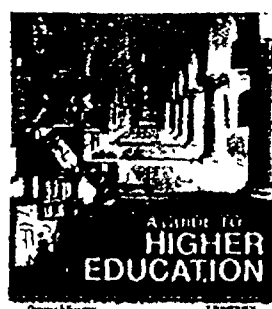


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The Observer & Eccentric and Hometown Weekly Newspapers have an exciting new feature designed to forge a more collaborative relationship with readers. Get Published, which launched Friday on our Web site, hometownlife.com, allows readers to publish stories and photos in a special area devoted just to them.

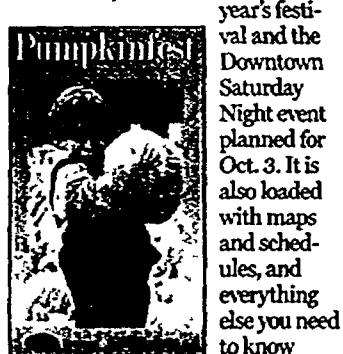
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Prep sports fans should also look for our new video preview of the games of the week. Featured every Wednesday on our main carousel will be analysis from the best prep sports writers in the business. Our reporters actually go to the games, so they can offer insight others can't match.

Pumpkinfest!

Look inside today's Northville Record for the official guide to the 25th annual Pumpkinfest, which will take place Oct. 3-4. The guide features plenty of stories about this year's festival and the Downtown Saturday Night event planned for Oct. 3. It is also loaded with maps and schedules, and everything else you need to know about the South Lyon area's biggest annual festival.



And speaking of Pumpkinfest, organizers for the festival are still looking for volunteers to run the Hot Dog Eating Contest, which Wal-Mart is sponsoring. If you are interested in being a volunteer, contact Dianne Roest at (248) 486-0450.

Victorian style



Tatijana Kunik walks in Friday's parade along with her son Christian. For more on the Victorian Festival, see Pages A8 and A9 in today's newspaper.

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Community mourns young doctor's death

■ More than 800 attend funeral

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

The Northville community is still reeling from the death of Dr. Karl Francis Stockhausen, who died Sept. 13 at the age of 28 from melanoma.

He was born on April 8, 1981.

His father, Bill, a retired Ford Motor Company engineer who now runs a hydroelectric plant, said more than 800 people attended the funeral at Our Lady of Victory Church in Northville last Saturday.

"It was standing room only," Stockhausen said on Monday.

William Demray, DDS, generously provided his home on Griswold for a luncheon following services.

The family has a memorial Web site in his memory, <http://DrKarlStockhausen.com>.

Stockhausen was an avid climber. In fact, he met his fiancée, Rhea Rahman, at the Climbing Gym in Pontiac. She and some friends marked a route on the side of a cliff in his memory this week at the Red River Gorge in Kentucky.

"His main goal in life was to help people," said his sister, Juliet Culp, of Northville. "Primarily, he was doing that through medicine, but he was very interested in politics, and he did a lot of his clinical rotations in other countries."



Dr. Karl Stockhausen of Northville, who died on Sept. 13 at age 28, with his fiancée, Rhea Rahman.

Please see DOCTOR, A10

Candidates have only a week to file petitions

■ So far only two in running for city seats

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Here it is a week before the election petitions must be in, and the city of Northville has two candidates running for two city council seats.

And, to make matters even more uninteresting, the mayor is so far running unopposed for his 12th term. It's been rumored that Bob Buckhave, local landlord and businessman, who along

with his wife, Margene, owns Northville Square and Old Church Square, will run for city council.

But, when confronted with the question Monday night as to whether he was running, his response was that he still had a week to submit his nominating petitions. One can assume that he will run against incumbents Michele Fecht and Jim Allen, who have both served just one term. But, nothing is definite just yet.

The mayor has filed his nominating petitions with the minimum of 50 signatures, according to Northville City Clerk Dianne Massa. Allen and Fecht had not as of Tuesday afternoon, although they have announced they will seek reelection. Council seats are four-year terms. In two years, Nancy Darga and Doug Bingham will be up for reelection. The mayor's office is a two-year term.

REGISTER TO VOTE

The last day to register to vote in the Nov. 3 election is Oct. 5.

The ballot will contain the candidate for the Northville Board of Education and in Northville Township's Precinct 7 only, the Plymouth/Canton school board candidates. Also on this ballot is an early renewal of the Wayne County operating millage of 0.9529.

The township board seats are not up until Nov. 20, 2012, and the candidates will be on the primary ballot of

the August 2012 election, so there are a few more years before any voting on township offices will take place.

Township board members serve the same term of office (four years) as the president of the United States and are elected every year the president is elected.

Unless there is a successful recall, Mark Abbo, township supervisor, and all seven of the board will remain in office until Nov. 12, 2012.

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Township leaders disappointed about landfill expansion

■ Concerns about odor, traffic in area

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Landfills are necessary evils in our society. But, Northville Township leaders are not pleased that Washtenaw County has announced plans to expand the Onyx Arbor Hills landfill located on the westernmost boundary of the township. The landfill is located at 10690 Six Mile Road with a Northville mailing address, but actually lies

in Salem Township on the west side of Napier Road between Five and Six Mile roads.

Although it is located on the far southwest corner of the township, it still affects township residents on that side of the community.

"I'm disappointed that Washtenaw County has decided to extend the life of the landfill," said Mark Abbo, township super-

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Coffee with Corriveau

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Octoberfest is coming

The annual Octoberfest will

be held Oct. 9-10 at Community Park. Hours are 6-10:30 p.m. Friday and noon-10:30 p.m. Saturday. Admission to the village is free. Enjoy German food, entertainment, crafts, music, a classic car show, inflatables and rides, Oktoberfest merchandise and a beer tent (\$5 admission for adults 17 and older; free for children under 16 accompanied by an adult).

Community Park is located at 5 Mile and Beck Road. The Oktoberfest entrance is off 5 Mile

(across from Home Depot).

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

Northville Friends Used Book Sale set for Oct. 1-4

The Friends Used Book Sale is scheduled for Oct. 1-4 at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady. This event kicks off with a members-only sale 7-9 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 1. In addition to getting first crack at these literary bargains, Friends members this year will get other perks: free coffee and home-made cookies, this night only. Anyone may join the Friends that evening simply by filling out an application and paying the membership fee.

The sale continues 10-6 p.m. on Friday. Then it is big bargain time on Saturday with the \$8 bag sale, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Finally it all comes to a close 1-3 p.m. on Sunday with a rock-bottom \$4 bag sale.

For additional information, contact James Morche at (248) 380-4358.

Fundraiser for Milczarski

A fundraiser to raise money and hope for Kathy Milczarski's chorde-



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Tour the town

Northville Downtown Development Authority Director Lori M. Ward talks to Real Estate One manager Kathy Solan at last Monday's "Tour the Town" event headquartered at Northville Square. The DDA spent the afternoon giving business owners all the information they needed on acquiring downtown Northville commercial property.

ing these hours. Purchase your ticket for \$20 and you will get to bowl two games, shoe rental, pizza and pop. Family, friends and neighbors are all encouraged to participate! There will be other fun activities too, including Face Painting and a Silent Auction.

Not a bowler? There are other ways to contribute. We're looking for donations for our Silent Auction, and most importantly your monetary gift. Any donation amount is welcome. Please know that all contributions will positively impact Kathy and her need for this surgery. Any remaining funds will be donated to the Chordoma Foundation.

Please send your check made payable to "Kathy Milczarski's Chordoma Fund" and send to P.O. Box 448, Northville, MI, 48167-0448.

Gardeners meet

Plan to attend the Gardeners of Northville-Nowi meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 12 at the Northville Art House, 631 Cady St. The guest will be Candy Rozowski from English Gardens who will be speaking on "Putting Gardens to Bed". The public is welcome. Call Renee at (248) 231-2334 or email gardenersnorthville-novi.org for more information.

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Laura served on Novi City Council 1997-2005 - two years as Mayor Pro Tem. Laura authored "A Fiscal Pledge to the Taxpayers" Included in 2005-06 budget, stating City Council would strive to stay within budget and limit spending of "Rainy Day Funds". (Fiscal Pledge was removed from future budgets in 2008 by City Council at the request of the Mayor).

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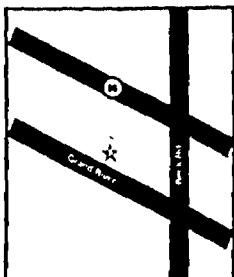
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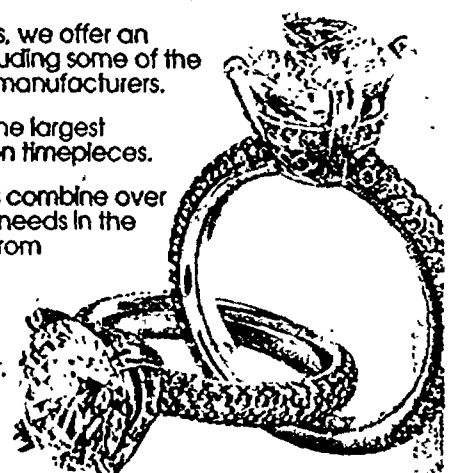
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Northville Beautification Awards to be presented at luncheon

■ Rotary event slated Sept. 29

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

It may be just an added shrub or patch of flowers, but it all adds up to make a community an attractive place in which to live. This is the time of year when the Northville Beautification Commissioners recognize those businesses that have gone the extra mile recently to beautify the city of Northville or Northville Township.

The award winners will be honored at the Northville Rotary Club luncheon at noon on Sept. 29 at the First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall at the corner of Main and Hutton streets.

TOWNSHIP AWARD WINNERS

Following are the 2009 winners from Northville Township: Haggerty Dental Association, Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic, Bushwood Golf & Senate Coney Island, Top of the Cone, Applebee's Restaurant, Rocky's of Northville, Papa Vito's, Harbour Village Apartments, P.F. Chang's China Bistro, Moose Lodge, Mark Steven's Golf Shop at Meadowbrook Country Club, Cedar Lake Apartments, Park Place Apartments, Northville Township Hall, Northville Township Police Department and Northville Township Fire Headquarters.

CONTAINER PLANTERS WINNERS

Container planters award winners include Envy Salon & Day Spa, Jeffery Burstein, DDS, and Graphic Visions.

CITY AWARD WINNERS

Following are the City of Northville Beautification Commission Award winners: Allen Terrace, Angela Carson Photography, Asher Cigo Gas Station, Coriveau Law Firm, Eagles Club, Elizabeth's Bridal, First Presbyterian Church, Hiller's Market, Hutton Square, Lee Holland & Associates, Margo's Beauty

Salon, Northville Chamber of Commerce, Northville City Hall, Northville Library, Northville Lumber, Pizza Cutter, R & D Enterprises (Planet Fitness), Studio 324, Table 5, The Well, Thomas James Salon, Tiramisu, Town Square and the Yerkes House at Mill Race Village.

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Honorable mentions this year go to Sunrise Senior Living, Hiller's Market, Northville Hills Golf Club, Gaucho Brazilian Steakhouse and Deadwood Bar & Grill.

SOME FIRST-TIME WINNERS

Barbara O'Brien, a member of the Northville Township Beautification Commission, said the Eagles Lodge on the east side of Center Street just south of Main Street made good use of the small garden outside the entrance to the club.

"It used to just be a weed-infested spot," O'Brien said. "They asked what they could do to be in the running for the awards."

She also complimented the Moose Lodge on Northville Road for sprucing up their property.

"It used to be like a no man's land," O'Brien said. "I was just shocked when I went by there recently. It's beautiful now, and their landscaping will grow and be even nicer when it matures."

The Cigo gas station owned by the Asher family at Seven Mile Road and Rogers Street in the city of Northville is also a first-time award winner. The owners added some flowers on the side of the business facing Seven Mile Road.

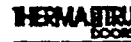
"It says something about the people running the business because it costs them time, money and effort," O'Brien said. O'Brien said Northville residents should be proud of the community in which they live. "We live in a community that's so attractive that we don't even realize it after a while. You don't see any graffiti or litter. Do you realize how unusual that is? We are accustomed to it, but it doesn't happen by itself."



Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic at 48523 Eight Mile Road in Northville Township was one of the local businesses that received a 2009 Beautification Commission Award.

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Box top labels help earn money for local schools

BY NATHAN MENOLAN
SPECIAL WRITER

Parents, students and grandparents can help Northville schools earn money by collecting box top labels.

Janice Gutowski, the box top coordinator at Hillside Middle School, says she used to throw these labels into her garbage and recycling bin without thinking twice about it. But now she spends a lot of her time doing just the opposite.

"It doesn't cost anything to collect labels. Cut or tear the cardboard top off of a box of Cheerios, soup can labels from Campbell's, and dozens of other food and household items," Gutowski said. "Take them to the school or send them in with

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JANICE GUTOWSKI, Hillside Middle School box top coordinator

your student. The school's box top coordinator will then send them to a clearing house and the PTA or PTSA will receive the money."

Gutowski, a Northville resident and parent of three children, is spreading the message to anyone who will listen. Money

can be earned for the schools from food products and household items they purchase at their local stores or through online shopping.

She gets excited about finding a money-earning box top on a product and always reminds her family to save the labels. They really add up, she says.

One box of Hamburger Helper with two bonus box tops earns 30 cents for the school. Each Tyson label is worth 24 cents. Last year Hillside collected over \$1,000 in box tops, and Gutowski is hopeful the amount will increase this year.

Personalized planners for Hillside students were purchased with some of last year's label money. Gutowski also has a contest for most labels brought in, with the winner receiving a gift certificate. Check disbursements to the schools are done twice a year in April and December.

"There are many programs people can take advantage of," she said. "Box Tops for Education, Campbell's Labels for Education, and Tyson Project A+ that earn cash or merchandise for schools. And best of all these programs don't cost anything other than collecting labels and sending them to the school."

Gutowski is optimistic that with publicity about the advantages of collecting labels for schools, more people will invest a few extra minutes a week to collect the labels, and when they have a handful or so of them, turn them in at the school.

"Use Hillers, Target, or Meijer cards to receive store donations for schools. I just found out that Kohl's A-Team program supplies volunteers plus a corporate grant of \$500 to support nonprofit activities," Gutowski said.

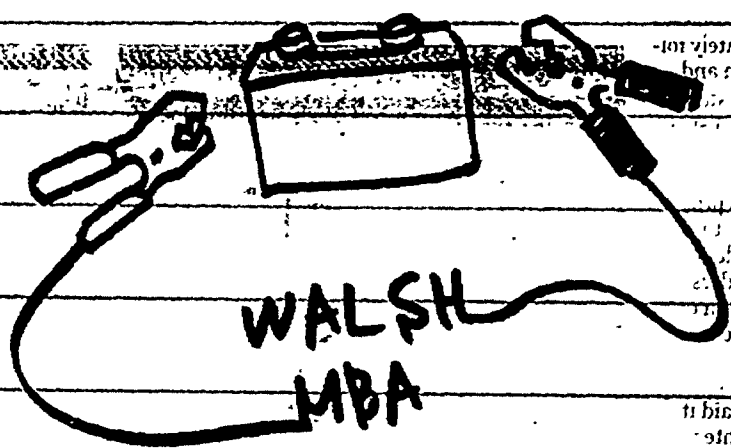
"Meijer and Kmart just had programs where they gave away \$5, \$7 and \$10 in bonus box tops just for buying a certain amount of box tops products. Rite Aid currently has a box tops sweepstakes going on. Sunbeam Bread pays 5 cents for every label."

Besides collecting box tops and labels, there are other ways to earn money for schools, she said. Sign up as a supporter at www.btfe.com and shop stores online through Box Tops Marketplace and earn up to 8% cash back for schools.

Gutowski says labels that would total thousands of dollars each year are tossed out in the trash. She hates to see box tops and unearned store donations wasted.

"Contact the school or schools you want to support and find out what fundraising programs they participate in, the name of the box top coordinator, and how you can help."

Nathan Menolan is a freelance writer living in Milford.



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Back to class

Thornton Creek Elementary students file out of the cafeteria on Sept. 8, the first day back from summer break for the Northville School District.

Northville K-12 schools earn all 'A's on Education Yes! School Report Card

Northville Public Schools received all "A's" on the 2008-09 Michigan Education Yes! School Report Card and met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) standards at all nine of its K-12 schools, according to a Michigan Department of Education report released on Sept. 3.

Each of Northville's six elementary schools, two middle schools and one high school achieved composite grades of "A" on the Michigan School Report Card and met AYP status under the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act. The schools include Amerman Elementary School, Moraine Elementary School, Ridge Wood Elementary School, Silver Springs Elementary School, Thornton Creek Elementary School, Winchester Elementary School, Hillside Middle School, Meads Mill Middle School and Northville High School.

The Michigan School Report Card is an assessment of each public school in Michigan based on a number of standards outlined in Education Yes!, Michigan's accreditation system for schools, and AYP. Michigan's AYP standards under NCLB are based on Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) test scores at the elementary and middle school levels, and Michigan Merit Exam (MME) scores at the high school level, as well as the percentage of students who take the tests and graduation rates for the district.

Two thirds of a school's Michigan School Report Card grade is based on its MEAP or MME scores. Northville's K-12

DETAILS

Michigan School Report Card grades, as well as MEAP and MME data, for each of the district's schools are available on the district website at www.northville.k12.mi.us/district.asp. Click on "District Annual Report 2008-2009" in the Table of Contents on the right hand side of the page. Individual school Annual Reports also are available on each school's website.

by the 2013-14 school year, as required under NCLB. (It is important to note that the five years of MEAP or MME data compares different student groups each year. It does not follow the same student group over a period of time.)

This means that even as Northville students continue to succeed on the MEAP and MME, the district's schools could see the "grade" assigned to achievement change drop in some subject areas where the school's actual score falls short of the predicted score set by the state and based on achieving 100 percent proficiency by 2013-14.

The state report also includes the AYP status for the two special education center programs at Cooke and Old Village schools operated by Northville Public Schools. Both Cooke School and Old Village School achieved AYP for the 2008-09 school year. The state does not issue report card grades for special education programs.

Cooke and Old Village serve severely cognitively and multiply impaired students from school districts across Wayne County. The center programs are funded by the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency and staffed by Northville educators. Old Village serves students age three to 14 and Cooke serves students age 14 to 26.

Cooke and Old Village students, along with some of the district's K-12 special education students, are assessed using MI-Access, the state-standardized test for students with disabilities for whom the MEAP or MME tests are not appropriate.

students consistently perform well on the MEAP and MME in all subject areas.

"We are encouraged by the success of our students as reflected in these important measures, and are mindful that it is the strong partnership of our teachers working together with students and families that enables our students to achieve at such high levels," said Northville Superintendent Dr. Leonard R. Rezmierski.

Under the Michigan School Report Card, student achievement is comprised of two components — achievement status and achievement change. Achievement status measures how well a school is educating its students using a three-year average of MEAP or MME scores. Achievement change measures whether student achievement is improving or declining using up to five years of comparable MEAP or MME data. This data is used to determine if student achievement in a school is improving at a rate fast enough to attain the goal of 100 percent proficiency in each subject area.

Northville High holding Mock Crash Program

■ 30-minute presentation on Monday morning

BY NATHAN MENOIAN
SPECIAL WRITER

A Mock Crash Program will be held at Northville High School on Monday to help students fully understand the impact of wrong choices while driving.

If inclement weather occurs, the program will be rescheduled for Sept. 30.

Rob Watson, Northville High School principal, said the event does make a positive difference in student behavior.

Freshman and sophomores will assemble at the school's soccer stadium to watch the 30-minute presentation. The same program for juniors and seniors is scheduled this coming May. Due to the large number of students, the school thought it best to run the program twice.

The Mock Crash Program has been deemed age appropriate for high school students. Parents have the option of keeping their student from attending the presentation. The school requires a signed parental form.

The mock presentation is set up as an actual crash scene in which teenagers are "injured" or "killed." A MEDFLIGHT helicopter, local police, fire truck, tow truck, funeral home and EMS personnel will also be involved.

A crashed vehicle from a serious accident is towed to the school and placed in the center of the field. For safety purposes, the vehicle's windows and engine fluids are removed from the vehicle prior to the program.

"I've been here 12 years, and this is the fourth time the school has held this event," Watson said. "I believe it has had an incredible impact on the students regarding the severity of poor choices while driving."

HOW IT WORKS

Four volunteer students from

"Regardless of the reasons, lives are impacted, families are impacted, and the hope is that this presentation will cause students to think carefully about the choices they make while driving...If you look down at your phone for just a second, especially while driving 50 or 60 miles per hour, that distraction can impact lives forever. When you're 16 or 17 years old, you don't think about dying."

ROB WATSON, Northville High School principal

the freshman and sophomore class will be part of the presentation. They will be dressed in prom outfits — as if they were on their way to or coming back from the actual event.

A representative of the MED FLIGHT COMPANY, who also brings in a helicopter to transport the fatality from the scene of the crash, presents narration during the program.

A large tarp remains over the vehicle — with the volunteers inside. Once the crash scene is activated, the tarp is removed allowing the audience to see the severely damaged vehicle with passengers.

From that point the scene becomes intense. The passengers have makeup on, fake blood, and are positioned throughout the vehicle similar to actual crash victims, with one student lying on the hood of the car.

"Police are called and respond to the mock crash scene in real time," Watson said. "The fire department also arrives in real time, as well as an EMS vehicle."

The presentation shows how EMS personnel, police and firefighters work together to remove severely injured passengers from the vehicle. Weather permitting, a helicopter will arrive at the scene, and

one of the crash victims, perhaps a fatality is transported out.

The cause of the crash might be the result of a number of scenarios, Watson said. It could be from drinking, texting on a cell phone, or smoking marijuana.

"Regardless of the reasons, lives are impacted, families are impacted, and the hope is that this presentation will cause students to think carefully about the choices they make while driving," he said.

There will be time available for discussion immediately following the presentation and the school's counseling staff will be available to assist students.

"The feedback we have received from previous programs, is that it was disturbing and frightening to students," Watson said. "They understand how things can change in one quick second that will change lives forever."

Even though it is a 30-minute program, Watson said it seems longer as firefighters use the Jaws of Life to cut the roof off of the vehicle to remove injured passengers.

Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) is organizing the school program. Formerly they were known as Students Against Drunk Driving, but things have changed, Watson said.

Four years ago, drinking most often caused accidents, but with cell phones so popular among students, accidents have increased because texting causes drivers to take their eyes off the road to read their messages.

"If you look down at your phone for just a second, especially while driving 50 or 60 miles per hour, that distraction can impact lives forever," Watson said. "When you're 16 or 17 years old, you don't think about dying."

Nathan Menoian is a freelance writer living in Milford.

NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

Walk back option reinstated

It has come to the attention of the district that the method of measuring the distance from the school to home is in question. This, along with the incomplete sidewalk projects needed to develop adequate crossing and routes to schools, the Northville Public Schools Board of Education has decided to reinstate the "walk back" option for this school year.

The bus stops for the 2009-10 school year have been established and will remain in their current locations, but students residing within the 1.0 and 1.5 mile distances will be able to "walk back" to a bus stop. Students will also be able to ride the bus home to their designated stop. (Please see updated bus routes listed on the Transportation Department web pages: <http://www.northville.k12.mi.us/district/transportation.asp>.)

Work on the crosswalks and walking routes will continue as the District prepares for budget reductions that may be necessary in response to state

school funding reductions next year.

The Board approved the revision to the transportation program this year to help close the \$1.0 million budget gap for 2009-10.

The District understands that any decrease in service is a major inconvenience for families. However, there will be even more severe reductions in 2010-11 and beyond. With adequate preparation, families will be better able to adjust to future reductions. The state funding crisis will impact all Michigan school districts when the stimulus funds are gone.

The Board and administration will be holding community forums in the near future to get input from the community on ways to reduce the 2010-2011 budget by an anticipated \$4-5 million.

The return to the "walk back" option will commence on Monday, Sept. 21. Since the number of "walk backs" will not be known until Monday morning, there may be some initial confusion.

By Leonard R. Rezmierski, Ph.D., Superintendent

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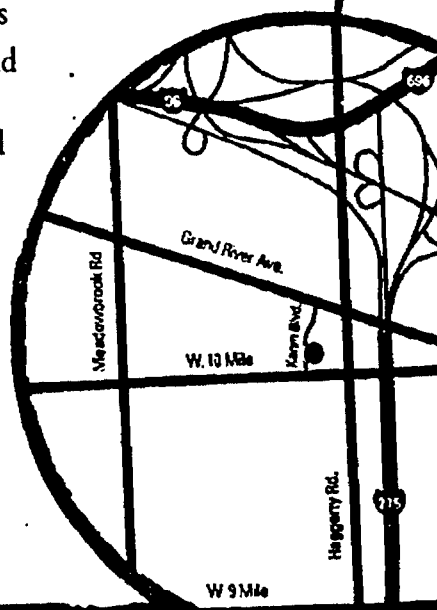
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New eateries, crowd favorites are all part of extravaganza

Culinary delicacies from many new restaurants and returning favorites will be featured at Sunday's Schoolcraft College Foundation Culinary Extravaganza.

The celebration of food and wine takes place 2-5 p.m. in the VisiTech Center at the Livonia campus, Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads.

New to this year's event are several northern Michigan restaurants including cava in Bay Harbor Village, Chandler's - A Restaurant and Symons General Store in Petoskey and Piersons at the Village of Boyne Mountain.

Also new to this year's event are Cinco Lagos, Brian Polcyn's new Mexican restaurant in Milford, Claddagh Irish Pub, Henry's of Schoolcraft College, Zerbo's Health Foods, Hotel Baronette and The International & America Cuisine Culinary Arts Section of Schoolcraft College.

FAVORITES RETURNING

Culinary event favorites returning include Joe's Produce and Gourmet Market of Livonia, The Cupcake Station of Birmingham, Steve & Rocky's, Andiamo, Polcyn's Forest Grill of Birmingham, Traffic Jam in Detroit and Mitchell's Fish Market serving oysters on the half shell and mussels. Also returning after a brief one-year hiatus is The Henry Ford which is scheduled to serve grilled lobster sausage with pumpkin risotto.

The extravaganza brings together students, food professionals and the southeast Michigan community providing patrons with samples of some of the finest from the most notable restaurants, pastry shops and beverage vendors in the metropolitan area and beyond.

GOOD CAUSE

The event benefits the Culinary Arts Program and Schoolcraft College students by providing scholarships and grants.

Craig Bowles, a Farmington Hills resident and Secretary of the Schoolcraft College Foundation is chair of this year's event.

Bowles calls the culinary event "an elegant way to help others further their education."

While sampling food and wine, patrons can bid on dining, travel and sports packages at a silent auction.

"The packages are outstanding," said Marge Lynch, of Schoolcraft College, a member of the planning committee.

Some of items on the auction tables this Sunday include a one-week stay in a three-bedroom, three-bath condo at Sand Destin Resort in Florida, a 40-inch HD-LCD Sharp television, an overnight stay for two at the world-class Townsend Hotel in downtown Birmingham with dinner for two in the Rugby Grille, a multi-course dinner for four at Hotel Baronette, overnight stay at Detroit's Greektown Casino and sports packages to University of Michigan, Red Wings and Detroit Lions games.

AUCTION ITEMS

Another silent auction feature will be cured meats from Chef Brian Polcyn, an award-winning chef and charcuterie expert. Polcyn is nationally recognized for his creativity and culinary talents, and as the visionary behind some of metro Detroit's most acclaimed restaurants.

Raffle tickets also help the fund-raising efforts and are available for online purchase at \$5 each or three for \$10. The

extravaganza will be held at Culinary Extravaganza. Ticket purchasers don't have to be present to win.

Prizes are: \$1,000, first place; \$500, second place; \$250 for third and fourth places; and dinner for two at American Harvest for fifth, sixth and seventh places.

Tickets for the food and wine event are still available. Tickets are \$50 (\$20 is a charitable contribution).

Call (734) 462-4518 to order tickets or go to www.schoolcraft.edu/foundation.

Other participating restaurants, pastry shops and beverage vendors include: Sive Restaurant at The Inn at St. John's, American Harvest at Schoolcraft College, Armitage Catering/Finnish Cultural Center, Cadillac Coffee Company, Central Distributors, Coffee Express Co., Cornerstone Wine Distributors, Elite Catering Company, Galaxy Wine Distributors, Gnarly Head Wines - DFV Wines, Great Lakes Coffee Roasting Company, Great Lakes Wine & Spirits, Great Oaks Country Club, Holiday Catering & Cooking School, L. Mavby Vineyards, McCormick Distilling Co., Fraser, Michigan Grape and Wine Industry Council, Portofino Restaurant & Banquet Facility, Remove the work Cellar - Vintner's Canton Winery, Schmitt Sothe, Sorella's Homemade Baked Goods, LLC, Studer Enterprises, Inc. - StarWorks Cellars, Table 5 of Northville, The Fine Wine Source, The Grapevine of Novi, Trader Joe's, Venus Imports, LLC, Vine2Wine Custom Winery, Vintner's Cellar Canton Winery, Walnut Creek Country Club, Wines of Distinction/J & J Importers and Zumba Mexican Grille of Royal Oak.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Debbie Jones, owner of Scottie's kitchen supply store in Northville, will be teaming up with chef Mary Spencer, right, at Center Street's Epiphany Kitchens for a series of cooking classes.

Scottie's Kitchen to offer fall classes at Epiphany Kitchens

■ Many sessions include full meal

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Mary Spencer loves to cook so much that she owns 5,000 cookbooks.

That's right - 5,000; her husband, Bill, actually counted them one day.

"They're everywhere," she said.

Spencer will use her expertise as a culinary instructor to help local people learn to cook through Scottie's Kitchen's cooking classes in downtown Northville.

The retail cookware store at the corner of Dunlap and Center streets closed at the end of July. But, Debbie Jones, owner of Scottie's Kitchen, has partnered with Epiphany Kitchens at 107 N. Center Street and will begin offering the classes Sept. 30.

"The retail end of the business wasn't doing well because of the economy, but the cooking classes were doing really well," Spencer said.

The biggest problem was finding a place that was appropriate to have the classes.

"Hopefully, we'll get enough people to sign up so that we can actually have the classes," Spencer said. Each class must have a minimum of 10 people for the class to take place. They are all offered from 6-8 p.m. and cost \$50 per person.

Students will get to enjoy a meal after several of the classes.

"Our goal is not only to teach technique but we want people to have a nice evening and have dinner," Spencer said. "Don't eat before you come. You're going to get your money's worth." Students also get copies of the recipes. Other cooks may teach other classes in the future.

"We may have someone teach a sushi class," Spencer said. "We're also trying to do something with Simply Wine next door where we could do wine and food pairings."

Spencer recently gave a presentation for members of the Northville Garden Club on what to do with your garden's harvest. "I did a ratatouille with a bunch of vegetables," she said. She also did a canning demonstration last weekend at Maybury State Park during the Corn Maze.

A LIFELONG PASSION

A native of Detroit and resident of Northville for 26 years, Spencer grew up watching her Polish mother, Helen Twardochleb, prepare fresh soup daily and make

DETAILS

To register for Scottie's Kitchen Cooking Classes at Epiphany Kitchens, call (248) 231-2523 or go to www.scottieskitchen.com. Students must register at least three days prior to class. Payment is expected at registration. Classes will be cancelled if there are not 10 people registered for a class. All will be notified by phone for cancellations.

Scottie's Kitchen's classes are \$50 per person each, and each one meets from 6-8 p.m.

