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Parade

The Fourth of July parade will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday. The route starts on Griswold Street at Beal Street; north to Main Street; west to Rogers Street; south to Cady Street; east to Wing Street; south to Fairbrook; east to the Northville Downs lot.

Floral Arts

The Northville Art House presents an all-media juried Floral Arts Show featuring unique and beautiful arrangement of art created by local and regional artists. In addition to the exhibit, a special event this month will feature local artists painting in the gardens of the Art House. This "Plein Air" day is in collaboration with the Country Garden Club of Northville's Annual Garden Walk from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on July 8. Stop by anytime during the Garden Walk to see the artists at work, enjoy the floral exhibit in the gallery or shop in the Art House Store for creative and unique fine art gifts. Garden art in the yard generously donated for the event by Gardenviews.



This painting titled "Peonies" by professional artist Dorothy Koliba will be on display starting tomorrow as part of the "Art in Bloom" exhibit at the Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street, in downtown Northville. A reception will take place from 6-9 p.m. during the First Friday Art & Fashion Walk.

The exhibit will open at the Northville Art House with an artist reception from 6-9 p.m. Friday, July 3.

The show will continue through July 18 during the Art House Gallery hours, 1-5 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays; closed July 4).

For additional information, call 248-344-0497 or visit www.northvillearts.org. The Art House is located at 215 W. Cady Street and is a facility of the Northville Arts Commission.

Admission to Art House exhibits are always free and open to the public.



Charlotte "Char" Kennedy sits in her and her husband Karl's beautiful garden in downtown Northville. The Kennedys' is only one of seven gardens the public can tour during the 16th Annual Country Garden Club of Northville Garden Walk on July 8.

Country Garden Club
Walk slated for July 8Event to feature
seven locationsBY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

For Charlotte "Char" Kennedy, gardening is simply an extension of her career. An interior decorator, she uses her trained eye to design her and her husband Karl's beautiful garden in downtown Northville.

The Kennedys' garden will be one of seven local gardens the public can tour during the 16th Annual Country Garden Club of Northville Garden Walk from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 8 — rain or shine.

The event will also feature a garden market and refreshments at the Cady Inn at Mill Race Village, 215 Griswold Ave., and the chance to watch plein air artists paint outside the Northville Art House.

WHERE TO BUY TICKETS

Tickets to the 16th Annual Country Garden Club of Northville Garden Walk are \$10 before July 8 or \$12 the day of the walk. They are available at Gardenviews, 202 W. Main St., Northville, (248) 380-8881, or by mail by printing out an order form at www.cgcnv.org. The Web site has additional details about the walk.

215 W. Cady St. Tickets cost \$10 prior to July 8 or \$12 the day of the walk. They are available at Gardenviews in downtown Northville or by mail by printing out an order form at www.cgcnv.org.

COMBINING OLD AND NEW

The Kennedys have successfully combined elements of the past and present in

Please see WALK, A6

Hospital
property
tour attracts
about 50Arborist
explains types,
age of treesBY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

About 50 people came to tour the portion of the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital property last Sunday afternoon that Northville Township residents will have a chance to vote on this summer.

A walking tour and a driving tour made up the two-hour event.

Township voters will be asked on the Aug. 4 primary election ballot if they want to fund the purchase of municipal bonds in the proposed amount of \$23.5 million for 132 acres of the property on Seven Mile Road owned by developer REIS. The developer has already agreed to donate 100 acres to the township, giving the township a total of 332 acres on the 414-acre site.

"A 100-plus-page private appraisal of the property in question, now available at township hall, valued the land at \$30 million.

Mark Abbo, township supervisor, said the township paid about \$10,000 for the appraisal by Allen & Associates Appraisal, and it does not plan to seek an additional one.

Laurence G. Allen, president of Allen & Associates Appraisal, has 35 years of real estate valuation and consulting experience. Since 1973, he has performed more than 5,000 appraisal and consulting assignments for a variety of property types throughout the country.

REIS, a partnership between Real Estate Interests Group and Schostak Bros. & Co., would still get to keep 68 acres on which to build commercial development

HOSPITAL PROPERTY
SEE VIDEO OF PROPERTY

Video of the property that Northville Township voters will decide the fate of Aug. 4 can be viewed on the Citizens for Northville Web site at www.citizensfornorthville.org. The 100-plus-page private appraisal on the property is also available to the public at township hall.

FUND-RAISER SET FOR JULY 13

Another fund-raiser organized by Protect Our Future members will take place 5-7 p.m. at the Northville Sports Den, formerly Dino's Lounge, on the lower level of Northville Square at 133 W. Main St. in downtown Northville. Cost is \$25 per person.

ADDITIONAL TOURS PLANNED

Tours of the proposed property will take place at 1:30 p.m. July 19. "We're trying to organize another tour on a Wednesday, because some people can't come on a Sunday," said Carol Poenisch, of the group Protect Our Future. For more information, call Poenisch at (248) 207-2357.

at Seven Mile and Haggerty roads. The fate of about 14 acres on the property is undecided due to setbacks.

Many residents don't want to pay the annual bond payment if the deal is struck with the developer. Others say the land purchase is a good thing for the township, giving local leaders control over the property and preventing another possible annexation attempt of the property by Livonia, which by state law could occur in 2010.

A new organization formed to encourage voters to support the

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Northville Township
man wins big in pokerRay Foley earns
\$657,969 in eventBY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

June 23 will be a date Ray Foley will always remember. After all, it's not every day that somebody wins \$657,969.

Foley, 37, a business manager for Chrysler Financial who lives in Northville Township, won that amount about 3 a.m. June 23 in event No. 39 of the 40th annual World Series of Poker in Las Vegas during no-limit hold 'em game.

Please see WIN, A6



PHOTO COURTESY WORLD SERIES OF POKER

Ray Foley of Northville Township was the big winner in Event 39 of the 40th Annual World Series of Poker in Las Vegas last week. Foley, who has two children with wife, Liz, plans to invest the money.

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First Friday Walk to feature 'Art in Bloom'

■ Northville goes for flower power

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

It's summertime, and that means Northville-area residents can enjoy the power of flowers.

In honor of the bloomers' plants, the Northville Art House at 215 W. Cady Street will present "Art in Bloom: An All-Media Juried Floral Arts Exhibit" during the First Friday Art & Fashion Walk tomorrow. A special reception to introduce the flowery art will take place from 6-9 p.m.

The monthly event gives downtown galleries and stores a chance to stay open a little later than normal and invite the public to browse while they enjoy complimentary food and beverages.

"Art in Bloom" is an arrangement of art created by local and regional artists that will be on display through July 18.

PLEIN AIR ARTISTS

In addition to the exhibit, a special event this month will feature local artists painting in the gardens of the Art House. This "Plein Air" day is in collaboration with the Country Garden Club of Northville's Annual Garden Walk from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on July 8.

Art lovers are invited to stop by any time during the garden walk to see the artists at work, enjoy the floral exhibit in the gallery or shop in the Art House Store for unique and creative fine art gifts.

Garden art in the yard was generously donated for the event by Gardenviews at 202 W. Main Street. Although the plein air art experience is part of the Country Garden Club of Northville's Garden Walk, the Art House event is also open to the public for anyone who is interested in this

live art demonstration.

The Northville Art House's summer hours are 1-5 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and it will be closed on July 4. For additional information, call (248) 344-0497 or visit www.northvillearts.org. The Art House is a facility of the Northville Arts Commission. Admission to Art House exhibits are always free and open to the public.

STARRING "THE GALLERY"

Mary Ott, owner of Starring "The Gallery" at 218 W. Main Street, invites art lovers to come view the work of First Friday artist Patricia Sweeney.

After graduating from Parsons School of Design in New York City with a degree in fine art in 1989, Sweeney found herself consistently commissioned to paint portraits.

In recent years, needing to grow more as an artist, she found she could add purpose and meaning to her painting by combining representational and abstract imagery.

Now, she enjoys experimenting with a technique using water-based paints and layering imagery. This goes far beyond painting a portrait, weaving together compelling stories that are both graphically and poetically expressive.

On her Web site, www.patriciahsweeney.com, she says that while growing up in Rochester Hills, he always felt connected to the natural world.

"The land, water, trees, flowers and sky seem to speak to me," she said. "I enjoy painting everything from majestic landscapes and serene seascapes to lush gardens and colorful, floral still lifes. My love of nature and color is my current inspiration in my most recent landscapes, still lifes and portraits."

Sweeney has also done fashion illustrations for The Somerset Collection in Troy,



IMAGE COURTESY STARRING "THE GALLERY"

This painting by artist Patricia H. Sweeney of Rochester Hills, titled "Come and Gone," will be on display at Starring "The Gallery," 218 W. Main Street, Northville, starting tomorrow during the First Friday Art & Fashion Walk from 6-9 p.m.

Detroit Monthly Magazine, Metro Times, the Birmingham Eccentric and the Jewish News.

As a freelance illustrator, she had managerial positions on visual display teams at Jacobson's in Rochester, as well as Von Maur, Marshall Fields and Neiman Marcus in the Chicago area.

Starring "The Gallery" is open from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday; 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Thursday-Friday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; and noon-4 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call

(248) 347-1642 or go to www.starringthegallery.com.

Other downtown galleries and shops will also be open from 6-9 p.m. during the First Friday Art & Fashion Walk. For more information about the event presented by the Northville Central Business Association, go to www.downtownnorthville.com.

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NORTHVILLE AREA COMMUNITY CALENDAR

For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Northville Calendar online at www.hometownlife.com. Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@gannett.com; by fax to (248) 349-9832; or by mail to Northville Record, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

Development Authority) - Top 40 Hits of Yesterday & Today

- July 17 - The Kris K Band

(Sponsored by Northville Downtown Development Authority) - Rock 'n' Roll/Americana

- July 24 - Soul Academy (Sponsored by Northville Downtown Development Authority) - Detroit Soul Review

- July 31 - Fifty Amp Fuse (Sponsored by Northville Downtown Development Authority and Varsity Lincoln Mercury) - Detroit's Premier Party Band

For more information, including a full schedule of performers, call the Northville Chamber of Commerce at 248-349-7640 or Northville Parks and Recreation Department at 248-349-0203 or visit www.northville.org or <http://www.northvilleparksandrec.org>

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

TIME/DATE: 10 A.M. SATURDAY

LOCATION: Downtown Northville

DETAILS: Everyone loves a parade! Celebrate July 4 with their annual parade featuring bands, clowns, floats, bikes, cars and more.

CONTACT: For more information, contact the Northville Community Foundation at 248-374-0200

Local chef plans Caribbean Culinary Cruise

■ Brookside Travel handling bookings

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

If you like cooking and the Caribbean, Certified Executive Chef Mary Brady has something right up your alley (or, rather, ocean).

Brady, who owns Diamond Jim Brady Bistro in Novi, is partnering with Brookside Travel of Northville to offer a Caribbean Culinary Cruise in October.

The cruise will set sail Oct. 31 on Holland America Line's new ship, the Eurodam.

To kick off the fall 2009 cruise, a special "Escape to the Caribbean Dinner" has been planned to showcase the diverse foods of the Eastern Caribbean. Brady, of Milford, has planned the themed dinner at 5:30 p.m. July 20 that will include a question-and-answer session about the cruise and a meet and greet, with dinner set for 6:30 p.m. Dinner tickets are \$24.99 plus tax and gratuity.

The dinner will feature food and drinks of Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, The Bahamas and Turks & Caicos. For reservations to the dinner, call Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro at (248) 380-8460.

SECOND YEAR FOR CRUISE

For the second year, Michiganders will be able to take a one-of-a-kind culinary excursion where they will be able to learn first-hand from Brady. She will provide cooking sessions on board the



PHOTO BY DAWN LAYOW

Certified Executive Chef Mary Brady of Milford and Nick Layow, her assistant from Holland America Cruise Line, during a cooking class on the Alaskan culinary cruise in September 2008. Her next cruise, slated Oct. 31-Nov. 7, will feature the cuisine of the Eastern Caribbean.

ship. The first culinary cruise Chef Brady hosted sailed the Alaskan waters in September 2008.

