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## C ATTERNET ALTERNATION RECORD SK8 Park

The Northville SK8 Park is open from 2-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday on the tennis courts of Hillside Middle School (8 Mile



and Center Street). Daily pass is \$5; season pass \$50 (includes access to skate park,

tennis, inline hockey and bas-

Helmets are required for skate park use. T-shirts are available

## **Protect Future**

In addition to several private neighborhood discussions regarding the bond proposal for Northville Township's purchase of the former state psychiatric hospital property from developer REIS, there will be two public meetings:

\* A fundraiser for the Protect Our Future organization from 5-7 p.m. on Monday at the Northville Sports Den, Northville Square, 133 W. Main Street;

\$25 per person (pizza and salad); cash bar.

\* An informational meeting at Northville Township Hall (Six Mile and Sheldon roads) at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14. Mark Abbo will moderate and township officials will explain the ballot proposal and answer questions.

## School staffing cut for 2009-10

## Cuts equal over \$800,000; board approves other reductions

#### **BY NATHAN MENGIAN** CORRESPONDENT

Northville public schools staff and services for the coming school year have been cut, as the state's weakening economy continues punishing school districts statewide.

The dire economic situation in our state is causing heavy revenue shortfalls in the state budget including the School Aid Fund, which Michigan

cent of the annual funding," said Dr. Leonard Rezmierski, Northville superintendent. According to Joan Wadsworth, school board treasurer, staff expenses

public schools rely on for 90 per-

make up 85 percent of the district's budget. To save over a million dollars, we had to make cuts in staff and these are significant cuts. We will not have full-time media specialists at the

middle schools and high school. One full-time media specialist with assistants will oversee all three secondary schools," she said.

We'll eliminate one social work position and all three of the permanent substitute teachers at the middle schools and high school. We have cut five elementary teaching positions and one middle school position. We have cut support staff positions and cut costs for custodial and maintenance staff by reducing substitutes and overtime."

The combined amount of these reductions is over \$800,000. An additional \$55,000 in reductions is in school bus services.

Additional areas of cost reduction include:

 voluntary pay freezes for all Central Office administrators for the upcoming school year

 reducing transportation costs by limiting bus transportation for middle school away events to one bus per event; this will impact no-cut sports at the middle school level including swimming, and track and field

 reducing contracted services for athletic field maintenance

 reducing mailing costs and other office expenses across the district John Street, the district's director

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ketball). The park is supervised. for purchase for \$15.

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"Sicko"

Is universal health care right for America? Join the Northville Democratic Club for an open free screening and discussion of the film



Moore at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 21 at the Northville Sports Den in the Northville Square

Building, 133 W. Main Street. There will be a cash bar, pizza and salad buffet (donations welcome).

#### PHOTO BY PAM FLEM NG/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Thousands lined the streets of Northville July 4 to watch the Northville Community Parade. The winning entry in the "Show Your Red, White and Blue" category was from the First United Methodist Church, pictured in the background. The Northville Community Foundation hosted the event, which had more than 120 entries.

## Fourth of July parade winners announced

### Our Lady of Victory takes best float prize

The 2009 Northville Community Parade on July 4 attracted a great crowd, with the weather cooperating to produce the excellent turnout.

top entries in five different categories from more than 120 entries.

In the \*Show Your Red, White and Blue" category, the First United Methodist Church won the top prize. Second place went to St. Mary Mercy Hospital, with third place going to the Northville High School Cheerleaders.

In the Bands category, the Plymouth Fife and Drum entry got the top spot, followed by the Northville High School A panel of five judges selected the Band in second place and the

Lakeshoreman Drum & Bugle Corps in third place.

In the Floats category, Our Lady of Victory was chosen as having the Best Float. The Most Creative Float award went to Ward Evangelical Church. The Best-Themed Float went to Emeral City Designs, and the Best Musical Float also went to Ward Church.

In the Crowd Pleaser category, the Shawn Riley Band entry was the winner. Second place went to the PNA Centennial Dancers, and

third place went to Dr. William Demray's "Sugar Bugs," which were Volkswegen Beetles with various tecch-related themes.

In the Vehicles category, Tom and Deb Moga's Vintage Model T Ford won the Most Nostalgic prize. Doug Guthrie's Monkeemobile, a tribute to the 1960s pop group The Monkees, won Crowd Pleaser, and James Thomson's Limo won the Best Paint Job designation.

The parade was hosted by the Northville Community Foundation.

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## **Cascades board favors** property purchase plan

Group says pluses outweigh plan's minuses **BY PAN FLEMING** STAFF WRITER

Members of the Cascades of Northville Homeowners Association Board recently issued a statement supporting the township's purchase of 232 acres of the former state psychiatric hospital property on Seven Mile Road. The statement was presented at the board of directors' regularly scheduled

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TOWN HALL MEETING The Cascades board has e-mailed the township's **Frequently Asked Questions** information to its residents and urges all interested township residents to attend the township's upcoming Town Hall Meeting on the issue at 7 p.m. next Tuesday at township hall, southwest corner of Six Mile and Sheldon roads, to prepare to vote on the Aug. 4 ballot proposal. Laurie Marrs of Citizens for Northville will

serve as moderator.

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## Idea helps unemployed auto workers

Create MichiCAN and Don't Mess with the Mitten T-shirts

Lisa Burnia and Northville resident Terri O'Brien, two women who grew up in Southfield, sat at their desks in a small marketing firm a few months ago, crying as they watched the auto bailout fiasco unfolding on the news. As the automotive leaders begged for help from Congress in D.C., they knew that the outcome would either save the jobs and livelihood of their friends, family, and neighbors or not. Elected representatives from across the country held their husbands, sisters, cousins, and neighbors lives in their hands. What would become of the state that these ladies called home?

A few days later, Mitch Albom said it all in the article he wrote for Sports Illustrated Magazine, and the two friends decided to put their thoughts on paper. They wanted to express how they felt about the state they grew up in and knew that no matter what, Michiganders would survive this incredible one-two punch.

Lisa and Terri met with Scott Pryor from Pryor Design www.pryordesigns. com in Ann Arbor and told him about their ideas. Scott and his creative team decided to donate their creative design services to help with the vision of the thoughts and ideas that the ladies created. Don't Mess with the Mitten and MichiCAN were born. The concepts are now being produced on T-shirts and will be available online at www.yesmichican. com and also at some local retailers, like Dancing Eye Gallery in downtown Northville, in the Detroit area. The shirts will also be available at Plymouth's Art in the Park July 10-12 in Downtown Plymouth.

"We will be donating a percentage of the sales of the T-shirts back to help unemployed Michigan residents," said O'Brien, a member of the Board of Directors for Schoolcraft College Foundation. "The funds will be used to support local charities that help unemployed auto workers with food, shelter and college fees. There are good things going on in Michigan and we want to be part of the positive energy in our state."

The friends feel it is important to not only promote their great state of Michigan but they also wanted to find a way to help their family and friends.

"Maybe MichiCAN will mean I support Michigan businesses, or I can





volunteer at the soup kitchen, or I can go back to school," said Burnia. "We wanted to be the first to say I Can help and we decided that our idea could help some of the laid off workers get a fresh start and stay right here in Michigan." The T-shirts were bought from

Broder Bros. in Plymouth and the screen printing was done at The Identity Source in Livonia.

Donations of the sales of the shirts will be given to Bridgepointe, Schoolcraft Foundation and Gleaners.

#### **MORE INFO**



Terri O'Brien

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## School bus stops being eliminated

### New policy starts this fall

#### BY NATHAN MENOIAN CORRESPONDENT

Budget cutbacks in the Northville school district will be affecting the transportation program for the upcoming school year of 2009-10.

The new policy only allows elementary students beyond one-mile and secondary students beyond one-and-a-halfmiles from their school to receive bus service.

"It's going to cause a ruck-us," said John Bojanowski, traffic coordinator for the district.

"We've always tried to be as helpful as we could in providing transportation for as many students as possible. But now we are strictly following the state's guidelines on how we measure distances to and from a school."

He added that those affected by the new policy would have to plan additional time to drive their children to and from school, or organize car pools.

The school board was looking for cuts totaling \$100,000 in the transportation budget, but Bojanowski said that it would end up only being half that amount.

Of the 2,000 bus stops for Northville schools, Bojanowski couldn't determine just yet how many stops would be eliminated.

"We're in the process right now of re-measuring by using a global positioning system (GPS), which is accurate up to three feet," he said. "The measurement will go from the

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of business and finance, said ' that since 1994, all state school districts have relied upon the state for most of their funding.

thoroughfare of the very center of the road that the school is on, to where the driveway of the center of the residence intersects with the road."

According to Dave Bolitho, assistant superintendent of the district, bus stops will not automatically be placed at the new distances. The stops will be established where the first eligible rider resides at or beyond those distances.

Eligibility postcards will be sent out via U.S. mail two weeks before school starts this fall.

Students will be required to show those postcards to the driver before boarding the bus for the first time when school begins.

Neighboring districts **Plymouth-Canton and Novi** are not experiencing bus route or bus stop cutbacks because they have already been more closely monitoring their distances. In past school years, Northville has been allowing some students to ride buses who technically were ineligible.

Bojanowski said that no special needs stops will be affected for the upcoming school year.

Northville has 52 drivers; four substitute drivers; and three mechanics for the 47 buses that comprise the district fleet.

Along with the new distance policy, other factors contributing to the decrease or moving of bus stops are safety issues including: lack of sidewalks, lighting, and persons registered as convicted sex offenders having moved into the area.

Nathan Menoian is a freelance writer living in Milford.

\$770,000 for the new school year."

Expecting \$8,400 state money per pupil, Street said that they now would receive !! only \$8,100. The only way they are able to keep close to their budget is with the federal stimulus money Michigan has received. From that, \$300 per pupil would be given to

"We're still looking at other areas, and not resting in our budget concerns," he said. "There are some areas for small revenue increases, from

#### **NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY BRIEFS**

#### **Consolidation Day**

Peace, Love & Planet, a Northville nonprofit, promotes environmental education and sustainability in our community. This spring the group launched a recycle initiative to recover garden plastic containers and trays, not recycled curbside, that would have otherwise been disposed into a landfill. Collection sights are at the Northville Farmers Market, Begonia Brothers, Phymouth Nursery, Steinkoph Nursery and Brainers Garden Center.

On Saturday, July 11, the group is hosting a consolidation day at Christensen's Plant Center at 6282 Gotfredsen Rd. (just south on N. Territorial on west side of street.) Volunteers are needed to help sort and stack plastic from 9-11 a.m. The community is also welcome to drop off or collect plastic, whatever meets their needs.

Bring gloves. Drinks and snacks provided. Email Gina at plp\_gina@me.com with any questions.

#### Pond and Water **Garden Tour**

Michigan Koj and Pond Club presents Northville Pond and Water Garden Tour from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday, featuring eight beautiful homes in the Northville area.

Tickets can be purchased the day of the tour at Northville Community Senior Center located at 303 W Main Street in downtown Northville (adjacent to Northville Fire Dept.). For further information, visit www. mkpc-se.com or contact Bruce Modetz at (734) 673-4868 or (734) 425-7490.

#### **Multi-generation** concert to benefit Northville Civic Concern

On Thursday, July 30, community vocalists, organ, and chamber orchestra will assemble to present the Fauré Requiem in a concert benefitting Northville Civic Concern at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary of Northville First United Methodist Church on 8 Mile at Taft Road. ٠.

The Northville Summer Chorale, comprised of 35 youth,

adults and seniors from the area. was initially conceived as a way for parents to sing in a public performance with their young adult children. The beautiful and beloved Requiem by Gabriel Fauré was chosen as a classical, uplifting piece that could display the talent of singers from the Novi and Northville School Districts. The idea quickly grew to include a chamber orchestra, organ accompaniment, husbands and wives, parents and kids, and ages ranging from 16-83.

Northville Civic Concern provides food and assistance to over 380 people in our immediate area. With the need for assistance greater than ever, the Summer Chorale is dedicating their concert to benefit Northville Civic Concern and asks the community to turn out on Thursday evening, July 30 to help support this important assistance program. Professional musicians in the group are donating their time, Northville First United Methodist Church is donating rehearsal and performance space, and the com-munity is asked for a free-will donation of cash or non-perishable goods. All proceeds from the concert will go directly to Northville Civic Concern.

#### E-Newsletter

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

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

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

\* Tuesday, July 14, 10 a.m. at Community Senior Center (1 mile) \* Wednesday, July 22, 7 p.m. at Northville Town Square (2 miles) \* Saturday, July 25, 8 a.m. at

Recreation Center at Hillside (3



#### Helping out

Jim Bone helps out Mill Race Village's "Stone Gang" on a recent Tuesday morning by prepping some of the informational signs in the village for re-painting.

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\* Wednesday, July 29, 7 p.m. at Community Senior Center (1.5 miles); drawing for winner of the Labor Day Mackinac Bridge Walk will be held immediately following this walk.

Contact Joanna Harris, Special Events coordinator for more information at (248) 349-0203 Ex: 1411 or JHarris@cinorthville. mius

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going camping. Come join the annual family campout experience at Maybury State Park. Scheduled activities include hiking, fishing, crafts, campfire, sing along, smores. Based at the park's day camp building (use Beck Road entrance). Campsite set up can begin at noon.

Registration fee (each camp) is \$25 per family of 4; \$3 each additional person. Includes campsite, activities, continental breakfast. Pre-registration is required at the Parks and Recreation Department. State park entrance requires

a daily or annual DNR motor

vehicle permit. Campouts are scheduled for

July 11-12 and August 15-16.

#### Summer Nature Camp at Maybury State Park

Calling all nature lovers: Parks and Recreation has teamed up with Maybury State Park to present an awesome day camp experience for children ages 6-12. Spend each day in the beautiful Maybury State Park environment learning and celebrating cool facts about nature. Activities include hiking, games,

crafts, theme related projects and making a lot of new friends. When two or more campers from the same family register, the second child in the family gets a discounted rate. One week fee is \$135 for residents; second or more child is \$105.