Following is a rundown of the classes:

- Sept. 30 - Learn how to replicate Julia Childs' recipes as seen in the movie "Julie & Julia." Dishes will include Artichokes with Hollandaise Sauce, Sole Meuniere, Beef Bourguignon and a delightful Raspberry Bavarian Cream.
- Oct. 6 - AUTHENTIC MEXICAN MEALS - This class features authentic regional Mexican cuisine. Dishes will include Toasted Tortilla Soup with Cheese and Chili Pasilla, Chili Relleno, a flavorful Red Chicken Mole, and Rustic Cajeta Apple Tarts with Berry Salsa.
- Oct. 8 - SEAFOOD/FISH CLASS - Diverse selection of fish and shellfish will be prepared, demonstrating a variety of cooking techniques. Recipes will include Pan Roasted Halibut with Toasted Bread Crumb Salad and Green Lentils, a San Francisco Cioppino, Crazy Shrimp, Olive Oil Poached Salmon with Asparagus and Snap Peas, and a Pan Fried Catfish with Spicy Tartar Sauce.
- Oct. 10 - CREPES - Crepe making is easily learned with just a little practice. We will be making a selection savory and sweet crepes including Asparagus and Ham, Cheese Blintzes, Cherries Jubilee and an Apple and Brie Crepe.
- Oct. 16 - TAPAS - Spain's "little bites" are a unique culinary treasure. Learn how to make and sample some of the best including Garlic Shrimp Tapas, Empanadillas filled with Cheese and Olives, Potato Wedges with Aioli, Roasted Pepper Tuna Rolls and Spanish Meatballs with Romesco Sauce.
- Oct. 22 - CUPCAKES - Take this class and the world is your cupcake. Learn how to make such delectable creations as Tiramisu Cupcake, Black Bottom Cupcakes, Picked Witch Cupcakes, Ice Cream Cone Cupcakes and Banana Pecan Cupcakes.
- Oct. 24 - ROASTING - Scottie's most popular class. Learn how to prepare a tender Roasted Chicken, a perfectly cooked Pork Roast and a show stopping Prime Rib of Beef.
- Oct. 26 - PIES - Learn the key steps to successful pie making. In this demonstration we will prepare a classic Double Crust Apple Pie, a Banana Cream Pie and a Key Lime Pie.
- Oct. 28 - PIEROGI - Learn old world family recipes. In this hands on class, students will first make a standard pierogi dough. The class will then make a selection of traditional pierogi including Cheese and Potato, Kapusta (Sauerkraut) and Apple Pierogi with Caramel Sauce.
- Oct. 30 - BRUNCH - Sample a diverse array of brunch ideas. The menu will include Spinach and Cheddar Soufflé, a rustic Tomato Galette and Blueberry Scones with an Orange Glaze and Strata with Bacon, Cheddar, Mushrooms and Tomatoes.
- Nov. 7 - INDIAN CURRIES
- Nov. 13 - FRENCH CHRISTMAS
- Nov. 16 - FUN WITH PHYLLIS
- Nov. 18 - HOLIDAY APPETIZERS
- Nov. 20 - HOLIDAY COOKIES
- Nov. 23 - NORTHERN ITALIAN
- Dec. 1 - CHRISTMAS TREATS AND SWEETS
- Dec. 3 - NEW YEAR'S BUFFET

most dishes from scratch.

"She was a great cook," Spencer said. "We lived in a small home in Detroit with five kids. I always wanted to learn how to cook."

But, since her mom did everything when she was growing up, when she got married Spencer didn't know how to cook.

"I took a cooking class, and I was totally hooked," she said. "I loved it, and I couldn't stop. It became a passion." She married when she was 23 and started cooking when she was

24. As the years passed, Spencer started sharing some of the things she learned in cooking classes with her mother, and the two cooked a lot together.

"It was a lot of fun and always a learning experience for both of us," Spencer said. She said her mother even started to appreciate innovations in cooking technology, such as food processors and pasta-making machines.

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CATHERINE M. KEARNEY

Age 89, Sept. 19, 2009. Funeral was held Sept. 22 at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Farmington. Interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. For online condolences visit www.obrienfuneralhome.com

LYNN R. KERBER

Loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and steadfast friend, died Friday, September 18, 2009. He was 83 years old; born in Sandusky, Ohio on July 20, 1926. Lynn retired North American Steel Corporation in 1991. He was a decorated World War II veteran, having served with the U.S. Army in the Philippines and Korea, and was an honorary Life-time member of the Royal Oak Elks. He will be missed by his wife Diana, his sons Bob and Sam Allinder and daughter Patti Felt, 12 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, Diana's children, three brothers, and countless friends. His humor, compassion and strength of character have left lasting impressions in the hearts of everyone who knew him. A memorial service was held at the First United Methodist Church in South Lyon on September 23, 2009. Lynn was laid to rest in the Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, MI. Memorial donations may be made to Meats-On-Wheels in memory of Lynn Kerber. Please make checks payable to Council on Aging, 215 Antler St., Gladwin, MI 48624. 989-426-5450. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com



PHILIP NAVARRE
MARENTAY JR.

Age 85, passed away September 14, 2009 at home. Phil was born on a sunny day March 21, 1924, in San Diego, CA, to the late Philip Sr. and Florence (Dewar) Marentay. He proudly served in the U.S. Coast Guard during WWII. He had a lifelong love of family, standard gauge trains, stamps, music and all the classical joys life can bestow. He carried a special place in his heart for his family cottage in Goderich, Ontario, especially sunsets on the cliff overlooking Lake Huron. He will be deeply missed by his loving wife Wanda (Verellen) Marentay; 13 children; 30 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren and his sister Joan Welsh. He was preceded in death by his first beloved wife, Lois Ann Powell. A funeral mass was held on Thursday, September 17, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

MARIA ARMANDA MARTINS

Age 69 of Milford, died at her home on September 19, 2009. She is survived by her beloved husband, Edward Martins, her son, Edward (Valerie) Martins of Petoskey and grandchildren, Adam and Sara. Also surviving are her sister, Alzera (Victor) Rebeiro; sister-in-law, Toni Marques; nephews, Mario (Grace) Marques, Steven (Martha) Marques, Michael (Linda) Marques; nieces, Corinne (Randy) Borowski, Anna Paula (Arturo) Faustino and many dear friends. She was preceded in death by a brother, Mario (the late Patricia) Marques. A Funeral Mass was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church on Wednesday, Burial Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Twp. Memorials may be made in her name to The Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott Street, Detroit, MI 48207. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

MARTHA J. MCINNES

Sept. 14, 2009, Age 90. Memorial service at Crosspointe Meadows Church, 29000 Meadowbrook Rd. Novi, (248) 669-9400, Sun., Oct. 4, 2PM. Memorial contributions may be made to the church. Condolences: obrienfuneralhome.com

ELIZABETH POWERS

Age 85, passed away September 19, 2009. Elizabeth was born on April 10, 1924 in Jacksonville, OH to the late Adam and Louise (Haleski) Matyskella. Elizabeth is survived by her children: Michael (Kathleen) Powers and Patricia (Donald) Wells; granddaughters: Amy, Mary, Stephanie and Lindsey; and her brother John (Pat) Matyskella. She was preceded in death by her husband James Powers and seven siblings. A funeral service was held on Monday, September 21, 2009 at Phillips Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to The Capuchins, 1820 Mt. Elliott St., Detroit, MI 48207-3496. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

PAUL H. PRITCHARD

Passed away on September 17, 2009. Paul was born on April 10, 1933 in Detroit to the late Paul and Muriel (Hunt) Pritchard. Paul is survived by his sons Paul (Sharon), Robert, David W., Leo (Marvalina), James (Beverly), Mark (Rhonda) and John (Michelle) Pritchard; stepsons Donald (Diane) Alfred and Karl (Julie) Alfred; daughter-in-law Kathy (Allred) Lantz; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Paul was preceded in death by his wife Faye Alfred-Pritchard, his two sisters, and stepson David L. Alfred. A funeral service was held on Saturday, September 19, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

STANLEY ROSS STONG (SR)

87, died Aug. 30, 2009 Honolulu, Born Morenci, Michigan. Raised family in Brookland Farms. Finance Executive for Ford Motor Co.; U.S. Army Veteran. Survived by wife, Joan Kitchen; sons, William, Bradford, Stanley, Jr.; sister Marilyn Smith Stepsons, John, Andrew Kitchen Stepdaughter, Barbara McLean, 7 grandchildren 5 stepgrandchildren; 2 step-greatgrandchildren. Memorial Service this Saturday September 26, 11am First Presbyterian Church Chapel, 200 E. Main Street, Northville

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A Fabulous Victorian Fest!



Unlike last year, Mother Nature cooperated and kept the rain away for this year's Victorian Festival. The annual downtown Northville event drew large crowds all three days of kiddie rides, food, arts and crafts, vintage cars, antiques and live music -- all brought to you by the Northville Chamber of Commerce.

PHOTOS BY JOHN FEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A dance troupe performs during last Friday's Victorian Festival parade.

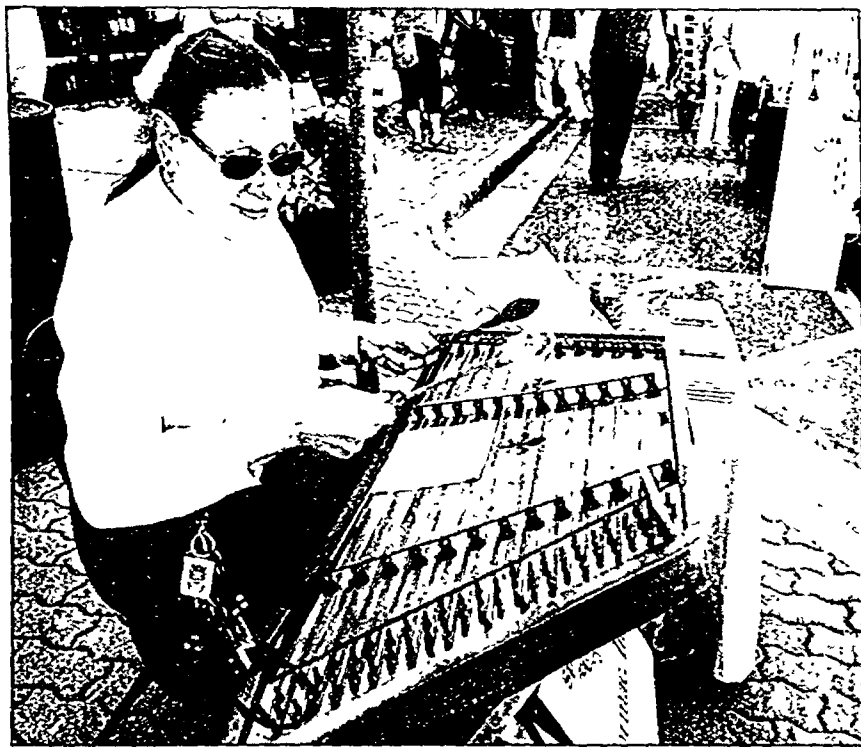


Sue "Goose" Miller of the Northville Eclipse base ball team gets a hit against the Mount Clemens Regulars at Northville's Ford Field during a special Victorian Festival exhibition play last Saturday.



Attendees of Friday afternoon's box luncheon affair at Northville's Mill Race Village cross the bridge to get to their meal. Northville schools had their lunch at Mill Race that day after enjoying skits and presentations that introduced the kids to Victorian ways and games throughout downtown Northville.

Charlene Berry plays the dulcimer during Saturday's Northville Victorian Festival.



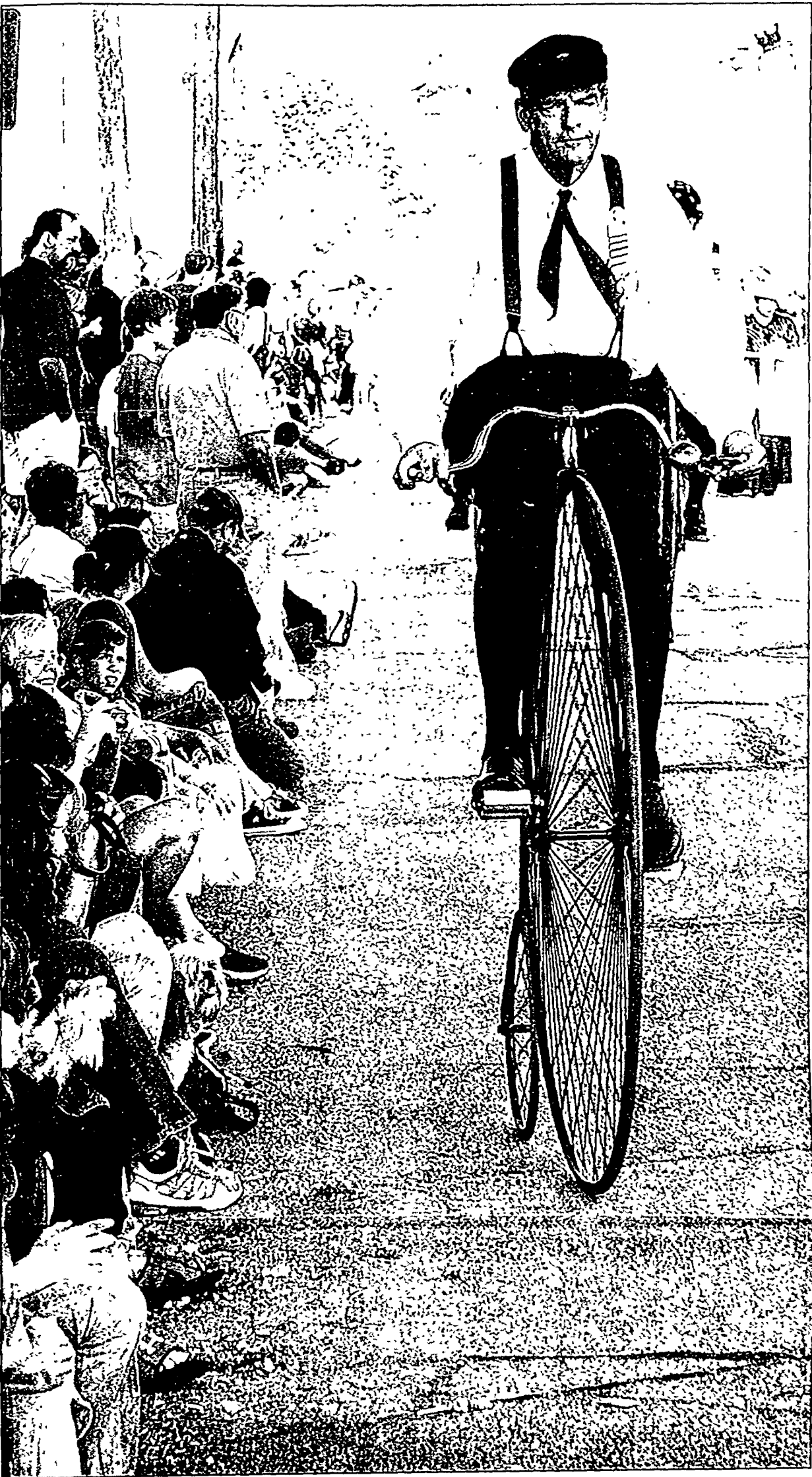
Hundreds of people marched in last Friday's parade.



A Wayne County barbershop choir entertains along Main Street in Northville during the Victorian Festival.



Attendees of Saturday's Victorian Festival were able to peruse many vendors along Main Street, like this one selling colorful gardening supplies.



A cyclist riding a old-fashioned bike rolls along Main St. during the parade.



Painter Violetta Chandler paints a scene in downtown Northville during Saturday's Victorian Festival activities.



Visitors to Northville's Town Square promenade around to the sounds of Victorian-era music on Saturday afternoon.



Dressed in old fashioned Victorian-era threads, Northville school kids and their chaperones eat lunch at Mill Race Village on Sept. 18.



The Uptown Ladies' Parasol Brigade marches in Friday's parade.



Adam Menzies, right, and a fellow Moraine Elementary School student eat their lunch on the lawn of Mill Race Village on Friday, Sept. 18.

Green Light Productions brings film fame to Northville

■ Involved in all aspects of industry

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Kevin Weedmark and Keith Simon are giving the green light to those who want to come to Michigan to make films.

As the owners of the new Green Light Film Funding and Green Light Productions at 104 W. Main Street in downtown Northville, they are already making a name for themselves in Hollywood circles.

Simon serves as president of the new company, and Weedmark is CEO/COO. Financial consultants for many years, the two are enjoying learning the ropes of the fascinating business of films.

Green Light Film Funding will finance two films that will go into preproduction this fall – “Shotgun Wedding,” which will be filmed in Louisiana, and “Four Hundred Boys,” which will be a Michigan-based production.

They opened Green Light Productions in June, which is an addition to the financing side of the business.

“We’ve had more than 700 scripts sent to us since February,” Weedmark said.

“People can actually Google ‘film financing,’ and we’re one of the first companies that pops up,” Weedmark said. “We’re getting 40,000 hits a month on our Web site without doing any advertising.”

Michael Mosallam, director of Film Initiatives for Wayne County, said Green Light is the first company the county has collaborated with as a funding source. The firm hopes to fund 10-15 films a year.

“Green light will also encourage filmmakers to use Wayne County locations, employ local crews and talent and promote our assets,” Mosallam said. “We encourage other funding companies to join our team.”

WEB SITE IS CLIENT-FRIENDLY

Clients have their own password on the Web site, so they can access notes, enabling them to communicate back and forth with Green Light staff.

“It’s a very streamlined process,” Weedmark said. Now, they’re assessing scripts that come into the company and looking into buying the rights and copyrights to the films and doing

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MICHAEL MOSALLAM,
director of Film Initiatives for Wayne County

the films from start to finish.

“We would hire directors, interview cast members, suggest casting, and put the whole project together,” he said.

Other duties might include location scouting, bringing on a director of photography, line producers and more.

“We’re trying to establish relationships here in Michigan,” Weedmark said. “People have really taken a liking to us. We got very lucky.”

Other staff members include Kari Ryan, producer; Kristyna Beckwith, assistant producer; Ken Hansen, producer; Dave Strange, marketing director; Shannon Hotz, office manager; Angela Beasley, assistant office manager.

The owners started off recruiting interns from area universities, and since, they have hired on two interns as full-time employees. They also have five new interns.

“We’re looking for their creative ideas and are giving them an opportunity to learn the business,” Weedmark said.

“There’s a lot we don’t know, but if you surround yourself with good people, and you’re honest and humble, you’ll be OK.”

Weedmark said the buzz in the industry is that Michigan has created the largest tax incentive for filmmakers in the U.S.

“It’s the best one in the states,” Weedmark said. “Michigan doesn’t have a cap on the incentive.”

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Just in time

After recent appeals to the community to donate food and personal care items, the citizens of Northville flooded the storage rooms of Northville Civic Concern with bags of goods. The gifts will help the charity, based in Northville Township’s Highland Lakes Plaza, make it through the early fall – a time when donations traditionally drop off.

DOCTOR

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Culp said her brother loved to travel and wanted to learn about how other countries’ governments and health systems worked.

“He wanted to get ideas on how our health care system could be reformed in the U.S.,” she said. “He wanted to take the good aspects of each country’s health care system and create something better than what we have.”

“He had a number of clinical rotations in England where they have a national health care program,” Bill Stockhausen said.

“He was so well-rounded, so well-adjusted, so well-liked and so highly thought of,” said his father. “But, I think he will be remembered most for being a guy who was glad to be on board, and he was a man with a mission.”

THE WHITE COAT SPEECH

His father said one of the most memorable events in his son’s life was when he was asked two years ago at age 26 to deliver what is referred to as “the White Coat Speech” at the American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine in St. Maarten. This is a short presentation delivered by a senior medical student to first-year students.

“The whole point of the speech is to motivate them and get them excited about accomplishing

lofty objectives and goals,” Bill Stockhausen said.

In the talk, he encouraged students to remember three words – contribute, discipline and humanize.

Stockhausen was supposed to start his residency at Einstein/Jacobi Medical Hospital in the Bronx, N.Y., July 1.

“His cancer was in remission for four-six months, but it came back around last Christmas,” his father said.

Stockhausen’s mother, Carol Jean Stockhausen, said, “As a child, it seemed that Karl was always moving so fast, or climbing on everything that he was constantly getting hurt. Due to the cuts, abrasions, stitches, etc., he was given the nickname of Mr. Bump at an early age. Consequently, we spent a lot of time in the ER with him. One cannot help but wonder if those many trips to the ER were embedded on his little brain, and he never forgot it, and that is how his desire to be an ER doctor originated.”

His fiancée, Rhea, said, “Karl embodied the most remarkable balance of confidence and humility.... He was even apprehensive when he was called Dr. Stockhausen since he hadn’t started his residency yet.”

“He was always trying to reach the next out-of-reach hand or foothold, to go ever higher, to drive and persist to achieve his altruistic goals – but always with a quiet humility that spoke even louder,” said his father during his eulogy.

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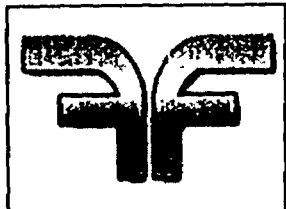
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Managers don't have to take SASS from anyone

It is no coincidence that the rise of the self-appointed subversive spokesperson (SASS) has taken place during the most chaotic of times.

Amongst the growing number of tasks, the seamless connection between work and home, as well as the perceived higher levels of stress, the SASS emerges through the multi-colored smoke with all the thunder and blunder that would make the Wizard of Oz proud. In the middle of the noise, the SASS proclaims to be the representative voice of a silent chorus, hoping to intimidate through imaginary numbers and bask in the glow of power acquired from unsuspecting participants. The SASS understands that their role is the



Lee Meadows

unintentional answer to the question, "Who died and left you in charge?"

Armed with an unstated mandate by the equally elusive 'We' group, the SASS finds the cracks in the organization's armor and uses that opening to search for molehills that can be transformed into mountains. Once accomplished, the constant yodeling is a reminder of what happens when control is wrestled from the organization's designated manager by a SASS with an agenda.

The emergence of the SASS, typically, begins with an unreasonable request being rejected by someone in a managerial role. The hurt of hearing 'no' is personalized across several dimensions and vented to anyone within the surrounding cubicle. As the childlike, acting out behavior spins toward the surface, it seeks out the passive acquiescence of others as fertilized soil for the behavior that has taken root.

The new found role of SASS is the perfect shield for fending off the barbs and banter of managers who are, unwittingly, pulled into a winless, emotional battle. The SASS understands that the perception of collective resistance sends a powerful message and positions that person to be the first choice for informal advice and misdirected efforts. As time goes on, the SASS is allowed to become louder in tone and delivery as well as demanding

TAKIN' CARE OF BUSINESS

of time and energy. Now that the SASS has your attention, the expectation is to keep your attention as long as it is needed.

The most important notion for a manager to realize is that the SASS needs a forum in which to spout off. The most practical and visible setting for the SASS to operate is the team meeting. The SASS can be found at the opposite end of the table from the manager so as to justify their need to yell or directly across the table in order to achieve the 'in your face' intimidation. In any event, this closed setting is the perfect place in which to open the non-agenda related discourse. "We think you should consider...", "We don't understand why you have to...", "We don't like how you...", and the dreaded, "We don't like..."

The SASS feeds off the limited spotlight and unchallenged statements to thwart any attempt to complete a task or facilitate a functional meeting. The longer the SASS is allowed to control the meeting, the harder it becomes to redirect or extinguish the behavior. The most effective step to challenging the 'We' collective is to ask individuals to voice their own opinion in lieu of the SASS mouthpiece. How often are we led to equate silence with agreement? How often do we confront a group dynamic by calling an individual by their name and, specifically asking, "What do you think?" More often than not, the manager will discover that the things that really bother people are minor, easily resolvable and have nothing to do with the SASS agenda. In fact, as managers and as individuals, in time we come to learn that we don't have to take SASS from anyone.

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Michigan's best offer advice for state's budget negotiations

Today's column is an open letter to the leaders of our state:

Dear Governor Jennifer Granholm, Speaker Andy Dillon and Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop:

The State of Michigan starts a new fiscal year at midnight on Oct. 1, just days from now. As you know, our state constitution requires we start the fiscal year with a balanced budget. The best estimate is that the General Fund and School Aid budgets are running a combined deficit of around \$2.8 billion.



Phil Power

As you must know, if a balanced budget is not adopted by the start of the new fiscal year, state government is required to shut down. Yes, you could possibly buy a few days with a continuing resolution, but that would only serve to make matters worse.

To mix a couple appropriate metaphors, the clock is pretty close to midnight and we're standing on the edge of a cliff.

Because the situation is so perilous and the politics and personalities involved so complex and sometimes hard to untangle, I asked some of the smartest and most experienced people I know to send me their thoughts.

My note to them asking for comments read: "There is no strategic plan underlying the budgeting process. Rather, it's largely piecemeal and catch-as-catch-can, with the only purpose to comply with the constitutional requirement of a balanced budget."

I received lots of responses; a few asked for anonymity.

This is from one of those, a long-term state official who served under both Republican and Democratic governors: "We're dying out here. Our hope is withering. Jobs are disappearing. Schools aren't running enough hours. Local police forces have been decimated. College tuition is increasing. We can hardly afford the basics, much less a bunch of small fees on top of everything we spend. If the plan is to have a state of 7 or 8 million people (down from 10 million) with need for less roads, no more power plants, less congestion at rush hour, fewer school children at risk of accident ... we're well on our way."

Another widely admired former legislator: "While Lansing is focused on the politics and economic policy of cutting budgets and raising taxes, either alternative or a combination of the two will not address the state's long term (structural) budget deficit."

"Without fundamental reform of state and local government and education, in the years ahead there will be repeated fiscal crises, political debate and the kind of uncertainty that makes Michigan unattractive to job providers."

Former GOP congressman and long-time State Senator John H. (Joe) Schwarz (R-Battle Creek) put it

like this: "I believe they are trying. That said, unless those that sincerely believe they have a political future are willing to put their political ambitions aside and do what is right and what is sure to be wildly unpopular, we will continue to kick the can down the road."

Paul Dimond, an Ann Arbor lawyer and former White House domestic policy staffer: "The 'structural problem' is that Michigan has a budget built for a state that is well above the median in average household income, but we're now in the bottom third. And we're unwilling to face this harsh reality by focusing dwindling state revenues on priorities that matter most to the future of the state."

Mike Jandernoa of Grand Rapids, a member of the executive committee of Business Leaders for Michigan had this to say: "Without a vision for our state, all of the elected officials are restricted in making long-term strategic decisions. And in state budget crises, we need more than ever to make good long-term decisions which create a government with sustainable ongoing budgets."

Craig Ruff, overall Lansing wise man and pundit: "For there to be a truly strategic plan for appropriations, you'd need a strong, hands-on governor taking the lead and legislative leaders who would set key criteria for setting priorities. I don't see how leaders can raise taxes after appropriations are signed into law."

"You'd then have all the focus just on taxes (rather than linking tax revenue to state services). The public would be horrified."

Richard Cole, currently a department chairman at MSU, and generally recognized to be among the state's most creative political thinkers: "I am getting tired of hearing that we need a strategy to save Michigan. What we need first is a dream upon which to build a strategy. ... Survival doesn't constitute a dream."

"This state needs an investment plan, and that investment plan cannot be based on finding more and more ways to avoid the taxes necessary to make this the kind of place businesses of the future want to expand and locate. Investment means taxes."

"The stupid notion that this state will regenerate into a great state by finding fewer roads to pave, fewer lakes to protect, fewer children to educate with fewer teachers to educate them, fewer state employees ... fewer police to protect us from the greater number of prisoners we are releasing ... well, this is a stupid idea."

So with all due respect, Governor Granholm, Speaker Dillon and Majority Leader Bishop, in the midst of all the chaos around you, I sincerely hope you will take the time to read this advice from some of Michigan's most capable people.

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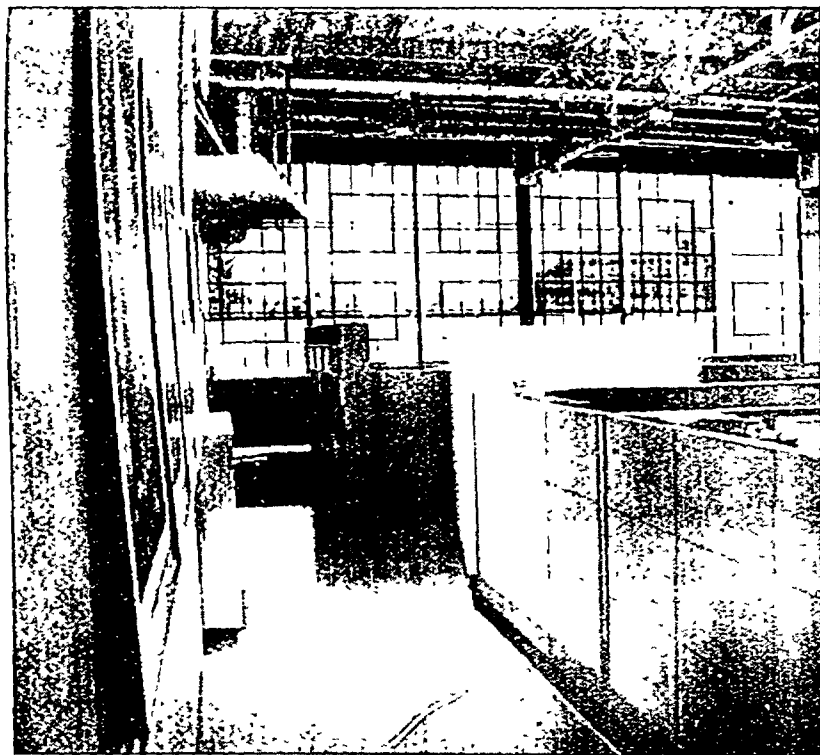
A gallery exhibit featuring HKS project Danat Al Emarat Women & Children's hospital in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates for United Eastern Medical Services LLC.



HKS Architects, P.C. opened the doors of the new Northville office last Thursday and Friday. Housed in the Water Wheel building (235 E. Main, downtown Northville), a former Ford Motor Company plant, the firm has kept many of the structure's original features while also creating a modern work atmosphere.

The HKS Detroit grand opening celebration included two days of festivities for clients, consultants, community members, family and friends.

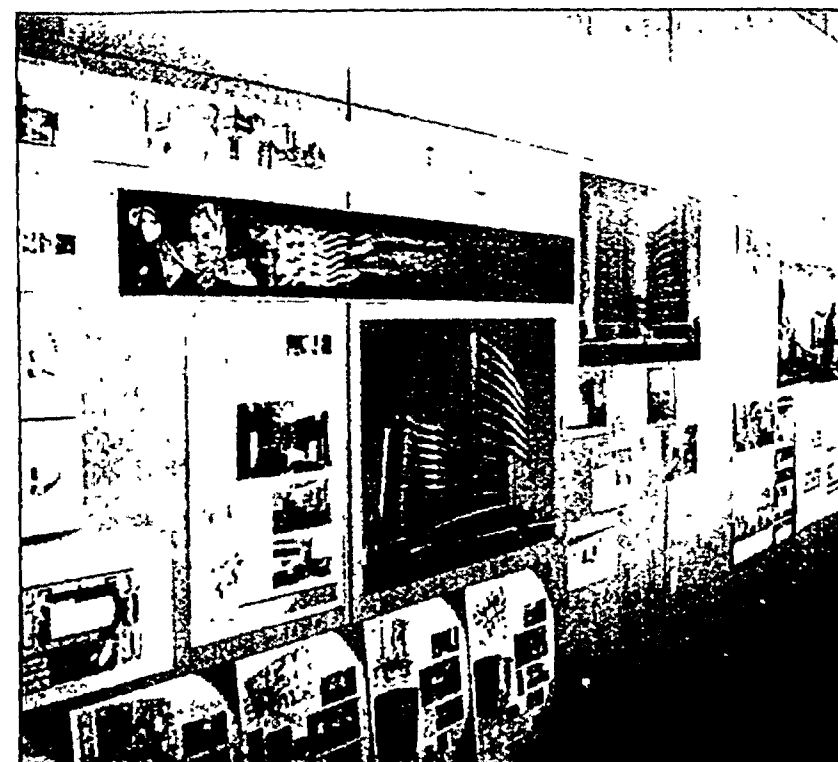
The view from the gallery looking toward the south studio "neighborhood" work area and view to Main Street beyond.