The Eurodam will set sail for seven days, Oct. 31-Nov. 7, from Fort Lauderdale, Fla. The Caribbean cruise will sail to St. Thomas, the U.S. Virgin Islands; San Juan, Puerto Rico; Grand Turk, Turks and Caicos; and Half Moon Cay, Bahamas. Add on airfare available on Delta/Northwest airlines from Detroit to Fort Lauderdale.

Prices start at \$699 per person. The price has been locked in, and add-on packages are also available. The \$650 bonus value added amenities will include a welcome cocktail

party, two culinary sessions with Brady, a chef's recipe collection, private wine tasting with sommelier, Pinnacle Grille Private Dining for two, private gallery tour and a farewell cocktail party.

Bookings made at the July 20 dinner will include an American Express gift card valued at \$25 per cabin. In addition, anyone who books from July 20-July 25 will receive a \$354 on-board value booklet, (which is in addition to the \$650 added value amenities bonus that they are already receiving.) The deposit will also be reduced to \$100 per reservation.

For more information on the Holland America Line Caribbean Culinary Cruise - hosted by Brookside Travel of Northville and Mary Brady, CEC, of Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro, call Jim Echehalt at (248) 344-4747 or visit www.jebrookside.com.

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JULY 20 DINNER SLATED

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THE CARIBBEAN MENU

The menu at the July 20 dinner in Novi will include:
Passed Appetizers
Rum Daisies and Cruzan Dawn
Dark Rum Manhattans
Salt Cod Fritters - Red Pepper Remoulade
Caribbean Spiced Chicken Satays
Bite-sized Crab Cakes - Guacamole Aioli
San Juan Black Bean Soup, Fried Flour Tortilla Straws
Cucumber Salad with Lime Vinaigrette - Rex Reising
Half Moon Cay Lamb Curry - Saffron Rice - Mango Chutney - Presidente Lager
Calyppo BBQ Pork Loin with Coo-Coo Cakes (Cornmeal And Okra)
Cypress Sauvignon Blanc
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Some of the friends of Thayer's Corners Park meet at its new amphitheater setting in the woods. From left: Dennis Deron, Bob Breslin, Sharon Deron, Jim Gallogly, Rikki and Marv Gans, Virginia Miller and Debra Brown.

Scout creates amphitheater at Thayer's Corner area

■ Eagle project becomes team effort

BY FAN FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Dan Karrick wanted an Eagle Scout project that would serve the entire community. He found it by creating a small outdoor amphitheater at Thayer's Corner Nature Area on Napier Road between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads in Northville Township.

"The amphitheater will seat about 30 people," said Marv Gans, a member of the Friends of Thayer's Corner Nature Area.

A member of Boy Scout Troop 755 that meets at the First Presbyterian Church in downtown Northville, Karrick, 17, enlisted the help of many volunteers to create the area with log benches and a 36-inch fire pit.

The amphitheater is located next to the house at the nature area and is open to the public.

It would be an ideal location for nature talks or just a place to sit and have lunch. It might even be scenic enough for an outdoor wedding site for nature lovers.

"Isn't it natural looking? Isn't it beautiful?" said Debbie Brown, who lives near the nature area on Napier Road. "It's rustic, and I think it fits the landscape very well. I can't wait until we start using it."

The log benches are made of white oak, which lasts longer than other types of wood. The logs were 12 inches in diameter and

12.5-foot long before they were cut in half to make the benches.

The logs, donated by local resident Ken Brock, were placed on a wooden base to make them the right height for sitting at 18 inches. The scouts received some donations for the lumber to build the seats.

The area is also handicapped accessible, as a gravel area has been constructed where a wheelchair can be situated behind the logs.

About 10 Boy Scouts and their fathers worked on the project, which began in May.

The city of Northville provided the gravel used at the site. "It's a nice community facility," said Jim Gallogly, director, Department of Public Works.

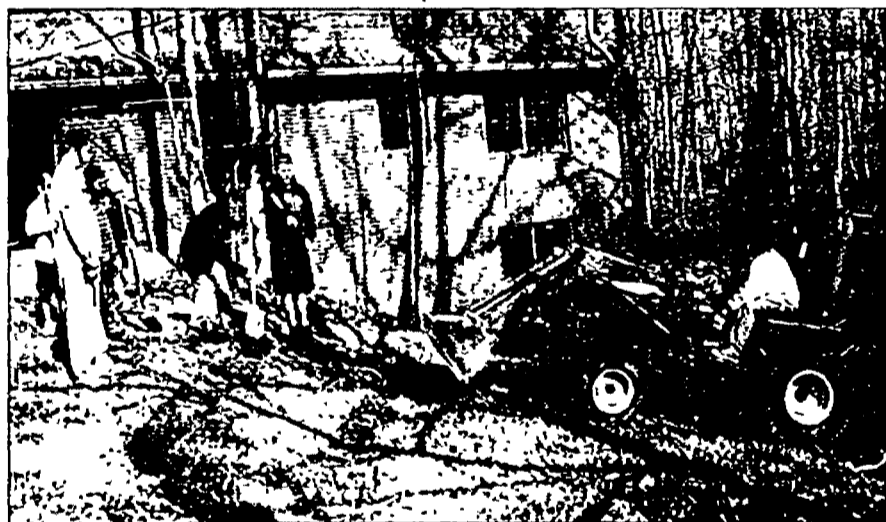
"I think it's beautiful, and I think it's a way of showing what the young people of this community can do," said Virginia Miller.

Bob Breslin of Northville said more people should come to Thayer's Corner Nature Area, and events at the amphitheater might attract some visitors.

"I think it's great," said Steve Lomske of Northville Township. "We need to get some programming started for local scouts," he said at the amphitheater.

"It was a cooperative venture," Gans said.

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Local Boy Scout Troop #775 member Dan Karrick helped to install the amphitheater at the park at the corner of Six and Napier Road.

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Tea Party 4th

The organizers of the Tea Parties in Livonia and Plymouth are planning an event from 12:30-3:30 p.m. on Saturday, the 4th of July at Northville Community Park (off of Beck Road and Five Mile).

There will be guest speakers, live music, and plenty of room to spread out picnic blankets and lawn chairs.

Capturing The Craft

Experience the behind-the-scenes craftsmanship of live theatre as captured by the artists of the Northville Art House, and inspired by the professional actors and designers of Northville's Tipping Point Theatre. Featured artists: Linda Logan, Daria Fileta, Peggy Kerwan, Barbara Eko Murphy, Candace Brancik, Jeff Cancelei and Mary Step.

Exhibit will be on display at the Northville Art House, through June 20 during the Art House Gallery hours (Summer Hours: Thursdays-Saturdays, 1-5 p.m.) For additional information, call 248-344-0497 or visit www.northvillearts.org. The Art House is located at 215 W. Cady Street and is a facility of the Northville Arts Commission. Admission to Art House shows is always free and open to the public.

Win Mac Bridge walk trip

Northville Parks & Recreation presents a series of walks, and with every one, you have a chance to win a trip for two to participate in Michigan's famous Labor Day Bridge Walk and visit Mackinac Island. There will be three to four walks through July. Walks will be held rain or shine. You must be 18 or older to win; Northville Township & City employees are not eligible to win.

Contact Joanna Harris, Special Events coordinator for more information at (248) 349-0203 Ext. 1411 or JHarris@ci.northville.mi.us.

Fighting cancer

Sisters Jan and Judi Connelly of Northville; Joan Connelly of West Bloomfield; and Joyce Fennell of White Lake will walk in this year's 60-mile Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk in Southeast Michigan Aug. 14-16.

They're affectionately known as the Board of Directors in their family. And that's the name they have selected for their team in the walk.

They have planned three local fund-raisers that

will help provide breast cancer research, education, screening and treatment through the Susan G. Komen for the Cure and the National Philanthropic Trust Breast Cancer Fund.

Local businesses or individuals who would like to make a contribution to the sisters' walk to fight breast cancer can go to the Web site www.the3day.org/site/PageServer, click on "Donate," and search for the Board of Directors page, or send a check made out to Breast Cancer 3 Day to Jan Connelly at 42654 Waterford, Northville, MI 48167. If one sister has already achieved the \$2,300 goal set by each, donate to another as money can't be transferred from one person to another.

Corriveau's new office hours

State Representative Marc Corriveau (D-Northville) invites residents to talk with him about any issues or concerns during his new office hours.

Corriveau's new office hour schedule is set to begin on July 6. He will hold office hours on the first Monday of each month at the following times and locations:

• 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St., in Northville

Corriveau also holds coffee hours and other events throughout the 20th District to talk with as many residents as possible about any issues or concerns. If your business or organization would like to schedule an event with Corriveau, please contact his office toll-free at (877) 20TH-REP, or send an e-mail to MarcCorriveau@house.mi.gov.

Patterson's bill becomes law

Senator Bruce Patterson's (R-Canton) legislation to require the licensure of physical therapist assistants (PTAs) was signed into law last week.

The new law also institutes professional development requirements for physical therapists and PTAs.

Michigan was one of only four states that did not regulate PTAs.

Of the 46 states that regulate PTAs, 38 require them to be licensed. With the signing of this legislation into law, the talented individuals who chose to be trained as PTAs can be licensed in Michigan and stay here to offer their services.

"This new law was needed to keep dedicated and capable professionals in our state," said Patterson. "This also makes certain that patients are getting the best care possible."

Because of changes to Medicare regulations, new physical therapist assistant graduates must pass a national exam to provide service to Medicare patients. However, new graduates may only take the exam in conjunction with a license application. Now, with this new law, all recent and future PTAs do not have to leave the state to get licenses as had happened in the past. These talented individuals can now stay in Michigan to be licensed and to work.

Also, the new law will help ensure that payment is received from third party payers. Some insurance companies only reimburse treatment provided by a licensed professional. In the past, this has caused problems for the PTAs, the insurance companies and the patients.

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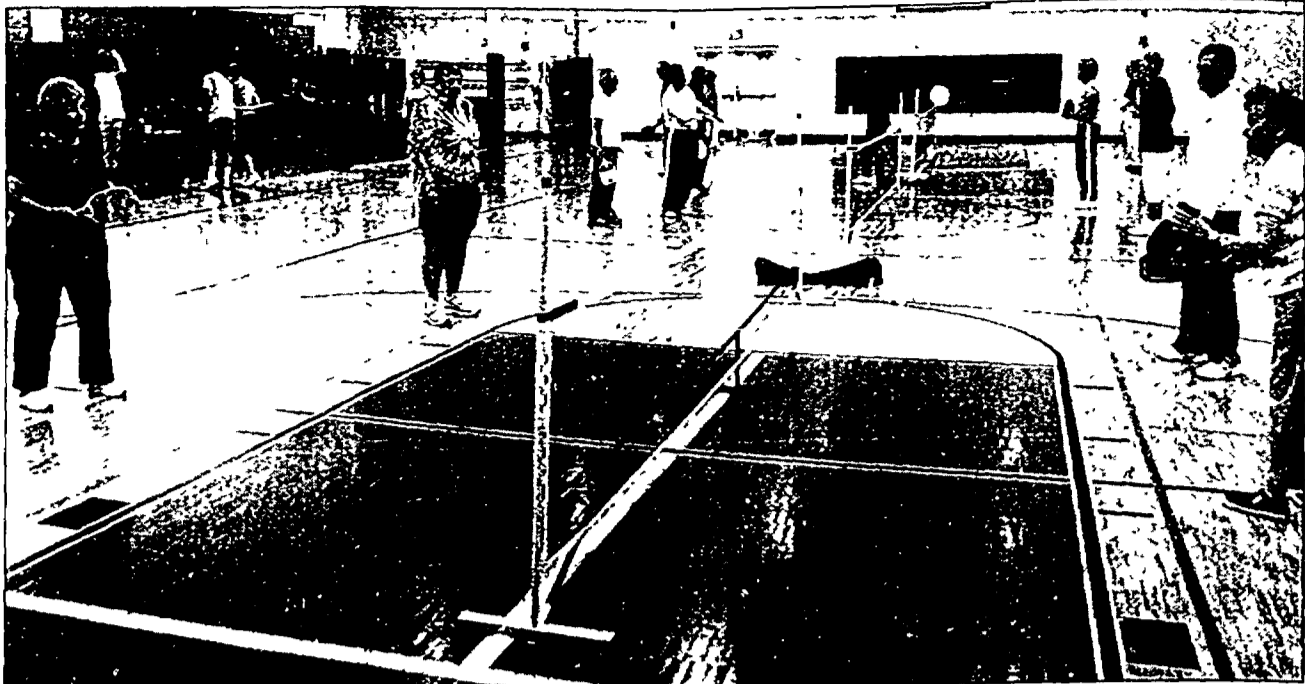


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In a pickle

Connie Varana was one of many seniors who learned how to play pickleball at the Northville Community Senior Center on May 4. Here she is, returning a serve on the court. At far right, More than a dozen seniors show up to the Northville Community Senior Center on May 4 to learn the sport of "pickleball". A combination of tennis, table tennis and volleyball, the sport is played indoors, in front of a low net and within a small court. Pickleball leagues and tournaments are played at the Recreation Center at Hillside. For more information, call Northville Parks and Recreation at (248) 349-0203.



