I can shop for the best rates," Tom said.

He is proud to say that he can find insurance for those who might be uninsurable elsewhere.

"That's one of the advantages of working with more than an insurance company," he said. "I've even gotten referrals from area agencies to help customers who are difficult to insure."

New customers will receive a 15 percent new customer discount and existing customers are eligible for a 40 percent safe driver discount.

"What I think says a lot about what I do, is that I've been a multi-year winner of the People's Choice Award for the best insurance agent and agency," Tom said.

— By Nathan Menoian

John Dean



Photo by Hal Gould
(From left) Douglas Gambee, Mike Dean, Mike Flynn and John Dean of Tuffy Auto Service Center in South Lyon can help you keep your car in top condition for a fair price and with minimal downtime.

Tuffy Auto Service Center

248-437-4800

With road trip season right around the corner, right now is the perfect time to bring your car to top condition. John Dean and the staff of Tuffy Auto Service Center in South Lyon are ready to get your car into great shape for summer.

"We get things done quickly," Dean said. "Our turnover is the fastest in town. We pride ourselves on how efficiently we get things done."

Dean isn't just focused on minimal downtime. He's also focused on customer service and quality. The mechanics at Tuffy are certified by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence. Combined, they have more than 120 years of experience.

"Customer service is our number one priority," Dean said. "We'll do anything your car needs, whether it's maintenance, repair or replacement. We have the tools for anything, bumper to bumper. You name it, we'll do it."

The Tuffy Auto Service Center in South Lyon is a full-service repair shop. They'll take care of tune-ups, engine work, mufflers, brakes, shocks, tires, batteries and more. Dean and his staff of experienced mechanics will work with all makes and models, foreign or domestic.

Dean first opened the auto shop in 1995. His shop has been under his ownership in the same location for the past 14 years.

He says that stability is what keeps South Lyon residents coming in with their vehicles.

"This is a family-oriented town, and we're a family-oriented business," Dean said. "I love it in South Lyon. We've had customers who have been here for 14 years. Now, their kids are here, and soon they'll be bringing their kids."

Dean is proud to bring the national Tuffy brand to a growing city like South Lyon. With his shop, you'll get excellent local service as well as a nationwide warranty on repairs including mufflers and brakes.

"If it's fixed here in South Lyon, you can get it repaired in Florida as well," Dean said.

In Dean's mind, there has never been a better time to give your vehicle a full tune-up.

"Right now, you should treat your car like an investment," Dean said. "It has to last you a while."

John Dean's Tuffy Auto Service Center is located at 22750 Pontiac Trail in South Lyon. The shop is open six days a week, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Call 248-437-4800 to speak to the mechanics about your vehicle.

— By Mike Hogan

Dr. Anthony Mastrogiacommo, DPM



South Lyon Foot & Ankle

248-366-9609

Photo by Mike Hogan
Dr. Anthony Mastrogiacommo and the staff at South Lyon Foot & Ankle focus on healing injuries quickly with new and safe methods.

When it comes to foot and ankle injuries, the healing process has to happen fast. It's hard to do daily tasks with a foot injury. That's why Dr. Anthony Mastrogiacommo and the staff at South Lyon Foot & Ankle focus on healing injuries quickly.

When a patient calls Dr. Mastrogiacommo's office, the staff will do their best to schedule an appointment within 24 hours. Even better, they schedule appointments so the patient will have a very minimal waiting time.

Even though the staff at South Lyon Foot & Ankle wants to heal injuries quickly, the office isn't a rush-rush environment. It's a very clean, relaxed setting, which helps the healing process.

"We try to be super friendly and courteous, to have a laid back atmosphere," Dr. Mastrogiacommo said. "I'd like for patients to feel like they are visiting with a good friend."

Dr. Mastrogiacommo earned his degree from the University of Michigan and has been practicing medicine for more than 12 years. He is Board Certified in Podiatric Medicine and Surgery. He strives to make his practice as service-oriented as possible.

South Lyon Foot & Ankle is also

dedicated to new and safe ways to accelerate the healing process. One of Dr. Mastrogiacommo's new tools is a non-surgical platelet injection that uses the body's own natural growth factors to help the body heal itself.

"It's really helpful for healing tendon and ligament injuries, including heel pain," Dr. Mastrogiacommo said. "It's been working really well."

South Lyon Foot & Ankle is one of the few places to use this revolutionary new treatment, which has been featured on the Channel 4 newscast.

Dr. Mastrogiacommo believes in supporting the South Lyon community. He is active with South Lyon Parks and Recreation, as well as local school sports programs.

To make an appointment with Dr. Mastrogiacommo, call 248-486-8886. South Lyon Foot & Ankle is located at 22245 Pontiac Trail, in the Brookdale Square Shopping Plaza.

Dr. Mastrogiacommo has also extended his services to the Commerce area as well. Commerce Foot & Ankle Specialists is located at 3050 Union Lake Road. To make an appointment at the Commerce location, call 248-366-9609.