The view from the gallery toward "Touch Down" meeting alcove that is one of many formal and informal collaborative spaces to support impromptu and planned interactive work sessions.



The Water Wheel Conference Room recent presentation of Smart Design by HKS executive leaders from Dallas: Ralph Hawkins, CEO; Craig Beale, executive vice president and director of Healthcare; and Dan Noble, executive vice president and director of Design; as well as Director of Healthcare for HKS Detroit and Senior Vice President Steve Jacobson.



The collaborative team work areas featuring two current Middle East Healthcare projects: Danat Al Emarat Women & Children's Hospital and King Hussein Cancer Center.

Northville leaders review possibility of constructing Main Street walkthru

■ Some say cost way too much

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

No matter how you slice it, we live in an age where convenience is king.

And, Northville city leaders have considered constructing a walkthru from the Marquis Parking Lot south of Dunlap to Main Street since the early 1990s.

Some say, however, the estimated \$800,000 cost is too high and that the money could be used for other purposes.

Lengthy discussions took place on the proposed project Monday night during the city council meeting and Tuesday morning at the Northville DDA Board Meeting.

The \$800,000 is a not-to-exceed cost, with \$550,000 coming from the DDA budget. This amount has been set aside for a walkthru discussion for some time, according to Lori Ward, DDA executive director. The DDA will learn on Oct. 5 whether it will receive some funding by way of an MDOT enhancement grant for city projects.

The city recently received 17 qualified bids on at design for the walkthru, which would be in the former Girly Daze building just west of Comerica Bank on East Main Street. Comerica Bank donated the property, valued at about \$200,000, to the city several years ago so the cut-through could be constructed.

FOUR FIRMS BEING CONSIDERED

Out of the 17 bids, four com-

panies were selected — George Hartman, a Northville resident whose firm is in Bloomfield Hills; Cooper Design of Ann Arbor; inFORM studio of Northville; and Wilkie & Zanley, part of the Sidock Group in Novi.

Representatives from the four firms will be interviewed by city and DDA staff in council chambers at 1:15 p.m. on Sept. 28.

Then, a special DDA Design Committee meeting will take place at 6 p.m. Oct. 1 in the lower level conference room at city hall to discuss the walkthru. The committee will meet to discuss the Downtown Streetscape and Landscaping Project at 6:30 p.m. that same day.

Mary Starring, who owns Starring "The Gallery" on West Main Street and is a member of the Northville Central Business Association and a new member of the DDA Board, said she's not sure the project makes sense in these trying economic times. "I'm not saying that the downtown merchants are against it," Starring said. "We're just not sure whether the city can afford it right now."

BUDGETARY CONCERNS

Starring said she would like to see the money return to the budget for the DDA's Business Assistance Program, which has provided reimbursement grants for downtown businesses for technology expenditures and front and rear facade improvements.

These funds were cut out of

'I didn't know that there was going to be concern with this. I think this is needed to enhance the downtown area. We need a way to get people from the Marquis Parking Lot to Center and Main streets. We need a public thoroughfare. If you can see where you're going, you might go there.'

CHUCK LAPHAM, a longtime resident who used to own a men's store on Main Street

the most recent budget.

Chris Van Dam, owner of Van Dam's Boutique on East Main Street, also has concerns about the expense.

"I do think that the gift from Comerica is great. But, can we afford it? We're just concerned about the cost," she said.

Chuck Lapham, a longtime resident who used to own a men's store on Main Street and is active in discussions on the development of the downtown, believes the walkthru is a must.

"I didn't know that there was going to be concern with this," he said at Monday's council meeting. "I think this is needed to enhance the downtown area. We need a way to get people from the Marquis Parking Lot to Center and Main streets. We need a public thoroughfare. If you can see where you're going, you might go there."

Lapham thinks by increasing foot traffic on Main and Center streets that a walkthru would increase property values for the

city and township.

"We've got to look at this for the betterment of this town," he said.

BUILT IN PHASES?

Pat Sullivan, city manager, said the project could be built in phases, and that there has been talk about keeping the second floor intact.

Mayor Chris Johnson supports the project because he believes it will lead people from the Marquis lot to Main Street. "We need to make good use of our existing parking," he said. "Moving forward with the project still makes a lot of sense."

Downtown merchants at city council expressed a desire to be well-informed about discussions on the proposal, and the DDA staff will make sure that happens.

"I'm hopeful that we're going to get a great project out of this," said Greg Presley, chair of the DDA Board. He calls East Main Street a "super block" and feels the walkthru is even more important now with the addition of several restaurants in that area. "Having a walkway with an elevator could energize the second floor. We could have an artists alley or residential there," Presley said.

"This is not a project that should be taken lightly. It has a lot of assets for the downtown."

Council Member Nancy Darga requested from the DDA staff a list of pros and cons on the walkthru and that merchants be well-informed on the process.

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LANDFILL

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visor. "And, I hope that county officials will work with township officials to try to alleviate problems such as odor and traffic, particularly on Six Mile Road."

Concerns have already been expressed recently by township residents who live on the east side of Napier Road between Six and Seven Mile roads about the truck traffic that the landfill produces.

Since Napier is a gravel road, the speed limit is supposedly 55, and it is not posted. Residents have complained that this is too fast for truck traffic when children and horseback riders may be present.

The landfill is open from 6 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday and from 7 a.m.-noon on Saturday. Salem Township residents are allowed one free landfill pass a year which allows them to make 60 trips to dispose of household waste.

Daniel Myers, director of public works for Washtenaw County, confirmed there is a potential expansion planned for the landfill, but that it will be on the same site.

Ken Schwartz, Washtenaw County Commissioner, said the owner wants to expand the perimeter and increase the landfill to an elevation of about 1,300 feet. "That would allow them to fill the valley between the two peaks and give them enough solid waste capacity for another 20-25 years," Schwartz said.

"It's a slight expansion by the entrance to the landfill as well as a little higher," Myers said. In other words, the expansion will take place to the north and east of the current confines of the landfill.

Although it's had different owners over the years, Myers said the landfill is 20-25 years old.

"The owners are working on getting their state permits now before the expansion can take place," Myers said.

He said the designated route for waste disposal trucks to the landfill is actually south of Six Mile Road from M-14 and then to Beck Road.

"Any traffic on Six Mile Road should be due only to local vehicles," Myers said. He also said that there's not much that can be done about such issues as the odor caused by the landfill or dust produced from truck travel on unpaved roads.

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Etc. includes Meetings; Senior Events; Library Lines; Parks & Rec; Volunteering; Support Groups; Clubs & 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

NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

CITY OF NORTHVILLE

City Council
DATE: First and third Monday of the month
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: City Hall, 215 W. Main St.
Downtown Development Authority Meeting
DATE: Third Tuesday of each month
TIME: 8 a.m.
LOCATION: City Hall Meeting Room A, on lower level, 215 W. Main St.
CONTACT: 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

NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP

Planning Commission
DATE: Last Tuesday of month
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Township Hall, 44405 West Six Mile
Board of Trustees
DATE: Third Thursday of month
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Township Hall
Zoning Board of Appeals
DATE: Third Wednesday of month
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Township Hall
Beautification Commission
DATE: Third Monday of month
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Township Hall
Youth Assistance
DATE: Second Tuesday of every month
TIME: 8 a.m.
LOCATION: Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road
CONTACT: Sue Campbell (248) 344-1618

Senior Events

SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER

LOCATION: 303 W. Main St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-4140
Thursday
 8 a.m.: Walking Club
 9 a.m. **TOPS**; Massage by appt.
 10:30 a.m.: Yoga
 11 a.m.: Cribbage
 Noon: Walking Club
 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle
Friday
 8 a.m.: Walking Club
 11 a.m.: Poker
 11:30 a.m.: Walking Club
 Noon: Walking Club
 1 p.m.: Movie
Monday
 8 a.m.: Walking Club
 9:30 a.m.: Mah Jongg
 10 a.m.: Beginning Line Dance; Oxyrise
 11 a.m.: Adv. Line Dance
 Noon: Walking Club
 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle/Euchre
 7:15 p.m.: Tai Chi
Tuesday
 8 a.m.: Walking Club
 10:30 a.m.: Yoga
 11:30 a.m.: Walking Club
 Noon: Walking Club
 12:30 p.m. Pinochle
Wednesday
 8 a.m.: Walking Club
 9 a.m.: Foot Reflexology by appt.
 10 a.m.: Oxyrise
 11 a.m.: Strength Training
 11:30 a.m.: Walking Club
 Noon: Bridge; Walking Club
 1 p.m.: Cribbage
 7 p.m.: Bridge
Co-ed Adult 50+ Open Volleyball
TIME/DAYS: 10 a.m.-noon Monday, Wednesday, Friday
LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside
DETAILS: All levels of play welcome; bring your friends; \$1
CONTACT: Northville Parks and Recreation (248) 449-9947
Adult 50+ Fun Co-ed Volleyball
TIME/DAYS: 1:3 p.m. every Tuesday

LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside
DETAILS: Games scored to 15 points with creative team rotation; \$1 per session; all skill levels welcome.
CONTACT: Northville Parks and Recreation (248) 449-9947
Co-ed Adult 50+ Open Basketball
TIME/DAY: 10 a.m.-noon each Thursday
LOCATION: Senior Community Center
DETAILS: All levels of play welcome; bring your friends; \$1.
CONTACT: Northville Parks and Recreation (248) 449-9947
Health Walking
DATE: Monday-Friday
TIME: 8-10 a.m.
LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.
Pilates Class
TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. each Tuesday
Bunco
TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m. second Thursday of each month
DETAILS: Call Senior Community Center 24 hours in advance to register; \$1 per person.
Friday Flicks
TIME: 1 p.m. every Friday
DETAILS: Cost is \$1.

Library Lines

NORTHVILLE DISTRICT LIBRARY

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

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
Parks and Recreation Commission
DATE/TIME: 7 p.m. second Wednesday, every other month beginning in Jan.
LOCATION: Northville Township Hall, 44405 W. Six Mile Road
Open Family Basketball
TIME/DATE: 4 - 6p.m. every Sunday Sept.-April
LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W Main St
DETAILS: \$2 Per person
Open 40+ Basketball
TIME/DATE: 7 - 9:30p.m. every Wednesday
LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W Main St
DETAILS: \$3 Per person
Open Adult Volleyball
TIME/DATE: 7 - 10p.m. every Thursday
9 a.m. noon every Saturday Sept.-April
LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside
DETAILS: \$4 Per person
Open Badminton
TIME/DATE: 7-9:30 p.m. every Tuesday & Friday
LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside
DETAILS: \$9 Per person, includes birds. Competitive style
Badminton, all skill levels welcome, 8 Courts
Open Pickleball
TIME/DATE: 12 p.m. every Monday; 6-8 p.m. every Saturday
LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside
DETAILS: \$3 Per person Monday
\$4 Per person Saturday
Open Table Tennis
TIME/DATE: Noon - 4p.m. every Saturday
LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside
DETAILS: \$5 Per person, 8 tables available.
All skill levels welcome
Open Coed 50+ Volleyball
TIME/DATE: 10am - Noon every Mon, Wed, Fri
LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside
DETAILS: \$1 Per person, all skill levels welcome
Bring your friends
Open 50+ Pickleball
TIME/DATE: 1:3 p.m. every Monday
LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W Main St
DETAILS: \$2 Per person. Paddles & balls available
CONTACT: (248) 449-9947 for more info on all above open activities.

Volunteering

ARBOR HOSPICE

DETAILS: Seeking compassionate, caring individuals to join our Volunteer 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.

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

FRIENDS OF THE NORTHVILLE DISTRICT LIBRARY

DETAILS: There are openings for our Board of Directors. The Friends are volunteers who promote reading, support programs in the library and financially support projects not covered by the library's budget. Board members attend a monthly meeting and serve on a committee. If interested, send a letter to James Morche, President of the Friends, c/o Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St., Northville, 48167.

HEARTLAND HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

TIME: Day and evening training classes
LOCATION: 28588 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 475, Southfield
DETAILS: Caring and compassionate individuals needed to register for Heartland Hospice Volunteer Training. We serve individuals and their families during their end of life journey in the Tri-County area. Office support is needed.
CONTACT: Mary, (800) 770-9859

MEALS-ON-WHEELS

DATE: Ongoing
TIME: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Permanent and substitute drivers needed.
CONTACT: Eleven at Allen Terrace (248) 231-9950, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday or Judy LaManna (248) 348-1761

NORTHVILLE ARTS COMMISSION SEEKS COMMISSIONERS

TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. second Wednesday of each month
LOCATION: 215 West Cady Street
DETAILS: Seeking volunteer Commissioners to help grow the Northville Art House. The mission of the Art House is to enhance the community by providing culture and arts in a central and appropriate location. Candidates need only to have a passion for expanding the arts in Northville! Committees are formed to assist in the development and facilitation of Art House educational programs, events and exhibitions.
CONTACT: (248) 344-0497, e-mail info@northvillearts.org or visit northvillearts.org.

SUSAN B. GALLI ANGEL FUND

DETAILS: Hidden Springs Veterinary Clinic has created a fund to assist families in need with medical expenses for their pets. The fund is in memory of a longtime client, Sue Galli. All donations are welcome so we can help as many pets as possible. Please make checks payable to Hidden Spring Vet Clinic SGA Fund. Mail to: 48525 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167.
CONTACT: (248) 349-2598

VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION HOSPICE PROGRAM

DETAILS: In as little as two to four hours a week, volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family members or provide office support. A free, 18-hour/three-day training program is provided.
CONTACT: (800) 882-5720 Ext. 8361 or (248) 967-8361 or visit <http://vna.org>.

YWCA OF WESTERN WAYNE COUNTY

DETAILS: The YWCA is looking for volunteers to assist with office help, after-school programs, building projects, communications and marketing in various locations throughout western Wayne County.
CONTACT: Tabatha Manuel (313) 561-4110 Ext. 20 or tmanuel@ywca-wwc.org

Support Groups

ANGELA HOSPICE GROUPS

LOCATION: Angela Hospice Care Center, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia
CONTACT: Joan Lee (734) 953-6012
General Grief Support Groups
TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of month
DETAILS: Open to all losses.
Loss of Spouse/Significant Other Support Group
TIME/DATE: 1:3 p.m. or 6:30-8 p.m. first Tuesday of month
Suicide Loss Support Services
DETAILS: Individual and family services offered free for those who have lost a loved one through suicide; call Sherri Katz at (734) 464-7810 for more information.
Heartstrings: Parents Who Have Lost a Child
TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. first Thursday of month
DETAILS: Call Ann-Patrice Foley to register, (734) 464-7810.
Grief Support Quilter's Group
TIME/DATE: 1:3 p.m. first and third Wednesday of month
DETAILS: Make a quilt in memory of a loved one. No experience necessary. Register by calling (734) 953-6012.
Women's Grief Support Group
DETAILS: Sessions held in spring and fall. Call Joan Lee at (734) 953-6012 for dates and times.

ANXIETY DISORDER SUPPORT GROUP

TIME/DAY: 7:30 p.m. every Thursday
LOCATION: Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile Road, Livonia
DETAILS: Aim for Recovery offers support and recovery for those suffering with anxiety disorders and their families. Meetings consist of planned behavioral lessons and discussions. Educational material will be available. Donations for the program and materials are accepted.
CONTACT: Robert Diedrich at robtddrich@msn.com

CROHN'S & COLITIS SUPPORT GROUP

DATE: First and third Wednesday of each month
TIME: 7-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Providence Park Hospital and Medical Center
DETAILS: Enter facility through southeast entrance. Meeting in Conference Room A, immediately to the left.
CONTACT: Al Biggs (313) 805-7605 or Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America (888) 737-2322.

FOOD ADDICTS ANONYMOUS INFORMATION SESSION

DETAILS: Twelve-step program for individuals suffering from food obsession, over eating, under eating, and bulimia; weekly meetings held in Canton, Ann Arbor and other metro Detroit areas; no dues, fees or weigh-ins; everyone welcome including those who think they have food problems or are concerned about someone who may.
CONTACT: (734) 913-9614 or foodaddicts.org

NEW HOPE CENTER FOR GRIEF SUPPORT

DETAILS: The groups meet on a regular basis in various locations. All services for offered at no cost.
CONTACT: (248) 348-0115 or go to <http://newhopecenter.net>
Circles of Hope
TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of month
LOCATION: St. Kenneth's Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty Road, Plymouth
DETAILS: Ongoing support group for widows and widowers; group divides into three sections depending on stage

of grief; meets same time as children's support group
New Hope for KIDZ and Teens Support Group
TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of month
DETAILS: Meets at the same time and location as adult group; for children ages 3-18 who have lost a loved one; kids divided into different age groups.
Starting Again
TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday of each month
LOCATION: Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road
DETAILS: Ongoing support group for widows and widowers who are facing the empty nest, either still working or recently retired.
Wayfarers
TIME/DATE: 2-3 p.m. second Wednesday of each month
LOCATION: Ward Presbyterian Church, Room A107
DETAILS: For semi-retired or retired widows and widowers.
The Lunch Bunch
TIME/DATE: Noon third Wednesday of each month
DETAILS: This is a monthly lunch group for widows and widowers; locations vary, call Ed Drost at (734) 261-8045 for more information.
Parents of Hope
DETAILS: Small groups for parents who have lost a child are offered at some of our From Grief to New Hope workshops. Monthly support groups are also offered at the following times and locations:
Livingston County Parents of Hope
TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. first and third Tuesday of each month
LOCATION: Cornerstone Presbyterian Church, 9455 Hilton Road, Brighton
Oakland County Parents of Hope
TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of each month
LOCATION: Orchard Lake Community Church, 5171 Commerce Road, Orchard Lake

FROM GRIEF TO NEW HOPE

TIME/DATE: 7-8:45 p.m. Tuesday nights
LOCATION: Orchard United Methodist Church located at 30450 Farmington Road in Farmington Hills
DETAILS: New Hope Center for Grief Support and Orchard United Methodist Church will be offering an eight week grief workshop. This free workshop is open to the community and will be presented by Cathy Clough, director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. Each session will begin with a presentation about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. Attendees will be placed in groups with others who have had similar losses. The workshop will meet for eight consecutive Tuesday nights.
CONTACT: For registration information call the church at (248) 626-3620. For information about other age and loss specific grief support groups offered by New Hope Center for Grief Support call (248) 348-0115.

PSYCHOTHERAPY & COUNSELING SERVICES, NORTHVILLE

COUNSELING CENTER
Anxiety/Agoraphobia/Panic Attack Support Group
TIME/DATE: Second Wednesday of each month
DETAILS: Call (734) 420-8175 for more information.
Co-Dependency Class
TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. every Tuesday
DETAILS: The focus of each session will be helpful for those who came from a dysfunctional, co-dependent or alcoholic parent situation. Various topics presented each week with time for sharing, guidance and supportive tools. Cost is \$12 per session.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER

LOCATION: Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads
CONTACT: For more information, and to register, call (734) 462-4443, e-mail wrc@schoolcraft.edu or visit schoolcraft.edu/wrc.
Divorce Support Group
TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of month
LOCATION: Women's Resource Center, Room 225 McDowell Center
DETAILS: Open to anyone contemplating, in the process of, or having difficulty adjusting to divorce; first meeting each month is group discussion; second meeting features a guest speaker; no fee or registration required.

SPACE FOR CHANGING FAMILIES

A nonsectarian community service of the National Council of Jewish Women/Greater Detroit Section
Divorce Support Group
TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. every Tuesday
LOCATION: Hooper Evaluations Building, 26400 Lahser Road, Suite 306, Southfield.
DETAILS: Help for men and women dealing with the many conflicted feelings regarding divorce and separation. Led by a trained facilitator, Andy Mather. Fee is \$5 per session. Pre-registration required. Call (248) 355-3300, Ext. 0

WIDOWED FRIENDS SUPPORT GROUP

DETAILS: Widowed Friends of the Archdiocese of Detroit is a peer support group.
CONTACT: For more information, call Marilyn at (586) 739-9406

YOUNG ADULTS

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. every Thursday
DETAILS: Susan McKenna, a life coach, author and motivational speaker, is hosting a support group exclusively for young adults (high school through 20's). The major issues that this age group deals with are issues with parents; anxiety and or depression; lack of motivation or low self esteem; relationship problems. A group support system which will offer discussion, information and offer ways to encourage problem solving tools will motivate those wishing to be happy and successful. Sessions are \$12
CONTACT: Register by calling 734-420-8175.

Clubs & Groups

AAUW, NORTHVILLE/NOVI BRANCH

CONTACT: For information e-mail Harriet Sawyer, membership Vice President at sawyerh@wowway.com or call (734) 420-3270.

BEAUTIFUL SINGLES HIKING

TIME/DAY: 9:30 a.m. first and third Sunday of the month
LOCATION: Maybury State Park
DETAILS: Join singles of all ages for hiking and other activities.
CONTACT: <http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/BSHiking/> or Bill at (586) 909-6938

BUSINESS NETWORKING INTERNATIONAL

TIME/DAY: 7-8:30 a.m. every Wednesday
LOCATION: Ginopolis on Ice, Computware Sports Arena, 14900 Beck Road, Plymouth
DETAILS: This diverse group of business professionals meets with the goal of exchanging referrals. Currently seeking different representatives from occupations including florist, mechanic, DJ, landscaper, dentist and caterer.
CONTACT: Carol Clarke, (734) 968-8254 or visit bni-mi.com

CAMERA CLUB

DATE: Second Tuesday of every month
CONTACT: Tom James of Northville Camera at northvill-camera@sbcglobal.net or Northville Arts Commission (248) 449-9950

GARDENERS OF NORTHVILLE & NOVI

TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. second Monday of month, Sept.-May
LOCATION: Northville Art House at 215 W. Cady Street, Northville
DETAILS: Visitors welcome.
CONTACT: Contact: Marcia (248) 349-2352 or visit gardenersnorthville-novi.org

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP

TIME/DATE: 7:30-9:30 p.m. first and third Thursday of every month
LOCATION: Livonia Civic Center Library, Five Mile and Farmington Road
DETAILS: Discuss novels, plays, poetry and nonfiction. Reading Poetry by Mark Strand. Goody Night.
CONTACT: (248) 349-3121

NORTHVILLE BOOK CLUB

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. one Friday per month
LOCATION: Solid Grounds Coffee House, 133 W. Main St., Suite 222
DETAILS: Reading "The Autobiography of My Mother" by Jamaica Kincaid.
CONTACT: northvillebookclub@gmail.com

NORTHVILLE DEMOCRATS CLUB

CONTACT: www.northvilledems.com
Community Dems Annual Spaghetti Dinner
DATE: Friday evening, Sept. 25
LOCATION: Burton Manor, Livonia

NORTHVILLE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Research Help
TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. every Monday and by appointment
LOCATION: Northville District Library, Local History Room
DETAILS: Individual help on genealogy is offered by society members.
CONTACT: Tille Van Sickle (734) 595-7806 or <http://rootsweb.com/~mings>
Monthly Meeting
TIME/DATE: 1:15 p.m. computer genealogy class, 2:30 p.m. general meeting, second Sunday of month.
LOCATION: Northville District Library, Carlos Meeting Room, 212 W. Cady St.

NORTHVILLE NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS

Meet and Greet Monthly Coffee
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. first Tuesday of each month
LOCATION: Member's home
DETAILS: All welcome to socialize, meet, greet friends and neighbors and learn about the activities and interest groups this club has to offer.
CONTACT: Colleen Nametz at (248) 349-4684

Health Events

BOTSFORD OFFERS AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S LOOK GOOD...FEEL BETTER PROGRAM

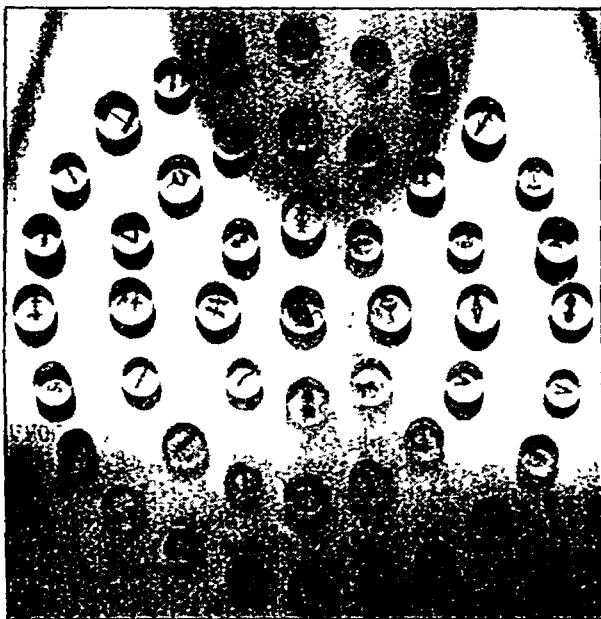
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-noon, second Monday of each month
LOCATION: Botsford Cancer Center located at 27900 Grand River Ave. in Farmington Hills
DETAILS: Are you experiencing skin, facial and nail changes during your cancer treatment? Botsford Hospital's Cancer Center is offering an American Cancer Society program called Look Good... Feel Better that provides information and cosmetic advice to women battling cancer. This program is a free, supportive, informative and enjoyable first step toward renewed self-esteem, self-confidence and emotional recovery for female cancer patients undergoing radiation or chemotherapy. The session includes hands-on instruction on makeup, skin care and suggestions for using wigs, turbans and scarves. It also includes tips on nail care during treatment. Further, a makeup gift bag will be donated to all participants. Sessions are limited to 12 people and are open to any woman undergoing cancer treatment in the area. Pre-registration is required. Look Good... Feel Better is offered through a partnership of the American Cancer Society, the Cosmetic, Toiletry, and Fragrance Association and the National Cosmetology Association.
CONTACT: For more information or to register, please call Jeri Davis, M.L.S.W., at (248) 473-4813.
Tai Chi class
TIME/DATE: 4-6 p.m., every Wednesday
LOCATION: Botsford Hospital - Community Room of the Zieger Administration & Education Building
DETAILS: Looking for a way to improve health and relieve stress? Don't miss Botsford Hospital's offered with Dr. Alex



"CITIZEN A. S. EVER CAN FAMILY" (ACRYLIC AND OIL)

West of Center

In challenging economic times, artists can provide a fresh perspective. The Northville Art House is excited to present 40 new looks at the world with its first annual "West of Center" show, running Oct. 2-24. More than 50 artists from Michigan and states beyond submitted works for consideration, and the show's juror MaryAnn Wilkinson, independent scholar and former curator of the Detroit Institute of Arts, selected a wide range of pieces. Works include portraits, landscapes, sculpture, and photography. Artists selected by Ms. Wilkinson are: Carrie Burnett, Ann Connors, Darcel Deneau, Sherry Eid, Jason Eisner, Jeri Fellwock, Thomas Frank, Ken Kaminsky, WanChuan Kesler, Mary Lapetz, Yen-Hua Lee, Vic Leo, Mary Macéy, Kurt Menhart, Carla Morabito, William A. Oliver, Todd Patrick, Cheryl M. Phillips, Victor Pytko, Alexandra Rymal, Cyndi Senatore, Greg Smith, Kaitlin Walsh, Matthew Woodward and Patrick Young. The show will open with a reception Friday, Oct. 2, from 6-9 p.m. during Northville's First Friday Art Walk. The show will continue through Oct. 24 during the Art House Gallery hours (Wednesdays-Saturdays, 1-5 p.m.; First Fridays only, 1-9 p.m.) For additional information, call (248) 344-0497, or visit www.northvillearts.org. The Art House is located at 215 W. Cady Street and is a facility of the Northville Arts Commission. Admission to Art House shows is always free and open to the public.



"JEN HUNTER'S LOVERS" (PORCELAIN AND PAINT)

Green, a Botsford pathologist. The class meets from in the. The first class you attend is free and each additional session is \$5.

CONTACT: For questions about this program, please contact Dr. Green at ajgreen@botsford.org or call (248) 471-8729.

Lymphedema Clinic

TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday
DETAILS: A comprehensive lymphedema clinic in conjunction with Botsford Hospital's comprehensive lymphedema management program. The clinic helps patients with lymphedema or venous insufficiency gain control of their lives through education, exercise, self-massage techniques and compression garments.
CONTACT: (248) 471-8120.

HEALTH SCREENING CLINIC

TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-noon Thursday, Oct. 15
LOCATION: Meijer Pharmacy, 8 Mile Road at Haggerty Road
DETAILS: Monthly health screening clinic: cholesterol, diabetes, and liver function screening are available at a very affordable cost. Appointments are required
CONTACT: (248) 449-5733.

FREE HEALTH AWARENESS SEMINAR

TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m., Tuesday nights
LOCATION: Health for Life Chiropractic, Highland Lakes Plaza, 43059 7 mile Rd., Northville
DETAILS: Meet Dr. Ryan Cooper and see how Chiropractic can help reach varied health care goals.
CONTACT: (248) 449-1630 or RyanCooper@gmail.com or www.hfchiro.net Please RSVP

FLU SHOTS

TIME: 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Wayne, 33030 Van Born Road, at Venoy, (734) 727-7100. Walk-in days are Mondays and Thursdays. Appointments only on Tuesdays, Wednesday, and Fridays
LOCATION: Taylor, 26650 Eureka Road, east of Inkster Road, (734) 955-3900. Walk-in days are Mondays and Thursdays. Appointment only days are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.
LOCATION: Dearborn, 6450 Maple, west of Schaefer Road, south of Warren Road, (313) 216-2201. Appointment only on Thursdays.
DETAILS: The Wayne County Department of Public Health offers flu shots for residents at its clinics below. Cost of flu vaccine is \$15. Pneumonia vaccine is offered for \$35. Medicare (Part B) and Medicaid are accepted.
CONTACT: (734) 727-7000

TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9

LOCATION: Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia

DETAILS: Beginning with hors d'oeuvres and a cocktail reception at 6:30 p.m. The Gala will feature a gourmet dinner, dancing, and musical entertainment by Simone Vitale Band. For 50 years, St. Mary Mercy Livonia has been an integral part of this community, providing leading edge, comprehensive and compassionate health care. This year, the hospital celebrates our 50-year anniversary milestone at the 17th Annual Gala. Corporate and individual sponsorship opportunities are available. Guest reservations are \$100 per person. For Gala tickets or sponsorship information, contact Sara Stauffer, St. Mary Mercy Hospital Foundation at (734) 655-2980.

Baby Basics Workshop

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26

DETAILS: Infant care and breastfeeding classes combined in classrooms 1 and 2.

"Women's Health 101"

TIME/DATE: 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6

DETAILS: In the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium. Bone Density Screening, Blood Pressure Screening and Massage will be offered from 5:30 - 7 p.m., and the lecture will be from 7 - 8:30 p.m. The speaker is St. Mary Mercy Hospital Physician, Karin Dimon.

Hearing Loss Prevention - Diabetes Support Group Meeting

TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14

LOCATION: In the hospital auditorium

Childbirth Education Classes

TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. Mondays, Oct. 12-Nov. 9

LOCATION: Classrooms 1 and 2

DETAILS: "Let's Get Ready to Have a Baby." Learn what to expect during pregnancy, labor and delivery and make the entire experience more rewarding.

Minimally invasive weight loss surgery seminar

TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 8

LOCATION: In the hospital auditorium

DETAILS: The public is invited to hear a presentation about Laparoscopic Bariatric Surgery by Dr. Tallal Zeni, Director of Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery.