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Meetings

NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
DATE: Second and fourth Tuesday of the month
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Old Village School

CITY OF NORTHVILLE
City Council
DATE: First and third Monday of the month
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: City Hall, 215 W. Main St.
Downtown Development Authority Meeting
DATE: Third Tuesday of each month
TIME: 8 a.m.
LOCATION: City Hall Meeting Room A, on lower level, 215 W. Main St.
CONTACT: downtown@northville.com
Planning Commission
DATE: First and third Tuesday of month
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: City Hall
Housing Commission
DATE: Second Wednesday of every month
TIME: 3 p.m.

LOCATION: Allen Terrace, 401 High St.
Historic District Commission
DATE: Third Wednesday of month
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: City Hall
Arts Commission
DATE: Second Wednesday of every month
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.
Beautification Commission
DATE: First Monday of every month
TIME: 8 a.m.
DETAILS: Individuals and organizations invited to attend
LOCATION: Northville City Hall, Meeting Room B



Wondering what's for dinner?

Food for Life cooking and nutrition classes, offered by the Providence Center for the Healing Arts, presents a way for anyone to make healthy and simple recipes the whole family will like. The cooking classes educate students on how to make confident food choices and how to prepare nutritious and delicious meals. Every Tuesday night from 6:30-8:00pm students and instructors assemble on the 2nd floor of the Assarian Cancer Center to learn how a diet of fruits, vegetables, grains & legumes can lead to a healthier life and prevent numerous diseases. Volunteers (standing left to right) Deedee Anglum and Lydia Kopeika demonstrate preparation of meals using plant based recipes from the Food for Life class manual. In class students learn about food topics such as maintaining a healthy weight, planning healthy meals, replacing meat, discovering dairy alternatives, favoring fiber, and immune boosting foods. Novi resident Barb Arne says of the class, "The foods demonstrated were very tasty and made of ingredients I might not have tried if not for the class." The Providence Center for the Healing Arts, in alliance with The Cancer Project in Washington DC, has launched these classes to educate the community on healthy food choices. Videos produced by The Cancer Project are presented in class to explain the science of how our food choices impact our health. Volunteer instructors demonstrate recipes selected from the class manual. All are welcome to sample the food and share their personal experiences. Class fee is \$10. The Assarian Cancer center is located at Providence Park Hospital in Novi. To find out more: Visit www.stjohn.org/ProvidenceHealingArts or call Providence Healing Arts at (248) 465-5455. The Providence Center for the Healing Arts provides a variety of programs that promote wholeness, wellness and living life in balance. Programs are open to patients, families, staff, and the greater community.

NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP
Planning Commission
DATE: Last Tuesday of month
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Township Hall, 44405 West Six Mile
Board of Trustees
DATE: Third Thursday of month
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Township Hall
Zoning Board of Appeals
DATE: Third Wednesday of month
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Township Hall
Beautification Commission
DATE: Third Monday of month
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Township Hall
Youth Assistance

DATE: Second Tuesday of every month
TIME: 8 a.m.
LOCATION: Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road
CONTACT: Sue Campbell (248) 344-1618

Senior Events

SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER
LOCATION: 303 W. Main St
CONTACT: (248) 349-4140
Thursday
8 a.m.: Walking Club
9 a.m.: TOPS; Massage by appt.
10:30 a.m.: Yoga
11 a.m.: Cribbage
Noon: Walking Club
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle
Friday
8 a.m.: Walking Club
11 a.m.: Poker
11:30 a.m.: Walking Club
Noon: Walking Club
1 p.m.: Movie



JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Garden Club scholars

The Northville Country Garden Club handed out awards to its annual scholarship receivers recently. From left is the club's Kate Uberti; scholarship winners David Uberti and Alyssa Peterson, and the club's scholarship chairman Ardis McLeod. Northville High graduate David Uberti will be attending Northwestern University in the fall and fellow Mustang Peterson will go to Miami University in Ohio.

Monday
8 a.m.: Walking Club
9:30 a.m.: Mah Jongg
10 a.m.: Beginning Line Dance; Oxyrise
11 a.m.: Adv. Line Dance
Noon: Walking Club
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle/Euchre
7:15 p.m.: Tai Chi
Tuesday
8 a.m.: Walking Club
10:30 a.m.: Yoga
11:30 a.m.: Walking Club
Noon: Walking Club
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle
Wednesday
8 a.m.: Walking Club
9 a.m.: Foot Reflexology by appt.
10 a.m.: Oxyrise
11 a.m.: Strength Training
11:30 a.m.: Walking Club
Noon: Bridge; Walking Club
1 p.m.: Cribbage
7 p.m.: Bridge
Co-ed Adult 50+ Open Volleyball
TIME/DAYS: 10 a.m.-noon Monday, Wednesday, Friday
LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside
DETAILS: All levels of play welcome; bring your friends; \$1.
CONTACT: Northville Parks and Recreation (248) 449-9947
Adult 50+ Fun Co-ed Volleyball
TIME/DAYS: 1-3 p.m. every Tuesday
LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside
DETAILS: Games scored to 15 points with creative team rotation; \$1 per

session; all skill levels welcome.
CONTACT: Northville Parks and Recreation (248) 449-9947
Co-ed Adult 50+ Open Basketball
TIME/DAY: 10 a.m.-noon each Thursday
LOCATION: Senior Community Center
DETAILS: All levels of play welcome; bring your friends; \$1.
CONTACT: Northville Parks and Recreation (248) 449-9947
Health Walking
DATE: Monday-Friday
TIME: 8-10 a.m.
LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.
Pilates Class
TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. each Tuesday
Bunco
TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m. second Thursday of each month
DETAILS: Call Senior Community Center 24 hours in advance to register; \$1 per person.
Friday Flicks
TIME: 1 p.m. every Friday
DETAILS: Cost is \$1.

Library Lines

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

regarding programs and library materials.
Northville District Library Events for Northville Record
Date of Publication: Thursday, July 2
Library Closed for Independence Day
TIME/DATE: Friday, July 3 & Saturday, July 4
Teens! Library Arcade Free Play
TIME/DATE: Wednesday, July 8 from 1-3 p.m.
DETAILS: Enjoy DDR, Rock Band and Wii games. Come have fun and practice for August competitions.
Teens! "Warriors" After Hours Lock-In
TIME/DATE: Friday, July 10 from 4:45-10 p.m.
DETAILS: Cat-ch this fun event at the library after it closes! Based on Erin Hunter's popular "Warriors" series, the event features cat jeopardy, cat crafts, cat snacks and much more! Call to register 248-349-3020.
Kids! Art & Science of Light with Marcey Walsh
TIME/DATE: Tuesday, July 7 from 2-2:45 p.m.
DETAILS: Lasers, rainbows and a lightwall make this interactive program a memorable exploration into the secrets of light and color that make art possible. All ages welcome; 100 free tickets available 10 minutes prior to program at Information Desk

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NORTHVILLE STUDENTS ON CAMPUS

American University

Lena Shareef of Northville, a sophomore in the school of communication majoring in visual media, was named to the fall 2009 Dean's List.

Adrian College

The most recent group of graduates joined the ranks of alumni at spring commencement on May 3. Included in the ceremonies from Northville was Brett Andrew Asher, graduating magna cum laude with a bachelor of arts degree in English literature. He was also named to the Spring 2009 Dean's List. To achieve this honor, a student must maintain a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and carry at least 12 credit hours.

Indiana Wesleyan University

Danielle Tomakowsky of Northville received a bachelor of science in social work during graduation ceremonies on April 15 at the main campus in Marion, Ind.

Berklee College of Music

Marc Davis of Northville was honored with the Outstanding Academic Achievement Award at the Annual Spring Awards for outstanding musical and academic achievement.

Central Michigan University

* Senior David Person of Northville has received the Damon P. Lindley Achievement Award, a \$250 scholarship. The award recognizes graduating seniors who display excellence in CMU's Business Information Systems department within the College of Business Administration. Person is involved in the Collegiate Forum student organization at CMU. He is pursuing a bachelor's degree in management information systems and expects to graduate in December 2009.

* Senior Colleen O'Brien will complete an internship this summer in Wellington, New Zealand, through CMU's Office of International Education. O'Brien, who is majoring in journalism, will intern at City Life Newspaper through Aug. 7.

Lake Superior State University

Justin Wright, NHS '02, received degrees of bachelor of science in criminal justice and associate of science in natural resource technology from Lake Superior State University. He is currently employed on Mackinaw Island, and he was accepted into the National Park Service Law Enforcement Ranger Training program in North Carolina which begins in August. Justin was also involved in the theatre at LSSU; his credits include the lead role in Shakespeare's "Macbeth" last spring.

DePaul University

Alexandrea D. Murphy of Northville has been named to the Dean's List for the 2009 Winter quarter. To receive Dean's List commendation, full-time students must earn a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 or above on a four-point scale.



PHOTO BY: TONY HARRIS FOR HOMETOWN WEEKLIES



On the run

Moraine Elementary School students complete its annual Fun Run on Wednesday, May 20. Kids got to run or walk a mile-long course through the school's neighborhood and were greeted, upon completion, by lots of applause and a cool drink of water.

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FALLEN (PG-13)
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6:20, 6:50, 8:30, 9:30, 10:00
FR/SAT LS 11:40

THE PROPOSAL (PG-13)
11:50, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:40
FR/SAT LS 12:00

THE HANGOVER (R)
12:55, 3:05, 5:15, 7:30, 9:50
FR/SAT LS 11:55

WIN

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This year, the series of tournaments runs May 28-July 15.

"I've been playing poker since I was a kid," Foley said. He said he likes poker because it's a skill-based game.

Foley, who graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a degree in accounting and also earned an M.B.A., travels to Vegas every year to compete in the World Series of Poker. He's part of a 30-man poker league that sends nine guys out to Vegas to play in a \$2,000-buy-in event at the WSOP.

He won a \$1,500 buy-in event. Buy-ins range from \$1,000-\$50,000.

He's played in seven events and has won four cash prizes of 22nd place or better. He also won a bracelet with event No. 39 last month — something desired by all WSOP players. His WSOP earnings now total \$733,031.

So what's the secret to being a good poker player?

"Patience and picking your spots," Foley said. "You have to know when to be aggressive and when to sit back."

Foley, who grew up in Livonia, said his brother, John, of Plymouth, was there to witness his big win.

PLAYS MOSTLY ONLINE

Foley beat out a field of 2,715 players in Event 39 and said he plays online poker most of the time. No-limit hold 'em is one of his favorite games.

"When I started getting into poker more seri-

ously about five years ago, that was the one that was the most popular and the one I like the best," he said. "You get two cards in your hand, and five cards are on the board. It's a community game. You can bet anywhere from the minimum to all of your chips."

Foley and his wife, Liz, have two children — Cullen, 4, and Grace, 2.

"I'm a bit of a night owl, so I'm up playing poker after I get the kids to bed," he said.

MOST HE'S EVER WON

Obviously, the more-than-half-a-million-dollar prize is the most he's ever won.

"I got knocked out of the game that the league participants were playing in," he said. But he more than made up for it in Event 39.

Foley was thrilled to have won such a large amount at the series.

"I had a lot of support from a lot of people, and it's been pretty exciting. It still hasn't sunk in yet, but it's starting to," he said last Wednesday afternoon. "I haven't checked my bank account yet to see if it's in there."

He doesn't know what he's going to do with the money yet, but he's probably going to invest it.