— By Mike Hogan

Kevin Bradford

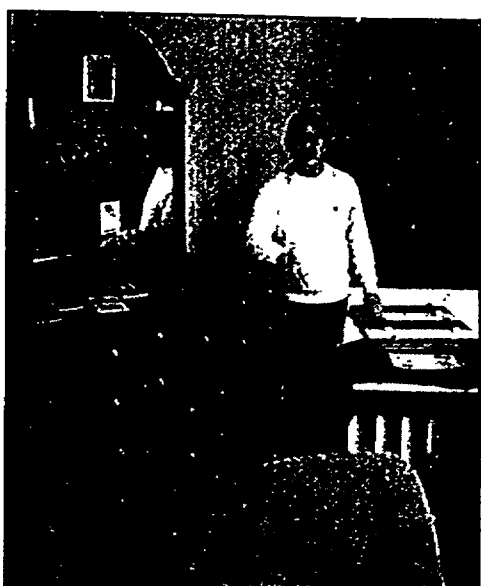


Photo by Mike Hogan
Kevin Bradford, co-owner of Tenpenny Furniture in downtown South Lyon, is committed to great service before, during and especially after the sale.

Tenpenny Furniture

248-437-1590

Situated near the center of downtown South Lyon, Tenpenny Furniture has been a mainstay of the area for more than 25 years. Co-owner Kevin Bradford believes South Lyon and its surrounding areas are a great place to live and do business.

"Despite the recent economy, this is still a growing area," Bradford said.

"There's really a lot of potential in this area."

Kevin Bradford and his brother Brian provide quality furniture and service, but without the pushy salesman attitude. The Bradfords pride themselves on delivering honest customer service.

"When you come here, we want you to leave happy," Bradford said. "You'll always be speaking to one of the owners."

The Bradfords are committed to great service before, during, and especially after the sale. A main part of that commitment means featuring furniture made in the United States.

"American-made furniture is better quality," Bradford said, "and one thing I've learned is that people in this area like a higher quality product."

Many furniture chain stores carry imported furniture that has to be assembled at home.

The furniture sold at Tenpenny is assembled in an American factory by trained craftsmen.

"Recently, a lot more people have come in looking for American-made furniture," Bradford said. "We try to carry as many products made in the U.S. as possible."

Tenpenny carries a large selection of furniture for bedrooms, home offices, entertainment rooms, dining rooms and more. They also offer free delivery and set-up, which is a service that is hard to come by.

The Bradfords believe offering a quality product at a fair price is what helped earned them the reputation they enjoy today.

"The people in this area are great to work with," Bradford said. "They want quality products and quality service. People want to be treated fairly and with respect, and in turn, they treat us the same way."

Tenpenny Furniture is located in downtown South Lyon at 124 N. Lafayette St. Store hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sundays from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Call 248-437-1590 with any questions or for more information.

— By Mike Hogan

Gary and Mark Childs

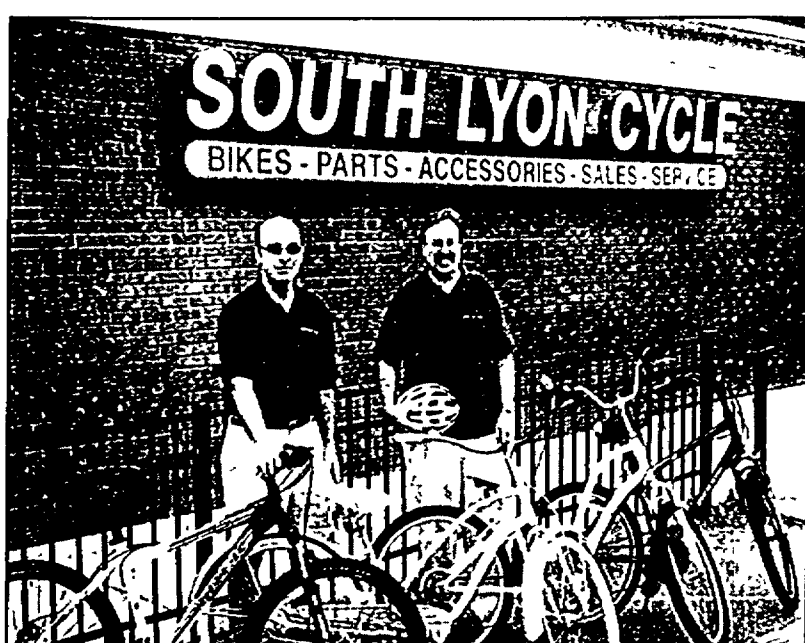


Photo by John Hall
Gary, left, and Mark Childs offer quality bikes, one-day repair service, tune-ups and more at South Lyon Cycle.

South Lyon Cycle

248-437-0500 • www.southlyoncycle.com

As our community has grown, so has South Lyon Cycle. The Childs Brothers, owners and operators of South Lyon Cycle, are devoted to bikes.

South Lyon Cycle stocks a large selection of bicycles at great values. Mountain, comfort, hybrid, road, cruiser, recumbent, BMX, freestyle and juvenile bicycles include top brands like Trek, Gary Fisher, Giant, Electra, Townie and Haro. Expert assembly is offered on all bikes.

Bikes are available in a variety of sizes including 12-inch, 16-inch, 20-inch and 24-inch wheel bikes for children as well as adult models in many frames and sizes. Trikes for adults and children are also stocked.

Customers are sold a bike that meets their needs with proper fit for comfort and safety emphasized. Helmets are recommended and correct sizing and fit for safety and comfort is free.

South Lyon Cycle offers an extensive parts inventory and popular accessories — including trailers, child carriers, bike carriers and women's and men's gel comfort saddles. Hammer Nutrition endurance products and supplements are

also stocked.

One-day repair service is available on all brands. Tune-ups are a specialty for better performance and the safety of any bike.

For your health, for the world and for our future, go by bike for trips of two miles or less! Once you try riding your bike instead of driving your car, mini van, truck or SUV for short trips, you may find that you are not only saving gas but enjoying yourself as well.