ST. JOSEPH MERCY HOSPITAL

Fall Fitness Session

DATE: Sept. 8 - Oct. 23 (7 weeks)

LOCATION: Ellen Thompson Women's Health Center (on the campus of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital)

DETAILS: State-of-the-art fitness studio provides a variety of classes for adults of all ages and fitness levels. Motivating group fitness classes taught by certified fitness instructors. Classes include Strength Training, Pilates, Yoga, Walking Circuit and more.

CONTACT: Registration required 734-712-5800 or visit www.sjmercyhealth.org/fitness for a complete schedule of classes.

Nutricare Weight and Cholesterol Management Program

DATE: Sept. 22 - Oct. 13

LOCATION: Ellen Thompson Women's Health Center (St. Joseph Mercy Hospital campus)

DETAILS: A comprehensive nutrition program led by a Registered Dietitian combining individual counseling and group classes to help you achieve a healthy approach to weight loss and cholesterol reduction. Classes include hands-on heart healthy cooking classes, weight and body composition and individual goal setting. Classes are offered Tuesday evenings from 6-8 p.m. \$40/class. May be covered by health insurance.

CONTACT: Call (734) 712-1313 to schedule an appointment.

CPR/AED AND FIRST AID CLASSES

TIME: 6-9 p.m. last Tuesday of month

LOCATION: City of Northville Fire Department, 215 W. Main St.

DETAILS: These American Heart Association and Life Support Training Center (LSTC) classes offer two year certification. Cost is \$40 per course. For more information and to register, call the fire department at (248) 449-9920

BABY AND ME INFANT CPR

TIME/DATE: 9:30-11:30 a.m. Friday, every other month

LOCATION: City of Northville Fire Department, 215 W. Main St.

DETAILS: This family friendly session is for new parents and their babies. It will provide parents and grandparents knowledgeable support and simple hands-on instruction with their baby in case of life-threatening emergencies. Cost is \$20 for parents and baby and includes a manual and emergency wallet cards. Group rates also available.
CONTACT: Life support Training Institute at (248) 304-6055 for registration, questions and directions.

FIRST AID/CPR CLASSES

TIME/DATE: 6-10 p.m. monthly

LOCATION: Northville Township Fire Department, 45745 Six Mile Road

DETAILS: American Red Cross First Aid/CPR classes taught by trained firefighters. Call for further information and dates: \$20 fee for Township residents.
CONTACT: Northville Township Fire Department (248) 348-5807

ST. JOHN PROVIDENCE HOSPITAL, PROVIDENCE CENTER FOR THE HEALING ARTS

LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi

CONTACT: (248) 465-5455

Wanted One-time Art Workshop Instructors

DETAILS: We are looking for people who have an art or craft that they would like to share in our series of one-time workshops.

Colored Pencil Workshop

TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m.; second Tuesday of every month

DETAILS: Beginners welcome.

Ceramics Class

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

DETAILS: Explore the Art of playing with clay. Express yourself in this three-dimensional art form. \$10 lab fee. Call to verify class times.

Knitting Yarns

TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. every Wednesday

DETAILS: Join others and create hats and shawls for those in need.

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LOCAL OPINION

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

OUR VIEWS

What is state government health deal now?

House Speaker Andy Dillon's proposal to create a one-stop health insurance shop for public employees in Michigan remains a work in progress. The first bill hit the Legislature two weeks ago, but even more bills are still just in draft form.

Still, it's possible to discern the broad outlines of where Dillon, D-Redford Township, is headed. It's also possible to target a number of key questions to answer as the debate continues.

And this is going to be a long debate, not the lightning strike Dillon first proposed this summer with a fully operational plan in January.

For starters, it's increasingly clear that a big part of the savings Dillon and supporters hope for will come by having public employees pay a greater share of the health-care bill. No doubt administrative efficiencies could result out of a statewide system, as Dillon argues in a new 50-page document on his plan, but not \$900 million worth.

By contrast, having a public employee — say a township employee — pay a significantly larger share of the health insurance premium will mean big bucks, if replicated again and again across the state.

How much savings, though, depends on this state determining a fair deal for public employees. And that depends on knowing what public employees receive.

Even Dillon's new analysis can't put figures to the current landscape. Some first questions for Dillon's committee are:

- What is the premium share average for an employee of Michigan's universities and community colleges?

- What is the premium average for insured city, village and township employees?

The Kaiser Family Foundation said that, in 2008, the average employee premium share in the private sector was 25 percent. In other words, the worker was paying directly \$1 in every \$4 of the initial cost.

But Dillon is saying that he doesn't think his plan should be benchmarked to the private sector, but rather to what's received by public employees in other states. Will that limit the plan's ability to save money for Michigan? That's a fair hypothesis, pending more data on what Michigan employees get compared to their counterparts elsewhere.

House Fiscal Agency Director Mitch Bean told legislators last week that true actuarial work is needed to establish just what government employees receive as a point of comparison to what a new plan would offer.

The first order of business of Dillon's committee isn't to perfect the proposals for change, but, rather, to establish what's going on right now, so that Michigan residents can determine what the deal should be for public service in this state.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Fall started Tuesday. What's your favorite part of the season?



I like the start of school and that the kids get so excited. The colors. Cider and donuts. Pumpkins.

Becky Terrill



The leaves. I used to run and love running through the crunching leaves -- the sound and the air about it. And getting lost in the colors.

Mary Clough



I love football games, cider mills and the cool nights.

Maureen Owen



I like the weather. Halloween is fabulous, especially in Northville. I like everything about fall.

Shannon Croteau

LETTERS

Health care reform opposition being selfish

One must wonder if those who oppose reforming the health care financing system really care how selfish their positions are. And in their self-absorption, how they are really ranting against themselves and for the continuation of a system which is set up to make huge profits for the health maintenance organizations (HMOs) and huge payoffs to the CEOs and senior officers and only secondarily to provide health care for the public.

The federal government needs only three and a half cents out of every dollar it receives to administer the program we recipients love, Medicare, while HMOs take 20 cents to 30 cents out of each dollar. The additional money is needed to pay for advertisements, officers to cut off benefits to subscribers, other procedures not related to providing medical care, and of course, huge profits and obscene bonuses to CEOs and top officers.

Employed people who get seriously ill and must stop working lose their employer-paid medical coverage just when they need it most. Others are cut off by their HMO when seriously ill because they allegedly did not reveal a prior condition when they applied for coverage, even though the "prior condition" was totally unrelated to their present illness.

A woman with breast cancer was cut off and allowed to die because she had not "revealed" her prior acne. A seriously ill man was cut off because he did not "reveal" the gall stones he did not know he had when he applied. A lovely teenager in California got leukemia and was informed by her doctors that only a transplant could save her. She had a donor, but the HMO said it was too experimental and refused to pay. After the matter hit the headlines,

the HMO agreed to it, but by then it was too late and the girl died two days after the approval. These cases are not unusual.

So what are we getting from having private, for-profit corporations run our medical care? A lot less for our money than if we had a one payer system like Medicare for all. And what are the HMOs getting for interfering in our medical care? Let's face it: blood money. And their stooges in Congress and FOX news make money too by stopping any medical reform, not even a government option to help keep HMOs in line and stop their gauging the public.

"They are going to kill Grandma," "There will be a bureaucrat between you and your doctor," "We will be paying for health coverage for illegal aliens."

Lies, lies, lies, but swallowed up and repeated with vehemence by the ill-informed. In the meantime, statistics show that 18,000 people die each year unnecessarily because of lack of medical care although we spend far more than any other country for medical care. Those who do not care about them because they think they themselves are all set may some day get a rude awakening. Being selfish may backfire some day.

Irene Piccone
Northville

Can Do It kudos

Northville Civic Concern would like to thank the community wide effort spearheaded by the Genitti Family to make "Can Do It" a huge success.

The concert event was held on Friday, Sept. 4, with music provided by Steve King and the Dittlies playing their Top 40 hits.

Because of the wonderful support for this event, Northville Civic Concern is able to provide for both food distributions in the month of September. Without the support

of all of you, there would not have been a food distribution.

Northville Civic Concern

What is McCotter afraid of?

Rep. Thaddeus McCotter has been busy this summer. According to his official Web site, he gave not less than 29 media interviews during July and August, primarily to right-wing media outlets. He was so busy "preaching to the choir," he just never found the time to hold a single town hall meeting — not one — for the people in his district. Apparently he would much rather talk to people who are not his constituents, instead of the people he was elected to represent.

It's no wonder, though. As chairman of the House Republican Policy Committee, McCotter holds the fourth-highest leadership position in the House GOP minority. He's been working his way up the party ladder for years now. He won't let a little thing like "listening to his constituents" get in the way of his ambition, even when he claims "I Work For You" on every letter he sends (on the taxpayer's dime) to the people of his district.

McCotter is not working for you or me when he refuses to hold an open, unscreened, unscripted discussion of any kind for the people of his district. His so-called "telephone town halls" just don't fit the bill. Even John Dingell had the courage to meet face to face with the angry, vocal minority in an open forum. Not McCotter; he'd rather listen to the voicemail messages of a handpicked selection of voters. What is he afraid of?

McCotter denied you the chance to speak to him in an open forum. Remember this in 2010. We need a representative in Congress who won't "phone in" his obligations to the people he represents.

Matt Macchiarolo
Lyon Township

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

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

EDITORIAL: Without state health revamp, expect cuts at students' expense

I really had a good time reading this article! Hope to read more from you. It gets me lots of information. I wanted to say thank you for sharing your ideas that help every reader to enlighten their minds.

bernardcraig20

My hat is off to whoever wrote this editorial. It makes sense and actually has an opinion.
Ralpho

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Experience matters; time to repeal term limits

GUEST COLUMN

Voters make mistakes, and I am not talking about previous or current occupants of the State House or the White House. I am speaking of the term limits for state legislators that were approved in 1992.



Tom Watkins

Michigan voters passed term limits initiative by a whopping 59-percent margin. It was a mistake then. If you don't believe me, take a look at what passes as leadership in Lansing today. Depressing, isn't it?

The 1976 movie "Network" captured the feeling of state voters in 1992: "I'm as mad as hell, and I'm not going to take this any more!" As often when people lose their tempers, we made a huge mistake.

Michigan term limits put a cap of three two-year terms for the state House and two four-year terms for the state Senate. After that, the term-limited legislator is barred for life from holding legislative office.

Michigan citizens got mad at politicians that many felt were self-dealing, partisan hacks, entrenched and looking after the "special interests," not the people's interests. But when Michigan threw out the experienced legislators, we got in return an inexperienced Legislature.

Like most quick and easy fixes, term limits have produced unintended consequences:

- Government is complex. We now have novices attempting to address complex and tough political issues on tax, education and correction

policy.

- There is a loss of institutional knowledge to understand the art of the possible and personal relationships and trust between members of your own party; let alone the other side of the political aisle to compromise for the collective good.

- The permanent government has become the bureaucracy and lobbyist that do not answer to the voters.

It takes courage to admit when you have made a mistake and to set into motion actions to correct your error. From time to time, there are calls for and even some initiative to modify, if not repeal, the term limit law. But even if Michiganians want to allow more time for legislators to serve in the Legislature, it will require another constitutional amendment.

As the current crop of legislators wrestle with the budget that in nearly \$3 billion out of whack, and constitution-

ally must produce a balanced budget by no later than Oct. 1, or risk shutting government down, we will once again have a front row seat to what this mistake, called term limits helped produced.

So, here is the deal: If you are not convince that term limits have not produced the desired results, pay attention to how the governor and Legislature resolve their constitutional responsibility to balance the state budget.

If you like the outcome, I say we stick with term limits. If you dislike the results, it is time we admit our collective mistake and try to repeal term limits in the state Constitution. We need to help repair the damage that inexperience has wrought on our great state.

Tom Watkins, a former state superintendent of schools and mental health director, is an education and business consultant in the US and China. He can be

PUBLIC SAFETY

NORTHVILLE POLICE REPORT

Break-in at Hamlet's

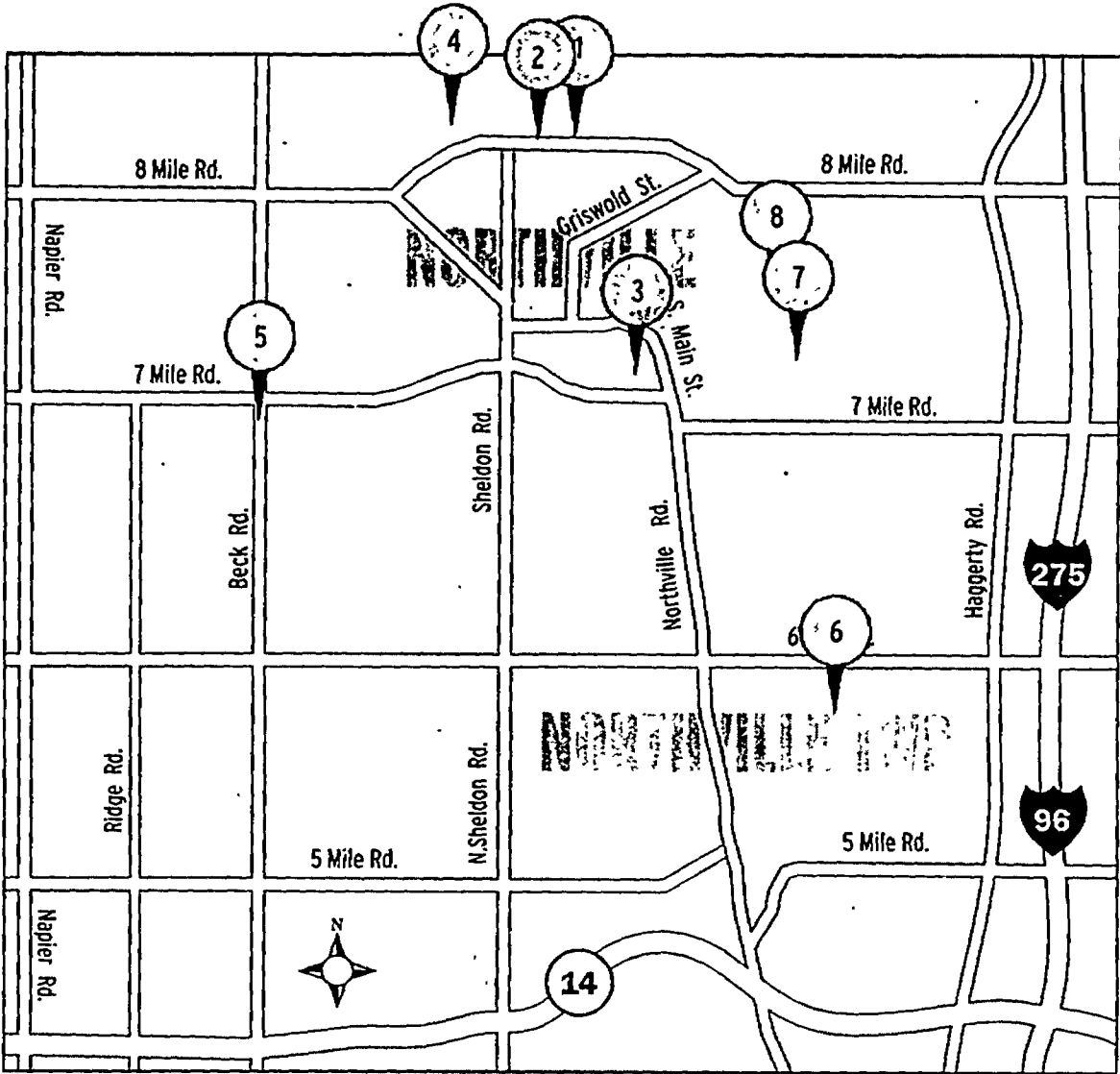
1 Police were dispatched to the Hamlet Liquor Store at 1051 Novi Road about a possible and entering that had occurred between 12:30 and 7:30 a.m. on Sept. 21. The front glass to the store's door had been broken out. Both cash registers were missing, and there were some disturbed bottles of liquor behind the counter, but it was hard to tell if any had been taken. Money inside the registers totaled about \$150. Police found a screwdriver on the floor of the business at the end of the counter consistent with the pry mark on the door. The two cash registers were valued at \$1,200.

Drunk driving arrest

2 A 20-year-old Westland woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 4:15 a.m. Sept. 20 at Eight Mile Road and Carpenter Avenue. An officer was driving westbound on Eight Mile Road just entering the east end of the city when he saw a vehicle swerve completely across the yellow centerline and begin driving in the eastbound lanes of travel. The vehicle continued to drive west in the eastbound lanes. The driver swerved to the left, touching the white dividing lines between the two eastbound lanes. The vehicle finally stopped against the curb of the southernmost eastbound lanes, still facing westbound, near Carpenter. The woman said she thought she had been stopped because she might have squealed her tires or been speeding. The woman's blood alcohol level was more than twice the legal limit for operating a motor vehicle.

Break-in at Foundry Flask

3 Police responded to the Foundry Flask building about two doors in the rear being forced open between 3:30 p.m. Sept. 21 and 5 p.m. Sept. 29 at 456 E. Cady Street.



She found that the ignition had been removed from the steering column and that the radio was still on.

Malicious destruction

8 An 81-year-old resident of Silver Springs Drive told police that someone scratched the front driver side of the hood of her vehicle as well as made numerous scratches to the front passenger side door between 8 p.m. Sept. 16 and 4:20 p.m. Sept. 17.

Home invasion

On Sept. 18 at approximately 1:05 pm, a Northville Township resident came home to find two African American males in the master bedroom of her home on Woodbury Court. The two intruders left the residence and were stopped two miles from the home by a Northville Township Police officer. Inside the suspects' vehicle, officers located jewelry which was later identified as stolen from the home of the Northville Township resident. Also located was a laptop computer and jewelry items which were identified as being stolen from two separate home invasions in Novi.

The Northville Township Police Department obtained warrants from the Wayne County Prosecutors Office for the listed suspects for home invasion first degree, larceny in a building and habitual offender.

The suspects are Brian Christian Alexander, 31, and Hakim Jamil Welton, 34, both from Detroit.

Both suspects were arraigned on Sept. 22 in front of Magistrate Colthurst of the 35th District Court.

A not guilty plea was entered for each suspect and bond was set for each at \$100,000 cash.

Suspects will be transferred to the Wayne County Jail to await trial.

Compiled by staff writer Pam Fleming

Home invasion report

6 Police responded to a home on Weatherfield Drive about a Trek 700 Mountain Bike being stolen between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Sept. 16. The 38-year-old owner said he had left his garage door open that day. The bike was valued at \$600.

Attempted auto theft

7 A 54-year-old resident of Silver Springs Drive told police that between 5 p.m. Sept. 16 and 10 a.m. Sept. 17 someone had entered her vehicle and tried to steal it.

The owner also found two of three glass windows on the west side of the building on a garage door that were broken out.

the man, but he did not want to press charges. The case is being turned over to the prosecutor's office for review.

Driving without license

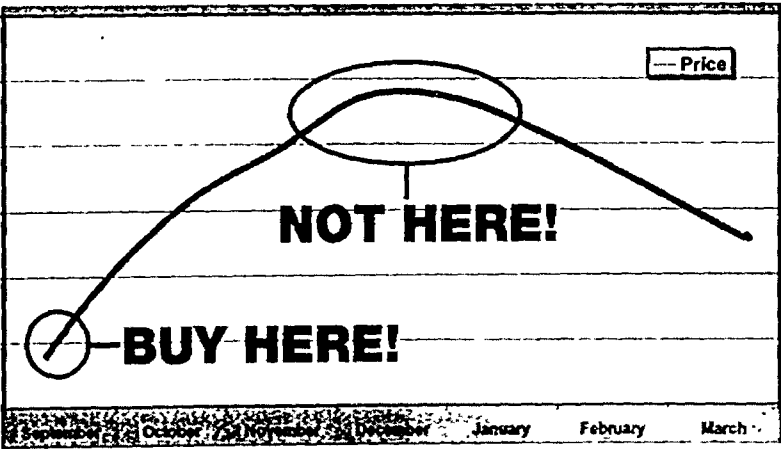
5 A 33-year-old Wixom woman was arrested for driving on a suspended license at 3:03 a.m. Sept. 16 at Seven Mile and Beck roads. The driver was pulled over when a patrol car was situated behind her vehicle at the stoplight on northbound Beck Road at Six Mile Road and he ran her license plate. The woman also had an outstanding warrant out of the Westland Police Department.

Domestic violence incident

4 Police were called to Amerman Elementary School at 847 N. Center Street about an argument between a man and a woman at 10 p.m. on Sept. 18. One of the subjects was allegedly slapping the other. The incident involved a 17-year-old Northville woman and a 17-year-old Northville Township man. The woman admitted to slapping

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NORTHVILLE AREA COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Local Events

SCOTTIE'S KITCHEN COOKING CLASSES

LOCATION: 149 N Center Street, downtown Northville
CONTACT: (248) 344-7990
Cooking with Julia
TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30
DETAILS: Learn how to replicate Julia's recipes as seen in the movie "Julie and Julia". Dishes will include Artichokes with Hollandaise Sauce, Sole Meuniere, Beef Bourguignon and a delightful Raspberry Bavarian Cream. Taught by Mary Spencer, \$50 per person

OAKWOOD CEMETERY WALK

TIME/DATE: 5-8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4
LOCATION: West Cady Street, behind the Senior Center & Library, next to the Art House.
DETAILS: Reserved tours begin at ten minute intervals.
CONTACT: E-MAIL: OakwoodCemWalk@yahoo.com, phone (248) 348-1845

HIS VARSITY GAME TAILGATES

DETAILS: Hungry before the big game? Come join us at the bridge in the Hillside parking lot before every home Varsity game. From 5:00-6:30 we'll be serving grilled specialties, side dishes and drinks. Show your school spirit and join in the fun. Suggested donation: \$5 per person/\$15 per family. Away game tailgates will take place in the parking lot of the opposing team. Proceeds benefit the Todd Schoenheide Memorial Scholarship Fund

GUITARIST ROY SCOUTZ

TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday
LOCATION: Tiramisu, 146 Centermain Street, Northville
CONTACT: (248) 735-0101

MARQUIS THEATER

LOCATION: Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main, downtown Northville
CONTACT: (248) 349-8110 or visit www.northvillemarquistheatre.com

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

SOUP SUPPER / CONCERT

DATE: Saturday, Nov. 7
LOCATION: Northville High School
DETAILS: Soup Supper/Concert event at Northville High School, benefiting "Kids Against Hunger", featuring soups from area restaurants, followed by an awesome performance by "Mountain Heart", one of Nashville's premiere six piece, high energy bluegrass bands. <http://mountainheart.com> Tickets go on sale Sept. 1. See <http://www.northville.k12.mi.us/parents/council-of-plas.asp> for more details.
CONTACT: Dottie Garrity at dotgar@aol.com or Sue Laabs at suelaabs@comcast.net

MILL RACE HISTORICAL VILLAGE

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



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Give it a whirl

In a lightning-quick movement Matt Wise of Wyandotte releases his disc golf saucer as he plays Northville's Cass Benton Park course on Sept. 16. The course, which winds its way through woods and fields is open every day and free to anyone who wants to give it a whirl. It is located on Hines Park Drive between Northville Road and Seven Mile.

CONTACT: (248) 348-1845

Weekly Events
 (*Thursdays closed to public)
 Thursday: 9 a.m. Archives Open; 5:30 p.m. Rehearsal; 6:30 p.m. Rehearsal; 6:45 p.m. Brownies
 Friday: 9 a.m. Archives Open; 2:45-6 p.m. Wedding*
 Saturday: 12:45-2:45 p.m. Wedding*
 Sunday: 1-4 p.m. Buildings Open; 4-7 p.m. Private Party
 Monday: 10 a.m. Heirloom Rug Hookers; 7 p.m. Lions Club
 Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang; 9:45-2 p.m. School Tour; 6 p.m. Girl Scouts
 Wednesday: 9:45-2 p.m. School Tour; 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation Group

NORTHVILLE FARMERS' MARKET

TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Thursdays through Oct. 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 jewelry, furniture, 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 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 Brothers, St. Mary's Hospital and Varsity Lincoln Mercury.

AS THE PAGE TURNS BOOKSTORE

LOCATION: 149 N. Center Street, Suite 102, Northville
CONTACT: (248) 912 0085

SOLID GROUNDS COFFEEHOUSE

LOCATION: 133 W. Main St.
Open Mic Night
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

NORTHVILLE SPORTS DEN

LOCATION: Northville Town Square, West Main Street
CONTACT: (248) 347-5993 or www.northvillesportsden.com
MyTrivialLive
TIME: 7:30 p.m. Mondays
Open Mic Night with Greg Stryker
TIME: 9 p.m. Tuesdays
Karaoke
TIME: 9 p.m. Wednesdays
Live Entertainment
TIME: 10 p.m. Saturdays
Church Program
TIME: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
DETAILS: 10% of your bill back to your church with proof of church's program

THE ART HOUSE

Open 1-5 p.m. every Thursday-Sunday; 1-9 p.m. on "First Fridays" of the month.
LOCATION: 215 Cady St.
DETAILS: Admission to Art House shows is always free and open to the public.

Potential Potters

TIME/DATE: 9:30-10:30 a.m., Saturdays
DETAILS: Invent new shapes while exploring hand building techniques using clay. Encourage small motor development and hand-eye coordination, creating and molding animals, figures, cups or boxes with stoneware. All work will be glazed and fired using food safe materials. Materials fee of \$10 payable to instructor. Instructor: Christine Lagness Age: 4-7 years \$40/\$50 per session
Intermediate Sculpture
TIME/DATE: 11-12:30 p.m., Saturdays

DETAILS: Expand knowledge of ceramics as you explore sculpting techniques and begin to use a potter's wheel! Express yourself creatively as you make action figures; wild, wacky or realistic animals; or caricatures of your self or friends in clay! These are just a few of the possibilities you can create as you stretch your imagination with ceramic stoneware. Your creations will be finished using clay slips and fired, using food safe glazes. Materials fee of \$10 payable to instructor. Instructor: Christine Lagness, Age: 8-13 years, \$50/\$60 per session
You Can Paint with Watercolors!
TIME/DATE: 4-5:30 p.m., Thursdays
DETAILS: Learn balance, composition, color and value as you experiment with watercolor to create original pieces of art on a small scale. No prior drawing or painting skills are necessary! Material fee of \$2 per session, payable to instructor. Instructor: Julie Woodward, an accomplished artist. Age: 10-15 yrs \$18/\$20 per class
Beginner and Intermediate
TIME/DATE: 4-5:30 p.m., Mondays or 3-4:30 p.m., Saturdays
DETAILS: Look past what an object seems to be and instead see the myriad of shapes and color that comprise our visible world. Students will develop illustration techniques: line drawing, shading, stippling and use various materials in their exploration of this fundamental artist skill. Supply list will be provided to the student. Also a great class for home-schoolers. Instructor: Dawn Johnson Age 10-15 yrs

The 14th Annual

Sunday, October 4th, 2009
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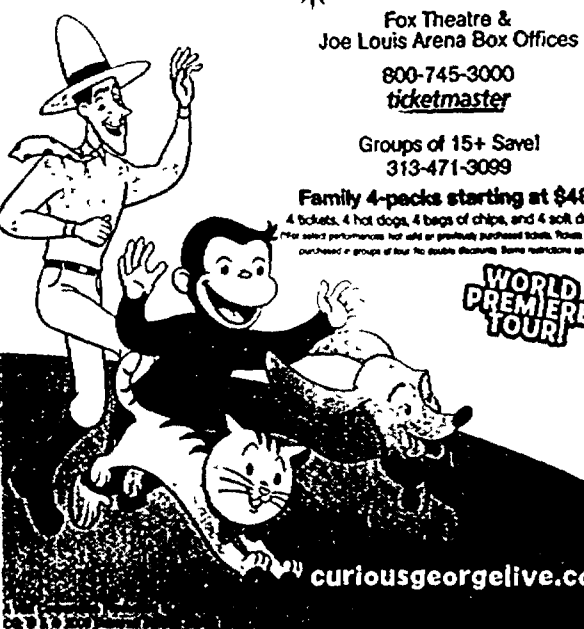
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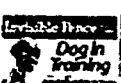
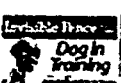
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The bride-to-be is the daughter of William and Janice Higgins of Canton. She attended Van Buren Public Schools and Eastern Michigan University.

The groom-elect is the son of Dave and Pam Cook of Plymouth and is employed at Plymouth Trading Post.

The couple are planning a June 26, 2010 wedding in Northville/Saline.

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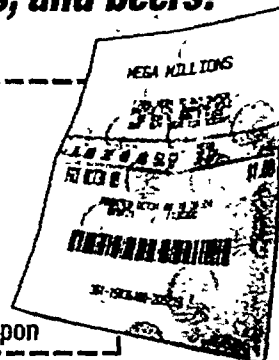
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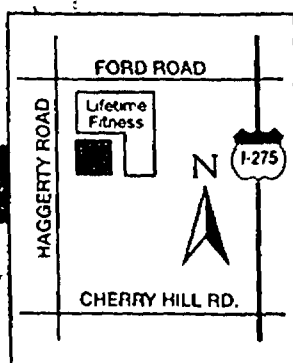
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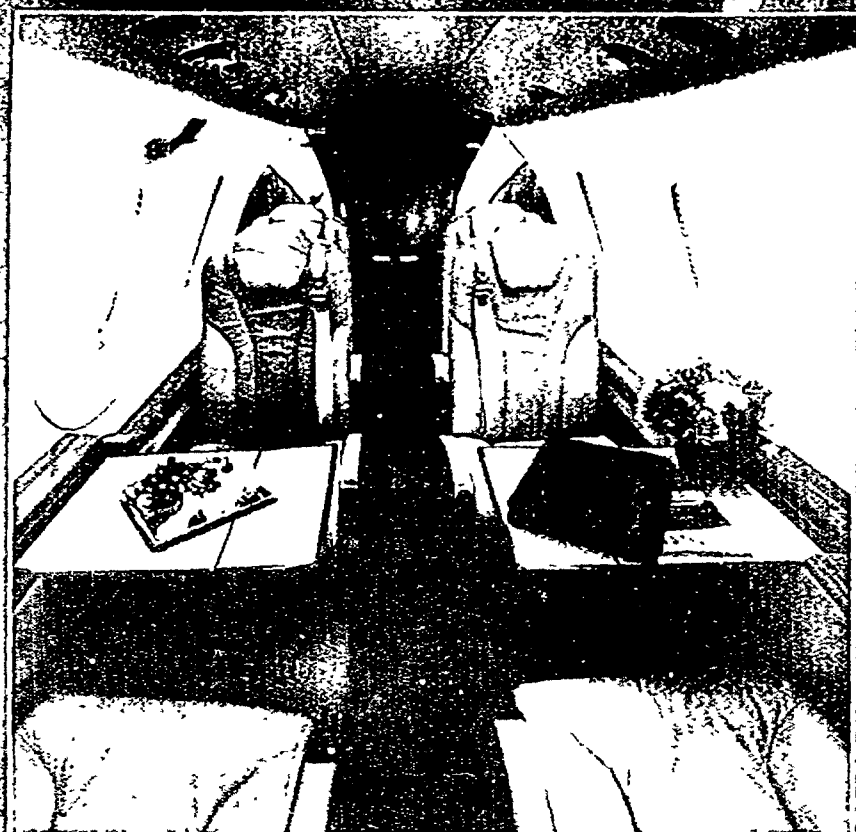
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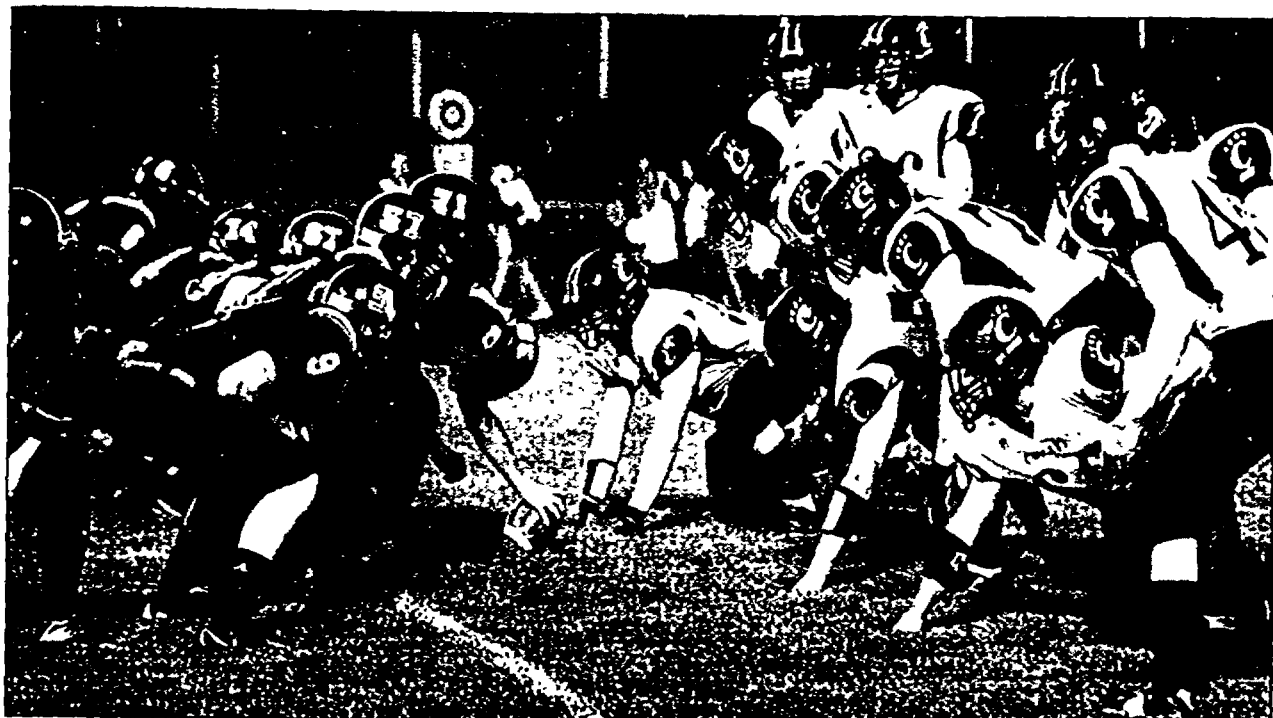
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Northville's special teams lines up against South Lyon East's for a field goal attempt.