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The Summer Nature Camp is a State of Michigan Licensed Day Camp and is held 9-4 p.m. Camp dates and themes are: \* July 6-10 Water (fishing,

wetlands)

\* July 13-17 Insects (butterflies & insect scavenger hunt) \* July 20-24 Reptiles &

Amphibians (frogs, turtles)

\* July 27-31 Earth (constella-

tions, weather, going green) \* August 3-7 Birds: (birds of prey)

August 10-14 Maybury Buffet (a bit of everything)

#### Safety Town

City and township police and fire officers participate in teaching safety lessons important for children to learn before they enter kindergarten at the community-based program modeled after the National Safety Town program. Instruction includes games, crafts, videos and practice on the Northville "Safety Town".

Classes held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Monday through Thursday for two weeks (July 13-23; July 27-August 6 and August 10-20). Morning and afternoon sessions are available. Resident fee is \$95; pre-registration is required.

#### The Ins and Outs of Roundabouts

An informative workshop to learn how to safely and comfort-ably navigate Michigan's traffic calming devices, known as roundabouts, will be held at I p.m. on Wednesday, July 29 at the Community Senior Center. The presentation will include a video and handouts. Pre-registration is required by July 27 for this free event.

#### First City of the **Old Northwest**

A one hour presentation from Joe Stone of the Detroit Historical Society about City of Detroit history will be held at 1

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### LOCAL NEWS

#### NORTHVILLE ANNIVERSARY



#### The Mitchells

Richard and Joyce (Alkire) Mitchell of Anaheim, Calif. will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on July 31. They were married in Northville in 1959. Richard is a 1957 Northville High School graduate and was a trustee on the Northville Township Board for many years. He retired from McDonnell Douglas 14 years ago. Joyce is a 1959 Northville High School graduate, wife, mother and grandmother. Both enjoy traveling and spending time with their four grandchildren.

Their children are Carrie Mitchell of Corona, Calif., and Monte and Christna Mitchell of Anaheim.



JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Kids in the audience react to magician and comedian Gordon Russ's humor as he teaches them a bit about the State of Michigan during a fun, interactive assembly at the Northville District Library.



That's funny

## Turning 65?



## How do you find the Medicare coverage that's right for you?

Join one of HAP's free workshops to better understand which Medicare plan meets your specific needs. We will be discussing Medicare Supplement, Medicare Part D, Medicare PPO and Medicare HMO. Workshops are for Medicare-eligible individuals who do not have benefits paid for by a former employer and who pay for their own health care coverage.

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p.m. on Wednesday, July 15 at the Community Senior Center. The fee is \$5; pre-registration is required.

#### **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.

on the first Monday of each month from 10-11 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 email to MarcCorriveau@house. mi.gov.

#### Good Grief golf outing for New Hope

On Saturday, Sept. 12, the 11th Annual "Good Grief" Golf Outing will be held at Tanglewood Golf Club in S Lyon with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. The proceeds from this outing will benefit New Hope Center for Grief Support, a bereavement outreach center located in Northville. New Hope provides free grief support services and resources to men, women, teens, and children throughout southeastern Michigan. The cost for this four-person scramble, which includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch, dinner, contests, and prizes, is \$125 per golfer. Dinner only is \$35 per person. Channel 4 meteorologist, Eric Braate, will be special guest and emcee. For information, contact Pattie Bingham at (248) 348-0115 and visit www.newhopecenter.net.



## **Novi** Wednesday, July 15, 2009

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## **Appraisal outlines region's woes**

#### BY PAM FLEMING STAFF WRITER

Appraisers on the former Northville Regional

Psychiatric Hospital property paint a gloomy pic-ture for the local economy in their recent report. The firm of Allen & Associates Appraisal Group Inc. produced a lengthy report on May 5 on its appraisal of \$30 million for the 232.5 acres that Northville Township has the option to purchase

from developer REIS. REIS, a partnership between Real Estate Interests Group and Schostak Brothers & Company, has agreed to donate 100 acres to the township.

The prospective date of value on the property "as is" is Aug. 1.

The former hospital property is located at 41001 Seven Mile between Haggerty and Northville roads.

The report mentions that a brownfield tax credit in the amount of \$15-\$17 million must be approved by Northville Township, as stated in the July 2008 consent judgment. This credit is expected to be sufficient to cover all demolition and cleanup costs.

The appraisal said support for this number is from a demolition/remediation bid of \$12 million by Homrich Co. in 2006.

#### **ECONOMIC OUTLOOK**

Representatives of the Michigan Labor Information Department were interviewed for the study, which stated that the outlook for Southeast Michigan is currently in crisis. As the automotive industry continues to shift in size and clout, an aging population and a changing workforce due to downsizing affect the demographics of the area, according to the Allen appraisal report.

In fact, the pace of annual employment growth was -1.4 percent from 1999 to 2004 and -2.5 percent from 2004-2009, the report said.

The Michigan Labor Information Department

has developed two different scenarios of the economic outlook up to 2035, and neither looks particular promising, the report said, unless more education is provided to compensate for the changing auto industry.

"Major employment growth in any industry is not anticipated," the report said. However, industries expected to have the fastest-growing sectors up to 2014 are professional and business services, education and health services, leisure and hospitality.

"Manufacturing, once the keystone of employment for blue-collar workers, is not as viable an option as it once was," the report states.

#### **POPULATION GROWTH**

The report also said that the region's population growth is stagnant, with a projected growth of only 19 percent per year. Single-family housing building permits also decreased from 17,399 in 2004 to 1,621 in 2008, according to the report.

The outlook for 2009 is for continuing job losses, increasing unemployment, further declines in the auto industry, weak retail growth and further declines in residential development, according to recent predictions by University of Michigan economists as of Nov. 21, 2008," the report said.

#### **DEAL ON THE TABLE**

If Northville Township voters approve a bond proposal in the Aug. 4 primary election to purchase the property, which is only a portion of the 414-acre site, REIS would retain 68 acres of commercial land, not including rights of way areas.

The pending sale price is effectively \$30 million, which includes \$23.5 million in cash plus an additional \$6.5 million in the form of waiving an outstanding land contract with the State of Michigan.

"Based on the analyses presented in this report, we have determined the pending sale price to be representative of market value," the report said.

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## CASCADES

meeting June 23 at which Mark Abbo, township supervisor, and Mindy Herrmann, trustee, participated in a thorough discussion of the township's proposal to purchase the acreage from developer REIS.

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

"The Cascades board, consisting of a business and real estate attorney, a developer, a civil engineer and other business and financial professionals, is wellpositioned to analyze the township's proposal," said Eric Lark, president, Cascades board. After township officials left the meeting, board members discussed the issue further, including whether to publicly

take a position on the matter. The members unanimously decided that the advantages of the township's proposed purchase of 232.5 acres of hospital property far outweigh the disadvantages, and the board favors the proposed purchase on the current terms

"The board supports the township's desire to secure this unique and beautiful property for the township's intended use as a park and nature area for the pteming@gamett.com | (248) 349-1700 ext 260

township's residents for generations to come," Lark said.

The Cascades board members said their support of the township's purchase of the hospital property should not be viewed as an endorsement by all residents of the Cascades community, as this issue has not been brought before them.

However, the board's resolution in support of the township's purchase does represent the members' belief that the purchase, when weighing all known pros and cons, is in the best interest of the Cascades residents and more broadly, the township's residents.

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#### On the nose

Magician Gordon Russ gets a smile from helper Kaitlin Berry, 4, after he pinches a balloon "turtle" to her nose during his recent presentation at the Northville District Library.



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EDUCATION

#### **NORTHVILLE ON CAMPUS**

#### Saint Mary's College

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Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Ind., named the Northville students Jenna Hansen and Katherine Rashid to the Dean's List for the spring 2009 semester.

A student must achieve a grade point average of at least 3.4 on a 4.0 scale to earn academic honors.

#### Michigan State University

College of Law conferred juris doctor degrees during the spring 2009 commencement on May 15, at the Wharton Center for Performing Arts on the MSU campus, including Laura Tedesco of Northville.

The following Northville students were named to the Dean's List: Krista E. King, Samuel J. Marino, Daniel A. Pajor and Rahcel L. Sieloff.

The graduation list for spring semester includes the following Northville students: Chelsea Baldwin, Stacey Burger, Christina Castelli, Elizabeth Catalano, Kristin Delaney, Deidre Difazio, Kristyn Dinger, Meghan Fidge, Ka<sup>\*</sup>lin Foley, Katherine Garfield, Tracy Garfield, Allison Grant, Kelly Hardenbergh, Kelly Hay, Catherine Higgins, Justin Huyer, Adrienne Kay, Kevin Kay, Jeffrey Kemp, Amy Knoth, Justin Kolbow, Michael Konkel, Joanna Lee, Justin Lockwood, Jeffrey Mcparland, Stephanie Mize, Sergio Montefusco, Timothy Moore, Loretta Morman, Kate Odonnell, Daniel Pajor, Jeffrey Richards, Kenneth Schleh, Andrew Smith, Jacob Sutter, Justin Swanson, Gabrielle Yezbick and Jessica Toth.



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## Success celebration

Meads Mill Middle School students applaud their parents who have stopped by to see them be recognized at the year-end ceremony "Celebration of Success" recently. Students were honored for their participation in an success in the Science Olympiad, the National Knowledge Master Open, the America and Me essay contest, the Michigan Mathematics League Contest, the Meads Mill Reflections Program, the schools Lego Robotics Team, the 2009 National Geographic Bee and many, many others.



#### Medal winner

Old Village School student Maisha Rich, 15, is awarded a medal for her progress through the school year at an "Eagle Awards" assembly at the school recently. Rich's teacher Kathy McEvoy, is at left, and principal Art Fisher at right. Rich will be attending Cooke School in the fall, and Old Village likes to send off its students with commendations for their academic and social achievements.





### Getting a jump

#### FRANK J. BONGIOVANNI

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Age 87, a lifelong resident of Northville, passed away July 1, 2009. He was born January 2, 1922 to Frank and Mary (Scida) Bongiovanni. Frank, a graduate of Northville High School, proudly served his country with the Army Air Force during WWII as a Ball Turret Gunner on a B17. He was united in marriage to Esther Colby on July 10, 1943 and they spent almost 66 loving years together. Frank, who retired as a Foreman with Burroughs in Plymouth, was a member of the Northville VWF Post 4012. He truly loved his family and especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was an avid golfer and played with many leagues throughout his life. He also enjoyed watching horse racing Frank is survived by his loving wife Esther; his Danny children. (Patricia) Bongiovanni and Sandy (Bob) Feeley; siblings his sıblıngs Joe (Donna) Bongiovanni, Eugene (Mary) Bongiovannı, Angela McKnight, and Irene Bongiovanni, his sister-in-law Bessie Bongiovanni, his grandchildren Nicole (Greg) Antilia, Ryan (Emily) Bongiovanni, Kelly (Nathan) Hoard, and Rob Feeley; and his great grandchildren Paige, Max, Claire, Jack, Jaden, Trenton, and Kyra He was also loved by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends He was preceded in death by his parents, 3 sisters, and 2 brothers. A Memorial Service was held last Tuesday at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville. Military Honors for Frank were rendered Monday evening by the VFW Post 4012. Father Timothy Hogan officiated the service He will be laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Northville Crvic Concern, PO Box 323 Northville, MI 48167.

#### DONALD LEE

Age 80, passed away July 5, 2009, A Funeral Mass was held July 8, at St Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon, Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNER-AL HOME, South Lyon Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com



#### **CHARLES JOSEPH KRAMB**

Age 77, of Marietta, died Tuesday, June 30, 2009. The Funeral Mass will be held at 10 00 a m on Monday, July 6, 2009 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Marietta with the Rev John Walsh officiating The bur-ial will follow at Kennesaw Memonal Park Cemetery in Manetta with military honors. Mr. Kramb was born in Detroit, Michigan and lived in Marietta since 1983 He served in the US Army during the Korean Conflict as a Sergeant Mr. Kramb was owner operator of the Material Building Specialties in Marietta He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and a member since 1995 at St Joseph Catholic Church in Marietta. Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Josephine M Kramb of Marietta, four daughters, Anne Marie Ziem & husband, William of Milford, MI, Dr Margaret Mary Nichols & her husband, Ronnie of Macon; Barbara Anne Cantrell & husband, Alan of Manetta, Susan Mane Baxter & her husband, Timothy of Acworth; three sons, Philip J. Kramb & his wife, Kelly of Manetta; Paul C Kramb & his wife, Jeanie of Dacula, Patrick J Kramb & his wife. Jean of Canton, brother, James W Kramb of Milford, MI; 24 grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Contributions may be made in memory of Mr Kramb to the St Joseph Catholic Church Christian Children's Fund Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home & Crematory in Marietta was in charge of services www.mayeswarddobbins.com

**ROGER JAY MILLER** 

Age 59, passed away July 3, 2009. Roger was born on July 3, 1950 in Pontiac, to the late George and Bernice (Smith) Miller. Roger was a veteran of the U.S. Army where he served in the military police during Vietnam and earned Bronze and Silver Stars. Roger is survived by his beloved wife Deborah, children Roger J. Miller Jr., Teresa Miller, and Christina (Kent) Mcleod; grandchildren Alexandria Marie and Kent Matthew Mcleod Jr; and siblings Janet Sue Wieckowski and Ernest Frank Miller. A memorial service will be held at 10 00 am Saturday, July 18, 2009 at Oakland Baptist Church, 23893 Beck Rd. Novi, MI 48374. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home, 122 W Lake St, South Lyon Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

#### **TOMIE SMITH**

Age 62, died June 30, 2009. A funeral service was held on July 4, at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME In lieu of flowers' donations requested to the family of Tomie Smith c/o Erin Smith Donations may be made by calling 248-437-1616 or directly at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street, South Lyon, MI 48178 Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com



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Ropeworks' Rene Bibaud, far right, teaches some double-dutch jump roping skills to Winchester Elementary's Natalie Littleson and others during a day-long camp. Bibaud, a five-time world champion jump roper and teacher for the Cirque De Soleil, taught more than just jump roping skills, but also how students can properly motivate themselves to achieve in the classroom.