South Lyon Cycle offers many accessories, such as racks, baskets and bags to carry everything from groceries to gear equipment to camping and sports gear to small dogs.

South Lyon Cycle is located in downtown South Lyon at 209 S. Lafayette (Pontiac Trail), two blocks south of Ten Mile Road, minutes from Island Lake State Recreation Area, Kensington Metropark, Maybury State Park, the Huron Valley Trail System and South Lyon's Rail Trail.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Randall Patterson

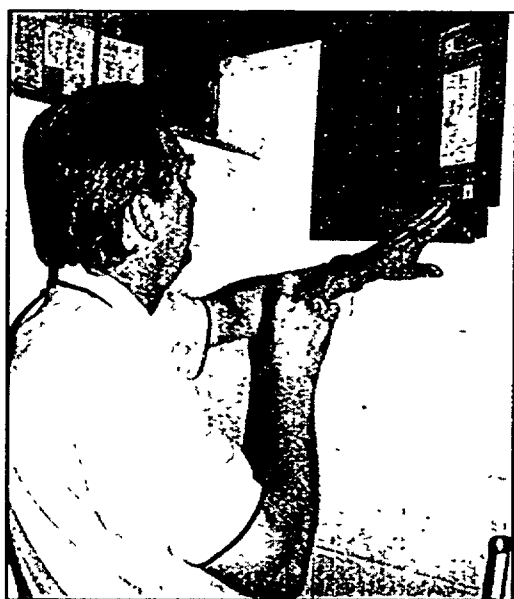


Photo by John R. Hall
Randy Patterson includes electrical inspections among the Pillar to Post 1600-point home inspection checklist.

Pillar to Post

248-755-3422

Home inspections can tell a lot about a house — and what can be done to make it safe and healthy for occupants — especially when the inspections are performed by Randy Patterson of Pillar to Post inspections of Novi.

Patterson has been in home inspection and environmental testing business for more than six years, and he knows what to look for when it comes to giving homeowners peace of mind or homebuyers a snapshot of the home they plan to live in.

There are so many different things to inspect on a home that it would almost be impossible to list every one here. That's obvious, because Pillar to Post provides a thorough 1,600-point inspection that covers everything imaginable.

One of the most important parts of any Pillar to Post inspection is checking for safe and healthy indoor air. Patterson has attained three major indoor air quality (IAQ) certifications and he uses his experience and state-of-the-art technology to measure a home's IAQ.

"We use a device that measures air quality in each room of the home," he said. "We test each room because there can be something like carpeting in one room that could be affecting someone's health. Our equipment can detect and measure different levels of particulates in the air, including mold."

Other procedures in the Pillar to Post inspection process, include: testing gas appliances, checking plumbing for leaks, inspecting electrical hook-ups, testing for radon and checking for volatile organic compounds (VOCs).

Once the inspection is completed, Patterson compiles a comprehensive report that he puts in a three-ring binder.

"The report gives people an understanding of the conditions they live in," Patterson said. "It also allows them the opportunity to plan a budget for what corrections need to be made."

The binder includes folders where customers can keep bids for work to be performed, receipts for maintenance and repairs and a utility log where homeowners can keep track of their utility bills in order to give potential buyers a complete record of energy costs. The report includes digital photos of all areas in the home where problems or potential problems exist.

And as part of his service, Patterson gives his customers three business references for remediation and clean-up work.

Contact Pillar to Post by e-mail at randall.patterson@pillartopost.com or visit www.pillartopost.com/westoaklandlivinston.

— By John R. Hall

Ronnie Williams III



File Photo
Ronnie Williams III, right, has the solid backing and training from his father Ron Williams Jr., one of many reasons that Perfect Floors is the perfect place to buy flooring.

Perfect Floors

248-437-2838 • www.perfectfloorsinc.com

Ronnie Williams III is following in the footsteps of his dad, Ron Jr., and that is good news for the many customers of Perfect Floors of South Lyon.

Ronnie is carrying on a tradition of excellent customer service coupled with an outstanding choice of floor coverings for homeowners looking to replace their existing flooring, or for those who are planning what they want on each floor of their newly constructed home.

"We have a very big showroom," Ronnie said. "The variety and selection are as big as can be, especially for a family-run business."

Ronnie's uncle, Mike, also works in the business and each family member is very involved with every sale.

"We take the hands-on approach," Ronnie added.

Ronnie has been watching and learning from his dad, who has been in the flooring business for more than 20 years. He works closely with customers who walk into the store at 21946 Pontiac Trail and also goes out to homes and businesses to give estimates.

It's a full-time job keeping customers happy and Ronnie knows the importance of customer service. He knows that people have choices and he encourages them to shop around.

"We know that people will shop for estimates," he said. "We don't mind it at all. It has never hurt us before and it won't hurt us now."

Ronnie said he is seeing a lot of customers turning to hardwood flooring. Perfect Floors has selections available from leading

manufacturers, including Bruce and Mohawk.

If a customer doesn't see exactly what they want or has a specific brand in mind, Ronnie and his family can "pretty much get anything the customer wants" from their suppliers.

Another reason why customers like the service at Perfect Floors is because of the experienced installers.

"We keep six two-man crews working full-time," Ronnie said. "These are the same people who have worked for us for years."

The customer service includes not only South Lyon but extends into Novi, Northville, New Hudson, Milford, Brighton and Ann Arbor. Ronnie said he even works in the Detroit area, thanks to customer referrals.

"We have to go everywhere to keep our customers happy," he said.