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Mustangs earn third grid victory

Tough Stevenson Spartans await

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs have three victories to their name this season, which is halfway to the needed six wins to guarantee a berth into the state playoffs come the end of October.

While the concept is an exciting one -- the Mustangs haven't made the playoffs since 2004, under the leadership of coach Clint Alexander -- there is no reason to start celebrating yet. Current head coach Matt Ladach noted that last year the Mustangs were 3-1 at the end of week four but weren't able to put together enough victories to head into the playoffs.

"We have to take things one day at a time," he said. "We cannot afford to look past anybody."

Which is exactly why the Mustangs focused on handling the South Lyon East Cougars before making any other plans last Friday. The 'Stangs crushed the Cougars, 30-7, in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association Central Division contest, making them undefeated at 2-0 in division play. South Lyon East is 0-4 on the year, having been outscored 117-19 in all four contests.

Northville came out and put up nine

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Mustang Jake Robideau runs a pass completion well into South Lyon East's territory.

ON TAP

Northville will visit the Stevenson Spartans in a KLA Central Division showdown. Stevenson is 2-2 on the season but 2-0 in their last two games, outscoring their opponents 71-7. Their first two games ended in loss, falling to Livonia Franklin, 21-7, and then to Howell, 28-14. Stevenson beat Salem, 34-7, in week three and topped South Lyon last week, 37-0.

"Stevenson is a tough football team with a great tradition," said Northville head coach Matt Ladach. "They are well coached, and they have some very talented players. We will have our hands full, but we are looking forward to the challenge."

Northville is currently 3-1 on the season and needs three more wins to guarantee a playoff berth.

Mustang tankers shock Stevenson

Northville upends Spartans for second time in 25 years

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

ON TAP

The Mustangs are back in action when they visit Salem at 6:30 p.m. today before participating in an invitational at noon Saturday.

In the past quarter century, the Northville Mustangs girls swimming and diving team has had the joy of beating Stevenson only twice. The first time was 2005. The second? Just last week.

The Mustangs edged out a tough 96-90 victory over the Spartans last Tuesday, setting themselves up for a potential division championship along the way and a good idea of what they have to do to win the league meet.

"This was a great win for us," said head coach Brian McNeff. "Stevenson is our biggest rival and we had only beaten them twice in the last 25 years. Our swimmers were really prepared for the meet and swam amazing."

The Mustangs weren't dominant. They knew heading into the meet they weren't going to be. But when the meet was all knotted up heading into the final event -- the 400-meter freestyle relay -- they knew their depth had to be called on. That depth lead to a second and third place finish for the Mustangs, enough to earn the victory.

"When it came down to the 400 free relay, I stepped up to the block and said to myself: 'I want this so much,' and I went," said Northville tanker

Faith Miller. "At the end, I cried and Shannon (Lohman) and I hugged. I was ecstatic. Go big or go home has always been my motto."

That motto paid off for Miller, as well as her 400 free relay teammates Lohman, Briana Schoenek and Maddy Kipke. They took second place in a time of 3:52.35. Northville also captured third place in 3:56.90 with the team of Leah Erlandson, Lia Nagata, Sarah Garrity and Rachel Brown.

Northville found swimmers stepping up and turning in season-best times across the board. In the 200 medley relay, Lohman, Catherine Cui, Miller and Becca Myers took first in 1:54.68. Teammates Brown, Kelly Burford, Riley Bruen and Garrity notched a third-place finish in 1:59.58.

"We had some swimmers really step up and do what they needed to do in order to win the meet, including senior captains Becca Myers in the relays and Kelly Burford in the breaststroke," said McNeff. "I had been on the both of them

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Junior Faith Miler is one of four captains for the Northville Mustang swim team this fall. Her specialty is the butterfly.

Mustang netters bow in division title race

Novi edges Northville for Central Division crown

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs boys tennis team could only shake their heads in wonder after taking on and falling to a top-rated Novi Wildcats tennis team last week.

The squad, coached by Matt Stetson, went into the dual meet knowing that the victory secured the Kensington Lakes Activities Association Central Division title. When the smoke cleared, Northville fell, 6-3.

"It was a tough loss for us," admitted Stetson. "But there is still a lot of season to be played and we still have some goals that we're shooting for."

Not to mention a couple of more chances to take on the Wildcats before the season winds down to an end.

"The conference championship is crowned based on the conference tournament alone and the same goes for regionals," said Stetson. "So, we have two more shots at Novi."

The Mustangs we're without vic-

tory, however. Northville showed that when it comes to individual talent, they are right up there with just about any team.

Melvin Joseph, Northville's first singles players, continued to showcase his talent by earning a convincing 6-1, 6-2 victory over Novi's Carson Crandell. At second singles, Tim Wasielewski had a tougher match against Peter Zhang, but still came away with the win in three sets, 6-0, 6-7 and 6-3. Third singles standout Steve Irvine also would not be defeated, earning the shutout

ON TAP

Northville's tennis team will be back on the court today when they play in a KLA Crossover game at 4 p.m. The Mustangs will then compete in the KLA conference finals Saturday before playing another cross over game Tuesday. Northville then prepares for the state playoffs with a trip to Ann Arbor Huron next Wednesday at 4 p.m.

victory over Novi's Pavan Rao, 6-0, 6-0.

Novi climbed to 5-0 in the Central Division to earn the title while Northville earned second with a 4-1 record.

"Hopefully we can learn from this loss and use that knowledge later this season," said Stetson.

Northville also competed in the Catholic Central Quad meet last

Saturday and took fourth. They netted eight points while Catholic Central won the weekend tournament with 18, followed by a tie for second between Forest Hills Central and Troy High School with 11 points each.

Sam Eggleston is a free-lance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News.

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Mustang Kelly Burford swims breaststroke.

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about stepping up, and they both responded very well."

The Mustangs found Cui taking first in the 100-meter breaststroke in 1:12.61 while Burford took second in 1:14.11.

Those weren't the only top finishes for the Mustangs, either. Northville notched first place finishes in the 100 butterfly and the 100 freestyle, as well as the 200 freestyle relay.

Miller took first in the 100 fly in 1:02.51, with Schoenek taking third in 1:05.12.

Lohman was first in the 100 free in 57.97 seconds while Myers took fifth in 58.94 seconds.

"After losing last year by only four points, going into this meet we wanted to win so badly," said Lohman. "We gave everything we had and it was one of the most exciting and intense meets of my life."

The Mustangs 200 free relay team of Cui, Kipke, Schoenek and Myers took first in 1:47.81, while the team of Garrity, Laura Cheaney, Riley Bruen

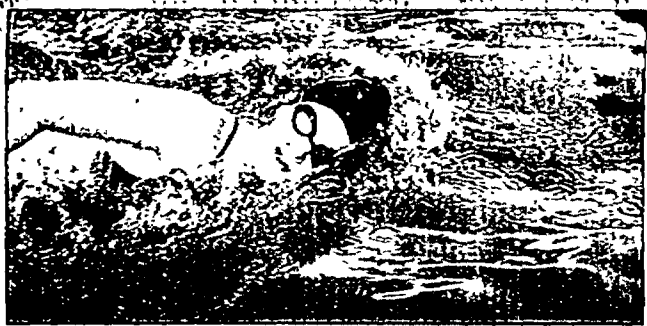
and Erlandson took third in just 1:48.16.

Northville's depth shined through the entire meet, with the Mustangs taking second in the 200 free with Kipke in 2:00.98 and fifth with Erlandson in 2:07.16. In the 200 individual medley, Cui took second in 2:22.99, while Schoenek took third in 2:25.41 and Brown was fourth in 2:27.98.

Northville's Miller took second in the 50 free in 26.94 seconds, while Garrity was third in 27.11 and Myers was fifth in 27.38. Taking second in the 100 backstroke was Kipke, earning a time of 1:02.06, while Lohman was third in 1:02.29 and Brown swam a 1:05.66 for fourth.

Northville's diving team took a second with the judges awarding a score of 187.05 to Jennifer Jones, while Kelsey Libbe was third with a score of 179.55. Northville took fourth in the 500 free with Michelle Song, while Leann Dimitroff was fifth in 5:45.51.

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Mustang and co-captain Becca Miers swims freestyle during a Friday morning practice at Northville High.

Mustangs continue to showcase talent

Boys harriers run to fourth at Michigan State Invitational

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

If anyone asks the Northville Mustangs boys cross country team if they're happy with how their season has progressed thus far, the answer will likely be yes.

The squad, coached by Chris Cronin, came into this year with a lack of outside expectations. But this team has plenty of internal expectation, and that showed last week when the squad ran to a fourth place finish at the Michigan State University Invitational.

The Mustangs took fourth with a total of 194 points. Novi was overall champion with a low of 86 points, while Forest Hills Eastern was second with 152 and Okemos was third with 163. In total the event hosted a field of 42 teams.

"Races like MSU are great at developing racers," said Cronin. "With 300 runners in a race, it's easy to get caught behind slower runners. You have to be attentive all the time."

Being attentive ended up likely costing Northville's Frank Griffiths several places. Griffiths, who finished 15th in 16:56, was leading the entire

ON TAP

The Mustangs are back to the cross country course come Saturday when they run in the Catholic Central Invitational Saturday at 9 a.m. The squad will then compete against South Lyon at Island Lake Park at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

pack of runners through the first mile when the clock caught his attention.

"Frank saw the clock at the one-mile mark and it read 4:50," said Cronin. "The real time on the course was 5:03. Although it was a minor glitch, it really threw Frank off. He thought he had destroyed himself in the first mile and went into survivor mode."

Knowing that running his opening mile—out of a 3.3-mile-long course—likely meant he wouldn't have enough stamina to finish the race, Griffiths slowed his pace and allowed himself to be passed by several runners. Once he realized his stamina was still in place, Griffiths resumed his normal speed.

"Frank ran a tough race, but he easily could have finished third," said Cronin.

The Mustangs were helped to their fourth-place finish by Trent Johnson, two earned a medal with his 25th-place finish in 17:09.

"Trent looked good from the opening gun," Cronin noted. "His consistency this season has made him a bona fide number two for us. He's just steady."

Matt Sierra took 32nd for the Mustangs with a time of 17:15, but failed to earn a medal, which Cronin said will fuel him to work even harder. Ed Clifton ran to 54th for Northville with a time of 17:33, while Chad Cini took 68th in 17:43.

Earlier in the week, the Mustangs trampled the Salem Rocks in a divisional showdown, 20-43.

The race, overall, was won by Mike Charara of Salem, posting a time of 17:12.54 in the race, but Northville quickly dominated the remainder of the race, taking the second through eighth positions for the complete victory.

Leading Northville was Griffiths, who put up a 17:48 for second place, while Clifton took third in 17:50 and Cini was fourth in 17:57. Johnson was next for the Mustangs, snagging fifth in a time of

17:58, while Jason Lerner was sixth with a 17:59. Kevin Lerner captured seventh with a time of 18:02 and was followed closely by Christian Guenther, who was eighth for Northville in 18:03.

Junior varsity

The Northville Mustangs boys junior varsity team had two runners showcase their talent in the MSU Invitational last week.

Christian Guenther ran to ninth-place in the event with a time of 17:43, while Alex Kanya finished in 18:08 for 26th.

"Christian continues to grow with every race," said Cronin. "Today he showed real moxie after the two mile by making a move to get himself in the top 10. He was our best racer today."

Kanya ran his first race of the season. Though he is a senior, Kanya has been injured and not able to run.

"I was impressed with his effort today," said Cronin. "Alex can be a low 17s runner. Today was his first race. We have to keep that in mind."

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Disappointment and joy in the same week

Mustangs girls cross country working through ups and downs

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs girls cross country team learned last week that losing doesn't mean you can stop running hard.

The squad, coached by Nancy Smith, fell to a talented, Plymouth Salem squad last Tuesday, 20-39, but rebounded nicely and finished fourth in the highly-competitive Spartan Invitational just three days later.

"The girls will put this meet behind them and use it as a learning experience," said Smith following the loss to Salem. "The Mustangs now realize that we need to be mentally tough from the beginning to the end and focus on racing under all weather conditions."

The squad took those comments to heart and

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Next up for the Mustangs is a dual meet on Tuesday against cross-town rival Novi, followed by the Catholic Central Invite on Saturday. Both events will be run their home course at Cass Benton Park.

turned in a very competitive performance at the Spartan Invitational. The squad earned 249 points to finish fourth—which is one place better than their 2008 finish—out of a field of 39 teams. Winning the event was Salem, which earned 117 points, while Ann Arbor Huron was right behind them with 139 points.

Taking the lead for the Northville Mustangs was Gina McNamara, a sophomore. She finished in 19:39 for 17th place out of 272 runners. Next up for the

Mustangs was freshman Erin Dunne, who ran a season-best time of 20:30 for 30th place, while freshman Alexander Drayback was 41st in 20:59. Northville's Sara DeDona was 85th in 22:01 while freshman Alex Rodriguez was 86th in 22:03 and junior Emily Sklar was 101st in 22:13. Rounding out the lineup was senior Lauren Hall, who finished in 22:25 for 113th place.

"I was pleased with all the performances we had today," said Smith. "McNamara, DeDona and Sklar had previously raced here and showed improvement from last year. To the others, this was a new experience and produced good times for this meet."

Things were not so bright during the dual meet against Salem earlier that week, however, and Northville ended up falling

to the Rocks, 20-39.

Leading the way for the Mustangs was Drayback, who ran with Salem's top two runners the entire way and finished third in 20:50. Next for the Mustangs was McNamara, who was sixth with a time of 21:10, while Dunne ran to seventh in 21:14. Freshman Katie Vandervoort finished 11th in the race, turning in a time of 22:15, while Sklar rounded out the scoring with a 14th-place finish in 22:41.

"As a whole we did not race as what we are capable of," said Smith. "We were beat before we got to the line with the heat and the talent of Salem, which crept into their heads causing them to doubt their abilities."

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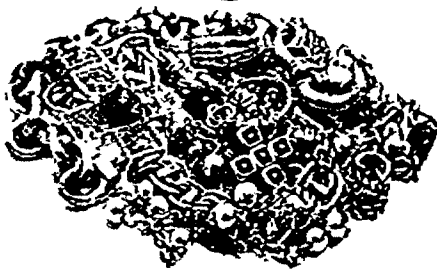
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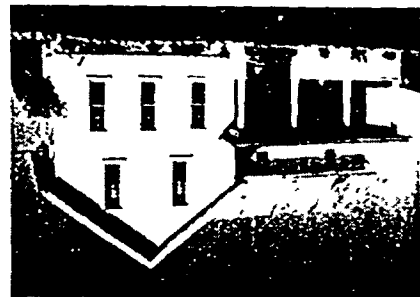


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'Stang soccer earning experience the hard way

Young team takes two losses and a tie

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

Unfortunately for the Northville Mustangs boys soccer team, they took their heavy dose of experience with two lumps and a tie last week.

The squad, coached by Henry Klimes, fell to division rival Salem, 2-0, September 15 before tying Novi, 1-1, last Thursday and falling to Saline, 2-0, last Saturday.

"The team's record may not be as good as some people expect it to be, but we're not worried about our record," said Klimes of his squad's 4-4-3 showing so far this year. "We still have goals we can obtain. We are still in the hunt for the division. I'm seeing progress from this team, and that's what matters."

The Mustangs, which are a very young squad without much varsity experience, fell to a very tough Saline Hornets squad, 2-0, after watching the freshman squad escape with a 0-0 tie and the junior varsity Mustangs earn a 1-0 victory with a penalty kick.

"It was a rough outing for both crews," said Klimes when asked about the officiating. "I thought both sides were getting bad calls. I had to call out the officials, but it was a tough day."

Northville ended up sidelining three of their top players in Doug Beason, Ryan Kaiser and Fatai Alashe due to yellow cards during the contest.

"We've been making some bad decisions at times, and that's something we need to work on," said Klimes. "It's baby steps, like I've been saying all along, and at mid-season I am seeing improvement and hard work."

Against cross-town rival Novi last week, the Mustangs earned a 1-1 tie. The Wildcats struck first in the opening half, taking a 1-0 lead that Northville wasn't able to tie up until early in the second half on a corner kick by Nick Peper, a junior.

The Mustangs had several good chances by Dave Hammon, Beason and Alashe, but weren't able to capitalize due to the outstand-

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The Northville Mustangs will find themselves up against former conference rival Canton tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. in a game that will likely test the skills of the young soccer team.

"We used to have epic battles with Canton," recalled coach Henry Klimes. "They aren't in our division, but that doesn't mean it is any less of a rivalry game." The squad is then slated to visit Stevenson Tuesday at 7 p.m. and then get a rematch against Salem a week from today when they visit the Rocks at 7 p.m.



The Northville Mustangs' No. 12 prepares to boot a ball out of the defensive zone.

ing play of Novi's goalie.

Another good showing by an opponent goalie led to Northville's 2-0 defeat at the hands of Salem. The squad found themselves trailing 1-0 after the first half and couldn't get several good chances past the Rocks' stopper.

"They're a strong team," admitted Klimes. "Their goalie made three or four great saves against us."

Joey Zywoil, a junior midfielder, had the best chance early in the contest, firing in a dead-on shot that was stopped by the Rocks' goalkeeper.

"If we would have got that one in it would have been 1-0 us and a totally different game," said Klimes.

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Mustangs' No. 9 defends at Plymouth High player.

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Mustang linksters have Cougars' number

Northville beats South Lyon East twice in two days

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

It was a week of domination and realization for the Northville Mustangs girls golf team.

The squad, coached by Mary Jane Ossola, earned two wins over struggling South Lyon East Cougars last week before competing in the very competitive Grosse Ile Tournament and taking seventh.

In the tournament, Northville found themselves getting some great hits in their long-distance game, but struggling in the short game.

"I think they were all a little discouraged because they realized they

hit the ball better than their score indicated," said Ossola. "They were let down by their short game. I hope this encourages them to work a little harder in, and outside of, our regular practices."

Northville finished with a score of 357. Brighton was the overall winner, though hardly dominated, with a 329. There were 23 teams in the tournament, which was held at West Shore Country Club.

Stephanie Sakorafis, Brianna Roberts and Camilla Zhao all tied as the leaders for Northville with 89. Jackie Kjolhede shot a 90 to round on the scoring.

Ossola said that despite the dif-

ficulties in the short game during the tourney, there is still some silver lining.

"I am encouraged because we are striking the ball more consistently," she said. "If we get our short game in order, or at least improve, we will do well in the upcoming conference and regional tournaments."

Those end-of-season tournaments could find some young players challenging for varsity spots if they continue to play as well as they have been. Zhao, a freshman, and Emily Foland, a sophomore, are expected to fight for varsity spots by the end of the year. Senior Chelsea Weber has also been playing well enough to earn

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The Mustangs are slated to play host to Novi on Monday at 3 p.m. before visiting South Lyon at 3 p.m. next Wednesday.

the varsity nod.

"They have been a real plus for this team," said Ossola. "I think they could add a real spark for our team and add some competition as we look for the five girls who will play at regionals."

All three girls had strong showings between the two dual matches against South Lyon East. Northville won the two matches, 169-208 and 164-211.

Medalist in the first match, which was September 16, was Sakorafis, who shot a 40. Roberts came in with

a 41 while Amy Bernstein shot a 43 and Weber carded a 45.

In the second match, which was played Sept. 17 as a make-up game from a rain delay two weeks ago, Sakorafis had to share the medalist title with Foland as each turned in a 39. Zhao shot a 42 for the Mustangs while Roberts recorded a 44.

Ossola said difficulties in the short game are highlighting the reason the girls have been pushed so hard to work on them.

"I hate to harp on it, but if our short game was better we would have even lower scores," she said. "This is where we are losing strokes. We will continue to work on it."

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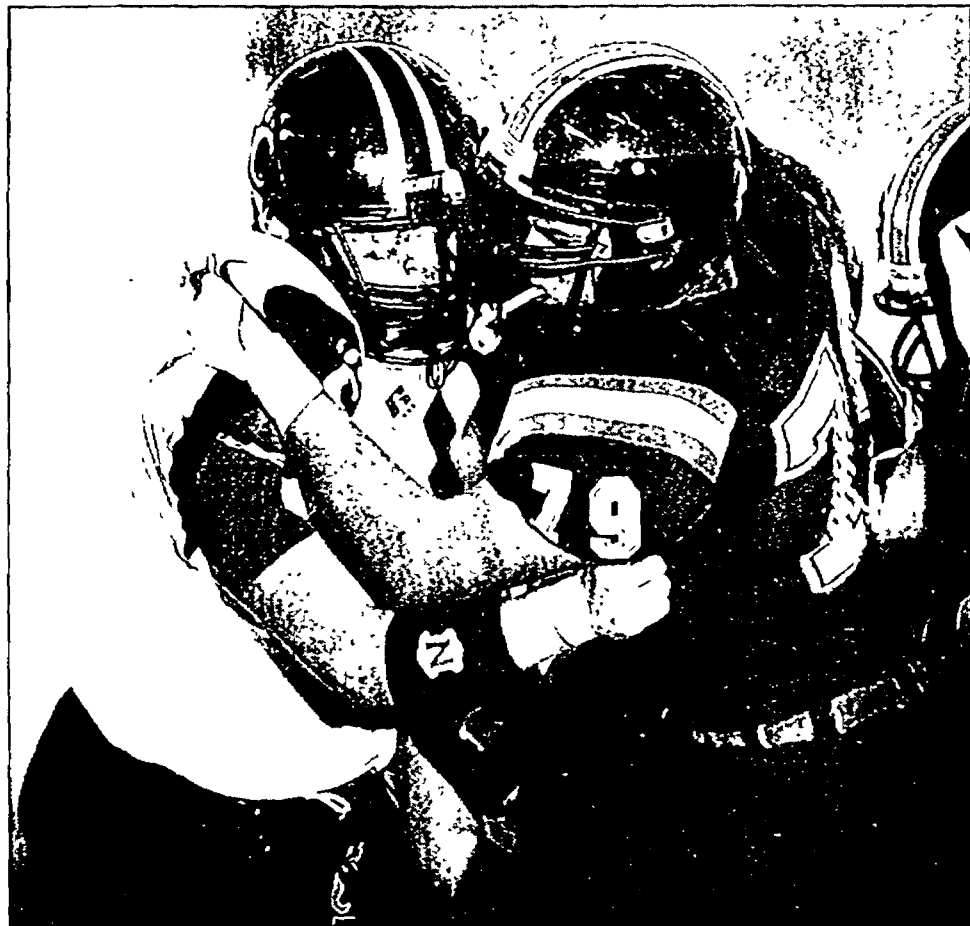
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Mustang lineman Ashkar Patel goes up against a South Lyon East player.

FOOTBALL

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points in the first half before finding their feet and adding 21 more in the second.

"Overall, I am proud of the way our team played," said Ladach. "We executed our game plan. We controlled the ball offensively and our defense played strong. It was a great team effort."

The Mustangs started off strong, stopping the South Lyon East gridders following the opening kickoff and forcing a punt. Brett Smith, a Northville multi-purpose player, grabbed the ensuing punt and raced 50 yards for the score only to have it negated by a penalty. Smith wouldn't be denied though, taking the ball in from four yards out just eight plays later to put his team up 6-0. The point-after was blocked.

Northville tacked on three points off the foot of Jake Robideau, who booted the field goal in from 26 yards out to put his team up 9-0 heading into the half.

Northville struggled in

the opening minutes of the second half, going three and out following the kickoff and then missing a 37-yard field goal following an interception by Mustang defensive back Brandon Love.

"I was disappointed with our offensive execution to open the second half," said Ladach. "But we have to give some credit to the South Lyon East players and coaches. They worked hard."

The Mustangs added a little hard work themselves in the third quarter, following a sack by Devon Pearson that led to a South Lyon East punt. Northville took the opportunity and marched six plays and scored as junior quarterback Matt Wegzyn took the ball in from 15 yards away for a 16-0 lead. Robideau added the extra point.

The Mustangs found their footing in the fourth quarter, adding two more scores to their total on a five-yard run from Smith before John Alandt takes the ball in from seven yards out for the 30-0 difference.

The Cougars put the final tally on the board, putting together a 16-play drive that

went 84 yards for the score by Matt Lindman. Lindman scampered into the end zone on a nine-yard run. The Cougars converted four third downs to keep their drive going.

Northville was led on offense by Smith, who collected 107 yards on the ground on 23 carries and scored two touchdowns. He also snagged two catches for 15 yards. Wegzyn added 23 yards rushing and went 9-for-16 in the air for 84 yards and an interception. His favorite target was Dan Mills, who snagged four catches for 54 yards while Brad Wagner added one catch for 29 yards.

Trei Walton snagged an interception and recorded two tackles on the defensive side of the ball while Devon Pearson added four tackles and two sacks. Perry Dunlap was leading tackler, bringing down six, while Alandt added five tackles and a sack. Matt Celentino and Shawn Williams added a sack each in the contest.

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NORTHVILLE JV/FRESHMAN WRAPUP

JV football falls to Davison, 49-28

The Northville Mustang JV Football team had their second long road trip of the season, this time to Flint Davison. Unfortunately the team came up short, falling to Davison by the score of 49-28.

"Davison was a well coached team and a tough group of kids," said Head Coach Joe Rohrhoft. "They were able to control the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball."

The Mustang offense had a very effective passing game with Quarterback Jeff Gertley completing 25 passes for 227 yards and two touchdowns. Andrew Wright was the recipient of 11 of those completions for 141 yards and both TD's. On the ground the Mustangs were able to pound out 154 yards, with Dawson Laabs reaching the end-zone twice.

The Defense played a hard game, despite giving up 42 points. Kyle Keech led the Mustangs with 10 tackles, followed by Billy Mitchell and Max Grezlik with nine each. Grezlik and Laabs both intercepted a Davison pass, while Tom Wagner and Travis Compo both recovered Davison fumbles.

Looking ahead, the Mustangs continue division play with a game against Stevenson this Thursday. A little home cooking should help the JV Mustangs get back on track as they reach the half way point of their season.

- By Jim Houston

JV volleyball tops Stevenson

The Northville Mustangs junior varsity volleyball team showed the moxie they've been known to have when they earned a second place trophy last week.

The squad earned a victory over their rivals, Stevenson, in the semi-final match before turning their attention to a very tough Ladywood squad. While the Mustangs put up a strong fight, they ended up falling to their foes, 15-13.

JV girls run in Spartain Invitational

The junior varsity cross country race at the Spartain Invitational found the Northville Mustangs being well represented. Leading the way were freshmen Hallie Tyburski, who was 19th out of 793 runners with a time of 22 minutes flat, and Claire Courtney, who was 43rd in 22:13. The race was Tyburski's second of the year after an ankle injury kept her sidelined.

"Tyburski and Courtney have a ton of talent and ability that we have not yet seen as they are both new to competing for 3.1 miles," said coach Nancy Smith. Not far behind was sophomore Lisa Hamel, who finished the race in 22:30 for

46th place.

Junior Helen Mulcahy was next for the Mustangs, earning a time of 22:31 for 51st, while sophomore Erin Keiffer ran a 22:42 for 60th.

"The youth on our team is our future and they are just learning how to compete," said Smith. "The future looks bright for the Mustangs as the top 10 girls on the team are all underclassmen."

Freshman football defense shuts down South Lyon East, 25-6

It was a nervous ride to South Lyon East in anticipation of playing a team that scored 42 points the week before.

The Mustangs won the toss and decided to receive the ball. After the Cougars recovered a fumbled kick return and scored in the opening minutes, the Mustangs were stunned.

"Let's play hard & not get down early," said Head Coach Jim Buettner. "We've fallen behind all year and have to play catch up, this week we want to come out strong." They didn't start strong on the opening series but it was all Mustangs after that.

The next possession the Mustangs charged down the field and tied the score when Phillip Hayes exploded into the end zone. Before the half was over, Jake Hanson and the offense put together an impressive drive with accurate passing, great catching and sure running, scoring again and leading 12-6 at the break.

The Mustangs came out on fire the second half; the offense moved the ball well and scored twice. Phillip Hayes was the offensive player of the game scoring four running touchdowns in the 25-6 victory.

Andrew Kwiecinski, playing linebacker for the Mustangs, executed his role to a "T" helping seal a victory for the freshmen. OLB, Bradley VanHulle played another strong game taking away all the short passing routes and rendering the occasional screen play to his side of the field useless.

"As the defensive coordinator this was a great game to watch," said Coach Rocco Pollifrone. "Our objective all week was to disrupt the Cougars' passing game and get some interceptions. Our boys focused all week with this goal in mind." All the hard work paid off with five interceptions, one each from Adam Kwiecinski, Phillip Hayes, Chris Markatos, Rini Jusufi and Neil Sands.

It was a great victory for the kids and now we start all over on Monday in preparation for Livonia Stevenson.

- By Rocco Pollifrone

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NORTHVILLE STALLIONS WRAPUP

Varsity grounded by Gators, 22-12

Parents never lost their spirit for these boys, as the team got cheered even as they meandered off the playing field with the sting of Coach Joe Pirone's words still echoing, "We need to play next time to win. Come next week ready to show that you really know these plays, and that you have the heart to accept nothing less than a complete victory".