Fortunately, he already has a financial planner.

"He was one of the first people I called," he said. "I'm going to talk to some people and find out what the best course of action is."

Foley had a pretty mellow celebration after winning the big prize.

"I just had some dinner and a beer," he said.

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Fred Shadko of Citizens for Northville prepares to take the first round of tour-goers onto the former state psychiatric hospital property last Sunday afternoon. The two-hour tour included a walking tour and a driving tour.

TOUR

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bond proposal called Protect Our Future has been calling residents and going door-to-door to drum up support for the proposal.

"Right now we're calling absentee voters, because they can vote as early as the middle of July," said Carol Poenisch of Protect Our Future.

WALKING TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Jim Porterfield, a certified arborist who lives in the township, took two different groups



Porterfield

on a walking tour of the property Sunday.

A portion of the property was once the lake bed of Maumee Lake, a glacier lake, according to Fred Shadko of Citizens for Northville.

The property features red oak, white oak, black walnut, sugar maple and beech trees. Although the developer harvested some of the trees last winter, "They left some really quite large trees — mostly beech and sugar maple — that are pretty spectacular," Porterfield said. About 17,000 trees have been tagged on the property.

Tour-goers saw a Chinkapin oak tree that was more than 100 feet tall.

"Some of these giants are 100 to 200 years old," Porterfield said. He noted that the beech trees feature a smooth bark similar to tropical trees, like ficus, so that parasitic plants can't grow on them.

PARTICIPANT COMMENTS

One couple, Walt and Janet Schemanske, who have lived in



A view of the wetlands on the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital property that would be included in the township's proposed land purchase from developer REIS.

the township for 48 years, said they came on the tour because they were undecided on how to vote on the proposed bond purchase.

"We are trying to make up our minds about this whole issue," Janet Schemanske said. They live directly across from the former hospital property.

"I want to know if we're getting a reasonable price for the property, and in these times it's hard to know what that means," resident Sharon Marsh said. "That's one of my biggest concerns. There's also the liability question."

Dave Milligan from the city of Northville said, "I think this (the proposed land purchase) will affect the city and township due to shared services. I think it would be a shame to have this leveled. I think Seven Mile (Road) would become road kill alley, and I think ... the increase (bond payment) that would be required to buy this property would be cheaper than what it could cost in the long run."

Doug Komer said, "I think if the property is purchased, my property's value will go up and because of the Headlee

Amendment that taxes won't go up, just the cost of the bond payment."

Bill Gorsuch's home borders the property in question. "It was nice to have an arborist on board (during the tour) to go out and explain what was going on (with the timber harvest) as to why certain trees were selected and some trees weren't. I'm in favor of the purchase," he said.

Although she's for it, Linda Gorsuch thinks the bond proposal is going to be a tough sell with the voters.

"Any time you talk money, people have a tendency to back off," she said.

Bruce Lamb said, "The property is huge and beautiful. I think there's a lot of potential. I think the chance to buy the property is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

"To me, it's like a mini-Central Park here," Abbo said about the property. "The benefits of the purchase is that we would control the property and it would reduce the commercial and the need for an additional school."

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WILLIAM JAMES ARBLE

A long time resident of Milford, died on June 26, 2009, at the age of 86. He is survived by Pauline, his beloved wife of sixty years; sons, Tim (the late Priscilla) of Wixom, Tom (Joni) of Quincy, Greg (Kerry) of Hartland, Chris of Milford, and Shawn Arble of Milford; daughter, Wendy (Jeff) Lawson of Novi; grandchildren, Shannon, Jeremy, Melissa (Ken) Radebaugh, Matthew; and great-grandchildren, Paige, Mason, and Peyton. Also surviving are his brothers, John (Penny) Arble, Ron (Jesse) Arble, a sister, Winifred (Dennis) Sales, and many nieces, nephews and dear friends. A funeral liturgy was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Monday, June 29, with Fr. Ron Anderson officiating. Burial followed at Oak Grove Cemetery. For further information please visit: www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com or phone 248-684-6645.

JOHN L. BECKER III

Age 40, of Northville, passed away June 23, 2009. Funeral Service was held Saturday at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville. Contributions appreciated to Recordings for the Blind and Dyslexic, 20 Roszel Road, Princeton, NJ 08540.

LAREE L. BELL

Age 84, June 23, 2009. Beloved wife of the late Duane. Dear mother of Tim (Sandy), Kathleen (Alan) Bond, Tom (Mary), & Steve. Loving grandmother of Joshua, Cody, Adam, and Shawn. Great grandmother of Cohen, Hannah & Chrissa. Visitation at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi 248-348-1800, Friday 3-9. Instate at Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 W Ten Mile, Novi, Saturday 9:00am until the funeral service at 10:00am. Donations in Laree's memory can be made to the Novi United Methodist Church or Angela Hospice Online condolences at: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

MARION CROWE

Age 96, died June 25, 2009. Funeral service was held June 28, at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Memorial contributions to Active Faith Community Services, P.O. Box 188, South Lyon, MI 48178. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

RICHARD E. "DICK" CUTCHINS

A longtime resident of Northville, passed away June 25, 2009 in Northville, Virginia. He was 65. Dick lived in Northville from 1981 to 1999 while working at General Motors Acceptance Corporation-retiring as the Corporate Insurance Auditor. He is survived by his loving wife, Charlene; parents, Robert A. and Ruth C. Cutchins of Norfolk, VA; a daughter, Kristen Winter and her husband Cory; a son, Clay Cutchins and his wife Suzi; grandchildren, Emma Winter, Jack and Natalie Cutchins, all of Pinckney, MI. Dick was an avid sports enthusiast and coached Northville youth soccer, baseball and basketball during his 18 year residence in Michigan. But his favorite time was watching his daughter excel in her equestrian competition and his son in his multi-sport athletic skills. Upon retirement he and his wife Charlene relocated to Chesapeake, Virginia-returning to the region he was born and spending quality time with his beloved parents. A memorial service was held in Virginia. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters, 601 Children's Lane, Norfolk, VA 23507. Condolences may be offered to the family at: www.hollomon-brown.com

BERNARDINE FRY

Age 76, died June 28, 2009. Visitation July 1, 3-9pm at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Funeral July 2, at 11am at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, Northville. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

LEO F. MOYNAHAN

Age 77, of Jacksonville, FL, formerly of Rowe Rd., Milford, died January 1, 2009. He is survived by his wife Ann, daughters, Cathy Moynahan, Dolores Moynahan, Leann (Terry) Campbell, Colleen (Steve) Hart, all of Jacksonville, FL and sons, Mark (Linda) of Dallas, TX, Gary (Lori) of Pepperal, MA and Donald Moynahan of Jacksonville, FL. He had six grandchildren. The family will be attending Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church at 9:30am on July 3, 2009. For information please call 904-536-7920.

CECIL E. NIRIDER

Age 87 of Brighton, formerly of Howell, passed away Tuesday, June 23, 2009. He was born August 15, 1921 in Farina, Illinois, the son of Esly and Anna (Dixon) Nirider. Cecil was a veteran of the U.S. Army 10th Mountain Division and served in the Aleutian Islands and Italy. He was a Purple Heart recipient. Former member of the Howell Lions Club, Howell Rotary Club and Chemung Hills Country Club where he was an avid golfer. He retired as Regional Manager for D & C Department Stores. Beloved husband of Tommy M. (Hopper) Nirider. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Memorial services were held Saturday, June 27th at 2 p.m. at MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell (517-546-2800). Memorial contributions may be made to Howell Lions Club. Please sign the family's online guestbook at: www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com



GREGORY G. PINES

Age 51, of Northville, passed away June 28, 2009. He was born July 25, 1957 in Jackson, MI to Isadore B. and Virginia A. (Plath) Pines. He was united in marriage to the love of his life Constance "Connie" Newman on October 21, 2006. Greg received his Masters Degree from Michigan Tech; he was a Chemical engineer. He was a very devoted father; participating in the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and sports with his children. He taught his son to play the trumpet and his daughter the french horn. Greg enjoyed woodworking; he built many different furniture pieces over the years. Greg loved to fly; he had his pilot's license since he was 17 years old. He is survived by his loving wife Connie; his mother Virginia Pines; his children, Griffin Pines and Emily Pines; his step-children, Nicholas (Devon) Newman and Kendra Newman; his sisters, Deborah (John) Fredrich and Janice (Dean) Woodbeck; and his granddaughter Erin Newman. He was preceded in death by his father.

A funeral service was held last Tuesday at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Northville. Father Denis Theroux officiated the service. Greg was laid to rest at Forest Hill Cemetery in Ann Arbor. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to St. John Hospice, PO Box 673271, Detroit, MI 48267-3271. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville.

DARLENE FAYE SHAWVER

Age 61, of South Lyon, passed away June 28, 2009. A funeral service was held July 1 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

COREY A. STAAB

Age 30, of Milford, died suddenly, along with his cousin, Brandon Richman on June 27, 2009. A funeral was held at Lynch & Sons, Milford, July 1, 2009. Memorials are encouraged to Corey's family. www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

RANDY SCOTT TARROW

Age 53, of Union City, TN, died June 14, 2009 at his home. He was born Nov. 2nd, 1955 in Northville, MI, son of Russell Edward and Rose Marian Tarrow. He is survived by his daughter Kathleen Lack, his best friend and companion, Sue Petersen of Union City, TN; four sisters, Roxanne Kistler, Renee Manica, Rose Dillon, and Beth Michel; four brothers, Edward Tarrow, Rick Tarrow, Rocky Tarrow and Roland Tarrow, all of Michigan.

WALK

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their downtown Northville garden.

Their home, which they named Foxglove, was built in 1868. They have lived there since 1993 and put an addition onto the home, working the garden around it.

"We have quite a variety of hydrangea and delphinium," she said. "I put in a knot garden this year — a design from England."

The Kennedys added all of the garden areas except a small pond that was part of the original yard. With the addition to the home, which includes a conservatory, they added a pergola.

A small garden by the pergola, referred to as the "kitchen garden," includes lettuce and cabbage.

"I love to watch the cabbages form because they look like big roses," Char Kennedy said.

The garden has day lilies, benches, an arch and an old-fashioned rose bush that was also part of the original property.

"My interest in gardening really started here," she said, "because of the property. It's so beautiful."

Naturally, the Kennedys planted some foxglove, their home's namesake.

"We lived in Plymouth before we moved here, and I had done some gardening there but not to this extent," Char Kennedy said. "It's been a long process. We've spent hundreds of hours (on the garden)."

Little pathways lead in and out of different areas of the garden, and Char Kennedy built some stone walls out of stones found on the property.

A garden sign in the yard reads, "The kiss of the sun for pardon. The song of the birds for mirth. One is nearer God's heart in a garden than anywhere else on earth."

A stone inlay in one of the garden's steps says, "Help us to achieve in living. O God, the same harmony and loveliness that we strive for in gardening."

"It's a beautiful place to be," Kennedy said about her Northville garden. "I get so much joy out of it every day just looking out my window. Gardening is different than landscaping, because a garden is always evolving and changing. It's different every year."

Those interested in talking to Char Kennedy about interior or exterior home design can contact her at (248) 305-9773. She also designs fresh-flower and silk-flower arrangements.

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Balcony ceremony

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano and Northville Mayor Chris Johnson, fourth and fifth from left, were among those who participated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony June 15 celebrating the construction of 84 balconies at the Allen Terrace Apartments, a senior housing facility in downtown Northville. The approximately \$125,000 effort involved the collaboration of county, city and township staff and used Community Development Block Grant funds.

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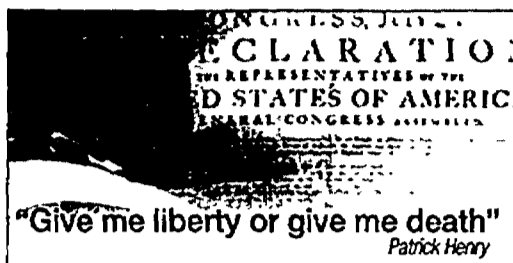
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OUR VIEWS



Events in Iran should make us appreciate July 4

When we celebrate the Fourth of July this weekend with our parades, fireworks and barbecues, we should all take a moment to think about what is happening in Iran.