Referrals are a sure sign that people like the products and service from Perfect Floors. And that's no surprise. Ronnie said he stands behind the slogan of guaranteed lowest prices, which means that customers don't have to waste a lot of high-priced gas driving around from store to store to get the best price.

But beyond price, it is the care for customers that keeps people coming back to Ronnie and the staff at Perfect Floors. Visitors are encouraged to stop in with any questions about flooring. Ronnie will be more than happy to provide the answers.

Store hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Visit the store or online today.

— By John R. Hall

Micah N. Scharer, D.O.

Beaumont Family Medicine

248-437-5613

Photo by Mike Hogan
Micah N. Scharer, D.O. consults
a patient at his office in South
Lyon. Scharer and his
colleague, Dr. Brandy Eberhardt,
offer a different approach
to family medicine.



Here in Michigan, we pride ourselves on our innovative ways of doing things. You can see an example of that in Micah N. Scharer, D.O., one of South Lyon's forward-thinking doctors.

Scharer, alongside his medical colleague Dr. Brandy Eberhardt, opened his practice to take a different approach toward family medicine. It's an approach that requires more personalized care than most doctors normally give.

"In a lot of doctors' offices, you're treated on what you have, but not also by who you are," Dr. Scharer said. "You can't just separate the person from the problem. You have to understand the person so you can treat them."

Under Dr. Scharer's care, patients are treated for their illnesses and educated to prevent future problems.

"It's about prevention, prevention, prevention and education," Dr. Scharer said. "It's my job to help you do that as best as you can. The reasons for your illness are just as important as the treatment."

Since he was young, Dr. Scharer has always wanted to be a family physician.

"I wanted to make a tangible difference," Dr. Scharer said.

"I want to make an impact on day-to-day lives."

As part of Beaumont Family Medicine, Dr. Scharer and Dr. Eberhardt are able to provide a network of specialists to augment their personalized care. Still, the focus never shifts away from prevention.

"It's important to know what your role is in the healing process," Dr. Scharer explained. "We'll give you the tools to take better care of yourself."

Dr. Scharer was born and raised in Michigan. Although he's spent time living out of state, he enjoys being back in the mitten.

"I really enjoy the people from South Lyon," Dr. Scharer said. "Everyone is very friendly and welcoming. I have a lot in common with people around here."

Dr. Scharer, Dr. Eberhardt and their staff, along with the resources of Beaumont Family Medicine, are ready to help any member of the family.

"We're able to provide medical services for entire families, as well as individuals of all ages," Dr. Scharer said.

The office of Micah N. Scharer, D.O., is located at 26006 Pontiac Trail. Call 248-437-5613 to schedule an appointment.

— By Mike Hogan

Abe Ayoub



Abe Ayoub invites people to his Web site, www.soldabe.com, to virtually tour the many homes available.

File Photo

Mayfair Real Estate

248-486-9227 • www.soldabe.com

Abe Ayoub of Mayfair Real Estate is a busy man in spite of the slumping Michigan real estate market. He attributes his busy schedule to the many referrals he gets from happy customers and his proven track record for working hard to sell homes. For his efforts he was voted the 2007 "People's Choice" Award winner by readers of the South Lyon Herald.

"When I list a home it doesn't sit there with a sign on the lawn," Ayoub said. "It's about dedication, hard work and being available 24/7." One of his favorite sayings is, "I don't just list your home — I sell your home."

Ayoub, who also goes by "Mr. Real Estate," specializes in short sales, even in the current economy. In fact, he has a team entirely dedicated to short sales and turning homes around as efficiently as possible.

"Right now, 80 percent of home sales are short sales," Ayoub said. "My team works for you so you don't have to deal with the bank or risk foreclosure."

And it doesn't matter where the home is listed; Ayoub said he can sell it. Although an expert in this area, Ayoub said, "If it is anywhere in the Western

Hemisphere, I'll sell it!"

He invites anyone to visit his Web site at www.soldabe.com and take a virtual tour of the many homes he has listed. The virtual tour also has an audio track that provides additional information.

Besides selling homes, Ayoub is a paid on-call firefighter in Lyon Township. He also sits on the township's Tax Board, is a member for the South Lyon Chamber of Commerce and is a member of the South Lyon Kiwanis.

Besides his active role in the community, Ayoub is a family man, too, and enjoys fishing with his children during his time off. He noted that managing his family is just as important as managing his career.

Ayoub started in the real estate business 17 years ago on a part-time basis to earn some extra money but that status eventually changed.

"I really took off for me and I have stayed with it ever since," he added.

For more information contact Ayoub at 248-486-9227 or e-mail soldabe@comcast.net.

— By Nathan Menoian

David Grimes Sr., David Grimes Jr.,
Bryan Spaller and Richard Hamlin

Photo by Hal Gould
(From left) David Grimes Jr., David Grimes Sr., Bryan Spaller and Richard Hamlin (not pictured) are the agents at South Lyon's Quality Insurance Services, Inc. with more than 80 years of combined experience.

Quality Insurance Services, Inc.

248-437-1700

Some changes have been made at Quality Insurance. We would like to wish Don Beck the best of luck in his retirement and welcome two agents, Bryan Spaller and Rick Hamlin, to our agency.

We are now a full service agency able to meet all of your insurance needs. Whether it be for personal such as home or auto, or all types of business insurance including bonds. In addition to personal and business insurance we can now offer our customers life, health disability, employee benefits and financial planning.

We are proud to represent Michigan-based carriers that provide revenue and jobs for our economy. These carriers include Hasting Mutual, Frankenmuth Financial Group, Citizens, Auto-Owners, Pioneer State Mutual, Titan and Progressive.