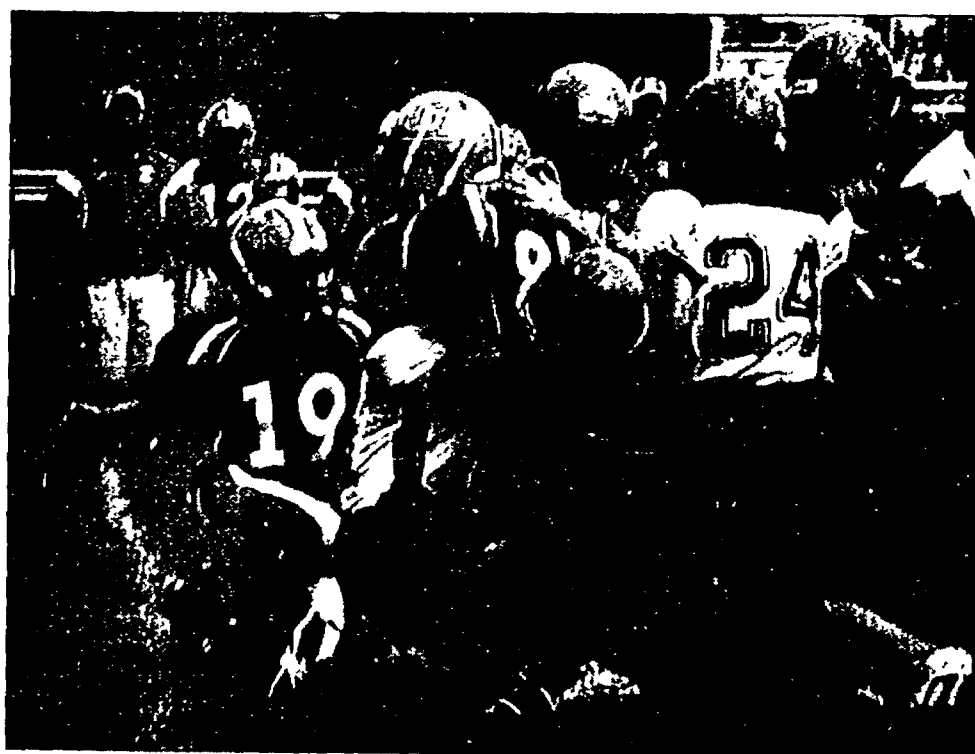
The coaches had high praise for Jake Cheslik, who did more than his share in trying to lead the Stallions to victory.

In all honesty, the Stallions might have had the game by the contributions of many others before halftime. The score then was only 8-6 in favor of the Multi-Lake Gators. In fact, the Stallions did a splendid job of holding the Gators completely under water for the entire first quarter. Admittedly, some of that help came from the Gators themselves as they must have given up close to 80 yards just in penalties this game.

Halfway into the third quarter Northville was even ahead, 12-8. However, that lead lasted all of about a minute and a half of playing time. At four minutes left in the third quarter the Gators got another touchdown to take their lead back for a score of 16-12. It was from that point on in the game that things got even further out of hand, with the Gators scoring their final touchdown with about three minutes left in the game.

While Cheslik earned his praise from the Stallions' coaches this game, there were a few other plays - and Stallion players - deserving of special mention. Conner Walters can be credited with both touchdown runs after setting himself up to be wide open for a couple of fantastic catches. Andrew Meacham also caught another 20-yard pass by Cheslik to get us a first down in the third quarter. In the second quarter, Zachary Werksma returned a kickoff with a 30-yard run after initially dropping the ball.

Several tackles were made single-handedly by Chris Komorous and Matthew Pirone. Also, Christopher Patsalis, Hemanth Panditi, Conner Keady, Zachary



DAWN PETERS

JV Stallions swarm a West Commerce Gator in Saturday's 7-0 loss.

Werksma, Alex Doering, and Conner Walters made some really nice tackles. Though the Stallions' extra point kicks were unsuccessful, Andrew Meacham offered some compensation with strong punts.

Keenan Moss came on very strong in breaking through the line with the handoffs while consistently and demanding moving the ball forward toward first downs. Stephen Lowisz and Evan Piontek teamed up to put quite a "sting" on the Gators' offense; and with Lowisz at one time seen putting serious pressure on the Gators' quarterback, laterally across the field behind their line.

Matthew Pirone definitely stopped the Gators from scoring in the 1st quarter by intercepting an intended long pass. Hemanth Panditi blocked the Gators' final extra point kick attempt of the game. In the third quarter, "fourback" Nolan Schied also got an appreciative cheer from his teammates when he kept QB Cheslik from getting tackled, displaying some impressive blocking.

The parents had cause to be proud of our players. Next, the Stallions will work to win Saturday against the Ravens.

- By David Schied

Gators escape JV, 7-0

The JV Stallions gave the Gators from Walled Lake everything they had Sunday afternoon. Unfortunately, the Gators outlasted the Stallions to escape from Northville Stadium with the victory. From the opening kickoff the Stallions came to play. Hard hitting and tremendous team tackling was the trademark of the Stallion defense.

The offense had its first opportunity as the Stallions trampled the Gators heading into their territory. Hunter Doering connected with Jake Justice on a 3rd and long play to gain the first down which also received a roughing penalty adding 15 yards to the play moving the ball forward to the Walled Lake 20-yard line. The Stallions marched forward on the shoulders of Jordan March who helped move the Stallions down to the Gator 11 yard line where the drive stalled.

Aggression and intensity is what was observed by the spectators in this see-saw defensive struggle at Northville Stadium Sunday. Back and forth the defenses dominated. The crowd knew one play could decide this game. Deep in Stallion Territory as the second quarter wound down, the Gators were

on the move. With six seconds left in the half and fourth-and-goal from the four-yard line it was Drew Skedel making the score saving tackle at the two-yard line ending the first half deadlocked scoreless.

The third quarter saw the sun at its peak and as the weather heated up, so did the Stallions. Starting the stampede down the field again, Northville had the Gators on their heels. Both Troy Borawski and Jordan March trampled over the Gators as the Stallion tandem led the team deep into Gator territory. The stout Gator D came up big as they stalled the Stallion drive at the six-yard line.

After a few running plays moving the Gators deep out of their end, the Gators struck quickly on a 62-yard slant for a touchdown. They also completed the conversion to take a 7-0 lead.

After the quick score, the defensive battle once again ensued. The Stallion defense penetrated the Gator line repeatedly with key plays for losses from Mike Beydoun, James Lewis, Justin James and Alex Putman. But for every play of loss, was one for positive yardage to help the Gators move the chains. With the Gators on the move deep in Stallions territory the stout

Stallion D came up big once again. Jordan March sacked the Gators QB. A play later Borawski made a tremendous open-field touchdown saving tackle at the Northville 11. And with 7:26 left in the game Drew Skedel, whose number was called often Sunday, came up with a big interception at the Northville four-yard line. The Stallion offense took over from there only to fall a score short.

The Stallions head to Rochester this Saturday hoping to trample the Ravens at 1p.m.

- By Rob Hoffman

Freshman chomp Gators, 33-28

The freshman Stallions improved their record to 1-1 with an impressive win over the Lake Area Gators, 33-28.

The Stallions broke out of the corral in the first quarter with the "Orange Crush." These first-year players received the kick off and stampeded down the field. Mark Bucciere and Ethan Czerniak provided outstanding blocking while Alexander Karam advanced the ball. With 6:29 remaining in the first quarter, the Crush's series finished with a first down pass from quarterback Michael Williams to Jackson Van Arnam on the Gator 29-yard line. Tight end Cole Wissman's block sealed the corner, allowing Shane Rankin to score on a sweep. The Stallions would drive across the goal line two more times in this quarter. The second score occurred on a short yardage QB sneak by Matthew Stinebiser, while the third touchdown was scored by Jonathon Michalak on a reverse. With less than 3 minutes left in the first quarter, the Stallions led 20-0. League rules require the Top 8 Impact players to remain on the sideline if a team has a lead of 18 points. The Gators took advantage of the league rule and returned the following kickoff for a touchdown. The first quarter ended with a score of Stallions 20, Gators 6.

With the 8 Impact players back on the field, Stallion kickoff returner Marcus Lee bolted more than 50 yards to score, once again invoking the 18 point rule. In the next series, the revised Stallion defense fought hard and

forced the Gators to turn over on downs on the Stallion 20-yard line. Exceptional tackles were made by Evan Treibor, Jack Harris, Nathan Page, and Coleman Naylor throughout the defensive series. The offense struggled operating from their 20, lost yards and allowed a Gator safety. The Gators also scored on the following free kick narrowing the gap to Stallions 26, Gators 15. With less than an 18 point lead and 9:30 left in the second quarter, the herd got back on stride and thundered down the field. Near the end of the first half, quarter back Matthew Stinebiser threw to Benjamin Schmidt for a touchdown, and Shane Rankin scored the extra point. The first half ended Stallions 33, Gators 22.

The Stallions kicked off to the Gators to start the second half. The Gators offense performed well, breaking through the line of scrimmage only to be stopped by defensive players Barrott, Reither, Williams, and Hoffman. With 10:43 in the third quarter, the Gators drove to their last touchdown, making the score Stallions 33, Gators 28. The remainder of the third found the Gators and Stallions driving up and down Gator territory. The fourth quarter was dominated by Stallion and Gator defense. Interior defensive linemen Jordan Grewe and Jack Debrabander disrupted the Gator backfield while Jonathon Michalak, Shane Rankin, Tyler Troyer, and Matthew Stinebiser tackled the Gator ball carriers for minimal yards. Near the two-minute mark, the Gators had a final nail-biting drive into Stallion territory which, if successful, would have put the Gators in the lead. Stallion defense went all out, with an impassable line and aggressive pass and rush defense. The Stallion offense took over on downs and advanced back into Gator territory. With the game clock running out, the Gators used their final time outs, but the Stallions retained possession and dropped to one knee for the final play. The Stallion Freshman secured their first season victory, 33-28.

They'll fight to drive their record above .500 Saturday at the Rochester Adams Ravens.

- By Tim Grewe

NORTHVILLE COLTS WRAPUP

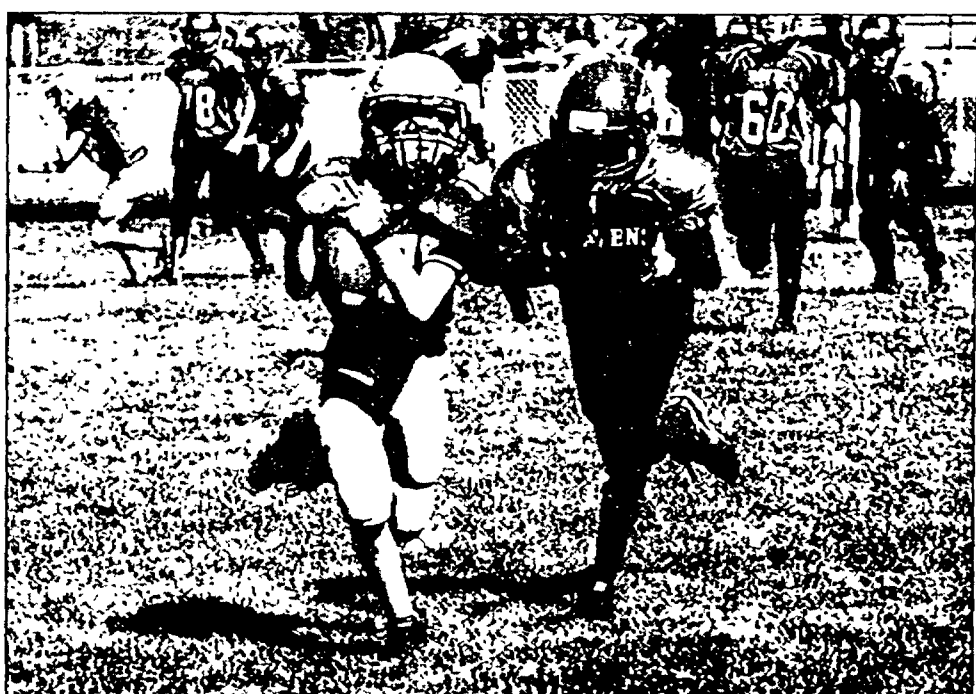
Varsity stays perfect with 41-9 win over Rochester

On Saturday, the colts started fast with Robby Parks scoring on a nine-yard touchdown run after a Brian Abrams fumble recovery gave the Colts good field position. Zach Wilds once again split the uprights with help from Nicky Stegmeyer and his steady long snaps. After an onside kick recovery that was swarmed by the Colts, they steadily marched down the field with passes from Joey Hewlett to Stegmeyer and Ryan Gardner and tough runs by Sean Conway that got many first downs. Brian Abrams then carried several Raven tacklers into the end zone for a three-yard touchdown run. Wilds kick was good again for a 16-0 first quarter lead.

The Colts refused to give the Ravens the ball back, as Joel Booth recovered the ensuing kickoff and Zach Wilds converted a fake punt with a perfectly thrown pass to Gardner for a first down deep in Ravens territory. Parks struck again with a 16-yard wildcat play that got him just enough running room to streak into the end zone. Wilds showed his poise once again by converting the extra point with a nice pass to Gardner and a 23-0 lead.

The Ravens eventually scored on a circus catch that deflected off of two Colts defenders that were well positioned, but just missed the interception, and cut the Northville lead to 23-7. Robby Parks then returned another kickoff, this time for a 65-yard touchdown that gave the Colts a lead of 29-7. The Ravens drove the field and scored on the last play of the half for a Colts 29-13 lead at the break.

Joey Hewlett opened the second half with a 65 yard kickoff return of his own that stretched the Colts lead to 35-



DAVID KILAR

JV Colts Ty Kilar makes an interception Saturday against the Rochester Ravens.

13. Parks finished the Colts scoring with a 22-yard run up the middle that made the final score, Colts 41, Ravens 19.

The Colts offense kept the ball moving all afternoon with some backfield help provided by Mitch Sklar, Zach Zimbo, Michael Vallespir, Nolan Landis and Joel Booth that kept the chains moving. The defense received strong support with fumble recoveries by Mark Kaminski and Jack Johnson and a big tackle by Shane Gregory that saved a touchdown.

The Colts offensive coordinator, Rich Hewlett, had his offense looking almost as sharp as his attire and will look to keep the dapper Colts on track when they play at the Walled Lake Braves on Oct. 3 following a bye.

- By John Zimbo

JV shuts out Ravens, 30-0

The JV Colts set the pace

last Saturday when the Colts' Alec Coppock tackled the Raven's ball carrier in their own end zone, scoring 2 points. As soon as the Colts had possession of the football again, the scores kept rolling in. A series of carries by Justin Zimbo, David Dillon and Luke Booth and then another by Zimbo brought in the first touchdown of the day. Cole Gingell's on target kick made an extra two points, and the score was 10-0 Colts.

The Ravens could not make progress against the powerful Colts' defensive line, and indeed, they could not hang onto the football, fumbling the ball, recovered by the Colts' Mikey Grimes. The Colts' offense played on through again, with a super long carry by Zimbo on one play followed by a pass to a waiting Leo Keyes in the end zone for a second touchdown. The Colts chose to run in the extra point this time, using a short pass to Zachary Prystash, and the score was now 17-0.

The Ravens tried to score during their next possession, but the Colts' defensive line, including tackle Joey Nelson, forced a turnover on downs. Another series of Colts' carries by Prystash, Zimbo and Dillon put a third touchdown on the board. A quick carry by Dillon secured the extra point, bringing the score to 24-0.

The Colts continued to dominate the game, with an onside kick recovered by Ian Rachelson. When they Ravens had possession, they were quickly shut down and lost ground with tackles by Rachelson, Mason Williams and Joe McCormick in the backfield.

Again the Colts took possession, and ball carriers Nate Holloway, Cole Gingell, and Mason Williams moved the football deep into Ravens territory, with a nice short pass from Holloway to Austin Hayek in the end zone bringing in a fourth touchdown for a 30-0 Colts score. Fabulous tackles by Benjamin Cracraft,

Aaron Slusser, Joey Nelson and Connor Wright squashed the Raven's hope for any score. The game ended ended with the Colts almost scoring yet again after an interception by Ty Kilar before the clock ran out.

This week the Colts get to rest with a bye.

- By Kristina Dunne

Freshmen suffer first loss, 32-18 to Ravens

The Freshman Colts suffered their first loss of the season to the Rochester Ravens 32-18.

The hard-hitting game was close throughout, with the Ravens scoring two touchdowns in the fourth quarter to seal the victory.

On the first possession of the game, the Ravens forced a Colts fumble and took over in Colts territory. Isiah Johnson scored on a long fourth down play and the Ravens led 7-0. After strong defensive stops from both sides, the Colts' Ben Brady made the first big defensive play of the game by deflecting a key third down pass intended for an open Raven receiver. Elijah Gash followed that play with a huge sack enabling the Colts to take over on downs at the Ravens nine-yard line. Two plays later Abe Khoury scored on a quarterback sneak behind solid blocking from Jacob Brevard, Patrick Walker, Marcello Gonzalez, Evan Carson, Bradley Lewis and Joseph Bennett. The extra point failed and the quarter ended 7-6 in favor of the visiting Ravens.

After exchange of possessions to open the second quarter, the Colts offense mounted a strong running attack capped off with a three-yard TD run by Elijah Gash. The extra point was stopped and the Colts led for the first time 12-7. The Ravens scored to take back the lead 13-12.

On the ensuing kickoff, Colin Gardner returned the kick 42 yards deep into Ravens territory. The Colts moved the ball inside the 10-yard line on running plays from Gash, Gardner and Khoury. Khoury then connected on an 8yard TD pass to Gardner increasing the score to 18-13 Colts. On the next defensive stand, Gardner intercepted a Ravens pass. The Colts next drive was stalled by a Ravens interception. The Colts again stopped the Ravens late in the half with several strong tackles from Ben Brady, Patrick Walker, Elijah Gash and Joseph Bennett. The Colts drove to the 1-yard line with seconds left on the clock and were unable to score as time ran out. The half ended 18-13, in favor of the Colts.

Both teams played excellent defense in the third quarter. Jagur Nafso, Spencer Gonda, Daniel McLaughlin, Blake Evans and Drew Lemke made key tackles and Alex Seba contributed a sack. The Ravens scored the only touchdown of the quarter and took the lead entering the fourth quarter, 19-18.

The Ravens added two more scores in the fourth and the Colts were unable to respond. The Colts suffered their first defeat, 32-18. Ben Brady was the defensive star of the game recording 11 tackles and adding 2 interceptions. Colin Gardner had 9 tackles, an interception and a sack to go with his three offensive receptions, one for a touchdown. Abe Khoury ran for 46 yards and two TDs and passed for another score. Elijah Gash gained 82 yards on the ground and made seven tackles on defense. Marcello Gonzalez added a fumble recovery for the 2-1 Colts.

The Colts continue their season against the Walled Lake Braves on Oct. 3 at Walled Lake Western H.S.

- By Joseph Lack



Not only is it the 20th season for the Plymouth Whalers OHL franchise, the team is sporting new Reebok EDGE jerseys, unveiled recently at Compuware Arena by players (from left) Josh Bemis, Leo Jenner, Tyler Seguin and Joe Gaynor.

Whalers sport new uniforms

The Plymouth Whalers — in association with the Ontario Hockey League, Canadian Hockey League and corporate partner Reebok — unveiled their new jerseys recently at Compuware Arena.

The new Plymouth jerseys are on display in the Compuware Pro Shop and can be purchased by fans.

Each of the CHL's 60 teams introduced new home and away EDGE jersey designs for the 2009-10 hockey season.

All 120 jerseys were modeled and on display during three simultaneous announcements from each regional league Wednesday, providing the

Ontario Hockey League and Western Hockey League and Quebec Major Junior Leagues the opportunity to introduce the new designs to their respective markets.

In addition to the regional announcements, CHL clubs hosted a variety of local events including autograph sessions, open practices, local press conferences, and various community endeavors at which they unveiled their team's new Reebok EDGE designs.

By upgrading to the Reebok EDGE Uniform System, the CHL joins both the National Hockey League and American Hockey League in the evolu-

tion of the game. The NHL and Reebok first launched the system at the 2007 NHL All-Star Game, before going league-wide for the start of the 2007-08 season.

Reebok Hockey has been the exclusive jersey provider for the CHL since the 2003-04 season. In addition to jerseys, the CHL currently uses The Hockey Company products exclusively in the following categories: helmets, gloves, pants, hockey socks, performance underwear, and all under-protective equipment.

For information on Whalers ticket packages or to plan a group event, visit plymouthwhalers.com or call (734) 453-8400.

Catholic Central netters dominate quad meet

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

Four more teams challenged and then fell to the power of the Detroit Catholic Central tennis team last week.

The squad, coached by Joe Stafford, is currently ranked first in the state of Michigan for Division I schools and they showed exactly why as they won their fourth tournament and earned four more victories last Saturday.

Catholic Central earned 18 points in the Catholic Central Quad Meet while Forrest Hills Central and Troy High School earned 11 points each for a second-place tie. Taking fourth was Northville, which earned eight points on the day.

Individually, the Shamrocks were able to beat Northville, 7-1; Troy, 6-2; and Forrest Hills Central, 5-3.

Catholic Central earned four flight victories in the tournament, snatching championships at first, third and fourth singles as well as third doubles.

Joe Dube', Catholic Central's premiere first singles player, defeated Northville's Melvin Joseph, 6-1, 6-3, before topping Troy's Brett Forman, 6-4, 6-2, and Forrest Hills' Grant Veltman, 6-1, 6-0.

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The Shamrocks are slated to be back in action today when they visit Ann Arbor Pioneer for a dual meet at 4 p.m. The tennis team will then travel to the Essexville Garber Tournament on Saturday.

"Joe's victory over Troy's undefeated freshman Brett Forman, is going to help him when it comes time to determine the top seeds at the state finals," said Stafford. "I will not be surprised if Brett is a top four seed at states. Joe did a nice job of moving him around the court and not letting him setup."

At third singles, Willy Willson took down Northville's Stephen Irvine, 6-0, 6-1, Troy's David Caldwell, 6-4, 6-1, and defeated the player from Forest Hills, 6-0, 6-0.

Eric Guindi, the Shamrocks' fourth singles standout, took down Northville's Nick Calweit, 6-0, 6-1, Troy's Ray Chen, 6-4, 6-1, and defeated Forest Hills' player, 6-0, 6-0.

The results were much the same for the third doubles duo of Nick Petrucci and Robbie Guindi, who earned a 6-2, 6-4

win over Northville, a 6-1, 6-0 victory over Troy and edged out Forest Hills in three sets, 4-6, 6-4 and 1-0.

"Our No. three doubles have been hot and cold all year, in terms of their play, and it is nice to see them grind out a three set victory against Forrest Hills Central," said Stafford. "FHC's team has been the only team to beat them this year and I know they really wanted this win."

Another standout performance came from Catholic Central's second singles player Kevin Hodges, who ended up 2-1 on the day but managed to defeat Northville's Tim Wasielewski, 6-2, 6-3.

"This was a big win for us," said Stafford. "We look at Northville's Tim Wasielewski as one of the top players in the state at No. two singles. Kevin played a really smart match and did not give up many free points. That's what we're really looking for from our singles lineup: To play smart, solid tennis and let the great points take care of themselves."

Catholic Central is now 7-0-1 on the season.

Sam Eggleston is a free-lance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News.

Shamrock kickers keep winning

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks soccer team just keeps finding ways to win.

The squad, coached by Joe Nora, earned two more wins last week as they blasted Divine Child, 7-1, at home before edging DeLaSalle, 2-1.

Against DeLaSalle, the Shamrocks found themselves in a position they are not used to, trailing 1-0 at the close of the first half. Nora noted that his squad "didn't really play that well" in the first half, but found their game plan for the second half.

Ryan Majasac notched the game-tying goal off an assist from Josh Gatt to knot the game up at 1-1. As the game continued in its intensity, Gatt

ON TAP

The Shamrocks will play host to University of Detroit Jesuit High School Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. before hosting Ann Arbor Pioneer a week from today at 7:30 p.m.

showcased why he is considered one of the top players in the state as he punched home a free kick from 25 yards away to win the game, 2-1.

Nora noted his team's strong defense helped earn the win over rival DeLaSalle.

"Gina Pulice, Christian Arthur and Brian Treanor were stellar in the back for us and Wes Harding made six saves for the win in net and had a very strong game," said Nora.

The victory put the Shamrocks at a 7-1-2 record so far this season and a 3-0-1 standing in the Catholic League's Central Division.

Against Divine Child, the Shamrocks couldn't seem to do anything wrong.

The squad followed the lead of Mike Tokacz, who scored a hat trick with three goals in the contest. Gatt, Majasac, John Malecki and Cole Borland each notched a single goal in the game. Gatt led his team in assists, earning three on the night, while Brandon Hess, Gerrett Biddenger, Dylan Hagan and Josh Gage each had one assist.

Alex Lang earned the victory in the goal, stopping three shots.

Sam Eggleston is a free-lance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News.

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks, currently ranked first in Division I, may not have earned a victory in the Holly Invitational last Saturday, but they aren't complaining.

The squad, coached by Tony Magni, took second place with 86 points while Ann Arbor Pioneer ran away with the meet with just 34 points. Taking third was Plymouth with 120 points while Lake Orion was fourth with 140 and Milford was fifth with 160. Rival Brother Rice was sixth with 196 points. In total, there were 20 teams at the event.

While the Catholic Central harriers are no doubt looking at their times and trying to figure out how they could have shaved off a few seconds here or there, they

ON TAP

The Shamrocks will be running this weekend when they host the Catholic Central Invitational at 11:30 a.m. at Cass Benton Park. The squad will then return to action Monday when they visit University of Detroit Jesuit High School at 4:30 p.m.

have a reason not to fret about the second-place finish. In 1983, 1989 and 2001, the Shamrocks competed in the Holly Invitational and came up with a second-, a second- and a third-place finish, respectively. Those were the years the Shamrocks went on to win the state championship.

While a state championship is far from guaranteed for the Shamrocks, they are continuing to show signs of strength, stamina and

improvement throughout the team. Individually, Ricardo Galindo led his squad with a time of 16:16 and finished in sixth place, while Andrew Garcia-Garrison took seventh in 16:20. The squad's pack time was impressive, with Viktor Puskorius finishing in 14th with a 16:38 and Austin Zebrowski taking 18th in 16:46.

Catholic Central's Sean Carney was 41st in the meet with a time of 17:37, while Peter Cernak finished in 18:02 for 62nd and Steve Turzewski took 86th in a time of 18:40.

The overall winner of the race was Ann Arbor Pioneer's Nathan Karr, who finished in 15:45 on a photo finish over teammate Nick Kern. Pioneer also took third with Adam Kern in 15:50.

Sam Eggleston is a free-lance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News.

Make healthy choices before obesity leads to stroke

My wife has spent the last two months caring for and helping her sister through a major health challenge. This proud, independent, single mother finds herself today in a tiny room in a nursing home totally at the mercy of the staff for her every need, staring at the prospect of never walking again at the ripe old age of 57. (In fact, today is her birthday — Happy Birthday, dear sister-in-law!) The irony of this story is at the end of the day the stroke she endured is only a partial blow; the real killer enemy is obesity. These last two months have given us a small glimpse into not only the dev-

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astating world of stroke victims but the life of an obese person.

Stroke is the third leading cause of death and the leading cause of serious long-term disability in the U.S. A quarter of all strokes occur in people under 65. The after-effects vary across the board from total paralysis to total recovery. A recent study sites only 26 percent became nursing home residents. While her sister is showing good signs of recovery on her totally paralyzed left side of her body, added in the equation is the obesity factor.

From the very beginning her over-350-pound weight and lack of any physical movement increased her odds of being in the 25 percent of high risk stroke victims under age 65. Her right knee (supposedly the good knee) is nearly gone from years of over use due to her weight along with her shoulder. Prior to the stroke, her weight alone posed barriers to mobility now compounded to total disability by the right knee, shoulder and the stroke.

In addition to the reality of the physical effects of obesity, we lived it first-hand as nursing home after nursing home declined her entry due to her obesity. She needed a

larger bed, special equipment, special wheelchairs, etc. Every call about her was tagged with the words "she is a bari-patient," meaning a bariatric patient requiring special considerations for everything due to her weight. Watching her deal with the reality of years of poor choices has been sobering. I am certain if given the chance she would have made a few different, small choices over the last 20-30 years. In fact, she has already lost nearly 50 pounds, not an easy task when there is no mobility.

The bottom line is every 40 seconds someone in the U.S. has a stroke and about every 20 seconds someone

has a heart attack and the list goes on and on. Life will bring us challenges; let's fight with all we have not to add to it with obesity. Next time I face a seemingly small choice -- walk or take the escalator, park near the door or further away -- I will think of that nursing home and the very hard challenges of this brave 57-year-old.

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

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION GENERAL ELECTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2009

To the Qualified Electors of the Township of Northville, County of Wayne, notice is hereby given that Monday, October 5, 2009 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2009 for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following offices

LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT Local School District Board Member – Northville Public Schools
Local School District Board Members – Plymouth/Canton
(One four year and one partial term)

WAYNE COUNTY PROPOSAL PROPOSAL O OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL

The full text of the proposals is available at the Township Clerk's office.

The Township Clerk's office is located in the Township of Northville Municipal Building, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168, and is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for registering to vote. You may also register to vote at any Secretary of State Branch office or County Clerk's office during their normal business hours.

Electors may also register to vote by mail by completing a Michigan Mail-In Voter Registration Application (forms are available at the local clerk's office or from the Secretary of State's www.michigan.gov/sos) and forward the application to the Northville Township Clerk.

Please note that a person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in Michigan (168 509t), are at least 60 years of age, disabled as defined by law, or temporarily living overseas.

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE CLOSE OF REGISTRATION – NOVEMBER 3, 2009 ELECTION

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Northville, Wayne and Oakland Counties, notice is hereby given that Monday, October 5, 2009 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2009. The election will be conducted in all polling places in the City of Northville for the purpose of voting on:

CITY: Mayor, City Councilmember
LOCAL SCHOOL: Northville Public Schools District Board Member

And for the purpose of voting on the following proposal (Precinct 1 – Wayne County voters only):
(Proposition O)
Operating Millage Renewal

To renew the millage authorized in 2000, shall Wayne County be authorized to continue to levy this millage at the estimated 2008 rollback rate of 0.9529 (about 95 cents per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for ten more years (2010 through 2019), and proceeds used to continue existing County services, including programs for arrest, detention and prosecution of criminals, juvenile court and related services, public health, recreation, County parks, job training, senior citizen services, and programs for meeting medical needs of the poor, the disabled, and the aged? This renewal is projected to generate \$43,495,573 in 2010.

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Catholic Central football still undefeated

Shamrocks topple Birmingham Brother Rice for the first time in since 2003

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

Revenge is a dish best served ... well, with a 24-7 whipping.

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks has been on the wrong end of their rivalry against Birmingham Brother Rice for the past five years, but turned the tide and earned revenge with a victory over the Warriors last Saturday.

"The players were really geared up this week," said Catholic Central head coach Tom Mach. "The school was just electric."

And so were the stands. Between the Shamrock faithful and those donning the orange and black of Brother Rice, nearly 5,000 people were packed into the stadium to see the showdown.

In the end, however, it didn't matter how pumped up the stands were, or how charged the student body was. All that mattered was the scoreboard, and Catholic Central owned it.

"We played real well," admitted Mach. "Our defense did a great job, our offense played well and even our kicking was right on. It was a great game all around."

It appeared to be a close game early in the fourth quarter after Brother Rice drove down the field and scored to make it a 10-7 game. The Shamrocks, who are ranked No. 2 in Division I teams by the Associated Press, didn't panic. They didn't shudder. They simply picked up the football and went to work. On their next drive, Catholic Central marched 80 yards and put the ball into the end zone on a three-yard play action pass from senior quarterback Sam Landry to tight end George Darany to push them back into a comfortable lead, 17-7, with just under six minutes left in the game.

"We just played our game," said Mach. "Brother Rice is a very talented football team and we knew we had to keep playing our style of football. That's what we did."