#### Goin' Green

Amerman Elementary School in Northville has been designated as a "Green School" by Wayne County and the State of Michigan for attaining energy-saving and environmentally sensitive benchmarks. The school attained at least 10 of the 20 criterla required for the designation. Wayne **County Executive Robert Ficano** and Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox (right) recently presented Amerman principal Steve Anderson with a certificate commemorating the SUBWITTED school's "Green" designation.







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## Ward Church expands discount groceries

## Ordering slated this weekend

Feeling the economic pinch at the grocery these days?

Hundreds of families struggling to make ends meet in these tough economic times are seeing significant savings on their grocery bills because of the Grace Groceries program run by Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville Township. This month, Grace

Groceries is expanding to serve more families who need to stretch their food

dollar.

After working with The Crossings Church in Farmington to participate in the national Angel Food Ministries discount groceries program, Ward started a first-of-its-kind local program in March with Hiller's Markets. Hiller's works with Grace Groceries to provide a set menu of foods monthly for \$30.

A new grocery list is developed each month by Renee Altwies, a Ward member who uses her culinary background to create recipes for five meals for a family of four with food left over for other uses.

Also this month, Grace Groceries added a second partner - Greenbriar Foods from Eastern Market in Detroit. Greenbriar offers unlimited quantities of four food staples at \$20 per prepackaged box. These include assorted meats for grilling; 10 pounds of chicken in a variety of preparations; a produce box stocked from Greenbriar's neighboring businesses in Eastern

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#### **STRETCH YOUR FOOD DOLLAR**

Grace Groceries can help no matter your income. For \$30 each month, Hiller's Markets provides food to make five meals for a family of four. Or, \$20 buys a box of food staples from Greenbriar Foods in Eastern Market. Interested? Order in person from noon-2 p.m. Saturday or from 9 a m-1 p.m. Sunday at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 West Six Mile Road, Northville. For more information, go to www.wardchurch. org or call the Grace Groceries info line at (248) 374-5912.

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DATE: Third Monday of month

DATE: Second Tuesday of every month

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TIME: 7.30 p.m.

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#### ETC.

Etc. includes Meetings; Senior Events; Library Lines; Parks & Rec; Volunteering: Support Groups; Clubs ยิ่ Groups; and Health Events. Please visit our Web site (hometownlife.com) to view the complete listing.

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

#### Meetings

#### **HORTHYTLLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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

CITY OF HORTHYILLE **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:8am. LOCATION. City Hall Meeting Room A. on lower level, 215 W. Main St CONTACT: downtownnorthville 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 **NORTHYTLLE 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** 

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#### LOCATION Northville Township Hall, 44405 Sxx Mile Road CONTACT. Sue Campbell (248) 344-1618 Senior Events **SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER** LOCATION: 303 W. Main St CONTACT: (248) 349-4140 Learn How to Wil TIME/DATE: 10 a m.-3 p m. Fridays, July 10, 17 and 24 DETAILS: Nintendo Willis a popular video game. Instruction will be provided to demonstrate bowling, tennis, boxing, golf and baseball Free - no registration required Canoe Trip TIME/DATE: 9 a m.-3 p m. Friday, July 24 DETAILS: Enjoy the Huron River by canoe. Registration fee of \$30 includes canoe rental, round trip transportation from Northville and pizza lunch. Pre-registration is required by July 21. 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 am : Walking Club Noon: Walking Club 1 p.m.: Movie Monday 8 a.m.: Walking Club 9.30 a.m.: Mah Jongg 10 a.m.: Beginning Line Dance; Oxycise 11 a.m.: Adv. Line Dance

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### Signing up

Owen Darnell, 8, joined by his brother Henry, 4, and mother Mary ponders a few facts as he signs up for the Northville District Library Youth Summer Reading Program recently. Kids enrolled in the program can read their way to lots of free goodies and there will be quite a few fun programs over the summer for kids of all ages. For more information on the reading program, call the library at (248) 349-3020.

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

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. Flickr Photo Sharing

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 14 **DETAILS:** Learn how to store and share your digital photos in this workshop featuring the photo sharing site Flickr. Call to register 248-349-3020.

Kids! Chautauqua Express Family Fun Concert TIME/DATE: 2 p m. Tuesday, July 14 DETAILS: A musical adventure for all ages! 100 free tickets available

at the Information Desk 10 minutes prior to program. Creative "Mosaics" Craft TIME/DATE: 11 a m. Thursday, July 16 DETAILS: All ages are invited to DETAILS: \$2 per person. drop in to make this fun craft. Open 40+ Basketball Between the Lines Adult Book Discussion TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Monday, July 13 DETAILS: Read "The Lace Reader" by Brunonia Barry and enjoy a lively discussion

LOCATION. Northville Township Hall, 44405 W. Six Mile Road **Group Fitness Classes** DETAILS: Classes include Yoga, Pilates Ball, Aerobics, Step, Kickboxing, Cycle and overall strength training. Class schedules are flexible and vary; monthly calendar available at Web site or call. Fees are \$8 for drop-ins or \$50 for an unlimited monthly resident pass. **Classes held at Hillside Recreation** Center or Senior Community Center. All fitness levels welcome to participate; certified instructors provide safe and fun workouts. **Open Adult Basketball** TIME/DATE: 6-9 p m. every Sunday LOCATION. Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St. DETAILS: \$3 per person. **Open Family Basketball** TIME/DATE: 4-6 p.m. every Sunday LOCATION. Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

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#### Wednesday; 6-8 p.m. every Saturday **LOCATION:** Recreation Center at Hillside DETAILS: \$4 per player. Call (248) 449-9947 for more information. Open Table Tennis TIME/DATE: Noon-4 p m. every Saturday LOCATION: Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road DETAILS: Eight tables available; all skill levels welcome; \$5 per player. Coed Adult 50+ Yolleybali TIME/DATE: 10 a m. noon every Monday, Wednesday and Friday DETAILS: \$1 per player. Bring your friends. All levels of play welcome, CONTACT: (248) 449-9947 for information.

#### **Golf Outings**

#### **NORTHVILLE MUSTANG BOOSTERS** CLUB, INC.

TIME/DATE: Registration begins at 10 a m , Saturday, Aug. 29; tee time 11 a m ; cocktails 4.30 p m ; dinner 5.30-7:30 p m. LOCATION: Fox Hills Golf Club

**DETAILS:** Golf scramble and dinner auction. Cost is \$100 per golfer for golf, lunch at the turn, dinner, open bar and auction. The cost is \$50 per person for dinner, open bar and auction. Mustang Spirit attire requested.

CONTACT: Sue Baldwin at sue@ baldwin-capital com

#### **NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP POLICE OFFICERS & COMMAND OFFICERS ASSOCIATION 9TH ANNUAL GOLF** OUTING

TIME/DATE: II a.m. lunch and registration; 1 p.m. shotgun start, July 27 LOCATION: Meadowbrook Country Club, 40941 W. Eight Mile Rd. **DETAILS:** Proceeds from the aolf outing to benefit the Police Benevolent Fund. Entries accepted on a first come, first served basis. CONTACT: 248-449-5198 Ask to speak to Kelly Pigeon, Golf Committee Chair Person.

#### Volunteering

#### **ARBOR HOSPICE**

DETAILS: Seeking compassionate, caring individuals to join our Yolunteer Team in support of patients and families by holding a hand, sharing a story, or creating a special moment. Take the first step in this life-affirming experience by contacting our Volunteer Coordinator.

CONTACT: (248) 348-4980 or mgrysko@arborhospice org.

Wednesday Friday LOCATION. Pecreation 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 Volleybali

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 north-

#### Parks & Rec

#### **NORTHVILLE PARKS & RECREATION**

LOCATION: 775 N. Center St. (back entrance of Hillside Middle School) **CONTACT:** For registration and information on camps, classes and activities call (248) 349-0203 or visit northvilleparksandrec org

Wednesday, every other month

TIME/DATE: 7-9 30 p m every Wednesday **LOCATION** Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St. DETAILS: \$3 per person. **Open Volleyball** TIME/DATE: 7-10 p m every Thursday LOCATION<sup>,</sup> Recreation Center at

Hillside DETAILS: \$4 per person.

Open Badminton TIME/DATE: 7-9:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Friday LOCATION' Recreation Center at Hillside

DETAILS: Competitive style badminton available; all skill levels welcome; \$8 per player. **Open Pickleball** TIME/DATE: Noon-3 p.m. every

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**ART HOUSE STORE** 

LOCATION. 215 W. Cady St. DETAILS: Looking for volunteers to work four hours per month, receive 10 percent off store purchases. CONTACT. (248) 344-0497

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## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

#### Larceny from auto

A 19-year-old resident of Crestview Circle reported that he had about \$500 in cash stolen from the glove box of his vehicle between 3 p.m. June 8 and 9 p.m. June 9.

There was no damage done to the vehicle, and he believed that the passenger-side front door was unlocked.

#### Alcohol, marijuana arrest

**7** A 25-year-old Livonia woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated, possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia and having open intoxicants in her vehicle at 2:13 a.m. June 10 at Seven Mile and Haggerty roads.

The woman was pulled over because she was clocked via radar driving 52 mph in a 40 mph zone.

The woman's vehicle also touched the lane divider twice while a police patrol car was behind the vehicle.

The officer could smell alcohol coming from inside the car and noticed that her eyes were glossy. She said she was coming from work

and had a Captain Morgan rum drink at the beginning and end of her shift. She later stated that the last drink was a Long Island Iced Tea.

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There was also a Captain Morgan and Coke drink under her car seat. During an impound search of the vehicle, police found a multicolored glass pipe with residue and the odor of burnt marijuana. Police also found a half empty 750 ml bottle of rum in her purse wrapped in a sweater and a plastic bag containing marijuana.

#### Retail fraud arrest

**3** An 18-year-old Muskegon man was arrested for retail fraud at the Meijer store at 20401 Haggerty Road at 10:59 p.m. June 10.

A loss prevention officer followed the man through the parking lot and found him hiding among some trees off of Eight Mile Road near the Citizens Bank.

The man had stolen a bottle of Burnett's Citrus Vodka valued at \$8.77, said it was stupid for him to steal it, and that he only stole it because some girls asked him to do

A loss prevention officer had watched as the suspect and another man took the bottle of vodka and a bottle of soda into the Meijer bathroom, then heard them pouring liquid.

When the two left the bathroom, the officer went into the stall and saw the empty vodka bottle.

Police found that the bottle of pop had been emptied of its contents and refilled with the vodka.

#### Driving, license suspended

4 A 19-year-old Farmington Hills man was arrested for driving on a suspended driver's license at 5:01 p.m. June 11 at 20401 Haggerty Road.

Police stopped because the man's vehicle was disabled.

The man told police he had run out of gas while coming from the Zoup soup restaurant off of

Haggerty Road. The man said he was unaware that

his license had been suspended.

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#### Laptop stolen from car

**5**A 49-year-old resident of Northridge Drive told police she had her laptop stolen from her vehicle between 9:30 p.m. June 13 and 2:30 p.m. June 14.

The equipment, valued at \$1,400, was missing from inside the passenger compartment.



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The American Red Cross has come up with a list of 10 reasons why you should give blood.

They range from "It's the right thing to do" and "Being someone's hero" (you may give a newborn, a child, a mother or a father, a brother, or a sister another chance at life) to the practical ("Nobody can ask you to do any heavy lifting as long as you have on an 'I donated' bandage") and the whimsical (you get free juice and cookies).

The fact is you can help save up to three lives with just one donation. And it's easy to do. It only takes about an hour and you can make the donation at a donor center, or at one of the Red Cross mobile blood drives that's being held at nearby locations this month.

Blood donations drop off during the summer. Schools and many colleges and universities which are prime sites for blood drives are closed, and many people are on vacations, especially at this holiday time. The state of the economy also has cut into business locations that once held blood drives.

The need for blood remains constant. Donor centers in the United states predict that if just 1 percent more Americans gave blood, all nation-al blood shortages would disappear for the foreseeable future.

So what can you do to help this summer? First and foremost, roll up your sleeve and give the gift of life at one of these coming blood drives:

• 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, July 17, at the Livonia Family YMCA, 14225 Stark, Livonia.

• 1-7 p.m. Thursday, July 23, at Plymouth

High School, 8400 Beck, Canton. • 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, July 27, at Freudenberg-NOK General Partnership 47690 E. Anchor Court, Plymouth.

2-8 p.m. Thursday, July 30, Gardner White Furniture, 38453 Ford, Canton.

• Stop by Livonia Donor Center, 36650 Five Mile, Livonia, east of Newburgh.

You can sign up for a blood donation at any of those locations and more online at www. givelife.org.

If you're an employer, sponsor a blood drive. All you need do is provide the space for the blood and a coordinator to educate, motivate and recruit donors and work with the local Red Cross. If you're interested in becoming a blood drive sponsor, call (800) GIVE LIFE, (800) 448-3543, for details.

We urge readers to take the time to donate blood. Do it for yourself, do it for others.

## **COMMUNITY VOICE**

What to you think is Northville's biggest asset?



The people. All the local people and business owners give it a great feel. We are lucky. **Brian Friel** 

It's such a beautiful place to live. It's clean and I love all the little shops and restaurants. My husband and I have visited places like Dexter and Chelsea which are nice too, and afterward I asked him which is the best little city in Michigan. He said Northville. We love it here.

Gini Wallis

#### LETTERS



cussion and debate of all the facts. In the end, each of us is going to have to make an informed decision. I fear the township is hiding details in order to get this passed. Is this the best deal that can be accomplished given the signing of the consent decree a year ago by township officials? Is it worth the money to reduce the size of the commercial development, and to create this so-called "passive recreation area"?

Scott Craig Northville Township



Our outdoor eating. Which I want more of because we have such a small amount of time per year to enjoy it. **Jacque Martin-Downs** 

**Randy Heinz** 

The schools. Especially the

elementary schools and all

the extra attention they

aive. They're just better

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than the other schools I've

(and past) needs of those in need. The majority of "social" programs that you are likely to label a failure, ended up that way because they were done so poorly, and on the cheap. Fulfilling only the need to provide some minimal level of food and housing. Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him (and his children) how to fish, and they will never be hungry.