David Grimes Sr. and his wife are both lifetime residents of South Lyon. He has specialized in commercial insurance for more than 42 years. He is very involved in the community with his church and Active Faith.

David Grimes Jr. was a longtime resident of South Lyon now residing in Linden with

his wife and daughter. He has been active in the insurance industry for more than 15 years specializing in both commercial and personal insurance.

Bryan Spaller has been a South Lyon resident for several years with his wife and children. He is new to the insurance industry with a great desire to make this his new lifetime career. He specializes in personal, commercial and life insurance.

Richard Hamlin has also been a South Lyon resident for several years with his wife and children. He has been in the insurance industry for more than 20 years specializing in life, health, disability, employee benefits and financial planning.

With more than 80 years of combined experience, and the support of our great office staff, you can expect nothing less than the best service.

Quality Insurance Services, Inc. is located at 214 S. Lafayette St. in downtown South Lyon. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday; and 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday. Contact the office at 248-437-1700.

—Submitted story

Drs. Ronald Studer and John Parker



Briarpointe Veterinary

248-449-7447

Photo by Mike Hogan
Drs. Ronald Studer and John Parker want clients to feel comfortable and confident when bringing their pet in, regardless of which doctor they see.

As a small animal veterinary clinic, Briarpointe in Novi stands tall. Doctors Ronald Studer and John Parker possess more than 50 years of practice between them.

From the first day of their partnership in 1991, Dr. Studer said they have worked to treat patients and clients as individuals — giving the best information they can to the pet owner, allowing them to make informed decisions about the care of their pet.

From routine check-ups to surgery, Briarpointe takes care of broken bones, wounds, performs spays and neuters, and provides medical, surgical and basic to intermediate dental services.

Their services include complete laboratory services, laparoscopy, radiosurgery, in-clinic pharmacy, radiology, dental radiology and geriatric medicine.

"We're consultants, working for the betterment of the patient," Dr. Studer said. "We offer options to the pet owner, and ultimately, it's their decision on how to proceed."

The two doctors enjoy hobbies that help them relax when away from the clinic. Both are married, have children and are pet owners.

Dr. Parker plays the Great Highland and Uilleann bagpipes and studies Theology. He is a 1988 Michigan State University graduate and has a degree in Medical Technology.

Dr. Studer enjoys practicing photography and playing golf. He is a 1973 MSU graduate and holds a master's degree in counseling from Oakland University.

At Briarpointe, Dr. Studer said they want clients feeling comfortable and confident when bringing their pet in, regardless of which doctor they see. The doctors never use any medications or procedures they wouldn't use on their own pets.

Dogs and cats make up most of Briarpointe's patients, with guinea pigs, gerbils, and birds, and even an occasional Iguana making up the rest.

"A growing number of doctors are specialists," Dr. Studer said. "Briarpointe refers clients and pets when appropriate to Board Certified specialists in cardiology, neurology, internal medicine, ophthalmology and other specialties. Both doctors regularly attend local and national seminars to keep up with the latest treatments and technologies."

The two doctors are members of professional organizations including the Association of Avian Veterinarians, Southeastern Michigan Veterinary Medical Association, American Animal Hospital Association and American Veterinary Dental Association.

Briarpointe Veterinary Clinic is located at 47330 Ten Mile Road in Novi. Hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday and Thursday; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday; Wednesday and Friday; and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Call 248-449-7447 for an appointment.

— Nathan Menoian & Mike Hogan

Max Sidorov and Shaun Ward



Photo by Alison Bergsieker
(From left) Shaun Ward and Max Sidorov are the newest store managers of the South Lyon Watch & Jewelry's New Hudson store.

South Lyon Watch & Jewelry

248-486-9219 • Fax: 248-437-8843

Well-established in the community, South Lyon Watch & Jewelry is known for one-of-a-kind jewelry and its exotic atmosphere. Owner Scott Ward has earned his reputation by offering unique services and personal attention to each customer.

Family is also important to Ward, who recently promoted stepsons Max Sidorov and Shaun Ward to store managers of his New Hudson store.

"They've always been in the business, but they've never been this involved," Scott said. "We're all about family here."

Scott, Max, 21, and Shaun, 20, design every piece of jewelry in the store and even design custom jewelry based on a customer's personal taste.

Many customers appreciate the personal attention, and the store's southwestern-exotic flair is an experience all on its own.

"We really try to make an experience in the store," Shaun said. "We've got a bear named Lucy, scorpions and hermit crabs, and lots of plants and flowers."

Staying ahead of the design trends is important to Scott.

"We stay on top of fashion magazines and try to stay on top of the next year's colors," he said. "We are generally three years ahead of the Midwest trends."

Max, who recently attended Eastern Michigan University and Baker College, said he's excited to work with his family every day.

"I learn more here about business than I ever did in college," Max said. "Some people wake up every morning not wanting to go to work. Here, we look forward to it."

At both stores, residents can bring in their gold and sell it for cash. Scott, Max and Shaun will also come to your home for a personal assessment.

"We can really tell how bad the economy is because people are selling their wedding rings just to pay rent," Scott said. "We're very discrete. We'll come to your home, show you what's gold and what's not, weigh it in front of you and then you can make a decision."

South Lyon Watch & Jewelry is located at 20740 Pontiac Trail in South Lyon, and at 59754 Grand River Ave. in New Hudson. Contact the South Lyon store 248-486-9219 or the New Hudson store at 248-939-7323. Contact Scott, Max or Shaun by e-mail at southlyonjeweler@hotmail.com.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

—By Alison Bergsieker

Jim Seghi



Seghi Renovations

248-437-2454
www.seghi.net

File Photo
Jim Seghi is challenging homeowners to rethink their ideas about renovation by offering a free consultation, valued at \$250.