During the past couple weeks, the world has been watching in horror as the religious-based government of Iran has violently cracked down on its own people in the aftermath of a highly contested presidential election.

Against seemingly insurmountable obstacles, hundreds of thousands of Iranians have taken to the streets to protest what appears to have been a bogus election. For standing up for freedom, they have been beaten with clubs, arrested and even shot.

Their actions should be a reminder of the challenges faced by the American patriots who braved everything to gain their independence from Great Britain during the American Revolution.

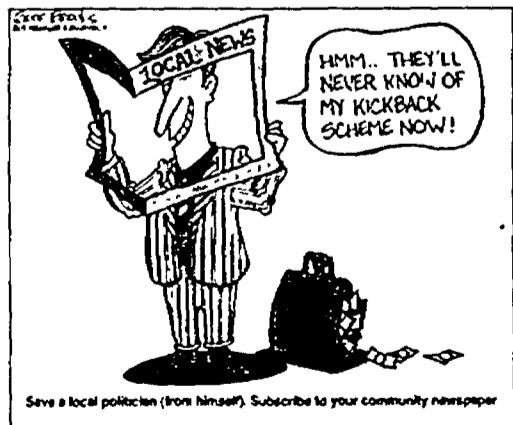
When our forefathers put pen to paper and signed their names to a document in a way there would be no mistaking their intent, they declared to King George III, and all his British subjects, we are Americans and we are our own masters. The Declaration of Independence, signed by 56 brave souls on July 4, 1776, was an act of defiance heard round the world.

And like the Iranian government has done recently, the British crown, with its great military, used every means including violence to try and quell the uprising. They broke into homes, made arrests and murdered those who chose to side with freedom over blind loyalty to the king.

The brave souls in Iran, who are taking to the streets in the face of thuggish violence, are looking for the same thing as our forefathers — self-determination and liberty. It is something that we have probably come to take for granted in America. But the freedom that our forefathers gave all subsequent generations of Americans did not come free. George Washington and his ragtag army overcame immense odds to win that freedom for us.

Watching the protesters in Iran wave the color green — whether on their flags, the ribbons tied around their arms or the burkas covering their heads — should also remind us what our American flag symbolizes. When the patriots waved that flag, with its 13 stars, it was a defiant act against the crown, one that risked great peril.

So wave the Stars and Stripes with great pride this weekend, and take comfort in the fact that we are the heirs to one of the great uprisings in man's struggle for liberty and freedom. And let's hope the people of Iran come to know such freedoms.



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What book would you recommend for summer reading?

We asked this question at Borders.



"Columbine" by Dave Cullen. It just came out around the anniversary. It's a very in-depth look, mostly about the killers — their minds, how they were raised — and about misconceptions of what happened.

Joshua Trent



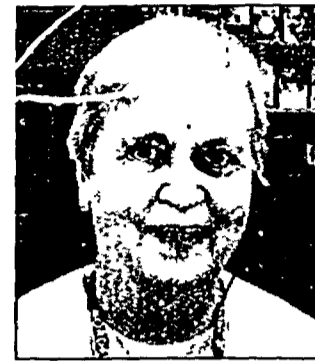
"Barefoot" by Elin Hilderbrand. It takes place in Nantucket with some sisters and friends during transitional times for them, and it's about how they find friendships and conquer things. It's uplifting.

Stacey Kulonowski



"The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo" by Stieg Larsson. It's beautifully written. It deals with financial intrigue. There's even a Bernie Madoff-type character and stealing from the government. It's perfect with all that's going on today.

Sue Weiss



"Shanghai Girls" by Lisa See. This is her newest. It starts in China before the revolution with two young women who are pretty modern for their time. They wind up in the United States. It's about their lives in Chinatown, surviving being discriminated against.

Susan Landis

LETTERS

More questions on hospital property

I was disappointed this past weekend when I read a frequently asked question brochure related to the hospital property purchase. The brochure, like other public announcements and comments was biased towards the purchase of the hospital property.

Sue (Hillebrand, township clerk), I understand your feelings of having this go in front of the voters; however, don't you feel the voters deserve to understand all the issues so they can make an informed decision? The only reason I can think of for not making all the information available is if you and the other leaders think the voters will see this as being a bad financial decision with too many unanswered questions given the current environment.

I also understand a new survey is in progress along with a one-minute video clip. Unless the survey participants have all the facts and understand what is still at risk, how do you expect people to make an informed decision? Who is paying for this survey/video? I certainly do not support using my tax dollars to push your agenda.

The FAQ does not adequately address the following:

The method of appraisal. Please explain the appraised value is not based on the current value of the land... give reasons for using a best use of land approach. How many years will it be before the land is fully developed and worth the derived value.

Taxes — Showing a breakout of \$12/month for a \$300,000 home is minimizing the tax impact. Explain the interest rate has not been set for the bond purchase and interest rates could go higher depending on the market. Explain to the voters there is the potential taxes could also increase when the police and fire millage is up for renewal. Let them decide if they want a green park or if they want to spend their tax dollars keeping police and fire services at the current level. In a recent Lakes of Northville subdivision newsletter, Marjorie Banner indicated taxes would be coming down due to the economic climate. True for property taxes, but again, only half of the truth. If home values continue to drop, tell the residents the annual tax levy on sale of the bond could increase to pay off the bond debt service. Not sure you want your trustees telling residents taxes will decline unless you can back that up.

The FAQ indicates the township is still performing a due diligence on the property. When will this be completed? Why not vote after the results are known?

You need to be more specific when it comes to cleanup. What are the estimated costs? How many buildings will be the responsibility of the township? I understand most of the buildings will be the township's responsibility. Explain brownfield funds cannot be used until commercial revenue is received. When will that be — five, 10, 15 years?

Be more specific on the maintenance cost of the park? How will this be funded? Are the current parks in the

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township well-maintained? I've driven past parks in the township that look neglected. Do you really think counting on state and federal funds is prudent given this economic climate? The state parks are well underfunded and will be cut further.

Obviously there will be people in favor of having a green park at any cost and those opposed to paying more in taxes. I'm surprised with the current economic downturn, especially in this area; you and your team are fighting so hard to raise our taxes for a project that does not make financial sense. Do you think any of the residents that are included in the 6,000-plus salaried workers that will be laid off at GM before the end of the year will understand? How about those residents who worked for Chrysler, Visteon, Metaldyne, Hayes Lemmerz or other companies who have recently lost their jobs. Supporters of the purchase keep talking about avoiding 500 new homes from being built. Truth is, if we keep losing jobs and increasing taxes, you'll have to figure out what to do with the vacant homes in the township. The voters not only have a right to have all the facts disclosed, they also have a right to know who is supporting this project and higher taxes.

Sue, do you support? Mark, do you support? Richard, as the financial steward for the township, do you support? Mindy, do you support? Chris, do you support? Marjorie, do you support? Marv, do you support?

Mark Oswald — (does not support the purchase or higher taxes)
Northville Township Economic Development Committee member

Highland Lakes resident supports land purchase

This is just a note to state that the residents of Highland Lakes are not represented by the board of the association regarding their opinions on the purchase of the hospital property. Many of us are in favor of this opportunity to save a virgin area and its wildlife and do not mind the small additional tax levy. It is much preferred to a highly commercialized area with even more congestion on Seven Mile Road at Haggerty and a possible future attempt at annexation to Livonia so as to allow buildings in violation of our code.

Unlike your frequent writer, Jim

Nowka, we do not view the world from inside a wallet. Money is important to us, too, but it is not our guiding light. Which makes me ask all those so concerned about the deficit now — Where were your voices when Bush/Cheney got us into Iraq, a war of choice, which in addition to all the blood spilled, has been costing us six billion dollars a month?

Irene Piccone
Northville

Streetscape bond referendum help needed

On June 15, I asked the City Council to place the intended \$2,000,000 bond issue for the next phase of the DDA Streetscape project to a vote of the public. Council refused to do so. If the public wants a voice on this issue, their only remaining option is to Petition for Referendum. I am launching a petition drive. I firmly believe that the dialog stimulated by bringing this proposal to the public would result in the greatest benefit for all segments of the community. I need your help.

I propose a simple, grassroots process requiring little from any single individual. I will provide a petition form and a focal point for petition logistics, assemble completed petition forms and submit these forms to the city clerk, when sufficient signatures are obtained.

The petition draft is complete and I believe, correct, however, I would appreciate a review by anyone with legal expertise or experience with petitions.

Please support the petition by spreading the word to friends and neighbors and by obtaining signatures of registered voters. Signing yourself is good. Taking a petition for the spouse and a few neighbors is great. A little door-to-door would be wonderful. Any number of signatures will help. You must be a registered city voter to either circulate or sign a petition.

Blank forms will be available at my home (628 W. Main) and I can be reached at (248) 348-2947 or tswigart64@wowway.com.

Time is short. Petitions should be filed several days ahead of the July 26 deadline. Just under 500 qualifying signatures are required, but more will provide a safety margin and remind the council that there is genuine public interest.

The DDA is presenting the project plan to City Council on July 6 (7:30, City Hall). Please attend. For more information, go to www.Northvillenotices.com. The short goal is to successfully petition for referendum so your voice can be heard. There will be ample time for project review prior to the vote.

Money issues can become emotional, as one council member noted, however, good decisions are made with the council of many, provided we all keep to the "high" road and work together. This is healthy for Northville and I think we can do it. If you are ready to help me prove it, I look forward to hearing from you.

Tom Swigart
Northville

CHURCH

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

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.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY
LOCATION: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org

Mass Schedule
TIME/DAY: 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday; 7 p.m. Tuesday, 5 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday
Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.
Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment

Adoptive Parent Networking Meeting
TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. last Wednesday of each month
DETAILS: Free, informational meeting open to all adoptive families in Oakland County. Child care is available. Registration is required.

DETROIT FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

LOCATION: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org

Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service
Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:30-11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with child-care available for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study; 7 p.m. Men's Evening Bible Study
Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Outing, Adult Classes, Youth Blast
Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC
LOCATION: 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi
CONTACT: (248) 347-7778

Mass Schedule
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CONTACT: (248) 348-1020
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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays
Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN

LOCATION: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-2345 or visit faithcommunity-novi.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m. Bened. 11 a.m. Contemporary; 11:30 a.m. Traditional

MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL

LOCATION: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads
CONTACT: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
YogaFit Classes
TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. every Monday
DETAILS: Eight weeks, \$55 continuous or \$8 per drop in session.
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Dealing with a termination by reassuring employers

Have you been terminated from a job? Not laid off because of business issues, but terminated because of poor performance, inability to work effectively



Martha D. Adamson

with a supervisor or other employees, or other job performance issues? How do you overcome this obstacle to land and succeed in a new job?

First, you need to understand potential employers' concerns. Employers want to know that you can and will do the job you are hired for, that you will be reliable and dependable, and that you will fit into the organization and not cause problems.

Your past work history will be easy to review — either on your resume, job applications, background or reference

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checks or during your interview, so you will not be able to hide it. You must find a way to reassure potential employers that you have put your problems in the past and are ready and able to become a dependable and valuable employee.

Before attempting to find a new job, you need to determine what went wrong in past jobs. You should be brutally honest here and recognize how you contributed to the problems that resulted in your dismissal. Unless you take responsibility for your part of the problem, you will not be able to overcome it and may experience it again.

Next, use this Ten Step Process, developed by Debra Angel and Elisabeth Harney and explained in their excellent book, *No One is Unemployable*, to work toward a solution.

1. Identify the barrier
2. Identify your perception of the barrier

3. Identify the employer's perception of the barrier
 4. Determine an approach to use in addressing the barrier

5. Eliminate the employer's concerns

6. Identify the selling points you have that meet the employer's needs

7. Turn your barriers into selling points

8. Develop a way to talk about Steps 1-7

9. Practice your sales pitch until it is easy and natural

10. Match yourself and your selling points to appropriate employers

Because you will need to have references from prior employers, you will need to find a way to make amends in order to repair the relationship. Call your past supervisor and apologize for the actions that resulted in being fired. Explain what you've learned and how you've changed and remind your supervisor of some of the positive contributions you made. Let them

know you are job searching and would appreciate a positive reference from them, even suggest a statement they can make which is true, including a statement on why you left the job. This will sometimes prompt the employer to put neutral information into your personnel file that will not raise 'red flags' if a reference check is made. You can ask a friend to make a call to the company as if they were a potential employer to hear what is being said about you so you can prepare for job interviews. Be sure to provide other references at that job and from other jobs who will say positive things about you as well.