As far as the hospital property, community-minded people will welcome the one-time chance to vote to enhance the recreational opportunities and future enjoyment of coming generations, even if there are costs involved. Hopefully, 50 and 100 years from now those in Northville and the township will be able to continue to benefit

#### Let's hear all the facts about the bond issue

I am still undecided about how to vote in the upcoming bond issue. I fear that township residents are presented with two bad choices, and we are going to have to decide which is the worst. The consent decree from 2008 gave permission to the developer, R.E.I.S., to build up to 950,000 square feet of commercial property along Seven Mile Road on the former state psychiatric hospital property. This development could rival the size of the Laurel Park Mall, but according to the decree, it could include a Wal-Mart and/or other big box retailers in a giant strip mall.

The alternative negotiated by

## ONLINE **VOICES & VIEWS**

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

#### Letters to the Editor: Government growing wild

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It so puzzling and unreasonable that people who are so concerned about life would advocate so strongly for abstinence-based sex education, a program that has shown to be ineffective as opposed to teaching our young people how to prevent pregnancy. It is puzzling that these people do not promote efforts to cut down on the number of unwanted pregnancies, a logical approach embraced by our president, a man I admire but do not "worship." It is puzzling that these people do not want our underrepresented populations to have access to quality health care so they can deliver healthy babies and not have to choose abortion. How contradictory, and the reason the far right finds itself in such disfavor with the majority of Americans. By the way, prochoice is not the same thing as pro-abortion. I know of no one who is pro-abortion but it is also puzzling that people who want government out of our lives want to come into your bedroom and tell you what you must do with your body. Hypocrites.

Parks



Superintendent Mark Abbo and supported by the Board of Trustees asks us residents to tax ourselves \$23 million, so that the township can purchase most of the land. And what is to become of this land? We are told that the trees will be saved and the land will be converted to "a passive recreation area." The campaign is on to convince us that this is the environmentally friendly option.

As in most campaigns, we are getting one side of the story, and some key points are omitted. Residents need the full information before they decide how to vote. Here are some of the key points and questions to ask of our township officials who are backing this proposal.

Is it true that the purchase would still allow the developer to build a Wal-Mart or other big box retail store at the corner of Seven Mile Road and Haggerty? While the development size would be cut in half, all of the other provisions of the consent decree still remain in place, mostly negotiated by the township with the threat of annexation in front of us.

 What is the real cost to residents? The proposal is for a 1-mill increase, lasting for 20 years. You can calculate this by taking your State Equalized Value (SEV) figure from your tax bill and dividing by \$1,000. For example, my own SEV is \$211,000 (a little above the township average). Thus, I would pay \$211 per year every year for 20 years for a total cost of \$4,220. Of course, if the value of my home increases some day (and we all hope to see this), I will pay considerably more.

• Currently R.E.I.S. owns the land that is contaminated. They would be forced to clean up the property before any development takes place. The new purchase agreement creates a brownfield development, shifting the cost of the cleanup to future township tax revenues once the developer builds at Seven Mile and Haggerty. Isn't this letting the developer off the hook for the cost of cleanup? How many years would it likely be before the cleanup is paid off, and the township sees any tax revenue from the new development?

• Why is there no master plan for this large recreation area? How exactly will the land be used? How will residents have access to the land? Who will pay to put in trails and roads? What is the cost to the township for maintenance and security? I am loath to sign on to so many blank checks.

Is it possible that this land will not actu-

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#### **Responding to Nowka**

Once again, Mr. No, Jim Nowka, rails against what he sees as the "proper" use of his tax dollars, and is against the purchase of the Northville State Hospital property by the township.

The older I get, I become more convinced that most right-wingers are only in favor of paying taxes for the things they feel will benefit them directly. Their moral compass always points to themselves!

Forget any sense of community, or benefit for future generations! Even if they could imagine some benefit for themselves, they don't want to pay for it, and would rather pass the bill to someone else, even if it is their children and grandchildren, because paying for it would mean more "more taxes."

After all, to the righties, all government is ineffective and wasteful, and people should only have to pay taxes for the things that they feel will benefit them, and agree with. They will label anything else "socialist," "liberal," etc. in a never-ending attempt to demonize those that don't agree with them.

Mr. Nowka further rails with many, many statements made about the State of Michigan and the national economy that have little to do with anything but his twisted and predictable ideological opinion. Neocons forever! Mr. Nowka rants about deficits, when it was his party and his pals over the past 30 years that have created, on their watch, 90 percent of our current national deficit. It took 40 presidents and 200 years to create one trillion dollars in national debt. It quadrupled under Reagan. When Bill Clinton left office, it was just over \$5 trillion, and was being paid down at the rate of \$.5 trillion a year. Dubya doubled that \$5 trillion to over \$10 trillion and is now growing as far as the eye can see due largely to massive cuts for the top 1 percent of taxpayers. Sorry, Mr. Nowka, you can ignore the facts, but that doesn't change the facts. Trickle down economics was "voodoo" economics after all, and all that came out the Reagan and Bush years was the mess you don't want our new president to succeed in cleaning up. People voted for change, so let's hope they will get it. Please don't write back telling everyone

all that you are doing in volunteer work and contributing to charities. As laudable and worthy as these efforts might be, they are woefully inadequate in solving the current

from the wisdom of past generations, and the voices of the likes of Mr. No will be only a bad memory.

> Steve Lawrence Northville

#### Single-payer plan pros

Here it comes, the onslaught of television and other ads filled with lies, distortions and exaggerations to frighten us into opposing a public option for health care coverage. Who is spending these hundreds of millions of dollars? The HMO's who are afraid that their days of ripping off the public might be com-ing to an end. Out of every dollar they collect, they spend from 13 to 21 cents on administration, the bulk of which is to get out of paying for the "insured's" medical care. How can they compete and still make their hundreds of millions of dollars in profit (in one case, \$1.7 billion) while a public option, which if run like Medicare, spends only 3 cents on the dollar for administration and does not have to make a profit? They tell us that many will lose their insurance because their employers will flock to the less costly public option. Maybe they will, and probably that option (like Medicare, which I have) will be much superior to those of the private insurer. A relative of mine had serious renal problems when younger, but Medicare did not throw her out on the premise that she had a "prior unreported condition" and therefore it does not have to pay for her new and expensive present condition. It is covering her care without any problem.

Personally, I feel the best program is the single-payer plan such as most advanced societies have had for years. (My Canadian friends are very satisfied.) But if that is politically not feasible, at the very least we need a public option. Where is it written that an entity must make a profit between our need for medical care and our doctors? Do we have such entities between our need for fire or police protection and those brave souls who protect us?

The senators in Congress, both the Democrats and the Republicans, should remember that the offices they occupy were established for the public good, not for their corporate sponsors, and therefore they should support legislation that is for the public good, which includes the public option.

Irene Piccone Northville

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It's cool

Camp Maybury counselor Nick Yaghy sprays off a bunch of campers on June 25 including Ben Metrzyk, 7, and Joey Scoti, 10, middle. Camp Naybury began the second week of June and will run through the second week of August. Each week has a different nature theme including birds, insects, water, and trees. For more information on the camp and other Northville Parks Dept. summer fun, call (248) 349-0203.

## What type of company should your business be?

ow should my business be owned? As a corporation, limited liability company, partnership or sole proprietorship? If I'm a corporation, should I be an S-corp or a C-

There is no



the type of business and who are the

owners. This topic will be covered in other columns; today will just be an introduction to some of the overall differences.

The best way to determine what the proper entity for your company is to slowly eliminate those types that do not fit your business or personal goals. Makes it easy when you see how the sole proprietorship and general partnership operate; these entity types do not insulate you from personal liability at all. This means you

#### TAKIN' CARE OF BUSINESS

proprietorship is simply one person opening a business in their own name (or by filing an assumed name or d/b/a with the county).

A general partnership is identical to the sole proprietorship except it requires two or more people. Without any discussion of the tax consequences of running a sole proprietorship or general partnership, the personal liability is enough to push most astute business people into either the corporate or LLC form. (Note: considering that the benefits of the LLC have almost eliminated the popularity and benefits of the limited partnership in Michigan, I'm going to save copy in this discussion).

So, do you incorporate or organize? This depends on many non-tax variables. The liability protection accorded of the owners (members in the LLC, shareholders in the corporation) is the same. If the entity is sued, only the assets

the owners' personal assets are at stake. So what then?

Wait, there is another liability issue that you may not have thought about. What happens if you or your co-owner is sued for something unrelated to the business? Maybe a wrongful death action due to an automobile accident. If you own shares of stock in IBM, those shares could be taken to satisfy the judgment...so would not your shares of stock in your small business corporation also be subject to forfeiture in this lawsuit? The answer is YES. They are simply shares of stock in a corporation - regardless if they are publicly traded or closelyheld. Ooooh:

Now, if you are a member in a limited liability company, however, your membership interest is not subject to creditor forfeiture. The Michigan LLC statute provides that judgment creditors (and most other creditors) are only entitled to a "charging order" against your membership interest. This is similar to a garnishment of

Please see BUSINESS.

## Are you an entrepreneur at heart?

n Monday morning, June 22, I heard a report on NPR's Morning Edition about a venture in Detroit that hopes to train and nurture local entrepreneurs who have a great idea, but are unsure how to start a busi-



Quicken Loans and numerous other ventures, has created Bizdom U (www. bizdom.com)

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Adamson in Detroit. According to

the website, "This non-profit academy trains, mentors and finances young entrepreneurs and their start-up businesses in the city of Detroit. Bizdom U's mission is to create successful businesses, jobs, growth and wealth in large urban cities." They are looking for people who have:

1. Passion for entrepreneurship.

2. Demonstrated high achievement in past professional and/or academic endeavors.

3. A college degree or technical training (preferred, not required).

4. Leadership or team experience.

5. A desire to accept and apply feedback. 6. Excelled under difficult or

stressful circumstances. 7. The ability to synthesize information and draw reasonable conclusions.

8. Clear and effective communication skills. The NPR story, by Judy Woodruff, focused on 25

year old John Hughes, who is developing a customer loyalty

#### YOUR NEXT JOB

card for local stores and restaurants to reward customers and encourage them to patronize other member businesses. The overall concept would also encourage consumers to spend their money locally, which will help rebuild the economy in Detroit.

Hughes has taken classes at Bizdom U to learn how to start a business and has consulted with their advisors. His next step is to present his business plan to the Bizcom U funding panel to apply for start up funds. Hughes needs about \$200,000 to launch his idea and achieve his dream of running his own business and

making a mark. Bizdom U wants to encourage more people in the area to take a chance and pursue their dreams of owning a business. Their mission is to "A mission to usher in a new, prosperous era of entrepreneurship in the great city of Detroit by empowering tomorrow's top entrepreneurs to launch innovative, growth-oriented, Detroitbased businesses."

The Bizdom U program is described as "intense and demanding because entrepreneurship is intense and demanding. We will take you from idea generation, to isolating a need, to identifying a target market, through developing a sales process, all the way on up through the nuances of business plan development. All of this is provided at no cost to those who are accepted into the program and living stipends are available."

If you are accepted into the program you'll receive: · A year of training

· Feedback and consulting on your concept

 Introductions to a network of experts

Successfully completing the program allows you to:

· Have an opportunity to develop your plan and present it for funding approval

• Use of a modern, temporary work space as your office - the "Launch Pad'

• Continue receiving consulting and mentorship and guidance

If your plan is approved for funding, you'll receive help obtaining investments and a share of equity based on milestones and performance.

Bizdom **Ü** is currently accepting applications for September 2009. Intrigued? Go to their website at http:// www.bizdom.com/ to learn more or call 313-833-7800 or email them at getinfo@ bizdom.com to request a reservation at one of the upcoming informational meetings. During these meetings they will provide information and application materials.

Martha D. Adamson is a consulting professional with a diverse background in Human **Resource Management and Career** Development. She is a Certified Career Development Facilitator, a Certified Career & Job Search Coach, and a Certified Professional Resume Writer. She is the co-author of Job Search Navigator, a workbook-style guide to assessing yourself and managing your job search (www. jobsearchnavigator com) which was first published in 1999 by Prentice-Hall and revised and republished by Success Press in 2005. From 1993 to 1996, she authored a monthly column "Your Job Search" in the Saratoga Springs, NY. newspaper - The Saratogian.

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and all of your personal assets are on the line for the debts and claims made against your business.

Obviously no one wants to be sued, but no one wants their personal assets subject to the creditors of their business if they are sued. A sole

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## GROCERIES

Market and a box of seven microwaveable meals in nutritionally balanced servings.

ings. "With 14 percent unemployment in Michigan — the highest in the nation — the need to reach more people in the Western suburbs continues to grow," said Alan Adler, founder of Grace Groceries. "Since the program began, we have helped more than 600 families save on their food bills. We hope to be help to help a lot more people in coming months."

Because the Hiller's part of Grace Groceries has an order limit, it is open to residents of Northville, Novi, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Livonia, Plymouth, Canton and Westland plus Ward Church members from any community. Greenbriar boves can be purchased by anyone in any quantity regardless of where they live. Grace Groceries has no income qualifications.

More than 70 volunteers, including several who have no regular contact with the church, keep Grace Groceries running. One team leader, Sue Engler of Northville, called to volunteer after seeing a story about Ward's involvement with Angel Food in the Record. Other non-Ward member volunteers who participated in the program come from Detroit and Canton to help out on distribution Saturdays when **Grace Groceries customers** come to Ward to pick up their orders.