For more than 20 years, Jim Seghi of Seghi Renovations has worked hard to be a one-stop solid resource when it comes to home renovation. This year, Seghi has outdone himself with the opening of his new design showroom in downtown South Lyon.

The new design center, located at 440 N. Lafayette St., is Seghi's latest step to staying the most reliable and convenient source for anything a person would need to renovate a home. The opening could not have come at a better time.

"Now is a great time to renovate," Seghi said. "It's a great financial choice to fix up your home and enjoy it. We can help you with your project from start to finish."

A trip to the showroom is about all of the work you'll have to do once you decide to get started. Upon arrival, Seghi will guide you through your project from start to finish, offering you the best products before completing a quality, professional renovation in your home. For those do-it-yourself projects, Seghi still guarantees great customer service and great value.

Homeowners want to feel comfortable about what they're buying before starting major renovations, so they can feel good knowing Seghi's showroom is popular among the experts, too. Renovators and contractors alike frequent Seghi's showroom for knowledge and the best products.

Whether you're looking to complete a small project such as updating your cabinets

or looking to entirely renovate a room, the showroom has thousands of options for you to consider.

Seghi carries a wide variety of cabinets, plumbing fixtures, tile, wood flooring and carpet. There are four cabinet lines to fit any style and budget. They even have a line of stainless steel cabinets for outdoor use.

"I'll get you the right product for the best value. Value is huge to me, always has been and always will be," Seghi said. "We use smaller mostly family-owned companies that give us the same personal service that we offer our customers."

Jim Seghi is challenging homeowners to rethink their ideas about renovation. Right now, Seghi is offering a free consultation by appointment, a \$250 value.

"Just bring us your ideas, and we can bring it to life," Seghi said.

With the new full service design center, Jim Seghi offers a full spectrum of great service, products and expertise. Seghi Renovations also offers an advanced 3-D design service, as well as quality on-staff design services.

"Combined, my staff and I have over 100 years of experience," Seghi said. "We will be there every step of the way to ensure your project goes smoothly."

More information about Seghi Renovations can be found at www.seghi.net. To make an appointment with Jim Seghi, call 248-437-2454.

—By Mike Hogan

Paul Mellott



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Paul Mellott of Computer Communications Alliances is ready to make the process of buying and fixing your computer a simple one.

Computer Communications Alliances

248-437-1304 • www.ccainc.net

For a tool that is meant to make life easier, computers seem to make life a little difficult sometimes. Fortunately for South Lyon residents, Paul Mellott of Computer Communications Alliances (CCA) is ready to make the process of buying and fixing your computer a simple one.

CCA provides a number of technical services for laptops and personal computers. Mellott says his business is meant to be a one-stop shop for common computer needs.

"I run my business like an old-time general store," Mellott said. "We're known by the quality of our service and the honesty of our work."

Mellott and technician Renee Tekelli specialize in building custom computers to suit the needs of any customer. It doesn't matter if you're a gamer or an accountant, CCA can build the perfect computer for you.

New computers can start around \$499, and all new machines come with a two-year warranty from CCA. They even provide in-home services like computer setup and software installations. CCA also provides virus and spyware removal for \$95.

"We're a hometown business," Mellott

said. "We provide a service to South Lyon that the big superstores just can't provide."

CCA opened its doors in 1998 and has been happily providing quality service to South Lyon and the surrounding areas since.

"I really want to thank all my customers for all the referrals they've given me," Mellott said. "I've been in the South Lyon community for more than 35 years. The people in South Lyon are good, friendly, honest people."

Mellott strives to deliver that honest work back to his customers by providing safe and secure service. He guarantees that his business takes information security very seriously.

"Anything that comes through these doors with information on it stays right here," Mellott said.

Computer Communications Alliances is in the Brookdale Shopping Plaza at 22271 Pontiac Trail in South Lyon. Call 248-437-1304 to speak to Paul or Renee about your computer needs, or check out their Web site at www.ccainc.net.

"We're not a super-sized store, but we do provide super service" Mellott said.

—By Mike Hogan

Dr. Christopher Bifano



File Photo
Dr. Christopher Bifano puts special emphasis on customer service at Bifano Eye Care in South Lyon.

Bifano Eye Care

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Customer care, experience and up-to-date technology advances have made Bifano Eye Care a staple in the South Lyon community for many years.

Christopher Bifano, O.D. and Rhonda Bifano, O.D., have a reputation for happy customers and extensive knowledge to provide patients of the South Lyon communities and surrounding areas with the best treatment possible.

Dr. Bifano is quick to point out that his experienced staff deserves much of the credit for his business' success.

"We are carrying on the family tradition of good customer service," he said. "The doctors and staff are what set us apart from our competition."

His notoriety for good service began with the Bifano family of optometrists, including his now-retired sister and father who practiced in Dearborn for many years.

Even now, Dr. Bifano maintains an office in Dearborn Heights where he splits his time with the South Lyon practice.

Dr. Bifano, a resident of South Lyon and father to Lauren, 11, and Michael, 12, is very involved in the community. He coaches South Lyon Panthers football and St. Joseph's CYO baseball.

Bifano Eye Care sponsors several high school events and the business is a member of the local Chamber of Commerce.