The Shamrocks proved that they are not infallible, however, and allowed the first points of the season to be scored against them by the talented Warriors. Brother Rice's lone score came in the fourth quarter when quarterback Frankie Popp found Nick Dunn with a 14-yard touchdown pass. It's not as though the Shamrocks defense looked weak though, forcing three straight three-and-punt situations in the Warriors' opening drives. Not to mention the Shamrocks held Brother Rice's top running back, Jim Pickens, to zero yards on six carries following two 100-yard-plus games from the Warrior.

"No one wants to be scored on," said Mach. "Honestly, we never talked about keeping everyone scoreless. It was never a conversation we had. I think the team was aware that was the case, but they were also aware that it wasn't going to stay that way."

Catholic Central sealed the victory by forcing a turnover on downs late in the fourth quarter that led to their final touchdown of the night, which was scored on a four-yard rumble from fullback Niko Palazeti.

In a change of pace, Palazeti did not lead the Shamrocks in rushing, instead turning the torch over to Anthony Capatina, who went 102 yards on 14 carries. Palazeti added 68 yards in the game.

Catholic Central's defense held Brother Rice to 152 yards of total offense and controlled the ball for 34:10.

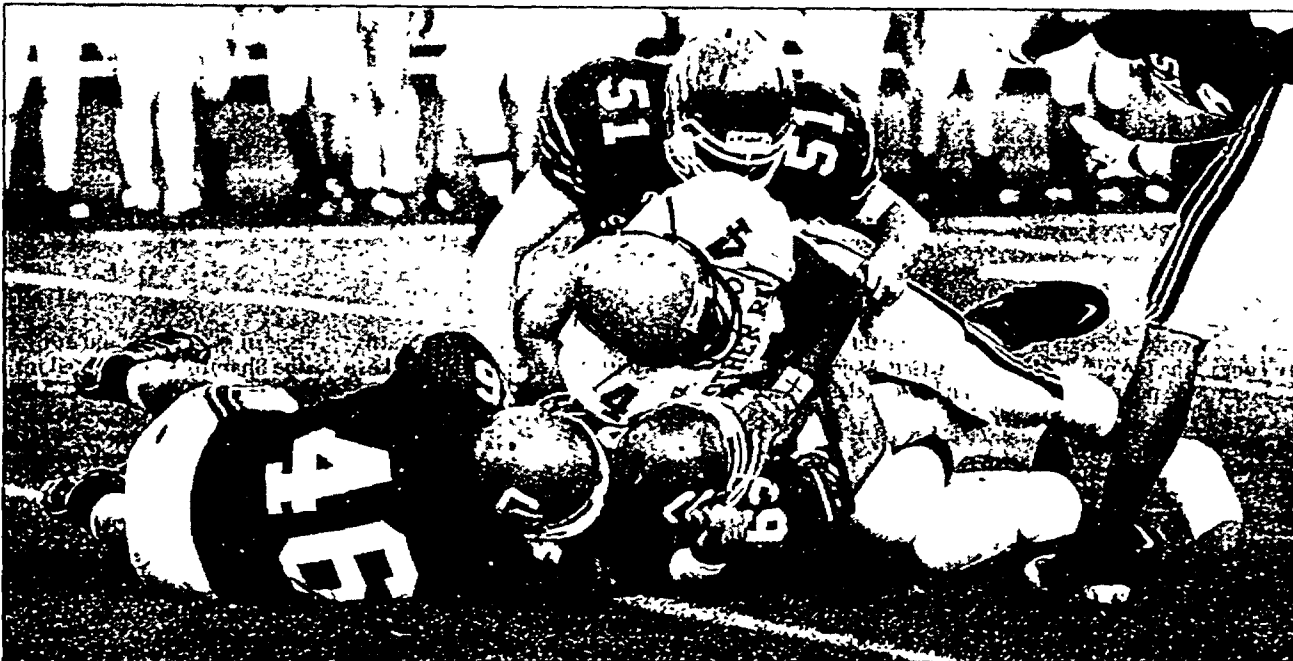
"They tried a few different things and tried running the ball a bit, but our defense did a real good job of shutting them down," said Mach. "Our defensive coordinator, Dan Anderson, did a great job of preparing the defense, showing them a lot of things that they were going to see. The players went out and executed and overall did an excellent job."

With a 4-0 record, the Shamrocks are just two wins away from guaranteeing a playoff berth. There are five games remaining in the sea-



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Northville's Michael Kinville returns an interception for CC in the fourth quarter against Brother Rice.

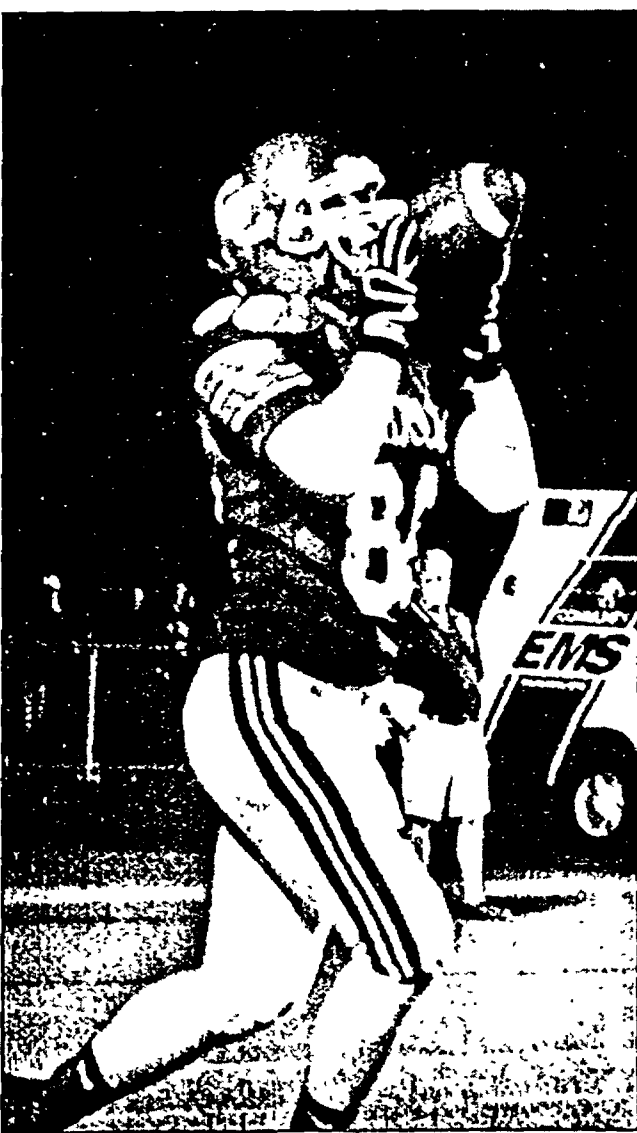


The Shamrock defense, which allowed just 10 yards rushing against Brother Rice, stiffens with senior Niko Palazeti, 46; junior Brandon Tammaco, 51; and senior Mike Still, 62.

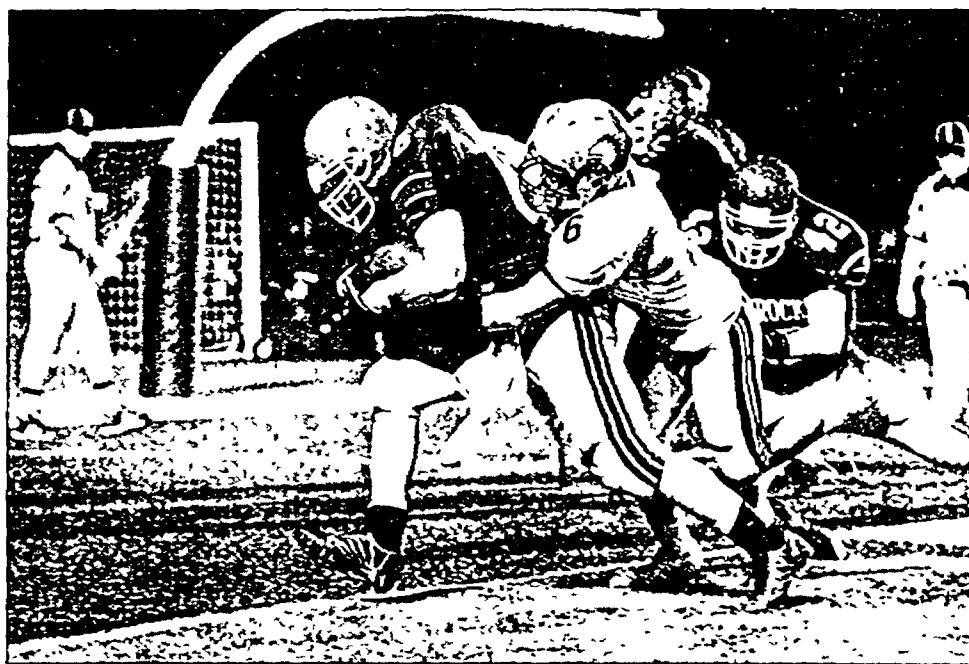
ON TAP

The going doesn't get any easier for the Catholic Central Shamrocks, 4-0. They are slated to take on Divine Child, 4-0, Saturday. Divine Child comes into this week after a 41-6 drubbing of Livonia Clarenceville last week. The Falcons have outscored their opponents 148-38 this season, while Detroit Catholic Central has outscored their foes 157-7.

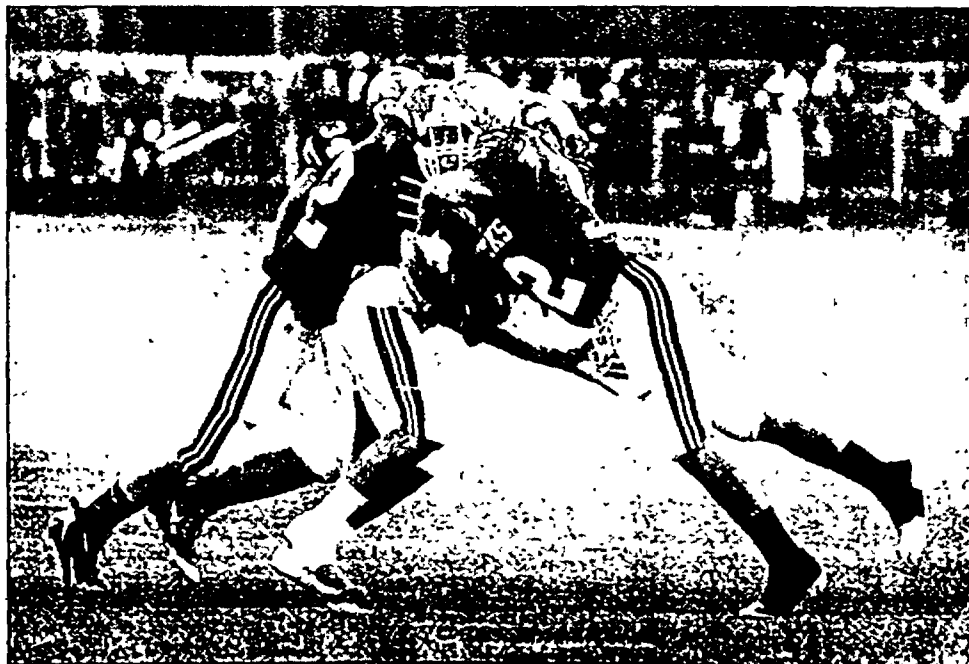
"We try to keep it all in perspective," said Catholic Central coach Tom Mach when asked about Divine Child perhaps not being as strong as Brother Rice was. "If a team is 4-0 and they are scoring a lot of points, we know we're going to have to play them at the same level as we play a team like Brother Rice."



CC's George Darany hauls in a TD pass in the second half against Brother Rice.



CC's Niko Palazeti carries a Rice defender into the end zone in the fourth quarter.



CC junior Andrew Nelson, 32, and senior Butch Herzog, 42, converge on a Brother Rice receiver to break up the pass attempt.

son, including undefeated Divine Child this Saturday, as well as Orchard Lake St. Mary's, which is currently 2-2; DeLaSalle, which is currently 3-1; and University of Detroit Jesuit High School, which is currently 2-2.

"We're in a league that is very tough and full of very

talented teams," said Mach. "This is a team that seems to improve every week, and that's something we're going to have to do in order to continue winning in this league."

Sam Eggleston is a free-lance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News.

Final call for Fall 2009 Northville Adult Basketball Leagues.

Fall offerings include Men's AA and Men's B leagues on Sunday afternoons (5-9 p.m.), Men's Open (A/B) on Thursdays (6:30-10:30 p.m.) and Women's league on Tuesdays (6:30-10:30 p.m.).

Currently Registered are:
AA: full
B: five openings

Thursday: three openings
Women's: possibly one opening
Registration deadline is Friday, Sept. 25. Please note that all league start dates will be pushed back one week. Sunday leagues to start Oct. 4, Thursday league to start Oct. 1 and Women's Tuesday league to start Oct. 6.
Registration has begun and is first come first serve (paid is playing). There are eight spots available for each league. Team registration will be \$310 plus \$100 forfeit fee (returned with

no forfeits or other violations). Additional fees include: \$25 per team per game for referees (paid at each game) and \$18 per person for non-resident fees (payable at third game with completed roster).

Information is also available on our website at: <http://www.northvilleparksandrec.org/LeaguesAndClinics/AdultBasketball.htm>. For more information, contact Monica Belanger at mbelanger@ci.northville.mi.us or (248) 349-0203 x1404.

Bowl for hockey

Northville Hockey Boosters (boys and girls teams) are hosting a Bowling Night on Oct. 16 at Novi Bowl. Tickets include bowling, shoes, pizza, salad, soda and prizes. Ticket price is \$25. This fundraiser will help in paying for ice time for the season as well as other expenses for each team.

Tickets can be purchased at the Northville High School Athletic Office.

TEE TIME

Your local golf guide

My favorite courses in Michigan

By David Graham

In my position as Executive Director of the Golf Association of Michigan, it is probably a politically incorrect position to express what golf courses make my personal list of favorites for obvious reasons. But like you, I do have favorites around the state of Michigan and I am willing to provide my two cents on the topic. This list is courses that if invited, I would make time in my schedule to play in a heartbeat. I must also state up front that I have not come close to playing all of the fantastic courses in this state. We are so fortunate to have so many great options. Also, I believe there is a bit of a halo effect on ones likability assessment based on how well one plays and scores at a particular course. I suspect that influence has impacted my selections. So this assessment is very subjective, and

while it will include some obvious courses on everybody's list, it probably is not your list. It does include both private and public facilities.

Dave's Faves in alphabetical order:

• **Arcadia Bluffs** – spectacular links style course along Lake Michigan. As the wind blows, so will one's score. No. 17 is an awesome par 3 when played with a breeze in your face it can be particularly difficult to score.

• **Belvedere** – Tom Watson spent his summers on this gem in Charlevoix. No. 16 is a shorter par 4 with the green wedged into the side of a hill. Great fun particularly if the hole location is on the right side of the green. Beware of an overly aggressive putt.

• **Crystal Downs** – Alistair

Mackenzie design with support from Perry Maxwell recognized as one of the finest courses in America. No. 10 is a great par 4 that demands an approach shot kept below the hole. If not, 50/50 chances you may putt off the green.

• **Eagle Eye** – Newer course with a lot of great holes including an exact replica of the 17th at the TPC at Sawgrass (Island Green). One of my favorites is no. 15 which is a par 4 that has a raised green with severe slopes around with collection areas for any wayward shots.

• **Franklin Hills** – A great Donald Ross design. No. 2 is a superb par 4 with a severely slanted green... do not be above the hole on your approach shot if at all possible.

• **The Gailes** – One of three courses at Lakewood Shores Resort, it is a very challenging links layout with hidden fairway pot bunkers throughout. Bring your "A" game

and you'll have a great time.

• **The Heathers at Boyne Highlands** – Robert Trent Jones design, no. 18 is a great risk reward hole that requires an approach shot over the lake for any realistic chance at a birdie finish.

• **Indianwood Old** – My home course, it plays different each day depending on the wind. No. 18 is a great finishing hole with a huge green. Putting over and around some of the buried elephants can be a challenge!

• **Kingsley Club** – Newer course receiving excellent national exposure. No. 9 is a modest par 3 until you get to the green. Unless you are below the cup you may have some interesting challenges. If chipping or pitching on from behind the green, good luck!

• **Meadowbrook** – Great set of green complexes throughout the course. No. 9 is a great shorter par 4

with a severely sloped green. Hands of a surgeon instead of a blacksmith will serve one well.

• **Oakland Hills South** – Spectacular host course to countless major championships as well as the Ryder Cup. No. 17 is a really cool par 3 uphill to a green surrounded by deep bunkers and equally challenging rough. A par on this hole is a great achievement.

The above is a sampling of the great courses in Michigan. If a friend should extend an invite to play any of the above, don't hesitate to accept and keep me in mind if you need someone to fill out your group.

David Graham is the Executive Director of the Golf Association of Michigan. Check for his Tee Time column every Thursday through September.

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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

Kelly & Kelly law firm a Northville family affair

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

We are a boutique law firm in downtown Northville having operated since 1988. Michele and John Kelly are husband and wife and are the owners of the law firm. They have four children – two boys and two girls. Their daughter, Ryan M. Steele, joined the law firm as an associate attorney in fall 2008, after graduating from University of Detroit Mercy School of Law in May 2008, and passing the Michigan Bar Examination in November 2008.

John, a lawyer and a certified public accountant, concentrates his legal work in estate planning, wills and trusts, business legal matters, real estate, prenuptial contracts and tax law. He is certified by the State Bar of Michigan as an estate planning and probate lawyer. Michele concentrates in family law, divorce, child custody matters, and criminal law. She is certified by the State Bar of Michigan in family law and divorce. Ryan works in her mother's footsteps handling family law, divorce, child custody and criminal law.

How did you first decide to open your business?

When we were young lawyers, we living in Northville and had four

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young school-age children. Michele was working handling criminal and family law cases and always in court with early morning appearances scheduled by the judges and referees. John was working for a law firm in downtown Detroit and making the daily commute. Our hours were long and our days full, but with four children at home our schedule was more than busy – it was chaotic. We had tried all the alternatives for child care and it seemed that each had its limitations. So we decided that if we could spend less time commuting we would have more family time together possibly easing the hectic pace. We both had goals to run our own business and to strike out on our own, and it seemed to us that we worked well together – we had

separate legal expertise that would complement each other.

Why did you choose Northville?

We wanted to live and work in the same community and at the time, few lawyers were in Northville so it was an opportunity for us to start our business here.

What makes your business unique?

Certainly we are unique because we are a husband and wife legal team that has worked together for 25 years raising a family in the community, sending our children through the local school system, and building a successful law firm in the area that our daughter is now a part of and our son, Michael Kelly, will soon join. However, as a legal team we offer expertise few lawyers have and our



Local lawyers Michele (left) and John Kelly work with daughter Ryan M. Steele.

different backgrounds permit us to share our expertise within the law firm to better serve our clients.

How has it changed since you opened?

Yes, when we started practicing computers were just arriving on the scene and we used secretaries for dictation and letter writing. Today, we use Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Internet media and advertising. Most of our daily contact is via the Internet.

Do you have a funny tidbit or story about your experience as a small

business owner to share with our readers?

When my daughter Ryan took Ryan to Court with her on a Take Your Daughter to Work Day. The judge (I think it was Judge MacDonald in 35th District Court) was great and let Ryan sit in his chair behind the bench so that she could see the view the judge has from the bench. When Ryan sat down and looked around, she suddenly exclaimed, "Oh, mommy, how are you going to clean this whole room?"

How has the recent economy

affected your business?

Yes, we work harder and longer and are more competitive.

Any advice for business owners?

It is not easy to run your own business and at times you may ask yourself why you ever decided to work for yourself, but the on the long term no job or career is more satisfying.

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

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Beautiful winners

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Hutton Square
Asher Citgo Gas Station
Northville Library
Margo's Beauty Salon
Northville Chamber of Commerce

Film tax credits may be on line

Movie producers are watching anxiously to see whether Michigan's generous tax subsidy for filmmakers will face big cuts as Lansing struggles to patch a \$2.8-billion budget hole.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm, one of the most avid advocates for the film subsidy, has proposed trimming it 12.5% -- from a maximum of 42% to about 37% -- to help the state hold onto more of its precious cash.

She has support among lawmakers to scale back the tax break, which is hailed by supporters as a powerful lure for moviemakers -- and jobs for Michiganders.

State Sen. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, a leading critic of the movie incentives, said Granholm's proposal isn't enough.

All the talk in Lansing of tinkering with the nation's most generous filmmaking tax break has Hollywood nervous.

"I don't like hearing about a reduction," said producer David Permut, who said Michigan's tax incentive was a reason he brought two projects here last year.

By Chris Christoff & Julie Hinds, Detroit Free Press

Oakland County offers business workshops

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars in September, offered by the Oakland County Business Center. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months.

Write a Business Plan is a workshop for small business owners who are developing a plan to serve as their road map to success. The class is held on Thursday, Sept. 24, from 9 a.m.-noon at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford. For location specifics and pre-reg-

istration, visit: <http://www.oakgov.com/peds/calendar/index.html> or call (248) 858-0783. The fee is \$40, which includes all materials. No refunds.

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(PM) Evening Class 6 p.m. to 9/9:30 p.m.

October
1 - Team SBA Financing Roundtable

8 - Pre-Business Research Workshop (PM)

15 - How to Start a Business Workshop (PM)

20 - Legal & Financial Basics for Small Business

21 - 8th Annual Bid & Brunch Matchmaking Event

22 - How to Write a Business Plan Workshop (PM)

28 - Listening to Your Business

29 - How to Write a Marketing Plan

November
4 - Women's Business Certification (WBE) Orientation

5 - Pre-Business Research Workshop (AM)

12 - How to Start a Business Workshop (AM)

12 - Small Business Loan Workshop

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BY ALISON BERGSIEKER
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With access peaceful parks and sidewalks of endless shops, Northville is the perfect place West Oakland County's newest senior living community, Northville Senior Living.

"Northville is looking for more people to live downtown," said co-owner Roger Barton. "Our residents will be part of the real world, not just a nursing home. We are going to have the most affordable housing in the area."

The 7,000-square-foot center is located at 311 Main St. on the second floor above Dr. Phillip Mayer's office and adjacent to Northville Physical Rehabilitation, which will be offering free fitness memberships to all Northville Senior Living residents.

"The residents will have access to free fitness membership with us and will be able to stroll into town for coffee, the nearby Marquis Theatre, other doctors and more," said Dennis Engerer, Director of Rehab at Northville Physical Rehabilitation.

An intimate setting with curb appeal

Comfort, convenience and a scenic view of downtown Northville make Northville Senior Living an attractive place to live. The facility will host living

arrangements for 17 interactive seniors looking forward to meeting new friends and building lasting relationships.



"Residents can feel at home with their personal belongings in their private bedrooms while sharing multiple warm family living spaces including a dining area, two sun decks and a private library," Barton said. "Everyone will know everyone in an intimate setting. It's like a big family."

Floor plans include nine private bedrooms with individual bathrooms, and eight private bedrooms with shared bathrooms.

"The elderly congregate where they can feel the most comfortable, and that is where the sunshine is," Barton said. "All of the outside windows fall into the hallways, and most of the bedrooms have windows. We've maximized wall space to let natural light into the rooms."

Personalized, affordable care

The smaller number of residents at Northville Senior Living allows extremely personal one-on-one care and assistance.

Onsite services include three nutritionally balanced meals, laundry, medication management, shower services and housekeeping — all at a flat rate.

"There are no extra charges for

personal service," Barton said. "Everything is included in one price across the board."

Visiting nutritionists, physical therapists, podiatrists, medical doctors and nurses will visit the facility on a regular schedule.

"We have a full kitchen that can cook anything from scrambled eggs in the morning to a full Thanksgiving dinner," Barton said. "We can meet any special diet needs. It comes down to finding out what the residents want, and we'll get it, as long as it's nutritionally balanced."

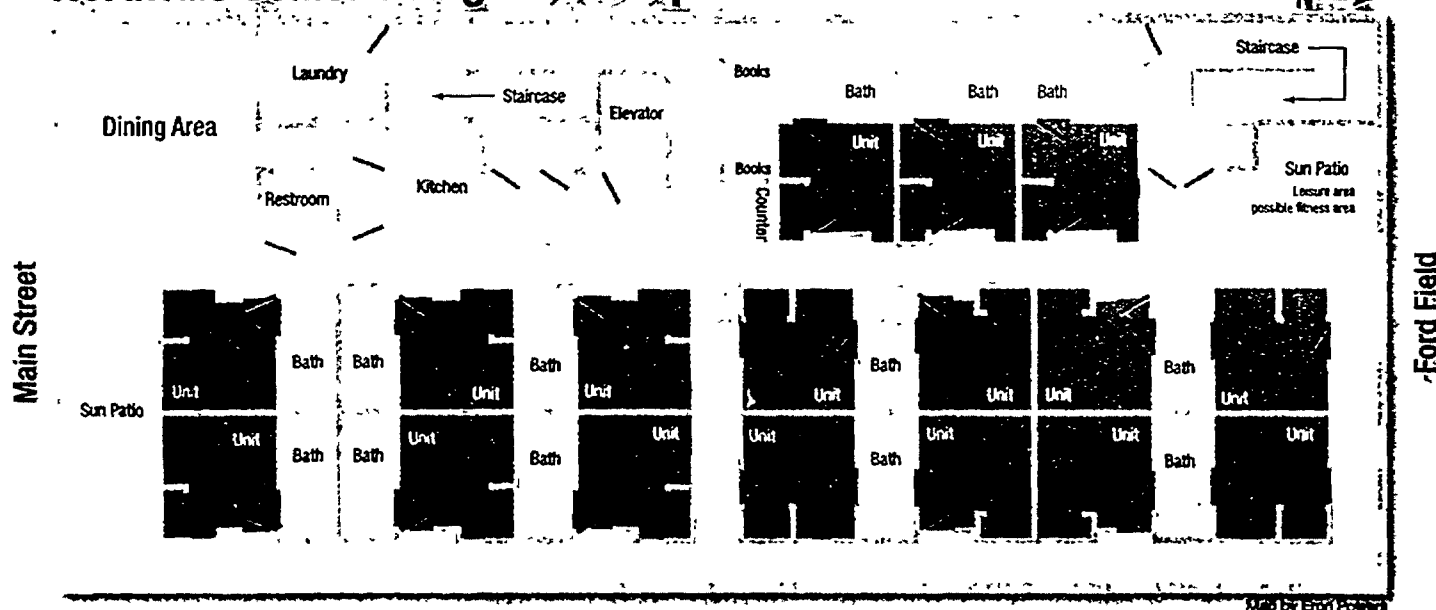
Senior transportation will be scheduled on a regular and semi-regular basis, depending on the needs of residents.

"We're already getting applications and a few new residents," Barton said. "We look forward to welcoming our seniors to downtown Northville and offering a family-friendly, scenic place to live."

Northville Senior Living, located on the second floor of 311 Main St., opens January 2010.

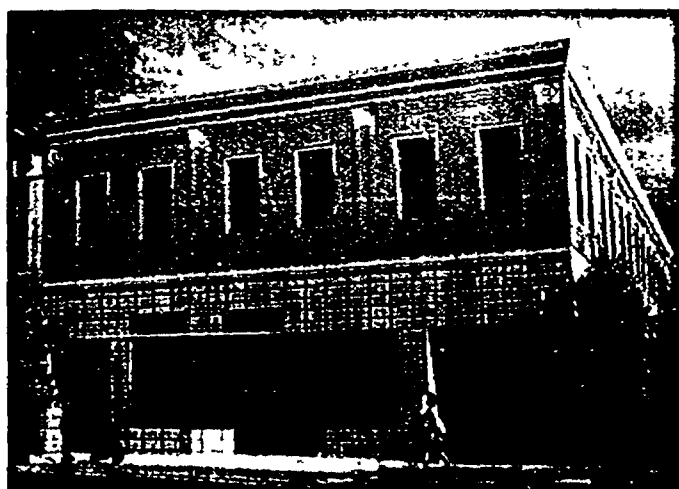
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INCREASING OPPORTUNITIES ON THE JOB



WORKWISE

by
Mildred L.
Culp

potential opportunities.

PASSIVE

Billy Arcement, consultant and speaker at The Results Group in Prairieville, La., recommends making the most of opportunities the company already offers, including professional association membership.

Be aware, too, of emerging opportunities, such as those in the company of John Haynes, director of HR at Johnson Controls Inc., in Capitol Heights, Md. He says that its "affinity networks encourage specific groups, such as minorities and diverse employees, to:

- "come together;
- "discuss common interests;
- "develop a mission, vision and goals for the group; and
- "encourage and facilitate members' overall

growth and development."

The support of company leaders opens the door to relationships upward and potential "stretch opportunities when you give without expectations," he adds.

ACTIVE

Some opportunities are waiting for you to create if you simply keep your eyes open and thought processes working. These come through new relationships on the job. Arcement urges you to keep building them and developing trust. He considers being a giver rather than taker the best avenue to increased opportunities, particularly if you're giving to someone higher on the organizational chart.

Opportunities come through meaningful relationships, he points out, when "the person trusts you as a reliable source of help or reliable resource to help them do their job. In my experience, if you give first, people will begin to respect you and rely on you. You become a bit of an important person to them."

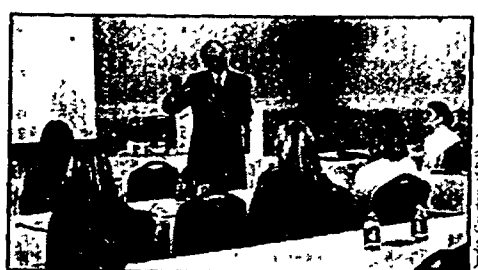
Stephanie Partridge would concur. She's a contractor at FEMA in Washington, D.C., through Front Row Inc., in Arlington, Va. "I know when I have meaningful relationships at work when the people I work with turn to me for answers and solutions to problems, when they thank me for the help I provide and when they stand behind

me in support of pitches I make," she says. "Of course, it's a two-way street. I am very supportive of them." When she writes letters commending them to management, she sends a copy to the person she's crediting, which creates more goodwill in her workplace.

However, if you have meaningful relationships but opportunities seem external to your workplace, you might need to learn new skills, Arcement says, to break out of your box. Your motives in opportunity-seeking don't always have to be selfless, according to Melissa Dawn Johnson, CEO of Atlanta's Velvet Suite Marketing Consulting Group Inc. "This is a great opportunity to offer your time or advice on a project to give value to a person in exchange for information, a referral or advocacy and access," she says. "The barter system is not dead."

With new-found openness, you might create an opportunity. Partridge, the contractor, recalls how she found a need as people around her were struggling with software. "I could hear them talking back and forth, asking questions (and using an occasional expletive)," she comments. "I'd offer to help and they were always appreciative."

She began to recognize that she was investing almost one-fourth of her day helping team members who hadn't been trained or simply lacked computer literacy. Morale was



Billy Arcement delivers a presentation on leadership to the Baton Rouge Society of Human Resource Managers. Based in Prairieville, La., he consults and speaks through The Results Group.

plummeting. Rather than sitting back passively, "I stepped up, told my project manager what I was doing and gave her a proposal complete with course outline and resource material that I had developed," she recalls. "It was just a matter of seeing a deficit in the current system, taking control of the situation and making a difference."

Some opportunities are there for the taking. Others are quietly developing through good relationships. You can develop a third type of opportunity by taking charge and innovating.