Orders for July are being accepted in person at Ward Church, 40000 West Six Mile in Northville Township from noon-2 p.m. Saturday and from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday. Cash or checks payable to Ward Church are accepted. The pickup date for this month is 10 a.m.noon on July 25. Unclaimed orders will be donated to the Salvation Army.

pfleming@gannetLcom \_ (248) 349-1700 ext. 260

#### GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

#### FIRST PRESEVTERIAL CHARCE OF MORTHYPLLE

LOCATION 200E Main St. CONTACT (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpresnville.org Sunday Worship TIME 9:30, 11 a.m. Walking in the Park TIME/DATE 10-11 a.m. every Saturday LOCATION. Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park (Farmington Road between 10 and It Mile roads) DETAILS Group meets for lunch afterwards CONTACT Sue (734) 459-00% **Single Place Ministries** TIME/DATE: 7.30 p.m. social time 7.45 p.m. opening: 8-9 p.m. program, every Thursday DETAILS Informative and entertaining programs of interest to singles, \$5 per person. Check Web site for details singleplace org

#### **BAX POOLTE CHURCH**

LOCATION: 50200 W 10 MJe Road CONTACT (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe org

#### Worship Services

TIME, 515 p.m. Saturday, 915 and 11.15 a.m. Sunday

#### **ReNew Life Ministries**

TIME/DATE: 7.15-9 p.m. every Monday DETAILS: Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning and change from a Christian perspective. CONTACT. For more information or to register call (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe org Charmed Influence TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday DETAILS Studying the book "Surviving a Spiritual Mismatch in Marnage". CONTACT. Joy Ruby at Joy@oakpointe org or call the church.

#### FIRST UNITED HETBODIST OF NORTHYPLLE

A Stephen Ministry church LOCATION 777 W Eight Mäe Road CONTACT (248) 349-1144 or furnenorthville org

#### Sunday Worship

TIME. 8:30 and 10 a.m. through Labor Day DETAILS: Pastors Rev Dr. Steve Buck and Rev. Steve D'Angelo Coffee hour at 10:15 a.m. Healing Service TIME/DATE. 4 p.m. first Monday of every month Radical Joy TIME/DATE. 6:8 p.m. first and third Thursday of every month. DETAILS: All women seeking to strengthen

their faith and connect with other women

are invited to attend, irrespective of church affiliation.

#### Crafters and Vendors are needed TIME/DATE 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday Oct 24

DETAILS. The annual Community Bizarre Bazaar to benefit Village Banking at First United Methodist Church Northville. This is a great opportunity to showcase talent or business to hundreds of local customers. As cost is nominal, booth space is filling up fast CONTACT For details and reserve a space email Pat Breslin at. BizarreBazaar@ care2.com. For more information regarding Village Banking www.villagebanking.org.

#### NOVE UNITED HETHODIST

LOCATION: 41671 W 10 Mile Road CONTACT (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi. com Sunday Worship TIME 9:45 a.m. Healing Service and Holy Communion TIME/DATE. 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month Peace Vigil TIME/DATE. Noon, first Sunday of every

month LOCATION: In front of the church DETAILS. Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace. Advent Service TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. Sunday

#### WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CRURCH

LOCATION: 40000 Sox Mile Road CONTACT (248) 374-7400 or (248) 374-5978 Sunday Worship TIME 8 am, 9:30 am and 110 am. Traditional 9:30 a.m. Contemporary. Nursery and Sunday School during the 9:30 a.m. and fl.a.m. services Service Broadcast DETAILS 11 a m, every Sunday on WRDT-AM 560, The WMUZ Word Station. Single Point Ministries - 45 and older TIME/DATE: If a.m. Sunday for fellowship and Bible study. Single Focus Ministries - 35-50 years TIME/DATE 9:30 a.m. Sunday to deepen your personal relationship with Christ Single Purpose ConneXions - 20-30 years TIME/DATE. 11 a.m. Sunday in the Chapel for singing, Bible study, and fellowship. DETAILS: For single adults. Active ministry offering various Bible study classes, volleyball, bicycling group, tennis group, support groups, support group for widowed over age 50, fellowship, friendships and more. Contact the number below for more information.

CONTACT. (248) 374-5920 Bible Studies and Prayer Nights Learner's Bible Study TIME/DATE. 7 p.m. Mondays Room A101 Men's Bible Study TIME/DATE. 6:30 a.m. Wednesday Single Adult Ministries office Single's Bible Study TIME/DATE. 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays, Room C:309 Softball League Sign-up. TIME/DATE: 615-7:30 p.m., Thursday evenings, through August 6 DETAILS. For single guys and gals; all skifl kevels welcome S:30 due at sign up. CONTACT. Sign up at Ward Church, 40000 Sor Mile Road, Northwile (248) 374-5920 CHURCH of The Bud Fability

NORTHVILLE / NOVI AREA CHURCH EVENTS

#### LOCATION. 24505 Meadowbrook Road CONTACT (248) 349 8847 or visit holyfami-

hynovi.org Mass Schedule TIME/DAY, 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday, 9 a.m. Konday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, 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, mformational meeting open

to all adoptive families in Dakland County Child care is available Registration is required.

#### NOTION FIRST CHURCH OF THE INJURIE LOCATION 21260 Haggerty Road north of

Eight Mile Road CONTACT (248) 348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene org

Sunday Schedule, 915 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship, 1015 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service Tuesday Schedule Tuesday 9:30-11.15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5; 6 45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study, 7 p.m. Men's **Evening Bible Study** Wednesday Schedule, 5.30 p.m. Family Meal, S4 per person, S12 per family, 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast Thursday Schedule 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group, 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do

#### ST. JAMES CATROLIC

LOCATION: 46325 10 Mae Road, Novi CONTACT (249) 347 7778 Mass Schedule TIME/DAY 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday, 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday, 7 p.m. Wednesday, 5 p.m. Saturday

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LOCATION: 217 NL Wing CONTACT (248) 348:1020 Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5 45 p.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays Men's Bible Study 9 a.m. first Saturday of

every month

#### FAITH CHARANTY PRESEVTERAN LOCATION: 44400 W 10 Mile Road CONTACT. (248) 349-2345 or visit faithcommunity-noviorg Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

ST. MOL'S LITINETAN CHENCH LOCATION: 201 Eim St., Northville CONTACT. (248) 349-3140 Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m. Biended: 11 a.m. Contemporary: 11:30 a.m. Traditional

#### HEADOURDOOK CONCREGATIONAL

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

TIME/DATE, 11.30 a.m. every Sunday

#### OUR LANY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH LOCATION: 770 Thayer, Northväle

CONTACT (248) 349-2621 or okmorthville. org Saturday Worship

TIME.5 p.m. Sunday Worship TIME:7.30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

#### GRACEPGOITE PRESEVTERIAN CHURCH

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

#### OCH SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LOCATION: 140 N. Center, above Tutto's in Old Church Square, Northville CONTACT Pastor Bdl Burke at (734) 927-0891

Sunday Worship, 11.30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service

#### FIRST MAPTIST CHURCH OF NOVI-FAMILY DITEGRATED

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

NORTHYLLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY Location: 41355 Sx Mae Road Contact (248) 348-9030

#### DECEMB WILLS EMPTIST CONNECT

LOCATION: 23455 Novi Road CONTACT. Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665 Preschool/Kids Choir TIME/DATE: 7:815 p.m. every Wednesday DETAILS for ages three to six ongoing event, no need to pre-register; all are welcome.

#### CRESSPORTE MELSON'S CHURCH

LOCATION: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road CONTACT. (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org Sunday Worship: 125 a.m. Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages DETAILS: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

#### EMISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

LOCATION: 40700 W 10 Mile Road CONTACT (248) 427-1175 or churchoftheholycross com Sunday Worship 7.45 a.m., 10 a.m. Sunday School and Nursery Care TIME: 10 a.m. Worship Service Alzheimer's Support Group TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month

#### ST. JOHN LITTIERAN

LOCATION: 23225 Gil Road, Farmington Hills CONTACT (248) 474-0584 or visit stjohnkutheran.com Saturday Worship TIME: 5.30 p.m. Sunday Worship TIME: 9, 11:15 a.m. Sunday School TIME: 10:15 a.m.

#### MON-MORTHYNLLE CERTER FOR JEWISH LIFE

LOCATION: Novi

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

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#### NORTHVILLE AREA COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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#### Local Events

**FRIDAY NIGHT CONCERTS** TIME/DATE: 7-9 p m. Fridays LOCATION: Town Square, downtown Northville (on Main, across from the Marguis Theatre) **DETAILS:** Downtown Northville's popular Friday Night Summer Concert Series - sponsored by the Northville Downtown Development Authority and Wine Sync - returns for the 2009. Every Friday night through August 28, guests can enjoy the music of some of the finest local musicians while taking in the charming atmosphere of downtown Northville. The following performances are scheduled for July. - July 10 - Mass Transit Band (Sponsored by Northville Downtown Development Authority)~ Top 40 Hits of Yesterday & Today · July 17 ~ The Kris K Band (Sponsored by Northville Downtown DETAILS: Award-winning knitter/ Development Authority)~Rock 'n' Roll/Americana July 24 ~ Soul Academy (Sponsored by Northville Downtown classes and materials (pre-payment 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

TUNES ON TUESDAYS TIME/DATE: 10 30-11.30 a m. Tuesdays Northville (on Main Street, across)

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from the Marquis Theatre) DETAILS: The popular free concert series for kids - sponsored by Toll Brothers, the Northville Downtown Development Authority and Northville Parks & Recreation - returns for the summer in downtown Northville every Tuesday morning through August 18. Performances will be held rain or shine. Rain location will be at Genitti's Little Theatre (108 E. Main).

• July 14 ~ The Music Lady (sponsored by Abir Faraj, D.D.S., P.C.)

• July 21 ~ Guy Louis and the Chautaugua Express (sponsored by Abir Faraj, D.D.S., P.C.) July 28 ~ Palamazoo (sponsored by Rangel Orthodontics) **CONTACT: For more information**, including a full schedule of performers, contact Northville Parks & Recreation at 248-349-0203 or visit www.northvilleparksandrec.org. The following performances are scheduled for June:

#### KNITTING CAMP

TIME/DATE: 11 a m.-1 p m. Monday-Friday, July 20-24 and Aug. 17-21. LOCATION: Northville Candle & Gifts, 124 N. Center Street designer Tina Sherfield will teach a one-week camp for beginners ages 11 years and up; \$80 fee includes required).

CONTACT: (248) 380-7059.

#### **STH ANNUAL NORTHVILLE GRUB** CHAWL

TIME/DATE: 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 28

DETAILS' Indulge in Northville's unique collection of restaurants as you sample their signature specialties. 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, LOCATION. Town Square, downtown \_ Claggagh Irish Pub, Deadwood Bar and Grill, Five Restaurant, Gaueho

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. Free shuttle transportation - Courtesy of Millennium Limousines. Grand Prize drawing for Barbeque Gas Grill - Courtesy of Home Depot. Tickets are \$30 prepaid (must be 21 or over) and are now available at Gardenviews, Good Time Party Store or the Northville Chamber of Commerce. 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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#### FRESH FOOD FOR CIVIC CONCERN

TIME/DATE: 8 a m. 3 p.m. every Thursday to Sept. 24 LOCATION: Northville Farmers Market, Booth #57, Center Street and Seven Mile Road DETAILS: Growing your own vegetables this summer? How about planting a row for Civic Concern. the food pantry serving families in Northville, Northville Township, and Northville School District? Share that fresh lettuce and those juicy tomatoes with Wayne County neighbors in need. Master Gardeners of Wayne County will accept your produce at their Information Table in booth #57 at the Northville Farmers Market every Thursday until 3 p.m. Or, if the rabbits get to the romaine before you do, you can buy some produce from Market vendors and walk it over to the booth. Civic Concern will also accept contributions at their office

in Highland Lakes Shopping Center (42951 Seven Mile Road) every Monday, Wednesday, or Friday from 10 a m. to 1 p.m. **CONTACT:** Sher Watkins, Farmers Market Master, (248) 349-7640

#### **BACE HISTORICAL VILLAGE**

LOCATION: 215 Griswold Ave., north of Main Street near Ford Field DETAILS: Office open 9 a.m. I p m., Monday-Friday. Village buildings open 1-4 p.m., Sundays, mid-June to mid-Oct. CONTACT. (248) 348-1845







Weekly Events (\*Grounds closed to public)

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demonstrations, and samples. For those who want to do their part to help the environment, the "Can you Dig It?" plastic pot recycling station will also be featured. The Farmers' Market is presented by Tom Holzer Ford and sponsored by the Northville Downs, Patti Mullen - Remerica Hometown One, Toll

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Antics at library

At left, Entertainers Josh Dagg,

left, and Roy Kellerman ham it up

with a unicycle during their June 25 show at the Northville District

Library. Above, kids applaud the

show. The duo juggled and rode

was part of the library's youth

unicycles for the gathering which

antics of Dagg and Kellerman

during their "Josh and Ray"

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NORTHVILLE FARMERS' MARKET TIME/DATE: 8 a.m. 3 p.m., Thursdays through October 29 LOCATION: Northville Downs, 7 Mile & Center Street (Sheldon Road) **DETAILS:** The Northville Farmers' Market returns for the 2009 season. There's something for everyone at the Northville Farmers' Market, Visitors will enjoy 100 stalls of Michigan-grown fresh produce. For all the green-thumbs out there plants and flowers are available while other finds such as are fine juried crafters, garden art, soaps, jewelry, furniture, woodworking, and home accessories are also featured, Guests can also check out the CHEFS AT THE MARKET series with local chefs, fresh produce, free recipes, cooking

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LOCATION: 133 W. Main St. **Open Mic Nite** TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m. every Tuesday Roger Ponder and Dell Smith, blues and folk singer songwriters TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. every Thursday Carol Smallwood, classical guitarist TIME/DATE: 10 a m.-noon every Saturday Singles Mingle - Socialize with local singles in a relaxing environment TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. every second Wednesday of the month CONTACT: (248) 348-9737



## BUSINESS

your wages. In other words, your LLC interest cannot be taken. I think your business' co-owners would be happy knowing that their "new partner isn't the widow of the person you killed in a car accident.

What else differentiates the LLC from the corporate form? The internal structure and

formalities of these entities are different under Michigan law. A corporation is a bit more formal. It requires officers and directors, annual meetings, issuance of stock certificates, meeting minutes and actions are through corporate resolutions. The shareholders, officers and directors are all bound by the terms of the articles of incorporation and bylaws.

The LLC is run a little less formally. Members may (it's not required) sign an operating agreement and make the dayto-day business decisions on behalf of the LLC. It is possible to simplify some of the corporate formalities through the company's by-laws or internal agreements to be a little less formal, but that is something . the shareholders (e.g. the owners) need to take active steps to accomplish.