A graduate from the Ferris State College of Optometry, Dr. Bifano has been in business for 15 years. He attended grade school and high school at Divine Child in Dearborn.

Dr. Bifano keeps up on the latest technology in the field of optometry and he believes in staying one step ahead of the technology curve.

Services at Bifano Eye Care include eye exams, contact lenses, eyeglasses co-management laser refractive surgery and treatment of some diseases. 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. Emergency and after-hours services are available, and a doctor is on-call every day.

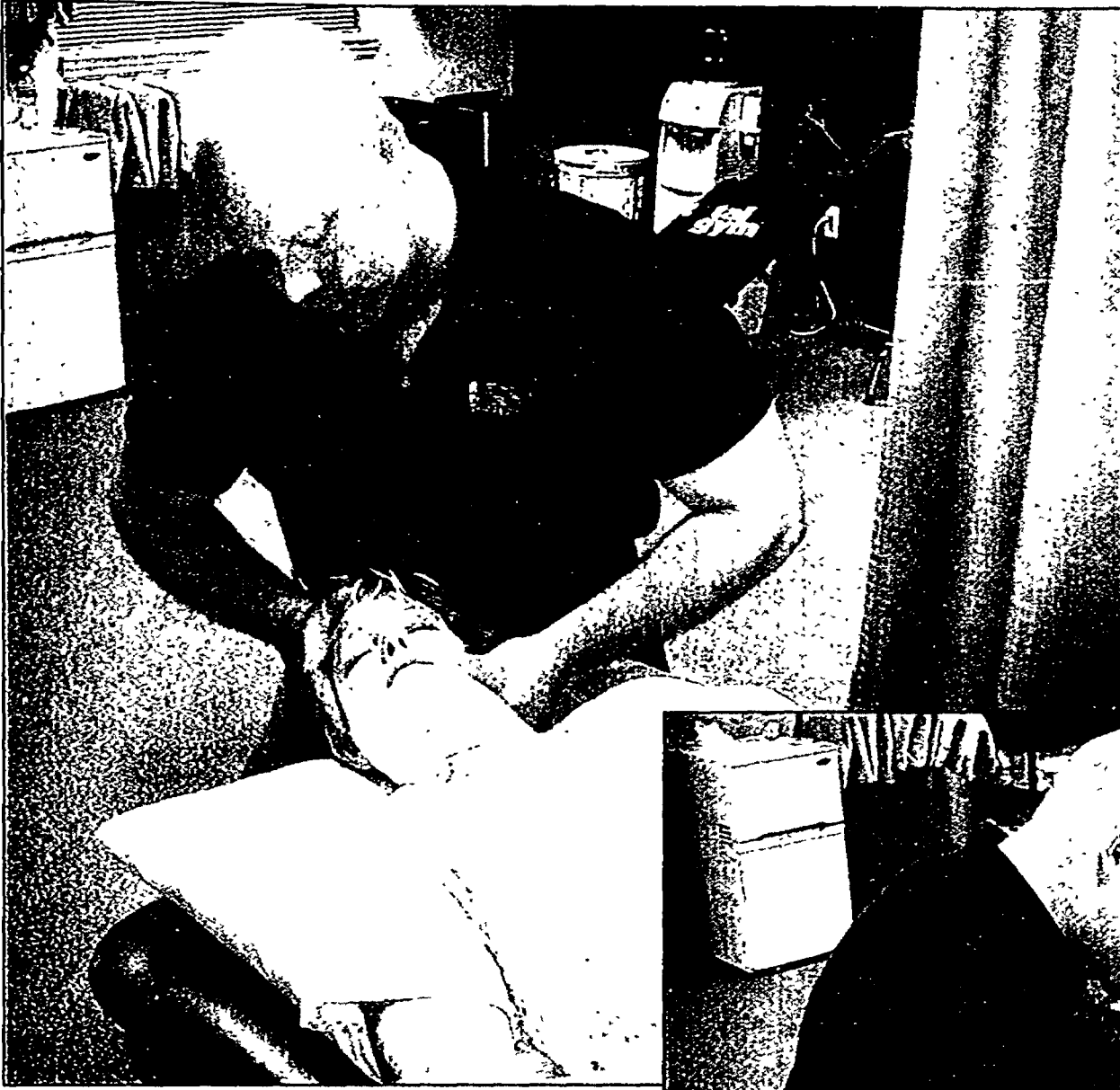
The Bifano Eye Care staff includes Drs. Chris and Rhonda Bifano and three opticians — Nora, Cathy and Karen. Doctors are available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday; and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

Bifano Eye Care is located at 317 N. Lafayette St., two blocks north of Lake Street in South Lyon.