Whether the reference is positive, neutral or negative, if you are asked about the termination during your job interview, tell your prepared story about the incident that led to the termination and explain that you've apologized and tell the interviewer what you learned and how you have

changed.

Termination is a painful experience, but the best way to remove it as an obstacle to landing a new job is to be honest, learn from the experience and prepare a thoughtful, truthful answer to questions about it. Your honesty can help you push the obstacle aside.

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Learn together: It's time to collaborate

Now more than ever, it is time for people to connect, collaborate, and innovate.

Those were key themes at the recent National Summit held June 15-17, at the Marriott Renaissance Center in Detroit.



Linda Hagan

Summit gathered prominent business, labor, government, and academic leaders to develop a national economic agenda and define America's future.

Conversations and debates focused on what the National Summit organizers called "four areas of vital importance to America's future in a global economy: technology, energy, environment, and manufacturing." During many of the town hall meetings, presenters discussed the need for individuals and organizations to become entrepreneurial in those areas.

Through collaborative effort, where people from various

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backgrounds and cultures with different expertise and skill sets come together (and today that means connecting electronically), we can be innovative.

During a session on "Entrepreneurialism and Technology Innovation Drive Competitiveness," one of the panelists said that "no one of us is as smart as us all. We need to learn together. Vet out ideas with others. We need to adopt a consultation culture."

Dr. Mary Sue Coleman, president of the University of Michigan, said that the university has a new mantra for faculty, "partner or perish." Dr. Coleman said that leaders should encourage people to take risks, because risk taking stimulates innovation. And, if people fail, Dr. Coleman said, "don't put them into a Hall of Shame," but encourage them to keep trying.

At another session, the speakers also emphasized the need for collaborating with others. One leader said that on the playing field and in the cor-

porate world, teamwork is and should be promoted. Yet, he joked, "In the classroom, teamwork is considered cheating."

Although it is considered cheating when students collaborate on tests, more schools and higher learning institutions, especially business schools, are encouraging students to work closely with others because teamwork improves an individual's communication, critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Business professors stress to students that learning how to collaborate is essential for career success. Collaboration makes for winning workplace teams.

According to Mary Ellen Guffey, author of the book titled, *Business Communication: Process and Product*, having workers collaborate encourages a diversity of ideas and viewpoints, leads to better decisions, increases worker productivity, decreases resistance to change, allows for greater buy-in to new policies and procedures that the group has a voice in developing, and improves employee morale. Additionally, in groups, people are more apt to be risk takers

since they see sharing their ideas in a group setting as less risky. Collaboration, thus, fosters innovativeness.

Collaboration, however, is not always easy. For some students and workers, it can be an aggravating experience because there is always the group member who is not the team player.

Guffey and other business communication researchers recommend several tips to improve teamwork and workplace collaboration.

Tips for better collaboration:

1. Practice good communication techniques
2. Listen
3. Encourage everyone to share ideas
4. Be respectful of others' views
5. If you don't understand another's viewpoint, ask for clarification
6. Show concern for individual relationships and the group
7. Share leadership roles

8. Confront and resolve conflicts quickly and professionally

9. Practice workplace manners

10. Focus on collaboration rather than competition

Connect, collaborate, and innovate and help drive America's economy forward.

And, to change a word in the 1980s hit "Celebration" by Kool and the Gang, "It's time to come together, let's all collaborate and have a good time."

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Local opera singer travels to Italy

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Jill Opal Oliver, a local soprano from Novi whose piano accompanist, Raffaella Medoro-Naurato, is from Northville, travels to Europe today to perform with members of the International Lyric Academy of Rome and Viterbo, Italy.

Unfortunately, Medoro-Naurato, will not be traveling with her but helped prepare her for the momentous trip.

"We've been working together about three months," Medoro-Naurato said. "She has a great voice and great presence on stage."

Oliver is a member of the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan, a nonprofit organization dedicated to encouraging an appreciation of the music of Giuseppe Verdi and other composers.

Dino Valle, founder and artistic director of the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan, referred Medoro-Naurato to Oliver. They have both been preparing Oliver for the trip, instructing her in Italian and Italian diction. Medoro-Naurato teaches Italian at Wayne State University.

"She's one of my best students," Medoro-Naurato said.

"It was like Italian boot camp," said her mother, Sharon Oliver. "It was so important that they were able to work with her before the trip." Oliver is also taking Italian lessons on her own.

Oliver, 26, will be in Italy through July 21, performing four different operas — Elisir d'Amore, La Traviata, Rigoletto and Tosca.

"She's in the concert opera program," said Sharon Oliver.

Oliver was selected to go on the trip to Italy after competing against several other students for the opportunity.

Selection was based on the judging of vocal selections from a CD provided by each student.

WATCHED TV STARS

Oliver was inspired to become a singer as a little girl when she watched famous performers on television. She was also involved in the Paper Bag Productions children's performances in downtown Detroit as a girl. Her Dearborn piano teacher when she was in middle school was also an opera singer.

She decided to major in vocal performance while at Eastern Michigan University.

"I didn't choose opera; it chose me," Oliver said. "I first started singing gospel and R & B music, then somehow merged into opera. I believe God gives everyone specific gifts, and he gave me this one (the ability to sing opera)."

WHAT DOES SHE LOVE ABOUT THE FIELD?

"I love opera because of the fact that I have freedom to express myself," she said. "And I love the glamour. I like to dress like a diva."

Oliver participated in the Michigan Opera Theatre's Summer Opera Camp for three years. She also performed for three years with the Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit in high school.

She has worked closely with Karen Vanderkloot DiChiera, director of the Michigan Opera Theatre Community Programs, as well as Candace de Lattre, Alaina Brown, Professor Betty Lane, Professor Glenda Kirkland and Professor George Shirley of the Michigan Opera Theatre.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Opera singer Jill Opal Oliver of Novi, left, and Raffaella Medoro-Naurato, of Northville, her piano accompanist.

WANTS TO TURN PRO

Now considered an "emerging artist" who practices six hours a day, Oliver's dream is to become a professional opera singer.

"When I sign a contract, I'll be a professional," she said. "But, I haven't done that yet."

Valle wants Oliver to have a recital when she returns from

Italy. She is also available to sing at weddings or other such occasions.

To learn more about Oliver, call (248) 719-4703 or go to http://www.classicalsinger.net/jill_opal_oliver.

"I'm proud of her and happy for her," Sharon Oliver said.

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Greatest Generation

Weldon Clark, 96 of Northville, was in the U.S. Navy during WWII and served in the oceans and seas around the world including Europe, Africa and Asia. Clark was the oldest vet to sign a tribute photograph 'Detroit our Greatest Generation' on Sunday, in Livonia. The photo of over 500 veterans was taken recently at historic Willow Run Airport and sponsored by the Yankee Air Force and Visionalist Entertainment Productions.

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Dear Nelly
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SECOND OPINIONS

There's a mountain of evidence that shows that second opinions saves lives, prevents mistakes and cuts costs. Yet most older patients choose not to get them because they're either afraid of offending their doctor, don't want to hassle with it, or fear their insurance won't cover it. But getting a second opinion from a different doctor may offer you a fresh perspective, new information and additional options for treating your condition so you can make a

SAVVY SENIOR

more informed decision. Or, if the second doctor agrees with the first, it can give you reassurance.

WHO PAYS

In most cases Medicare pays for second opinions under Part B, and will even pay for a third opinion if the first two differ. Most Medicare Advantage plans also cover second opinions, but some plans will require a referral first from your primary physician. If you have private insurance, you'll need to check with your insurance provider.

WHEN TO ASK

The key times you should seek a second opinion are when:

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- You're diagnosed with a life-threatening disease such as cancer or heart disease.

- You're not getting any better.
- Your regular doctor can't diagnose your problem.
- You're having trouble talking with your current doctor.
- You're having multiple medical problems.

WHERE TO LOOK

When you opt for a second opinion, you can ask your first doctor for a referral or, if that makes you uncomfortable, seek one on your own. Whatever route you choose, it's best to go with a doctor that has extensive experience in treating your condition and one that's affiliated with a different practice or hospital than your original doctor. Hospitals and practices can be set in their ways when it comes to treatments and are likely to offer similar advice. Physicians from

research and teaching hospitals are smart choices, especially for rare or complicated conditions, because of their ongoing research and expertise in specific areas of medicine.

To locate and research potential doctors the American Medical Association (www.ama-assn.org) and the American Osteopathic Association (www.osteopathic.org) offer free doctor finding services that list virtually every licensed physician in the U.S.

Another good resource is Health Grades (www.healthgrades.com) which provides detailed reports on doctors for \$13.

Also see Vitals.com, a free service that lets you search for top-rated doctors based on their training, expertise, consumer ratings and recommendations from other doctors.

ONLINE ADVICE

If you're having a hard time finding or getting to another doctor for a second opinion, consider the Internet. Yes, Web-based second opinions are now available from top medical centers that allow you to consult with medical experts regardless of where they're located. Two good ones to check out are the prestigious Cleveland Clinic (clevelandclinic.com; 800-223-2273) and Partners Online Specialty Consultations (econsults.partners.org; 888-456-5003) which is affiliated with Harvard Medical School. The cost for this online advice ranges between \$500 and \$1,000 and is usually not covered by insurance or Medicare.

Savvy Tips: Before you get a second opinion you'll need to have your doctor's

office send your medical records ahead to the second doctor (you may have to pick them up and deliver them yourself), and be sure he or she knows about your original diagnosis, and the course of treatment recommended by your first doctor. If they disagree, you may want to seek that third opinion, or go back to your original doctor for further consultation.

A helpful resource that can help you weigh your options is the Ottawa Personal Decision Guide (<http://decisionaid.ohri.ca>) which provides a worksheet for people facing tough health decisions.

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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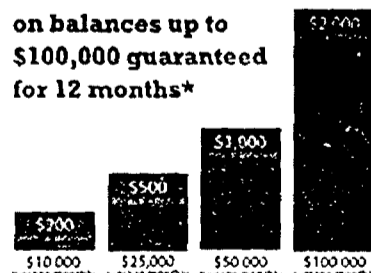
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Swinging Gates

Northville senior wins Division 1 boys golf individual state title

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

The Gates family tradition was in jeopardy, and it was up to Northville senior Wes to keep it alive.

Wes' grandfather (in Pennsylvania) and uncle (in Michigan) had won the State golfing title. Wes was the last shot in his generation to do so, and he did it in a playoff.

Gates beat Jared Dalga from Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central in the second hole of a playoff to win the Division 1 State individual title with a 148 (71-77), helping the Mustangs to a fifth-place overall finish.

"I had to carry the torch," said Gates. "It obviously felt great. It's been my goal my entire high school career to win it."

Gates said winning it in a playoff was even more special because he got to celebrate it with his teammates, family and friends instead of just watching a scoreboard to figure out who won.

"We couldn't win the team title, but that was the only other way to go out on top," said Gates. "I can close my high school career on that."

"It was kind of a disappointing season until the State tournament. It's something I'll never forget."

The win also helped propel Gates to the 2009 Michigan Golf Coaches Super Team, consisting of the top eight golfers from any division in Michigan.

Gates will continue to play at Bowling Green, where he received a scholarship for golf and for academics.



Northville's Wes Gates shoots in front of a gallery on the second hole of a playoff for the state title. He birdied the hole to win the individual championship. He is the 2009 Golfer of the Year.

FIRST TEAM

The All-Area First Team is littered with players that had major showings in major tournaments.

Chris Cunningham, Milford Cunningham could be found near the top of almost every tournament leaderboard he entered. He placed in the top 10 of all but one tournament this year, highlighted by a district individual title and a fifth-place finish at the Oakland County tourney. He averaged 75.1 for 18 holes. Cunningham was voted

to the Michigan Coaches Division 1 All-State First Team.

Joe Fransted, Catholic Central Fransted saved some of his best golf for the final tournament. He shot a 76-77 for a 153 and into a five-way tie for eighth place. He was low for the fourth-place Shamrocks.

Fransted was voted to the Michigan Coaches Division 1 All-State First Team.