Managing these entity types is also a little different. This may not seem clear, but let me say it this way. If an LLC's members make all of the decisions, having three to five members may be tolerable. How about if there are 15-30 members making all of the decisions? Now you have a lot of people to keep track of,

don't you. These members may elect one or more person to act as the manager of the LLC, but the members still have the ability to act on behalf of the LLC in several ways. Essentially, any restrictions on the members' actions must be clearly stated (or formal, similar to a corporation).

With a corporation of three to four shareholders, these closely-held shareholders will most likely vote themselves into the role of officers and directors. No problems. Corporation's act through their officers and directors. Now, if there were 15-30 or 100-500,000 shareholders, you'd still vote on officers and directors and there wouldn't be any problems there either.

So, it gets down to how many chefs you want in the kitchen.

I will explain some of the tax differences, benefits and detriments of these entity types in my next column. As a preliminary matter, you'll guess wrong if you think the double-tax of the C-corporation eliminates that vehicle as an option for you as a small business owner.

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## How to Boost Your Social Security

Dear Savvy Senior I know that the size of a person's Social Security retirement benefit is based on how much they earn over their lifetime. But beyond earning a higher paycheck, which isn't likely for me, is there anything I can do to boost my future Social Security benefits?

Approaching Retirement

Dear Approaching, Most people think that there isn't much they can do about the size of their future Social Security retirement checks. But that's not true. There are actually several strategies that can boost your benefits. Here's what you should know.

#### WAITING PAYS

The most common strategy people use to increase their benefits is to delay taking them. While workers can start collecting their Social Security retirement benefits as early as age 62, postponing them to full retirement age (which is 66 if you were born between 1943 and 1954), or better yet to age 70, can make a big difference. Let's say, for example, that you're eligible for \$1,000 monthly benefit at age 62. By waiting to 66 your monthly benefit would increase to \$1,333. And by waiting to age 70, you would boost your ben-

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efit a whopping 76 percent to \$1760. Waiting beyond age 79 will not increase your benefits. I do, however, want to add

that if you're strapped for cash or in poor health and don't expect to live much past your mid-70s, you're better off collecting early benefits. See www.ssa.gov/estimator to calculate your benefits at different retirement ages.

#### STRATEGIES FOR COUPLES

In addition to delaying benefits, there are two strategies that can help married couples too. The first one is the "fileand-suspend" strategy. Here's an example of how it works: Let's say that you are age 66, but want to keep working until 70 to collect a higher benefit. Let's also say your wife is a nonworking spouse who just turned 62 and would like to start receiving spousal benefits on your work record. The problem is she can't get them until you sign up. So you file for your Social Security benefits but request an immediate suspension which allows your wife to claim spousal benefits, without locking you into a lower payment for life. Then when you do decide to start collecting, by

age 70, you end the suspension and receive a higher benefit for delaying. It will also increase your wife's survivor benefit.

Another benefits-boosting option few people know about is the "claim now, claim more later" strategy. This option lets you draw on your spouses Social Security benefits (once you reach full retirement age), while delaying the start of your own benefits. Here's how it works: Let's say that you and your wife are both 66. You're still working and you'd like to delay collecting benefits based on your own earnings record until you're 70. Your wife can collect full benefits based on her work record - and you can collect a spousal benefit which is half of what she gets. Then, once you reach 70, you stop receiving the spousal benefit and switch to your own benefit, which will be 32 percent higher than the benefit you would have collected at your full retirement age.

#### **BORROW AND INVEST** STRATEGY

This is an option for wealthier retirees with other sources of income. How this works is you start collecting early Social Security benefits as soon as you retire, and you save and invest that money. Then at age

70, you file a withdrawal application form 521 at your local Social Security office and pay back the benefits that you've received, with no interest or adjustment for inflation. Then you reapply for Social Security, claiming a larger monthly check based on your older age. And, you keep the profits you earned from the benefits you invested. For more information see www.ssa.gov/retire2/withdrawal.htm.

#### **FAMILY BOOSTERS**

Having children under age 19 who are still in high school can also boost your benefits. Each dependent child is entitled to benefits worth up to half of what you're collecting. And if any child is younger than 16, your spouse can also qualify for additional benefits as a caregiver.

To learn more about these options visit www.socialsecurity.gov or call 800-772-1213.

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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Northville No. 4 tandem best in State

#### **BY JEFF THEISEN** SPORTS WRITER

Northville tennis coach Sandy Woolfall knew her team was loaded in doubles heading into the season. It was proven by a couple of deep runs at the State tournament, highlighted by a No 4 doubles title by Valerie Juan and Mackenzie Powers.

Juan and Powers are the 2009 All-Area Tennis Players of the Year.

"They just played really well that weekend ... really determined," Woolfall said. "The depth we have makes them so strong at No. 4 doubles."

Juan is a senior, and Powers is just a freshmen. But they make a perfect tandem on the court.

"Mackenzie is a great ball retriever and Valerie likes to be at the net," Woolfall said. "Mackenzie is very quick, a lot of speed on the court.

"Valerie is a senior, and varsity for two years. She's done a lot of playing.

The lone loss for the duo came in a 7-6, 7-6 loss early in the year at the Grosse Pointe tournament. From there on, it was nothing but wins for a 29-1 record.

"They clicked right from the beginning," Woolfall said. "Mackenzie is the type of kid that never gives up. She'll be a great addition for us the next three years."

Woolfall also said she was thrilled to have Juan finish her career with a title.

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#### **ALL-AREA TENNIS**

**Players of the Year** Valerie Juan and **Mackenzie Powers First Team** Amanda Border, Novi Sara Carlson, Novi Abby Wang, Novi Jennifer Felcher, Novi Lauren Felcher, Novi Julia Thomas, Novi Laura Taylor, Northville **Ursula Cauffiel, Northville** Abby Grajek, Northville Sabrina Masciulli, Northville Maudie Smith, Northville Amy Bernstein, Northville Second Team Haley Johnson, Northville Tanya Joseph, Northville Joanne Weber, Northville Erin Doud, Northville Bailee Mamayek, Lakeland Jenna Snyder, Novi Megan Wenzl, Novi Andrea Lollo, Novi Meggie Riegel, Novi Natalie Murphy, Novi Shaheen Sheikh, Novi **Honorable Mention** Rachel Adriansen, Lakeland Brittany Antonishek, Lakeland Katelin Deska, Lakeland Lindsey Dehnbostel, Lakeland McKenzie McDougali, Lakeland Autumn Blogg, Lakeland Jenna Grezlik, Northville Caiti Darish, Northville



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garage sale listings in the Classifieds starting in Section C

Northville's Valerie Juan and Mackenzie Powers finished the season 29-1 and captured the State title at No. 4 doubles.

Queen of diamonds

Lakeland pitcher Meek finished 35-2 with 0.57 ERA

BY JEFF THEISEN SPORTS WRITER

Teams that make a run to the State quarterfinals almost always have one thing in common - a great pitcher. Lakeland's Carlee Meek was just that, sporting a 35-2 record and an anemic 0.57 earned run average for the 38-2 Eagles. She also finished with 287 strikeouts while averaging close to a

#### **ALL-AREA SOFTBALL**

Player of the Year Carlee Meek, Lakeland

First Team

Brittany Rheaume, Milford Courtney Emery, South Lyon East Olivia Richvalsky, South Lyon East Ally Stafford, South Lyon Sam Doud, Northville Mary Rounsifer, Northville Maddy Sinkovich, Novi



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Mustang Sarah Rounsiler takes a cut before stepping to the plate during a game against Novi.

walk a game. For her work, Meek was voted to the All-State First Team.

"She hates to lose," said head coach Joe Alsup. "Her best pitch is probably her drop and then her change-up. She really came on strong with the change-up. When she had her change-up working, batters had a really hard time hitting her. She has tremendous control."

As a freshman, Meek started at first base as the Eagles had star pitcher Lauren Memmer on the mound. After she graduated. Meek took to the mound and has delivered 65 wins the past two years, helping to lead the Eagles to a pair of district and regional titles.

She's a heckuva player," said Alsup. "When she comes to play, she comes to win."

When not pitching, Meek played at short stop, a position that will be open next year and filled partially by Meek when

Kelsey Cleary, Lakeland Kelsey Johnson, Lakeland Erica Rizzo, Lakeland Anna Armstrong, Lakeland Sara Cupp, Milford Lauren Smith, Milford Danielle Godair, South Lyon Olivia Wenzel, South Lyon Sarah Rounsifer, Northville Stephanie Hrit, Novi

#### Second Team

Rachel Hammer, Lakeland Andie Dawson, Lakeland Ashley Landin, Milford

she's not on the mound.

\*She can play a variety of positions," said Alsup. "She's been a real force for us the last years."

Alsup said Meek is also one of the pranksters on the team and helps keep things loose on a team where winning is expected.

'She's a great kid. She has a great sense of humor," he said. She works hard in the classroom. She gets along with all the kids.

#### **Honorable Mention**

Allyson Hrit, Novi Kavia Craft, Lakeland Lindsay Nosek, Lakeland Cassandra Platt, Milford Karly Fisher, Northville Jennifer Buckingham, Northville Alex Drew, South Lyon Danielle Boore, South Lyon Erin Schopa, South Lyon Gabby Williams, South Lyon

#### **FIRST TEAM**

Kelsey Cleary Lakeland sophomore

The sophomore stepped into a bigger varsity role and moved into the spotlight. She hit .396 and led the team with 37 stolen bases and 41 runs scored.

**Cleary earned All-State First** Team honors.

"She did a great job in the outfield for us," said Alsup. "In both the regional and semis,

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#### Soccer champs

Three Northville students returned home from Sioux Falls, South Dakota on June 24 as Region II Soccer Champions. Alex Jeannotte (left) and Jamie Cheslik (right) of the U13 Michigan Hawks and Jimmy Fiscus (middle) of the U13 Michigan Wolves won all three of their pool play games before continuing on to win the semi's and finals of the tournament that lasted five days. The tournament included 14 teams from 12 different mid-west states. Both teams had to win their respective state tournament to qualify for the region tournament. The Hawks defeated Carmel United from Indiana, 2-1, in the finals while the Wolves defeated the KC Wizards Jrs from Kansas, 1-0. Teams that are U14 and older are allowed to advance to a four-team national tourney while the U13's are not. The Michigan Wolves/ Hawks Club sent seven teams to the tourney while four of those teams advanced to the finals and these two were crowned champions.





#### Undefeated

The Northville Bronco 12U girls travel softball team went undefeated 5-0 this past weekend, winning a tournament in Flushing. The girls beat the Oakland Merchant (Waterford) in the semi-final game in the bottom of the seventh inning to advance to the championship game where they topped the Michigan Hawks (Clarkston) 12-10 for first place. Pictured are (I to r, first row) Jessica Jones, Arielle lafrate, Rachel Kemp, Madeleine Ickes, Kirsten Jones and Celeste Miller; (second row) Stephanie Elanges, Coach Jim Iafrate, Alyssa Schmidt, Alysa Graf, Coach Mike Sayre, Kendra Sayre, Alison lafrate and Coach Dan Graf.

## TEE Your local golf guide

#### Are you dreaming of a perfect golf course?

Online Poll: Which public course on the U.S. Open rotation would you most like to play?

Go online to www.hometownlife.com/section/sports25 to take part in our online poll. We'll compare your choices with other readers on July 30!

## Risk vs. Reward: Pros say playing it safe is often the best choice

#### By Susan Smiley

Golfers are constantly trying to lower their score by perfecting their swing or finding just the right touch with their pitching wedge. But Carl's Golfland PGA Professional Joe Portfilio says better course management could help most golfers shave strokes quickly

"Most players should play many shots lower than they do without even improving their shots and just by using better course management and making better decisions," Portfilio said.

He realizes it is tempting to try and make the ESPN highlight type of shot, but taking the safe shot, what some might deem the boring shot, is often the best strategy. The golfer first needs to think about where their game is on

that particular day and then weigh the risk and reward of taking the shot they are considering.

"I think most people take too much of a chance where there is no reward for taking the chance," Portfilio said. "They turn a potential par or bogey into a 7, 8 or 9. I always tell my students, it only takes one good shot on a hole to make par. At least give yourself that opportunity. If you have to chip out of the trees, who is to say that next shot won't be close to the pin and a tap in for par?"

Here are some tips from Portfilio that address the most common dilemmas in which golfers find themselves:

. In the rough, don't hit long clubs that have a lot of loft. Try a 7-iron and

don't try and lift the ball. Hitting out of rough successfully requires a special shot that incorporates more of a chopping motion. Take the club up steep on the backswing and chop down to get it out of long grass. It is a downward "V" type of motion. · If you are in the trees and are trying to decide if you should chip onto the fairway or try and shoot through the trees or over the trees, most of the time a short chip to the fairway is the proper choice. Trying to hit through or over the trees or trying to shoot the ball through a narrow window between two trees will get you into more trouble if the shot is not executed perfectly. If you are trying to decide if you want to lay up or shoot over water, look at the big picture. Ask yourself, If I try and go over the water, am I going

to save my self a shot? If you are confident that you can make the green with the club you have in your hand, and then go for it. But if the choice is between laying up and shooting an 8iron to the green or going for it and possibly going into the water or having to chip onto the green, laying up is probably the better choice When it comes to cutting off dog

legs, check your confidence level. If you are feeling confident that you can go over or through the trees and it is not going to cost you strokes, then proceed. But if there is not going to be much reward in trying to do that, why bother?

• If you are in a position where you would have to hit over a sand trap to go for the pin, stop and consider your options and decide how good you feel about the club that you are using. You might feel more comfortable nitting to the side of the green so you don't have to go over the trap and leaving yourself with a longer putt. Players assume they should go for the pin and that is not always necessarily so.

"I think a lot of times, players go out and get in trouble and all of a sudden they are trying to hit shots they've never tried before or taking big risks that they really don't need to take," Portfilio said. "Try to think about what is going to give you the best opportunity for success on a hole."