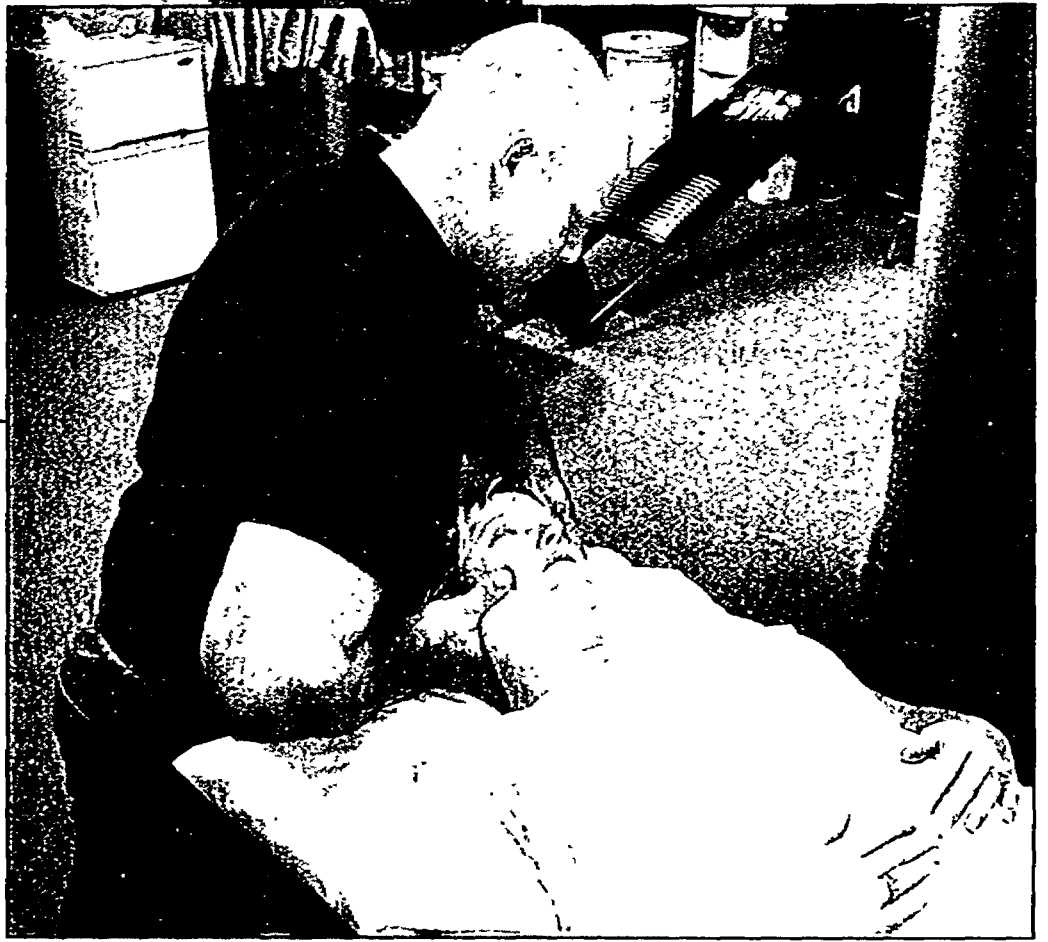
Call to make an appointment today.

—By Alison Bergsieker

Jeffery Allen PT, OCS



Photos by John R. Hall
Jeff Allen is well-known and respected for his hands-on approach to treating his patients.



Allen Physical Therapy

248-437-2322 • www.allenphysicaltherapy.com

Jeffrey Allen is a pioneer of sorts – and his patients have been the benefactors. Jeff, physical therapist, OCS, Board Certified Orthopedic Clinical Specialist, and owner of Allen Physical Therapy of South Lyon, has been practicing the technique of dry needling for just over a year now. This is a method also known as trigger point needling, designed to relax muscles and break up knots in the muscle that cause pain, discomfort, and limitations on physical movement.

Lately, the patients that have discovered the dry needling technique are those who depend on their physical prowess to succeed in life – marathon runners. Before the annual Boston Marathon earlier this year, a grueling race over a 26-mile hilly course, eight different marathoners sought Jeff's dry needling technique for a various minor

injuries that alter high end performance.

"Four of the eight runners recorded their personal best times during the event," Jeff said. "One of the guys came to me a month before the race and due to a hamstring injury he couldn't run two miles – and wound up performing well."

"In fact, one of the runners is also a physical therapist and now she is very interested in dry needling."

Jeff said that this form of trigger point treatment has worked well for many triathletes, noting, "People return to high levels of competition almost immediately after getting the dry needling technique," he said.

Dry needling, which Jeff said is nothing like acupuncture, is one of many ways he treats patients with physical challenges. He said that this technique is one of the most researched

manual therapy techniques that has been published in reputable journals over the last five years. Dry needling is very beneficial to chronic pain patients as well as acute injuries even athletic injuries. It involves identifying and treating localized areas of muscle spasm called trigger points. Physical therapist routinely palpate and treat trigger points which are painful and contribute to physiological dysfunction. There is a lot of research to show that dry needling of trigger points is faster and more effective at resolving them and reducing pain while restoring function.

"It's interesting that a lot of conventional physical therapy techniques can be bypassed by going right to dry needling," Jeff said.

But dry needling isn't the only reason why Jeff is very busy these days. His warm water therapy utilizing a 15' x 8' warm water swimming pool in his office has been very important for people with arthritis," he added. The pool has a hydrostatic jet system which propels the water up to 1300 PSI which can accommodate the strongest of swimmers. It is maintained at 92 degrees and is large and deep enough to allow for all types of skilled therapeutic exercise.

Jeff and his staff have seen a steady increase in the number of patients treated, combining breakthrough techniques like dry needling, more than 17 years of experience in many physical therapy techniques, and a move to a new location at 321 Pettibone, almost directly behind the old



Jeff Allen takes time out to visit with the newest additions to the Allen family – twin daughters.



Jeff Allen practices the dry needling technique, inserting needles directly into muscles to relieve knots – and stress.

location on W. Lafayette.

Jeff continues to update his own resume by keeping up-to-date with medical advances and has "updated" his own household recently, adding twin daughters to bring the total to four children. He is always happy to work with patients and his hands-on approach will be in demand for a whole new generation of patients, even if they aren't world class marathoners.

For more information call 248-437-2322 or visit www.allenphysicaltherapy.com.

— By John R. Hall