Trevor Grigg, Northville Grigg came on like a gang-buster toward the end of the

year last season. He didn't disappoint this year, finishing with a 79-76 for a 155 to shoot second low for the fifth-placed Mustangs at State.

Grigg was voted to the Michigan Coaches Division 1 All-State First Team.

Steve LaRouere, Catholic Central LaRouere was part of a steady force that helped make up the potent Shamrock golf team. He shot an 80 on the first day of States before rallying for a 76 on the second day for a 156 and second low for

the fourth-placed Shamrocks.

Tyler Manning, Novi Manning has been a steady force for the Wildcats throughout the year, culminating in an All-State Honorable Mention. He was unable to qualify for State in his senior year, but he was steady throughout the year, averaging 76.9 for 18 holes. He shot a low of 73 during the first day of the Traverse City Tee Off Invite in April for fourth out of 113 golfers.

Manning received Michigan

Please see GOLF, B2

SIDELINES

Mustang Scramble/Auction

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

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.runtrexttri.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 Web site: 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

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5-on-5 hoop tourney

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Entry fee is \$200 per team. Contact Monica at (734) 620-3618 or mbe-langer@ci.northville.mi.us.

Samuel brought power to plate and mound

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

Coaches love guys that can bring power anywhere to a team. Lakeland's Ricky Samuel did just that, whether at the plate or on the mound.

Samuel hit .490, drew 23 walks and struck out just eight times in 104 at bats. He also went 6-3 with a save and a 2.90 earned run average as a pitcher for the KLAA Lakes Conference champions.

Samuel is the 2009 All-Area baseball Player of the Year.

"The way the ball comes off his bat," Lakeland head coach Todd Miller said. "It's amazing how hard he hits the baseball."

Miller said Samuel didn't put up the massive RBI stats because he was pitched around whenever possible, but he still managed to put up some insane numbers.

Samuel co-led the Eagles with nine doubles, led with three triples and was second in home runs with six. He was second in runs with 41 and second in RBIs with 35.

As one of the aces of the staff, he managed to strike out more than half the batters he faced. He had 91 strikeouts in 179 at bats, allowing just 30 hits and 60 walks in 50.2 innings.

"He was a pleasure to have for four years," Miller said. "He's a great baseball player, but he's a great kid too. He treats his teammates very well."

After focusing solely on baseball after his freshman season, Samuel is headed to Michigan to continue his career.

Samuel leaves Lakeland after posting new career records in hits, RBI, doubles and strikeouts as a pitcher. He



Mustang Bobby Thomas at bat.

set single-season records in hits and RBI. He is top five in career home runs and is second in wins for a season, twice posting eight wins. He is also second in career wins.

FIRST TEAM

With the level of competition in the area, making the All-Area First Team took impressive numbers. Northville won a district title, as did CC and Lakeland captured a KLAA Conference title.

The following players were not only the leaders of their respective teams, but did it throughout the year to make an elite list.

Bobby Thomas, Northville The senior bopper put up staggering offensive numbers, and also earned votes for Players of the Year along the way.

Thomas hit .480 (.48-100), but more impressively, 28 of those hits were for extra bases. He laced 15 doubles and 12 home runs to help knock in an



Mustang Ryan Mullen.

amazing 59 runs. That's more than a RBI every other at bat. "He was all about winning," Northville head coach John Kostrzewa said. "He worked his butt off to get where he is. He never slumped. He was pretty consistent from day one."

Thomas is headed to Wayne State after setting records for RBI, doubles, slugging percentage (.1010) and broke the old home run record (which teammate Ryan Mullen also did with 14 this year for the

new record).

Ryan Mullen, Northville The Mustang senior was the perfect compliment with Thomas. Mullen stroked a new school record 14 home runs, batted .420, knocked in 54 runs and had 21 extra-base hits.

"He hit balls further than high school kid I've ever seen," Kostrzewa said. "There are a lot of records that if he doesn't have it, Bobby does."

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Swinging stars

Zachary Jacobs, 7, keeps his eye on the ball as he begins his swing during a Monday morning Total Baseball Camp at Northville Community Park Fields. The three-day mini camp began to teach kids the basics of the game of baseball. For more information on summer programs offered through Northville Parks and Recreation, call (248) 349-0203.



Coach Todd Miller of Total Baseball teaches swinging techniques to a group of summer baseball campers at Northville Community Park Fields in early June. For more information on summer programs offered through Northville Parks and Recreation, call (248) 349-0203.



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TO THE Qualified Electors of the Charter Township of Northville, Wayne County:
Notice is hereby given that Tuesday, July 7, 2009 is the last day to register to vote, or change your address for the above stated election. Qualified electors may register to vote, or change their address, at the Township Clerk's office, which is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Electors may also register at any branch office of the Secretary of State or any County Clerk's office during normal business hours.

Electors may register by mail by completing a Mail-In Voter Registration Application and forwarding the application to the election official as directed on the application by the close of the registration deadline. Mail-In voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting:

Northville Township Clerk's Office (248-348-5800)
44405 Six Mile Road
Northville, Michigan 48168

BOND PROPOSITION

Shall the Charter Township of Northville, Wayne County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Twenty-Four Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$24,095,000.00) and issue its general obligation bonds therefor, for the purpose of acquiring 232.5 acres of property located at Seven Mile and Haggerty Roads, formerly known as the Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital? The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of refunding, is 20 years. The estimated millage that will be levied to pay the proposed bonds in the first year that the levy is authorized is 0.9661 mills, (which is equal to \$0.9661 per \$1,000 of taxable value of real and tangible personal property in the Township); and the estimated simple average annual millage that will be required to retire the bonds is 1.0400 mills.

Note: A person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the township where they live or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk
Northville Township

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Signed up

Bobby Thomas, Northville's All-State first baseman, signed a scholarship to attend Wayne State University. He's pictured with his parents, Dan and Cathy Thomas, and coach John Kostrzewa (back).

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Northville Parks and Recreation Advertisement for Bids 2010 Transportation Services

Northville Parks and Recreation is soliciting bids for round trip transportation services from January 8, 2010 through February 27, 2010 for Northville Parks and Recreation programs.

Northville Parks and Recreation will accept sealed bids until Friday, July 10, 2009, 11:00 a.m. local time, at Northville City Hall, 215 West Main Street, Northville, MI 48167, at which time all proposals received shall be publicly opened and read aloud. Bid specifications and proposal forms may be obtained from Northville Parks and Recreation. For further details contact Joanna Harris, Special Events Coordinator at 248-349-0203 x1411.

The City of Northville reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids which is the best interest of the Northville Parks and Recreation program.

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BASEBALL

FROM PAGE B1

David Uberti, Northville
The senior pitcher was the ace of the staff, posting a 9-1 record with a 2.78 ERA for the 31-3 Mustangs.

"For two years, he pitched our biggest games for the most part," Kostrzewa said. "He always went against everyone else's No. 1. He lost four times in two years."

Uberti didn't exactly struggle at the plate either, stroking a .390 average and fourth on the team with 19 walks.

Garrett Green, Novi
Don't just call him the coaches son. The boy can play. He finished his senior season with a .398 average, led the team with 40 runs, swiped 21 bases and was on base right around half the times he went to the plate.

"Garrett is a five-tool player who plays the game harder than anyone I have ever coached," said head coach Rick Green. "He never had a bad day at hustling. Garrett was 1st team All-KLAA and 1st team All-District."

Nick Regnier, Novi
The junior provided the big bat in the lineup. He cleaned up whatever was left in front of him, knocking in a team high 40 RBI with a .398 average. Regnier also scored 28 runs and was second in doubles with nine.

"He was a very versatile player," said coach Green. "He played every position but catcher. Despite doing so, he only made one error. Nick also pitched for us, going 5-2 with a ERA of 2.88."

Steve Harding, CC
The senior earned team MVP honors after posting a .395 average with eight doubles and four home runs. He scored 20 runs and knocked in 27 more.

"Steve is a great leader and a fine athlete (3 year starter on the football and basketball teams as well)," said coach Kevin Walters. "Steve is a clutch hitter, hitting .500 with men in scoring position."

Nolan Nunez, South Lyon East

The upstart Cougars may have struggled in their first year of varsity competition, but the junior first baseman had a stellar year. He led the team with a .431 average and led the team in doubles.

"He's a great all-around player," said head coach Matt Lindman. "He's just a knowledgeable baseball player."

Tom Kort, South Lyon
The sophomore proved he could hit like an upperclassman, leading the Lions at .396. He also played at short and fielded at a .937 percentage while playing every inning.

"I've got nothing bad to say about this kid," said head coach Jon Hatton. "I'm looking forward to the next two years."

Steve Buglione, Milford
The senior led the Mavericks in the most important categories in both pitching and hitting. He led with a .438 average, three triples, nine home runs, 45 runs, 26 RBI and a .565 on base percentage.

On the mound, he led in innings pitched with 73.3 with



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Mustang David Uberti pitches to the Spartans of Livonia Stevenson.

a 2.66 ERA and 76 strikeouts with 44 walks.

Aaron Saarella, Lakeland

The senior was known as starter 1-B by coach Miller. The lefty finished 7-1 with a 3.08 ERA. In 50 innings pitched, he struck out 64 and walked 24. Saarella also hit for a .410 average and was third in RBI with 27.

"He's just a winner," said Miller. "He's right there with Ricky in career wins. Those guys made their living against the top teams. He's got a lot of movement on his fastball."

Saarella will continue his career at Madonna.

Donny Holland, Lakeland

The senior catcher knew how to get on base and create havoc for the opposition. He led the Eagles with 50 runs and 24 walks while hitting at a .434 clip. He was also a steady rock behind the plate.

"Defensively he's as good of a catcher as we've had," said Miller. "He was voted team MVP by the players. We're going to miss his leadership."

Holland will also continue his career at Madonna.

SECOND TEAM

Garrett Reichle, Lakeland
Reichle was another large part of the Eagle offense, knocking in a team high 44 RBI and hitting for a .413 average. Fifteen of his 42 hits went for extra bases.

Tyler Judnik, South Lyon East

The sophomore catcher hit .300 and led the team in RBI.

Ryan Finneran, South Lyon

The Lion sophomore started every game, hitting .348 with three home runs and also went 4-3 with four complete games in seven starts.

George Wellmer, South Lyon
The senior was the ace of the Lion staff, compiling 36 strikeouts in as many innings.

He also hit .360 and played second base and centerfield.

Jake Walker, Novi

Walker was injured for the Wildcats and would've been a top pitcher but still found time to produce a .440 average in 56 at bats. Of his 24 hits, 10 were doubles and four were

triples with one home run.

Masaru Nagomi, Novi

The junior batted leadoff and played centerfield for the Cats. He batted .370 and scored 38 runs thanks in part to 26 walks and 16 stolen bases. He committed no errors.

Corey Smith, CC junior

The junior Shamrock earned the starting position in right and kept it with a .369 average with 14 RBI and 14 runs scored.

Kevin Fisher, Northville

The Mustang senior went a perfect 7-0 with a 1.94 ERA. He struck out 41 in 47 innings with just six walks allowed. He had six complete games and three shutouts in his seven starts.

Kyle Breault, Northville

Speed to burn was the senior's claim to fame, swiping a team high 40 bases and 53 runs scored. He also hit for a .410 average with a team-high 10 triples.

Dan Mills, Northville

The junior provided another dangerous option in the potent Mustang offense with a .463 average. He scored 27 runs and plated 31 more.

Luke Johnson, Milford

Johnson led the Mavericks with 28 singles, finishing with a .347 average. He scored 20 runs and knocked in 24 more.

Bryar Miller, Milford

The junior was second on the Mavericks in average at .357 and in total hits with 40. Miller led with 14 doubles. He also recorded a 3.83 ERA in 15.7 innings pitched.

HONORABLE MENTION

Receiving Honorable

Mention are Steve Kopek and Pat Powers from South Lyon East; Justin Butler and Max Kondrath from South Lyon; Adam Paulk from Novi; John Rose, John Jakubik, Brett Gossett, Gordy Hao and Jack Nelson from Catholic Central; Anthony Sergi from Northville; and Tom Cazabon, Tyler Emme and Ryan Courtney from Milford.