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she had the game-winning hit." Kelsey Johnson Lakeland sophomore

The young catcher played more like a veteran. She allowed just four stolen bases all year, while pounding out a .406 average of her own and leading the team with 53 hits and 13 triples.

"She had a phenomenal year as a catcher," said Alsup. "As a freshman, she was OK. She was probably our best hitter (this year)."

Erica Rizzo

Lakeland senior Rizzo saved some of her best play for the playoffs. She had a huge part in a pair of wins to help secure the district title. She finished with a .375 average with a team-high nine doubles and second on the team with seven triples.

"She was on fire," said Alsup. "She really was a tremendous leader for us this year. She stayed after three or four times a week after practice. She was willing to pay her dues and become better."

**Anna Armstrong** Lakeland junior

Armstrong was used mostly as a designated hitter for the Eagles, but it was easy to see why. She fired out a .394 average and was second on the team with 32 RBI. She also connected on three home runs.

"She hit the ball harder than anyone on the team," Alsup said. "She came in all the time and would stay around an hour or an hour and a half after practice — just hitting. "She will be a captain next

year."

Sara Cupp

Milford junior

The numbers from the junior catcher for Milford are staggering. She hit .475 (48-for-101) and did it with power. She knocked out seven home runs, six doubles and two triples. She also drove in 39 RBI to tie for the team lead.

"She was one that I could count on almost every time she came up to bat," said coach Vaughn Richmond. "She's a very strong girl. She hit some of the longest home runs I've ever seen from a girl.

\* "She played almost the entire season with a pulled hamstring. She was still able to hit that well. She's a tough kid."

Richmond said it was the highest final average for a girl that he has coached, and she is being looked at by several Division 1 schools.

Lauren Smith Milford sophomore

Richmond calls her a dia-

plate. She batted .408 with 12 extra-base hits and knocked in

23 runs. "Olivia caught 191 of the 192 innings we played this year," said Stanbury. "Her quick throw to first earned her a reputation around the league, and it was widely known you didn't hang out there too long. Olivia led the team in batting average and on base percentage, as well as home runs (3).

In six years of coaching, I had never seen anyone hit the ball out at South Lyon. Olivia did it twice this year. An outstanding talent who has a bright future.

**Stephanie Hrit** 

Novi junior Novi's leadoff batter knew how to get one base, sporting a .341 average. She pounded out 31 hits and added 10 more walks for a .400 on base percentage. She also snagged 11 stolen bases and helped lock down the left field position for what head coach Bob Lulek

called an outstanding outfield. "She put the bat on the ball and only struck out nine times," said Lulek. "She had a good eye as the leadoff hitter."

#### SECOND TEAM

Rachel Hammer, Lakeland senior The senior proved strong at the plate with a .325 average, but her .978 fielding percentage

at short stop set her apart. Her range also allowed her to make plays that would've otherwise ended up as a hit. She will continue her career

at Northwood. Andie Dawson

Lakeland senior The outfielder seemed to catch anything hit near her in centerfield for the Eagles. Alsup said she was one of the best defensive outfielders ever at Lakeland. She also sported a .330 average at the plate and will play for Oakland

University. Ashley Landin Milford junior

She converted from a righthanded hitter to a lefty to utilize her speed.

Richmond said she Batted around .600 during the stretch run of the season. Richmond expects big things from her as a senior.

**Brittany Rheaume** Milford senior The Maverick first baseman knocked out a .327 average, scored 23 runs and knocked in 21 more. She also had five doubles, two triples and a home run.

Maddy Sinkovich Novi sophomore

#### 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

#### **ALL-AREA TENNIS** FROM PAGE BI

#### **FIRST TEAM**

Novi and Northville dominated the area tennis scene, eventually tying each other for fourth place at State. Novi dominated the singles matchups between the two, and the Mustangs made their points mostly at doubles.

Amanda Border, Novi

The No. 1 singles player for Novi didn't back down from anyone, finishing 18-5. The junior finished the year on an 11match win streak before losing in the quarterfinals at State. She captured the KLAA Conference and regional titles.

"Amanda showed why she is one of the top players in Michigan with an 18-5 record against many of the best players in the State," said Novi coach Jim Hanson. Sara Carlson, Novi

The No. 2 singles player for Novi also finished on quite a roll, winning 13-consecutive matches and making a run to the State semifinals. The junior finished 21-4, winning the KLAA Conference and regional titles along the way.

"She capped off another outstanding year with a repeat trip to the semifinals," said Hanson.

Abby Wang, Novi

The freshman made quite a name for herself making a run to the State finals before losing in a three-set thriller to West Bloomfield's Morgan Taylor. She started the year 4-4 before finishing 22-7. "Abby made a major contribution to this year's tennis team," said Hanson. "She added a KLAA Conference championship to her accomplishments." Jennifer Felcher, Novi The lone senior in the Novi single's lineup, she finished with a 24-4 record at No. 4. Her career ended with a third trip to the State semifinals. Her accomplishments include being a four-time conference champion and a two-time regional champ," said Hanson. "She finishes her stellar tennis career at

Novi with an 84-23 record." Laura Taylor and Ursula Cauffiel, Northville

The No. 1 doubles tandem for the Mustangs finished 24-5 and captured a regional title. Cauffiel ends a four-year varsity run, while Taylor has one more year with the program.

"There was a lot of talent between the two of them," said Woolfall. "Unfortunately they had a tough draw at State. They did get All-State recognition." Abby Grajek and Sabrina Masciulli, Northville

The two seniors put it all together for a run to the State semifinals, finishing the year 26-4.

They've played together for three years. They know each other's games," said Woolfall. "They wanted to make it to the second day of state, and they made it to the semifinals.

'Sabrina is one of the best net players we've ever had, and Abby is a great baseline player.'

Maudie Smith and Amy Bernstein, Northville

The No. 3 doubles team made a run to the State quarterfinals and finished 27-3. Smith, a senior, was a two-year varsity player. It was the first varsity season for Bernstein, a junior.

They just get the job done," said Woolfall. "The won regional, conferences

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Sixty-nine Junior Cheerleaders participated in a recent three-day Cheer camp staffed by the Northville High School cheerleaders. Under the direction of Head Varsity Coach Melinda Gentz (2009 District and Regional Coach of the Year), along with Coaches Michele Parker, Heather Kilpatrick and Anna Yelick, the future cheerleaders learned chants, stunts, tumbling skills and cheers they used when they joined the NHS cheerleaders at the Northville 4th of July Parade.

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 tryout 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

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

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

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

Northville finished 19-10, facing some of the top competition in the State throughout the year.

Tanya Joseph, Northville Also a senior for the Mustangs who played No. 2. She finished 21-9 and won her first-round match at State.

Joanne Weber, Northville The sophomore held down the No. 3 spot for the Stangs. She capped off her season with a run to the State quarterfinals before losing a three-set match to Wang from Novi. She finished 22-7.

Erin Doud, Northville

The freshman fared quite well at No. 4 singles, posting a 19-10 record. She finished her season with a run to the State quarterfinals.

Bailee Mamayek, Lakeland Mamayek split time at No. 2 and 3 singles, compiling a 14-6 record. She won the Brandon Tournament and finished runner-up at the KLAA Conference tourney.

Jenna Snyder and Megan Wenzl, Novi

The Wildcat No. 2 doubles team made a run to the State quarterfinals and finished 20-5. Three of their losses came to the Northville duo. But the sophomore (Snyder) and senior (Wenzl) beat the Mustangs to capture a regional title. Andrea Lollo and Meggie Riegel,

Novi The No. 3 tandem for the Wildcats finmond in the rough because she is a three-sport player, limiting her practice time in softball.

This girl has so much raw talent," he said. "I think she is going to be an outstanding softball player in the future." She batted .365, tied for the RBI lead with 39, produced six doubles and scored 22 runs.

Sarah Rounsifer

Northville senior

Consistency is the best word for Northville catcher Rounsifer. She batted a whopping .511 with 45 hits, knocked in 41 runs and knocked out seven home runs. She is a three time All-Stater and was in the running for Miss Softball, as well as earning All-Conference, All-District and All-Region honors.

Sarah is a very special athlete," said coach Kary Couchman. "Her drive, dedication and passion are unmatched. She is a joy to watch play the game, and she will do great things at Princeton."

Danielle Godair South Lyon sophomore

Versatility was a big part of Godair's game. She pitched, played first and was a major producer at the plate and on the mound. She batted .382, had nine doubles, eight triples, scored 24 runs and 19 runs batted in. She was 6-5 with a 3.17 ERA as a pitcher.

Danielle is a tremendous athlete," said coach Michelle Stanbury. "She hits for power and is an aggressive baserunner. She was the starting shortstop last year as a freshman, but was moved to first because of her ability to catch any ball thrown at her. She was the No. 2 pitcher this year, pitching 88 1/3 innings and walking only five batters."

**Olivia Wenzel** South Lyon Sophomore The young catcher was anything but raw at or behind the

SINKOVICH moved into the third spot in the lineup and batted .316 with only six strikeouts. She also held the starting spot in centerfield.

Sam Doud Northville senior Doud saved some of her best for the postseason. She didn't allow an earned run in districts or regionals. She finished 13-9 with a 1.59 ERA and 100 strikeouts. She also hit .419 with 31 RBI. **Mary Rounsifer** 

Northville sophomore She rotated between first and second base, but did well at both with a .980 fielding percentage. She also managed a .320 average for the district champs.

**Courtney Emery** South Lyon East junior Emery provided pop and a solid average, hitting .338 with a .558 slugging percentage. **Olivia Richvalsky** South Lyon East freshman Richvalsky had no problem stepping into the varsity role as a freshman. The slapping second baseman piled up a .429 average, scored 16 runs and knocked in nine RBI. She only struck out nine times and only made five errors up the middle. Ally Stafford,

South Lyon junior The Lion centerfielder swatted a .390 average with six doubles and five triples. She also made just one error for a .950 fielding percentage.

#### HONORABLE MENTION

Receiving Honorable Mention are Novi's Allyson Hrit; Lakeland's Kayla Craft and Lindsay Nosek; Milford's Cassandra Platt; Northville's Karly Fisher and Jennifer Buckingham; and South Lyon's Gabby Williams, Alex Drew, Danielle Boore and Erin Schopa.

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and most of the tournaments throughout the year."

Julia Thomas, Lauren Felcher, Novi The juniors proved to be a force by knocking off Northville to win the conference title, which was vital in the team captured the KLAA Kensington title. The duo finished 19-6 and made a run to the State quarterfinals.

#### SECOND TEAM

The roles are reversed for the All-Area Second Team, with Northville's singles players taking center stage along with Novi's doubles teams.

Haley Johnston, Northville The senior was the No. 1 player for ished 17-9. The duo finished runner-up at the KLAA Conference and regional tournament.

#### HONORABLE MENTION

Athletes receiving All-Area Honorable Mention are Novi's Natalie Murphy and Shaheen Sheikh; Northville's Jenna Grezlik and Caiti Darish; and Lakeland's Rachel Adriansen, Brittany Antonishek, Katelin Deska, Lindsey Dehnbostel, McKenzie McDougall and Autumn Blogg. Milford and South Lyon did not respond to All-Area requests.

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Connor's Family Dining restaurant's manager Joe Maceri, center, and his lunch-time crew. Connor's is located on the northeast corner of Five and Haggerty Roads.

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

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I started working at the original Connor's in 1971 while in high school as a busboy and worked my way up. I fell in love with the business, and in 1982 when the Connors retired, I purchased the business.

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work with our suppliers to contain costs. This is a family business. My wife and children work here. We do everything we can to keep our prices in line so families can afford to eat here.

-- Connor's Opening Soon and put the phone number of the Telegraph store on the sign. Not a day went by that we did not get a phone call asking if this was the same Connor's as the one on Telegraph. I was amazed how many people who used to go into our Telegraph location had moved into this area. When we opened for business, we had many new and former customers. Not a day goes by that I don't have a someone come in or I hear a story about the original Connor's and how he or she used to go there.

#### How has the recent economy affected your business?

We have been very fortunate. Since we opened we have been doing a very brisk business. I believe the biggest reason for that is we serve quality food and give our customers a great value.

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#### Thompson joins United Bank & Trust

United Bank & Trust - Washtenaw announced that Maria Thompson was recently elected to its board of directors. Todd Clark, president and chief executive officer, states: We are very excited and honored to have someone with Maria's professional experience and distinction join the United team. Her entrepreneurial spirit and strong leadership complement United's operating philosophy of delivering the best client experience on Planet Earth."

Thompson was co-founder, president, and CEO of T/J Technologies, Inc., a Michigan company for alternative energy technologies, which was acquired by A123Systems Inc. in 2006. A123Systems is known for its Nanophosphate lithium ion battery technology. Thompson currently runs the Government Solutions Group of A123Systems out of Ann Arbor.

Thompson has received several national and regional awards, including the Minority Enterprise Executive Council's 25 Powerful Minority Women in Business; the Small **Business Foundation of Michigan's Small** Business Entrepreneur Extraordinaire 2008 award; and in 2007, she was chosen as one of Crain's Detroit Business Most Influential Women for 2007.



Thompson has a broad experience base serving on a myriad of professional and charitable boards, including Ann Arbor SPARK, the Zell Lurie Institute Advisory Board, The University of Michigan Transportation **Research Institute External** Maria Thompson Advisory Board, and the Michigan Small Business Foundation. She earned a

Masters of Business Administration degree from the University of Michigan Business School. Prior to starting T/J Technologies, Thompson worked at Steelcase and IBM. She and her husband, Dr. Levi Thompson, reside in Northville, with their two daughters.

#### Hiller's son joins grocery chain

"I always wanted to work in the family business," says Justin Hiller, who grew up stocking the aisles of his family's grocery stores and marveling at the warm reciprocal relationships between customers and his grandfather and father. "I loved the interaction with customers, how it was more like a family than a business"

After spending the past three years at the West Coast version of Hiller's, Gelson's Supermarkets, Hiller has returned to his home state as vice-president of Hiller's Markets, working in concert with his father.

"When you're building a family-owned company, the ultimate dream is that one of your children will follow in your footsteps," says Jim Hiller, CEO and owner of Hiller's Markets, Southeast Michigan's oldest local grocery chain, which includes a store in Northville. "My father was delighted when I transitioned from practicing law to taking over the family company. And now, I am equally thrilled that my eldest son is choosing to continue our legacy.'

Justin Hiller spent three years in management of the Gelson's stores, first as a store level manager and later as head grocery buyer for that store and its warehouse. His experience has prepared him well to return to his family's unique company.

"They're very similar to Hiller's - beautiful, well-run stores with a primary focus on customer service and quality of product," says the younger Hiller. Gelson's operates 18 stores in southern California. "I chose Gelson's because I knew they were an industry leader, like Hiller's. They're profitable and well-run. I learned a lot and can't wait to pair my experience with my father's knowledge and talent. I have no doubt we will make a great team."

Justin Hiller began work at Hiller's June 22. "I certainly hope to continue the traditions that have built our successes," he says. "I'm proud to be a part of what Hiller's offers."

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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.

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

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

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Canton 734-455-7000 GOFGEOUS RANCH INSIDE & OUT! Kitchen w billist nock, formal din rm, family im w 7P & door wall to patio Mistr BR w full BA, Great subdivision w nature preserve walk, Close to thom bit a subdivision of the subdivision of the subst orp ( лзу (29084276) \$249,900



FORMER BUILDERS MODEL 1 4 BR/2 5 BA cc. w open filr pin. New roof & A/C 06 New stove microwave 08 Formal davley rms brick mistriste wicath ceiling/recessed lights.



734-455-7000 Canton ABSOLUTELY FAUTABULOUS' 4/5 bedrooms, living mi, family mi w/fireplace, upper level dervoffice 2 full baths, finished basement &

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Frederic 248-348-6430 Manistee River FT Buildable In Frederick Build your home, min 800 sq ft. Great fishing, near Blue Bear snowmobile TR within 1/2 mile of



248-348-6430 **Garden City** 

Beaufulty Remodeled 3 BR brick ranch, 1194 SF Gorgeous updated KIT LR, FR, BRKSST RM Full BSMT. Newer roof, windows Atl appls. Move in ready Walk to elementary LG (enced yard. (29043758) \$125,000



61 Green Oak 248-437-3800 A Wonderful Find' Woods, Water, Huge Workshop,W/OBsmt, custom gourmet lutchen w/cherty cabinets, granite counters, fireplace & hardwood floors





Green Oak 248-437-3800 Fabulous Find in Today's Buyer's Market This colonial home with 1st floor den has lots of potential. Great home in great neighborhood Beautiful back yard setting to enjoy. Spacious littleben via band kitchen, all appl.



High!and . 248-684-1065 Beautiful home on private 2 acre treed lot. Horses allowed Walk to downtown Milford FR and GR w/ gas FP, doorwall to deck, Neutral decor t/a.





248-348-6430 Livonia Neat and Clean Ranch Nice brick home with HDWD Firs 3 bedrooms, BSMT, tiled floor, fenced yard 1 S car & carport too High energy furnae, central air, close to Edward Hiers Park.



Milford 248-684-1065 Shows I ke a model! On 3 park-like acres w/ pond & fountam. Upgrades galore! Granite krt, SS appl, maple firs, formal DR, lab 2/ FP, MBR, fin LL w'o patio.

## (29039728) \$539,900

Milford 248-684-1065 Luxury riverfront condo in downtown Milford across from Central Park! Craftsman style inspired with fin w.o. oak cabs, granites ctops, HDWD fins, deck.



Milford 248-684-1065 Gorgeous Custom Cedar/Stone 3267 Sq Ft Home Paradise Tucked Amongst Pine Trees on 3+ Acres w/Up North Feel in Quaint Milford, 3 \$400.000 Borms/3 Baths. Pole Barn



Luxury riverfront condo in downtown Milford across from Central Park! Craftsman style inspired with fin wilo, oak cabs, granites ctops, HDWD firs, deck,

(28129097)

(29047162)

\$375 000





734-591-9200 Lg Cape Cod has All Location, 3 Bedrooms 2 S BAs. Den, Stoly art Cust paint, landscape, howd firs, fireplace, form DR. Hime bits to commons ea, walk distance from pool. Priv/wikg tris & phygrnds. (29005066) \$249,900



Novi 248-348-6430 A True Gemil Beautiful 4 BDRM, 4.1 bath colonial on 1 acre. 2 story great room with views of the garden, chef's dream lutchen with upscale appliances, finished lower level.

(28151022) \$625,000



734-591-9200 Nori Model of Autumn, Dual star/cases New lands/ scap w/Aggreg Dr &new gar drs. Inter has cstm trm. Lime/stone tile. Grante tops. Fin.day/light bsmt. w/bar/wne.cellar, fit.tm/BR/FP/Hime theat, much more (29069312) \$599,900





Novi -248-348-6430 Distinctive Colonial In Camden Court Chaming front porch. 3 BD 2.5 BAs. Large great rm w/gas FP 9'ceilings on 1st floor formal dining. Spacious master suite w/WIC Clean, neutral & nove in ready

(29044958) \$269,900





Plymouth 734-455-7000 WOW ENOY THIS GREAT COMMUNITY A great well maintained home in Phymouth' Newer roof & HMH. Open fir plan, Fireplace in family im wiglass door to patio & great backyd Fin bsmt. Home Warranty' (29067409) \$166,900



Great Opportunity in Plymouth Township Charming Colonial in secluded sub. Features. Ig spacious lut, new updated bas. Natural Irp, ceramic foyer, steel ext. doors. Deep private back yard & much more! (29083871) \$149,800



Plymouth 734-455-7000 COUNTRY LIVING IN THE CITY Come home to this warm and cozy bungalow w/natural fireplace and lots of natural wood. Oak cabinet lutchen w/laminate floor 2 full baths. Large backyard (29047450) \$135,000



Redford 248-437-3800 Don't Miss This Great Deall Located on a quiet & well kept street, this brick bungalow is ready for you. It has ligt fir plan w/large addition in rear, newer windows, bsmt bath & more

\$79,900



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10 Acre Retreat! Buy, lease or lease w/ option to buy! Lovely home on private cul-de-sac. to bust Lovely home on private cul-de-sac. 36x42 pole bard MBR w/ jacuzzi tub, W.C. 3 BR & 2.5 BA.

(29074739)



South Lyon 734-591-9200 Stunning End unit is Flawless Throughout 2 Bdrm 1 1/2 baths, Kit w/ all appls, spacious deck, priviside yd, Newer crpt & paint, Erg Mistr w/ w1 Closets, Brand, new C/A, End Unit w/ priv ent. Att Gar (29019496) \$101,999

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South Lyon So to mplex, Well Maintained, Many upgrades, Upgraded, kitchen cabinets, interior door, central air All appliances stary LL family rm w/gas FP. Full bath & 3rd BR w/large closet. Fla Rm. (19008507)) \$79,900



South Lyon 734-455-7000 GROUND LEVEL CONDO<sup>1</sup> 2 bedrooms/2 full baths; private entrance, neutral decor, all appliances, close to clubhouse and pool<sup>8</sup>



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



Superior Twp 248-437-3800 Pulte's Braymore Model in desirable Bromley Park w/communey pool & playground' Great location for commute to Dearborn or Ann Arbor Hrdwd firs thru-out 1st fir Open floor







#### 734-455-7000 PREVIUM CUL DE-SAC LOT W/TREED PACHDPOP Shows like model Newer knohen, tumboo fooring 21 of stifling as FP garden tub, surs shows that disk drive decorator colors etc. Sol Lisch home for the money! \$124,900

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Commerce 248-684-1065 On all sports take Sherwood' Granite kit w/ osk cat = SS appl\_HDWD firs, granite in BA,  $\psi$  U LL\_FL Poom\_Huge deck & yard\_2+ car ar st end area

\$339,000

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Dearborn Heights 248-348-6430 A Rare Find in North Dearborn Heights! Frank, Ayd Wright inspired home features, new kit, eramic baths, furnace, roof. Andersen door Lloyd Wrig wall & a pool for the perfect ret eat from the \$139,500 (29072777)



Farmington 248-348-6430 Futrished Condo In Farmington Walk to downtown Farmington from this furnished curido including all litchen apol. & washer & dryce New pairs, new carpet. Move right into (29053731) \$49,500

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#### Highland 248-684-1065

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Country setting in exclusive small, site condo dev on Kensington Pk. Defined bldg minimums, bring your own builder outbldg/ horses allowed PossW/O

\$145,000

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Livonia 248-348-6430

Immaculate Colonial Updated Kitchen... roof, windows paint, HWH, stamless appls 2 1/2 cariga age open floor plan, big yard. Close to mail schools (Stevenson High School), Freeway Make an offer



Livonia 734-591-9200 Spacious Brick/vinyl Tri-level Featuring a new gourmet kitchen with radiant floor, granite countertops, maple cabinets & more. Updated baths if esh paint throughout. Near Livonia \$169 900 (29082876)



Livonia 734-591-9200 Caste Garden Sub Prote of Ownership Priced to Sell Updred T-O- Furnace Siding Pool Tear Off Gutters Driveway Xita insulation Bither doors wind kit remod Expos Hw Firs Fin born Sale



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Highly Desrable Northwest Lhonial Features. Updated kitchen, ceramic baths Stamped concrete wall & patio, bay window, full finished basement, BR and new driveway 25 car garage way 25 car garage & much m (29001443) \$120,000 Milford 248-684-1065

\$209,900

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(29072457)

Spectacular historic home w/ recent updates. GR, LR, FDR, Office/BR, Island hit w/ lots of natural light. Great location. Walk to town. Large deck.

248-684-1065 Milford Dramatic brownstone end unit condo High windows ceilings open fir phi. HDWD, ceramic and carpet firs, Baic, off oak kit/all appl incl. Walk to town.

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248-208-2900 Monroe Awesome brick horrel Tastefully decorated 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath tudor home Updated kk, newer toof 8 window, recently painted, Hirdwd firs, fin bsmt w firple, spacious kv im w/frple.

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#### Northfield

(28192562)

UPDATED 4 BR HOME BACKING TO GOLF COURSE Updates include new hardwood on main fir, new bathroom counters & sinks stainless appl. French doors to 1st fr office 3 car garage. 1st fr laundry (29066515) \$235,000



Northville CUSTOM RANCH LIKE BRAND NEW Huge sprawling ranch wiwalkout lower level on treed 15 acre lot Totally redone, krichen, bath, foomag fatures, everything? You have to see this one!!!

248-851-1900 Novi

WONDERFUL HOME & NEIGHBORHOOD MOTIVATED' 3 bedroom 21 bath home for sale or lease. Features include great room writeplace library, separate dining room and



248-348-6430

Cute & Charming Ranch Ready For You Newer furnace & central air, windows, roof within 5 yrs. Brick fiple. Close to school, xway & shopping. Fenced private yard, cement patio, nicely landscaped. \$150,000



248-348-6430 Novi End Unit 2 bedroom, 2.1 bath, totally remodeled litchen top to bottom, Pergo floors, all new appliances, remodeled bath, includes washer & dryer, private pabo

> \$83 900 55 S

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Plymouth VyUR PERFECT SHANGRELA ON 124 ACRESS Fabulous resort estate on priv cul-de sac. Brick decular dr is gateway to this home w/ magnificent 2skoy store IP Tenns, basketball, pool sauna & hot tub. (29077762) \$959,000



Carriage Trace Colonial Priced To Sett Offering a giant kitchen w/tons of cntr space & large island, formal & family dining rms a lunury mstrisulte wilvaulted ceilings & much more On a 33 acre lot. (29084458) \$279,900



248-348-6430 South Lyon Pernbrooke Crossing Colonal 4 89, 2.5 bath home located on large lot w/trees. Huge deck w/covered bar Firml living & dining rms. Master suite Updated roof, windows, garage door & cooltop. (29086991) \$240,000



South Lyon 248-851-4100 BELMONT MODEL W/9' CEILINGS Exceptional MBR & BA, 2 Irg br w/Jack & MI BA. GE appl. + many more options & amenties. Other models include a ranch & 2 story w/1st fir MBR. From the \$180,000 s \$199 900



South Lyon 248-437-3800 SS+ Community Newer home built in 2005 with tons of upgrades. Some hardwood flooring 1st flooriaundry ranch style end unit with open floor plan. Finished bsmt.

\$115,000



South Lyon 734-591-9200 Upper End Unit Opn fir pin, Newer Hrdwd Firs in Din Area & Kit, Newer Carpet & Pant t o. Upgraded Appl Stay Cath Ceil in LR, 2 Full Baths, Upper Bicny Ovriks Pool. \$110,000

Spend The Summer On The Water' Move an ready ranch. Deeded lake & beach access on Walled Lake make this one a deal' Totally renovated in 2004 w/rew drywall' kitchen, fooring, baths & more! (29082328)





Walled Lake 248-348-6430

Updated End Unit Townhouse Bargain Price Just listed Walled Lake condo w/brand new hardwood FLRs updated kitchen & baths, FISHD BSNT & ATT garage Newer windows & all appliances ready to move in? WO.M (2005)2031 all appliance (29053033) . 589 000



Waterford 248-684-1065 Spacious 1852 sq. ft. home on .62 wooded lot w/ access on private all-sports Watkins Lake Open fir plan. Maple kit. GR w/ FP & walkout! 2 car gar, C/A & more!

(29064835) \$160,000 A THE R

> 248-348-6430 Westland Great Tri-level Condo W/spacious Lr Newer Windows, Roof & C/a, Galley Krt W/ Dr. Wood Firs In Brs. Firshd LI W/ Storage, Work Room, & Laundry Play Area & Community Center, Data Weiner Pets Welcome (29015785) \$\$0,000



White Lake 248-684-1065 Adorable ranch w/ Cedar Island priv Open fir pin. HDWD firs in lutchen. BR w/ dual sinks. Part fin. W/O Full BA in bsmt. Deep lot w/ privacy fence

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Oceola Charming Firm House On beautiful 1.5 acres w/mature evergreens. Updated intenor w/old time charm. Ceramic foyer & kitchen w/oak cabinets. Maint, free vinyl siding & windows.



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