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GOLF

FROM PAGE B1

Coaches Division 1 All-State Honorable Mention honors.

Kyle Gordon, South Lyon

The Lion senior finished his high school career being voted team MVP for the second year in a row. He led the team in scoring nine times, averaging 79.2 in seven tournaments. He qualified for regionals before missing by one stroke in making the State finals with a 73. He posted a 4.0 GPA all four

years in high school.

SECOND TEAM

Brendan Pigott, Milford
Pigott highlighted his season with a 71 at regionals to qualify for the State finals.

He also tied for fifth at the Oakland County Tournament, and averaged a 77.4 for 18 holes. He shot a 161 (80-81) at the Division 1 State finals.

Bryan Hawkins, South Lyon East

The Cougar sophomore qualified out of regional play to the Division 2 State finals. He shot a 177 (86-91) at the finals.

Travis Lynch, Lakeland

The senior averaged 39.0 in dual meets and earned All-KLAA honors.

Jayson Cronk, Lakeland

The senior earned All-KLAA honors and averaged 39.7 in dual meets.

Joe Szmazdzinski, Catholic Central

Szmazdzinski was another force for the Shamrocks throughout the season. He shot a 159 (81-78) at the State finals.

Steve Brown, Northville

Brown fired a pair of 80s for a 160 for the fifth-placed Mustangs at the State finals.

HONORABLE MENTION

Receiving Honorable

Mention are Jordan Blazny from Lakeland, Eric Goebel from Northville, Novi's Brent Womack and Nick Hansen and Catholic Central's Mike Panek and Conner Street.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, July 15, 2009, at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The ZBA will consider variance requests for Galilean Baptist Church, 42290 Five Mile Road (ground sign variance) and a resident at 47256 Curtis Road (fence variance). Written comments regarding these requests will be received by the ZBA at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M.

Paul Statin, Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals

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Strictly Business

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

Alexander's stays local, tailor-made for Northville

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

We provide a relaxed, comfortable atmosphere for our clients to shop for their custom suits, shirts and golf shoes. Tailoring is available for men and women (outside tailoring welcome). We have ready-made suits, shirts and ties available along with a selection of casual men's clothing.

How did you first decide to open your business?

I won't say anything goofy like tailoring is in my blood, but I just knew I had to do custom work. I liked the dying trade of custom work and felt that it needed to be kept alive. I love doing custom work, and I have wonderful clients that love it too.

Why did you choose Northville?

I chose Northville for its small town feel. It is a great community and the people here have been wonderful to me.

What makes your business unique?

I do. I am a very driven and love what I do.

DETAILS

Business Name: Alexander's Custom Clothier of Northville
Address: 124 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167
Your Name/Title: Alexander Hamka
Business Opened When: 2005
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How has it changed since you opened?

I have learned to change with my business as it has evolved and become a much sharper business person. I have been able to anticipate my customer's likes and dislikes by tracking their purchases.

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

When I first opened I would get about 30 calls a day from people wanting to make a

reservation at J. Alexander's. Thankfully it stopped about a month later!

How has the recent economy affected your business?

The economy has affected my business in subtle ways. Some of my customers have moved out of state. I used to see them at least once a month, so this has affected our ordering. I tend to ship more goods to my customers and I travel more to see them. I have been doing well and have not seen a major decline in any service I provide.



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Alexander Hamka of Northville's Alexander's is now offering a line of custom-made golf shoes at his West Main Street men's clothing shop.

Any advice for business owners?

Keep it local. If you help out those around you and concentrate on your customer service you will do well. Giving back to your community is one of the best

things you can do for your business; everyone wins. What's in store for the future of your business?

I have a few new things up my sleeve, like the launch of my new custom golf shoes.

These shoes will be snapped up. They are custom designed by the customer and made to order. Come by and check them out. You won't believe they are custom for the price.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

4th Annual Grub Crawl

The fourth 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. Contact: Northville Chamber of Commerce at (248) 349-7640 for more information.

Hiller's, celebrities partner against autism

Most months, shoppers can donate a dollar at the cash register in the seven Hiller's Markets grocery stores, including Northville's on Center Street, toward a local cause. In July and August, they'll be able to support the local chapter of Celebrities Against Autism, which offers practical support and guidance to Michigan families.

"Albert Einstein said that 'the value of a man resides in what he gives.' A strong man, a good man, is one who uses his power and reach to help others," says Jim Hiller, CEO of Hiller's

Markets, Southeast Michigan's oldest local grocery chain.

Celebrities Against Autism is a Michigan spin-off of the national effort launched by celebrities Jenny McCarthy and Jim Carrey. Its goal is to raise money to help families obtain the treatments and protocols they need to help autistic individuals function at the highest level possible. Autism, which affects 1 in 150 children, is a complex neurological disorder that impact development of social and communication skills.

Puzzle Pieces can be purchased at any Hiller's checkout for \$1 during the months of July and August. All monies go toward Celebrities Against Autism.

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.

JULY 2009

9: Pre-Business Research Workshop (a.m.)
 15: Marketing Your Business
 16: How To Start a Business Workshop (a.m.)
 21: Legal & Financial Basics
 22: Listening to Your Business
 23: How To Write a Business Plan Workshop (a.m.)
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(a.m.) Morning Class 9 a.m. to noon/12:30 p.m.
 (p.m.) Evening Class 6-9/9:30 p.m.
 The Web site address for Oakland County Planning & Economic Development Services Workshops is www.oakgov.com/peds/calendar.

CHAMBER CHAT

Northville Chamber Golf Outing

The Northville Chamber of Commerce would like to thank all the individuals and businesses that donated toward our annual golf outing, June 10, at Northville Hills Golf Course.

We also would like to thank our 2009 Golf Outing Committee: Chris Kyko of Monroe Bank and Trust, Boni Trush of Final Destinations, Linda Sheppard of Envoy Coaching, Christa Williams of Christa Shops for You, and Laura Eliason of Genworth Financial Long Term Care Insurance.

Thank you to all of you for helping make our outing a success.

Northville Grub Crawl

Indulge in Northville's unique collection of restaurants as you sample their signature specialties during the fifth annual Grub Crawl from 6-10 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28. Twelve restaurants are offering free samples of appetizers and entrée items along with cash bar specials for our "Crawlers." Crawlers can use free shuttle transportation to each restaurant or "crawl" on their own.

2009 Participating restaurants are Brann's Steakhouse & Grill, Claddagh Irish Pub, Deadwood Bar and Grill, Five Restaurant, Gaucho Brazilian Steakhouse, Genitti's, Little Italy Ristorante, Northville Sports Den, Poole's Tavern, Rusty Bucket Corner Tavern,

The Turning Point Grill, and Wine Sync/Red Pepper Deli.

There will be free shuttle transportation, courtesy of Millennium Limousines, and a grand prize drawing for a barbecue gas grill, Courtesy of Home Depot.

Tickets are \$30 (must be 21 or over) and are now available at Gardenviews, Good Time Party Store or the Northville Chamber of Commerce. Hurry! This event is typically a sell out.

The Northville Grub Crawl is proudly sponsored by Gardenviews, Good Time Party Store, Home Depot, Northville Record, Remerica Hometown One—Patti Mullen & Associates, Residential Design Consulting.

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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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industry. This is where the entire truck is the vacuum and the truck motor powers the equipment. It's the size of an ambulance and when engaged twelve large air bags will come out of the roof. What makes the difference in equipment? Power! To put things into perspective, your furnace moves 2,000 CFM's (cubic feet of air per minute), basically what you feel coming out of your register. Truck-mounted equipment only moves 4,000 CFM's.

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Eire Coloring

ACROSS

1 Pair of
"A Clock-
work
Orange"

6 Fog

11 Injurious

14 Hoover or
Aswan

17 Mrs.
Marcos

19 "Dreaming
of You"
singer

20 Actress
MacGraw

21 Significant
creation

22 Jim Henson

24 Unexpected
success

26 Chemical
ending

27 — gras

28 When Sate
swifter

30 Street talk

31 Ballyhoo

32 Salad
veggie

36 Zoo

37 — Don't
Preach!
(86 hit)

40 Part of
Q.E.D.

41 Fancy fabric

43 Clint
Eastwood
movie

49 AAA
handout

52 Sault —
Marie, MI

53 To boot

54 "— Angel"
(33 film)

55 Lund Lugosi

56 Gumshoe

57 Strained

58 Hogan's
home

61 Asian
capital

62 Ormeroy
Olympian

64 Gangster's
gun

65 "Rama —
Ding Dong"
(61 tune)

66 "Emma"
author

67 Self-
possessed

72 Hutton or
Towers

75 Patriot
James

76 Chum

77 Length x
width

81 "Lou Grant"
star

82 PC key

84 Constel-
lation

86 East ender?

87 Cathy
remark?

88 "Jumbo" set

89 Beige

90 Crono

91 Candy
quantity

92 Hugh
Masekela

98 Speculation

100 Soccer
great

101 Help a hood

102 Lustrous

103 Ornamental
shrub

105 Sleep in the
woods

108 Roused

109 Charge

110 Fountain
order

111 Medical
grp.

114 United

116 John D.
MacDonald's
book of this
puzzle's
theme

122 Bother

123 Presidential
nickname

124 Singer

125 Mouse or
moose

126 King's
hand

127 Crow's
comment

128 It may be
eaten or
drunk

129 Ulize

DOWN

2 So be it

3 Richard of
"First
Knight"

4 Common
street name

5 Uplift

6 Victory
sign

7 TV ET

8 By means
of

9 Yoko —
(69 song)

10 Blows one's
stack

11 Military
center

12 Dryden's "—
for Love"

13 Some
engines

14 Bureau

15 Fight site

16 Actress
Helgen-
berger

18 Perched on

19 Hagga'd
heroine

23 Band

25 Czech river

29 Houston or
Ritter

31 Contains

32 Auto
acronym

33 Pound
sound

34 June
honoree

35 Japanese
statesman

36 Nil

37 It's tossed
with sauce

38 Behind

39 Cake
helping

42 Chinese
principle

44 Make lace

45 Pub

46 Ordinary
vessel

47 "Whole
— Love"
(69 song)

48 New Hamp-
shire's state
flower

50 — vera

51 Ache

55 Iraqi city

58 Blackboard

59 Unspoken

60 Cause a
chuckle

61 Color

63 It needs to
be threaded

66 Loud

68 — the ram-
parts

69 Maestro

70 In a slow

71 Fire wood?

72 It becomes
saw?

73 Lost

74 Noncon-
formist

78 Change
for the
better

79 Rub out

80 Dread

82 TV's "—
John"

83 Organic
catalyst

85 Carpet

88 FootbaTs

92 Non-
proprietary
network

93 "All Things
Considered"

94 Procure

95 Under the
weather

96 Born

97 Chat

99 Walk in the
woods

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one

104 It makes ryo
high

105 Pigeon
English?

106 — Romeo
— cum
laude

108 Way over
yonder

109 Soared

110 — Guevara

111 Rope fiber

112 It should be
square

113 Enya's "—
Time"

115 Alias initials

117 Mr. Ziegfeld

118 Where
goats
gambol

119 Patches

120 Cpl.'s
superior

121 Tear

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TIC	OSAKA	BASS	DINER
ODOR	PERIL	CLAN	ADELA
MYWIFE	ANDI	ETHEL	SAMIR
SLAVE	LODGE	OVER	ROB
RARE	MAD	WORDS	BUTTI
BADLANDS	TREE	SALE	
OB1	LOOT	AIDS	ARIAS
BUCK	SMALLER	PROPERLY	
TIEM	ONEAL	CJR	TOON
REIA	ACED	AMIS	NINE
DYNAMO	NEVER	POPEYE	
RAE	DIGGS	SAFE	NIX
ALAR	ORA	TOADS	TARP
MAIDONE	TEEPES	MELT	
PIINOT	EDO	LATIC	SUE
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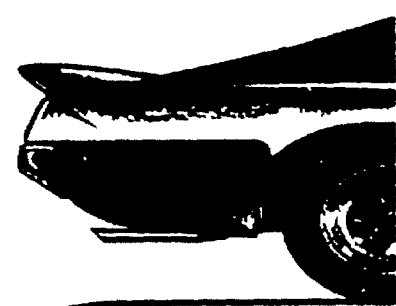
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