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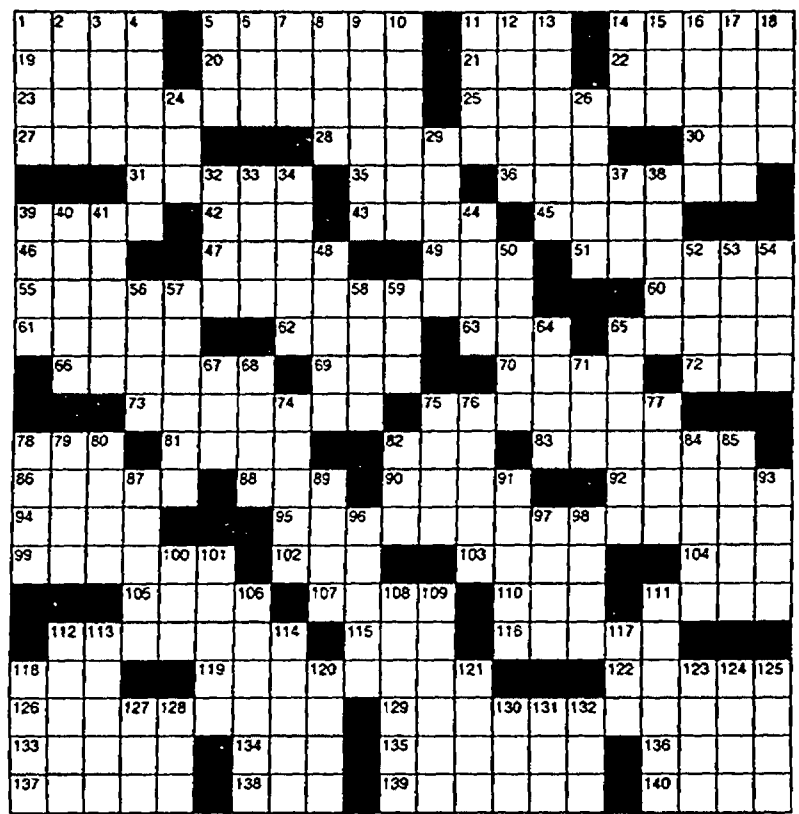
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Fall's a great time to make your home inviting

BY JULIE BROWN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Nicki Wilson has a Decorating Den business in Canton, a franchise. She has thoughts on making your home look better for fall.

"I think we all kind of get stuck in a rut," said Wilson, a Pittsfield Township resident. "As the seasons change, we get a new outlook on things. These are probably the simplest, easiest things to do. They do make an impact."

Here are a few ideas from Wilson of Decorating Den for fall spruceups:

- Place vases of fall flowers (mums, sunflowers, plumed grasses, colored leaves) around the house.

- Bowls of apples or pears look great on the kitchen table, counter, or even a coffee table (and they taste great, too!)

- Add area rugs to bare floors or over neutral carpets. They look great and add warmth to any room.

- Keep one or two fleece or knitted throws (cashmere is even nicer) on your sofa or favorite chair, or in a nearby basket. Besides adding color and texture to the room, they're great to curl up with when reading or watching TV on a chilly afternoon or evening.



- Cinnamon or spice scented candles or potpourri create a warm, comfortable, homey feeling.
- Place small accent lamps

- with low wattage bulbs — 20W or even night light bulbs — in unexpected places. Window sills, fireplace mantels, mixed in with books or

- accessories in a bookcase or etagere, or on a kitchen counter are great places. Set them on a timer or turn them on in the evening to create

a soft, warm, and inviting ambience.

"Don't forget your outdoor curb appeal: pots of mums, bunches of Indian corn, pumpkins and gourds are great on a front porch. A grapevine wreath, plain, or decorated with fall ornaments and a pretty fall colored ribbon looks great on the front door."

All the above are "close to free or very little cost," Wilson said.

If your fall plans are more ambitious, you can paint with warmer colors, or maybe add heavier or layered treatments on your windows.

"It is slower, but there is business. I think people are putting more thought into spending money before they spend it," Wilson said.

She's been in business 22 years. People are more sophisticated now in their tastes. "I think they're more savvy as to product knowledge." They can go online to get ideas and information.

Wilson's home also benefits from her expertise and experience.

"I'm not sick and tired of it at home. I do like to fix my own house, absolutely. A lot of decorators don't. I think homes should be a really comforting, inviting place for you to rest. My home is that for me."

La. court finding backs up position

Q: I have a homeowner in our subdivision who wants to construct an addition to their home. They have met with the Architectural Control Committee of the association who advised them that they were not in compliance with the rear setback provisions in the documents. They submitted an application for a variance with the township and the application was granted. Do we have any standing as a subdivision?

A: I believe you may, as I believe that the restrictions of the condominium or homeowner association will normally prevail to the



Robert Meisner

extent that they impose additional burdens on members as opposed to the township. In a similar case in Louisiana, the court

found that it would defeat the purposes of the restrictions in the subdivision if all members had the option of petitioning the municipality for a rear setback different from what was required in the condominium or homeowner association documents.

Q: My present condominium association is, in my judgment, mismanaged. The board president maintains control of the association by getting older widows to give him proxies. Communication with the co-owners is basically nonexistent. They do not distribute financial information as required by the bylaws. When we have requested contact information about nonresident homeowners, our request has been refused. Meetings established by the board get nowhere. What can we do?

A: You need to get politically involved in organizing the members of the association to recognize that their association is being poorly run, which could result in detrimental financial ramifications for not only the association but all co-owners. In addition, you need to retain an attorney to write the board and remind the board of its legal and fiduciary responsibilities and that you will, if necessary, seek legal recourse if they continue to mismanage the condominium.

If you are not prepared to spend the money on a quality community association attorney, then you will continue to get what you are receiving, and your investment in your condominium will be diminished accordingly.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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Thinking about a career in real estate? Is working in real estate your dream? Keller Williams Realty is seeking experienced or non-experienced people in the real estate field. The candidates must be hard working and have a passion for learning.

There's a free seminar every week: Tuesday or Saturday, 11 a.m. to noon at 27555 Executive Drive (off West 12 Mile and Halsted), Farmington Hills 48331.

For more details, contact Steve Leibhan, (248) 553-0400, Ext. 2500.

Careers in field

A free 59-minute Career Seminar will be held 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, for those interested in real estate careers. Questions regarding startup cost, commission and success potential will be answered. It will be at Keller Williams Realty, 36642 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 266-9000 to reserve a seat.

Homebuyers

A Homebuyer Seminar will be held 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, at Keller Williams, Farmington Hills Market Center, 27555 Executive Drive, Suite 100 - southeastern corner of 12 Mile and Halsted. RSVP: (248) 893-1550.

Foreclosure tours

Tour foreclosed homes in the Farmington and surrounding areas on every Sunday at 1 p.m., offered by Home Smart Realty, 20853 Farmington Road. Call (248) 426-6754 for more information and registration.

BIA

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents Green Built™ Michigan Building Training (I) on Wednesday, Oct. 7, from 9 a.m. to noon at Association Offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Chris Pratt of Construction and Development Services, LLC, will present great tips on making a home more energy efficient, more durable, and environmentally sustainable. The importance of indoor air quality and low impact development will be stressed. The training is required for all builder members of Green Built™ Michigan.

Registration is \$65 for members of Green Built™ Michigan and \$85 for non-members. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org.

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents Green Built™ Michigan Advanced Builder Training on Wednesday, Oct.

7, from 1-4 p.m. at Association Offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Chris Pratt of Construction and Development Services, LLC, will present an advanced training for those already familiar with the basics of green building ready to delve deeper into the science of residential green construction. This in-depth training will include a system approach to green building, the thermal dynamics necessary for the most effective and economical level of insulation, moisture control and durability of building envelope components, sustainability, superior indoor air quality, and economical materials. The training is suggested for all builder members of Green Built™ Michigan. It is sponsored by DTE Energy. Registration is \$85 for members of Green Built™ Michigan and \$105 for nonmembers. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org.

Apartment Association of Michigan's Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a Personnel seminar on Friday, Oct. 16, from 9 a.m. to noon at Association Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Kathleen Mabie of Ann Arbor-based Success on Site will provide fair housing

information as it applies to maintenance personnel including housekeeping, grounds, vendors and part-time staff.

Topics to be covered include communication from maintenance to management, documentation, etiquette, service request procedures, emergencies, and team building. Registration fees are \$45 or PMC members, \$55 for AAM or Building Industry of Michigan members, and \$65 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org.

Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a Fair Housing Is Good Business seminar on Friday, Oct. 16, from 1-4 p.m. at Association Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Kathleen Mabie of Ann Arbor-based Success on Site will provide fair housing information for effective property management practices. Topics to be covered include how to work more effectively, consistent outstanding service, implementing policies and procedures for keeping good records, and communication for the entire team. Registration fees are \$45 or PMC members, \$55 for AAM or Building Industry of Michigan members, and \$65 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org.

HOMES SOLD - OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the weeks of June 15 - 19, 2009 at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Auburn Hills
815 Amberwood St \$168,000
Beverly Hills
20201 Coryell Dr \$238,000
Birmingham
644 Bloomfield Ct \$260,000
1715 E 14 Mile Rd \$30,000
876 Humphrey Ave \$407,000
Bloomfield Hills
1181 Trowbridge Rd \$1,175,000
Bloomfield Township
866 Edgemont Run \$210,000
7318 Lindenmere Dr \$405,000
5775 N Adams Rd \$160,000
3794 Quarton Rd \$462,000

4843 Quarton Rd \$151,000
Clarkston
5123 Dorsetfield Ct \$530,000
9804 Kings Vly \$310,000
5734 Woodland Vw \$117,000
Commerce Township
1853 Applebrook Dr \$55,000
3811 Benstein Rd \$122,000
1547 Knob Hill \$120,000
Farmington
22590 Brookdale St \$170,000
23197 Floral St \$125,000
24055 Giff Rd \$190,000
Farmington Hills
28924 Augusta \$445,000
28309 Green Castle Rd \$285,000
30498 Knighton Dr \$203,000
38373 Lana Ct \$239,000
28901 Nottoway Dr \$235,000
26314 Pillsbury St \$174,000
35000 Savannah Ln \$187,000
37852 Thames Dr \$200,000
Franklin
32714 Ravine Dr \$219,000

30670 Rosemond Ln \$637,000
Lake Orion
1766 Covington Woods Ln \$280,000
Lathrup Village
17580 Redwood Ave \$108,000
Northville
1056 Elmsmere Dr \$475,000
Novi
50930 Almafai Ct \$389,000
51027 Almafai Ct \$100,000
50792 Chesapeake Dr \$695,000
39486 Country Ln \$80,000
41045 Hollydale \$150,000
24702 Nepavine \$435,000
25089 Newberry Dr \$240,000
25850 Trestle \$171,000
Oakland Township
90 Piney Hill Rd \$350,000
Oxford
1443 Foreland Dr \$86,000
1160 N Baldwin Rd \$162,000
3540 Ray Rd \$424,000
Rochester
1961 Dunham Dr \$215,000

1052 Moran Dr \$370,000
Rochester Hills
1210 Arms Ct \$243,000
1816 Gilsam Ave \$235,000
1713 Morningside Ln \$162,000
3699 Newcastle Dr \$485,000
725 Panorama \$346,000
3499 Talbert Cir \$55,000
South Lyon
57877 International Dr \$261,000
Southfield
25067 Champaign Dr \$41,000
27309 Fairfax St \$36,000
28040 Glasgow St \$65,000
22526 Ivanhoe Ln \$125,000
27957 Lahser Dr \$85,000
26910 W 12 Mile Rd \$34,000
17340 Wiltshire Blvd \$28,000
Troy
1949 Canary Ct \$211,000
110 Paragon Dr \$330,000
1222 Stonelake Dr \$175,000
1604 Witherbee Dr \$170,000

Walled Lake
1112 Andover Cir \$175,000
375 Cherry Grove Ln \$250,000
Waterford
4189 Athens Ave \$55,000
828 Bay Crossing Dr \$207,000
4266 Fenmore Ave \$92,000
1523 Larchmont Ave \$138,000
2280 Maplecrest Dr \$100,000
5425 Murray Ct \$415,000
2930 Saint Jude Dr \$53,000
383 Waterfall Ridge Ct \$138,000
391 Waterfall Ridge Ct \$134,000
West Bloomfield
2098 Langham Dr \$120,000
1851 Lochaven Rd \$125,000
6669 Maple Lakes Dr \$98,000
6652 Mellow Wood Ln \$160,000
6378 Orchard Woods Dr \$320,000
6231 Ramway Ct \$260,000
4981 Trail Ridge Ct \$450,000
White Lake
340 View Dr \$280,000

HOMES SOLD - WAYNE COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of June 8 - 12, 2009 at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton
47595 Ashford Dr S \$295,000

41562 Bedford Dr \$64,000
6527 Paul Revere Ln \$167,000
45191 Thornhill Rd \$205,000
1720 Trinity Rd \$380,000
Garden City
28438 Beechwood St \$62,000
6682 Harrison St \$93,000
6745 Schaller St \$59,000
Livonia
36753 Bobrich St \$210,000
33901 Bretton Dr \$191,000

19252 Hardy St \$148,000
12215 Hartel St \$32,000
11434 Loveland St \$130,000
19721 Milburn St \$80,000
34334 Orangelawn St \$101,000
31167 Richland St \$157,000
18715 Westbrook Dr \$72,000
Northville
16342 Brookwood Ct \$198,000
16986 Glenmoor Dr \$305,000
16800 Lairdhaven Dr \$280,000

17601 Maple Hill Dr \$345,000
16029 Morningside \$110,000
41003 Stone Haven Rd \$308,000
16451 Westminster Dr \$282,000
Plymouth
49704 Draper Cir \$100,000
742 Kellogg St \$54,000
1199 S Shelton Rd \$50,000
480 Sunset St \$132,000
Redford
9343 Dixie \$39,000

15998 Knight \$32,000
16002 Knight \$36,000
16012 Knight \$32,000
11656 Marion \$76,000
17260 Olympia \$90,000
9021 Sioux \$45,000
19491 Wakenden \$23,000
Westland
7524 Cavell St \$48,000
1444 Edwin St \$182,000
8685 Terri Dr \$94,000

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local economy.
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that are truly
invested in your
community's future!

APARTMENTS

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<p>Apartment/Unfurnished (4000)</p> <p>NEWER PROPERTY 8 minutes S. of Brighton has 2 & 3 bedrooms. 1st 3 mo. \$585-\$690. 970-1279 sq. ft. lots of amenities. Call 734-449-4213</p> <p>NORTHVILLE-Downtown Clean, neat efficient. 1 Br. no pets/smoking. \$475/mo plus security (248)349-7482</p> <p>PINCONEY Quiet, lrg 1br. Beautiful upper, air conditioned unit. Recently up dated. No pets. \$565/mo 734-878-3918, 734-231-7118</p> <p>Call to place your ad at 1-800-579-SELL(7355)</p> <p>PLYMOUTH 1 \$597, 2 bdrm \$740 Private entry/patio C/A, attic storage. Pets ok 1 bdrm deposit \$300 (734) 459-6640 EHO www.commercialize.com *call for details</p> <p>SOUTH LYON - DOWNTOWN Quiet, small 1 BR. \$375/mo 313-378-5803</p>	<p>Apartment/Unfurnished (4000)</p> <p>SOUTH LYON - 1 & 2 br starting at \$525. Private entrance, washer/dryer hook-up. Pets welcome! 810-229-3303</p> <p>SOUTH LYON. 1 & 2 br. avail. Heat Incl. Cats ok with fee. 248-687-1348</p> <p>Unit Nov. 1 FREE RENT! up to 1500 sq ft., 3 bdrm., 2 bath home Starting as low as \$699 Won't last long at these already reduced prices! Call Today! 888-801-9805 SciFarm</p> <p>WALLED LAKE 2 Bd, 1.5 Bath Townhomes \$300 moves you in! 1st Month Free Private Entry/Patio 248-624-6606 EHO www.commercialize.com *Some restrictions apply</p>	<p>Apartment/Unfurnished (4000)</p> <p>WALLED LAKE AREA 1 br. apt., 4th room for office or hobby. Quiet bldg. nice neighborhood. No pets. \$490/mo. includes heat/water. 248-624-4310</p> <p>WALLED LAKE Newly renovated efficiency apt., private entrance. Includes utilities and new appliances. Lake privileges \$155/wk. 248-310-5265</p> <p>WALLED LAKE-ON THE LAKE 1-3 bdrms starting at \$500. 1st mo free with approved credit. C/A. Close to 12 Oaks, schools & x-ways. (248) 824-5999</p> <p>WHITMORE LAKE 1 BR. appliances, heat, no smoke/no pets. \$500/mo 734-455-1487</p> <p>WHITMORE LAKE, Pinckney schools 2 br., laundry, storage, \$575 (734)998-0030</p> <p>Condos/Townhouses (4020)</p> <p>BRIGHTON IN TOWN Remodeled, 2 br. 1 bath with appliances. 1 yr lease. \$550/mo + \$400 sec dep. Non smoking/pets (810)225-8917</p>	<p>Condos/Townhouses (4020)</p> <p>BRIGHTON - Unique upscale townhome, 1700 sq. ft., 2 Br., 2.5 bath, attached garage. Assoc & maintenance included. \$1,400/mo. 810-231-0035</p> <p>SOUTH LYON. 2 br. finished walkout bsmt. 55+ age, \$750/mo (810)923-4313</p> <p>Duplexes (4030)</p> <p>BRIGHTON Free utilities 1350sq ft. 2 br., laundry, sorry no dogs. \$760 810-347-1796</p> <p>BRIGHTON - 2 Br., stove & frg. laundry hook-up, shed, NO PETS. \$600/mo + deposit. (734) 878-6915</p> <p>BRIGHTON. DELUXE remodeled 2 br., laundry hook-up, dishwasher, disposal, ac. \$725. 517-404-2600</p> <p>HAMBURG TWP. Pinckney schools 3 br. No smoking/pets \$500-dep 734-878-3276</p> <p>HAMBURG/PINCONEY AREA 2 br. duplex, \$550. No dogs. 734-662-8669 734-878-6884</p> <p>HOWELL, DOWNTOWN Lower level, 1 br. New kitchen, shed. \$475/mo (810)225-4540</p>	<p>Duplexes (4030)</p> <p>NORTHVILLE Upper duplex. 2 bdrm, upper flat w/ updated kitchen, LROR, full bsmt, 1 car gar w/ opener, just steps from downtown. Credit check/ references. 1 yr lease. \$795/mo + utilities. Call Jim Stevens (734) 418-1201</p> <p>S. LYON. 2 br. upper level, 1,000sq.ft., w/bsmt. \$750/mo Avail. Oct. 1, 248-437-1067</p> <p>Call to place your ad at 1-800-579-SELL(7355)</p> <p>SOUTH LYON 3 br. \$700/mo. Laundry hook-up, some utl. 248-437-8641, 248-514-7709</p> <p>South LYON - 220 Washington 2 br. W/D Hook-up, shed, appliances. \$610 + security. 810-220-2368 TamiRProperties.com</p> <p>SOUTH LYON - Very nice. 1,300sq.ft., 2 br. townhouse, 9th doorwall, large deck, garage, c.a., fireplace, bsmt. \$950/mo. 810-923-5267</p> <p>LOOK</p> <p>SOUTH LYON. LARGE, 2 br. 1.5 bath, bsmt, appliances. \$695. No pets. 248-875-8752</p>	<p>Flats (4040)</p> <p>NORTHVILLE - UPPER FLAT 2 bdrm, upper flat w/ updated kitchen, LROR, full bsmt, 1 car gar w/ opener, just steps from downtown. Credit check/ references. 1 yr lease. \$795/mo + utilities. Call Jim Stevens (734) 418-1201</p> <p>Homes For Rent (4050)</p> <p>HARTLAND TWP Newly remodeled, 3 Br. farmhouse, country setting. \$900/mo. No pets. 810-577-5129</p> <p>Call to place your ad at 1-800-579-SELL(7355)</p> <p>HOWELL. Country setting. garage, 4-5 br., 1 1/2 bath, stove, washer/dryer, fridge, c.a., no pets/smoking. Ref. required. \$1,050/mo + utilities. 517-548-4485</p> <p>NORTHVILLE 3 br. 1.5 bath, appliances, garage. No smoking/pets \$1100. 734-455-1487</p> <p>PINCONEY. WHITEWOOD LK. 1,800sq ft. ranch, 3 br. 2 baths, fireplace, 2 1/2 car garage. \$1,250/mo. includes maintenance. 734-878-6905</p> <p>SALEM TWP. 8090 Dickerson. Charming, Victorian, 3Br. bsmt. \$800/mo. 248-349-9383</p> <p>SOUTH LYON - 3 br brick ranch, finished bsmt, 2 car attached garage, all appliances, non smoking, section 8 ok. \$1,200. 248-486-7929</p> <p>SOUTH LYON. 2 bedroom. carport, 55+ community \$600/mo 248-437-8559</p>	<p>Homes For Rent (4050)</p> <p>HARTLAND TWP Newly remodeled, 3 Br. farmhouse, country setting. \$900/mo. No pets. 810-577-5129</p> <p>Call to place your ad at 1-800-579-SELL(7355)</p> <p>HOWELL. Country setting. garage, 4-5 br., 1 1/2 bath, stove, washer/dryer, fridge, c.a., no pets/smoking. Ref. required. \$1,050/mo + utilities. 517-548-4485</p> <p>NORTHVILLE 3 br. 1.5 bath, appliances, garage. No smoking/pets \$1100. 734-455-1487</p> <p>PINCONEY. WHITEWOOD LK. 1,800sq ft. ranch, 3 br. 2 baths, fireplace, 2 1/2 car garage. \$1,250/mo. includes maintenance. 734-878-6905</p> <p>SALEM TWP. 8090 Dickerson. 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Large deck. \$1500/mo Open for viewing Sat. & Sun. 10-4pm. 6115 Fonda Lake Dr. 631-786-6578</p> <p>BRIGHTON - Woodland Lake. 4 Br. 2.5 bath, 2.5 car. \$1,500/mo. 810-333-1671</p> <p>COMMERCE TWP Lakefront, 3 br. 1.5 bath 1500sq ft. & fireplace \$800/mo. 2 Br. 2.5 bath, ac. 2400sq ft., bsmt, garage \$1000/mo. 248-624-9470</p> <p>MILFORD - Lake cottage, 1 br., central heat and air. \$850/mo. 248-685-7401</p> <p>WHITMORE LAKE gorgeous 1 bdrm, deck, dock, parking. \$675 + utilities 734-449-4797</p> <p>Rooms For Rent (4140)</p> <p>MOVI - FAIRLANE MOTEL Clean rooms, HBO, fridge, microwave, in room coffee makers. Free local calls & wireless internet. Weekly rates (248)347-9993</p>	<p>Office/Retail Space For Rent/Lease (4220)</p> <p>NORTHVILLE - Downtown \$350/mo incl internet service Call 248-349-8680</p> <p>Commercial/Industrial For Rent/Lease (4230)</p> <p>BRIGHTON. 5600sq ft., Light Industrial, w/mezzanine for lease 810-560-2665</p> <p>COMMERCIAL/OFFICE SPACE for lease 2 units 600 up to 3,000sq ft. plus or minus Prime business location on Grand River between Howell and Brighton. (517)404-4728</p> <p>GREEN OAK TWP. 2,100 to 36,000 sq ft. Industrial Building, 3 Phase. Docks, Overhead, Beautiful Offices. Just off US-23 20th CENTURY REALTY 810-231-3300</p> <p>Call to place your ad at 1-800-579-SELL(7355)</p> <p>SOUTH LYON FOR LEASE Industrial, 2000 sq ft., includes taxes, insurance, 3 overhead doors. \$800/mo. Larger buildings available. 248-756-3939</p>
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<p>6000-6990</p> <p>LOOK HERE</p> <p>Announcements & Notices (6200)</p> <p>BEST SELF STORAGE OF NEW HUDSON 53600 Grand River will hold a ten sale on September 30, 12:00 Noon on Unit # 308, Patricia Orozco Unit #218, Scott & Sydney Schuster</p> <p>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on 10-21-09 at 4:30 pm, the following will be sold by competitive bidding at National Storage Center - Haggerty Rd., 24985 Haggerty Road, Novi, MI 48375. (Unit's) may or may not include the following: Household Items, Recreational Items and/or Misc. Goods. C124, Howard L. Woods, III, D252, Glenn A. Brooks, E239, Marlene R. Reed, N1722, Monique L. Thomas</p> <p>Cards Of Thanks (6300)</p> <p>THANK YOU Sacred Heart of Jesus for Prayers answered N.L.</p> <p>7000-7780</p> <p>Merchandise</p> <p>Absolutely Free (7000)</p> <p>BLACK & WHITE KITTEN Cute and sweet. Needs good home. (248) 887-9739</p> <p>KITTENS, TO GOOD HOME. Call evenings only (248) 752-6476</p> <p>WESTIE - 5 months old, good whols, looking for a good home 586-214-8306</p> <p>Auction Sales (7060)</p> <p>You can view and print all our auctions from our website. Listed below:</p> <p>Braun & Helmer Auction Service, Inc. (734) 665-9646 • (734) 996-9135 (734) 994-6389 • (734) 428-1919 www.braunandhelmer.com</p> <p>Guns, truck, tractor, sporting goods, tools, furniture, collectibles. Wed 9:30 Fowlerville www.narhiauctions.com Tim Narhi Auctioneer & Assoc.</p> <p>Roomage Sale: Flea Market (7080)</p> <p>BIRMINGHAM HUGE, ALL-SCHOOL BAZAAR/ROOMAGE SALE Housewares, Sports, Books, Electronics, MORE! Proceeds all support non-profit, special needs school Elton Academy 1755 Melton Birmingham, 48009 Thurs-Fri, Sept. 24-25, 8am-4pm.</p> <p>7100 Estate Sales (7100)</p> <p>2 Great Sales! by EVERYTHING GOES This Weekend. For Details: 248-988-1077</p> <p>HAMBURG ESTATE SALE 11306 Cedar Bend Dr. Sept. 25 & 26, 10-4pm. Very full house & garage! Details at www.anythingsales.net</p> <p>LIVONIA ESTATE SALE 37577 St. Martin, N of 7 Mile, off Newburg EVERYTHING MUST GO! Sept. 24-26th, 8:30-5pm</p> <p>NEW HUDSON Estate Sale 27141 Spaulding 12 Mile & Malford Rd. Fri. 3-8, Sat-Sun. 8-8 Lots of tools, bdrm furniture, dining sets, tractors, Town Car. All Must Go!</p> <p>PLYMOUTH Estate Sale by Crystal Manor. Sept. 25, 26 & 27, 10am to 4pm 13684 Cranbrook Court, W-Sheldon, N-North Territorial. Furniture, collectibles, etc., etc. Plus more and more. Posted on estatesales.net</p>	<p>7100 Estate Sales (7100)</p> <p>WEST BLOOMFIELD - BIG SALE Thurs-Sat. 9-6pm. 4 Families! Designer clothing, household items, appliances, furniture, etc. Off Long Lake, bwn Orchard Lake & Middlebelt 2938 Moon Lake.</p> <p>WESTLAND ESTATE SALE 8252 August, Joy & Middlebelt. Sept. 25-28, 9-5pm. 78 yrs of accumulation! Full house & bsmt. Sewing items, vintage clothing, quilts, war, retro, oriental items, etc.</p> <p>Garage Sales (7110)</p> <p>BINGHAM FARMS Sat. & Sun. Sept. 26-27th. 10am-4pm. Misc. household items, adult clothing, etc. 23736 Old Orchard Trail, E. of Telegraph, S. of 14.</p> <p>BIRMINGHAM - 272 West Brown. Furniture including mahogany dining set, Oakstone couch, oak desk, chest, artwork, misc. items. Sat. Sept. 26, 9am-4pm</p> <p>BIRMINGHAM - HUGE SALE E of Telegraph, S of 14 Mile, 24330 Deauville Ct. Furniture, household items, tools, Beanie Babies. Lots to see! Fri-Sun, 9am-4pm.</p> <p>BLOOMFIELD, HILLS Multi-Family Garage Sale! Home furnishings, art, games, electronics, tons of clothing, bikes, toys & much, much more. Fri. 9/25, 8-4pm. Sat. 9/26, 8:30-3pm. 870 Hidden Pine, N of Long Lake Rd.</p> <p>BLOOMFIELD VILLAGE - 364 N Cranbrook (off Malford) 9/24 & 9/25, 9-4pm. We're back! Great stuff as usual. Designer clothes, home accessories!</p> <p>BRIGHTON, GARDEN, house- hold & misc. items Thurs. Fri. Sept. 24, 25, 9am to 4pm. 7402 Pine Vista Dr. (Pine Creek Condos), off Brighton Rd.</p> <p>BRIGHTON, MULTI FAMILY Fisher's Glen Sub, off Ricketts, 7552 Jonquil Ct. Fri-Sat, 9-5.</p> <p>BRIGHTON, MULTI FAMILY sale. Furniture, household goods, kids toys/collectibles. Sept. 24, 25, 9 to 3pm. Sept. 26, 9 to Noon. 3386 Moraine Dr.</p> <p>CANTON 3 family Garage Sale Tools, household goods, kids stuff. 1101 Dundee Dr. Sept. 25, 8-1pm. Sept. 26, 8-1pm. S on Lilley from Ford.</p> <p>CANTON WETHERSFIELD SUBURB GARAGE SALE Southwest corner of Haggerty & Palmer, Fri. & Sat. Sept 25 and 26, 9-4pm.</p> <p>CANTON Windmere Sub-Wide Garage Sale - Thurs-Sat. Sept. 24-26th, 9am-7:00. Off Warren, bwn Sheldon & Canton Center.</p> <p>CANTON - 550 Fairfield Ct., in Glengarry Village. 9/25-9/27, 9-5pm. Girl's clothes up to size 14, furniture, ping-pong table, toys, baby & household items.</p> <p>CANTON - Fellows Creek Estates Sub-Wide Event happens every other year in this 99 home subdivision. Sept. 25 & 26, 9am-3pm. Off Ford Road half mile west of Beck.</p> <p>HARTLAND ESTATES Sub Sale. Sept. 24, 25, 26, 9am-5pm. Off M59 & Cullen Rd. Household & children's items. Something for everyone!</p>	<p>Garage Sales (7110)</p> <p>LIVONIA - 1 DAY ONLY! Friday, Sept. 25, 9am-5pm. S of 7 Mile, E. of Newburg.</p> <p>LIVONIA - LARGE SALE 35581 Perth, 1-96 & Levan (Madonna Drive). Thurs. Sept. 24th thru Sat. Sept. 27th, 9am-5pm. Construction supplies, some tools, household items & some furniture.</p> <p>LIVONIA GARAGE SALE Friday & Saturday, Sept. 25/26: 9am-3pm Both Days! 37294 Kingsbury Ct., Livonia</p> <p>LIVONIA - Unused microwaves, bedding, books, sports equip, CDs, cassettes, dolls, music. Thurs-Sat, Sept. 24-26, 9-5pm. 16967 Woodside, S of 6 Mile, E. of Levan.</p> <p>MILFORD - Huge sale! Thurs-Sat. Sept. 24-26, 9-5pm. 21411 St. Clair, off Telegraph, S of 14 Mile, E. of Newburg.</p> <p>MILFORD - 272 West Brown. 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By Dale Buss

Ford is re-gathering itself on the environmental front. Despite the fact that it has been able to avoid seeking the kind of federal bailouts that have rescued General Motors and Chrysler, Ford will be required to play by the same tougher rules on emissions and other green criteria that the Obama administration is advancing.

So, Ford is emphasizing improvements in conventional internal-combustion engines through its EcoBoost technology. It demonstrates a fuel-economy performance edge in new current-generation hybrids, such as its Ford Fusion and Mercury Milan compacts, even though Ford admits trailing GM and Toyota in its timetable for introducing a plug-in hybrid.

The company continues to pursue hydrogen fuel-cell development and keeps rolling out new flex-fuel models that can operate on ethanol. And Ford arguably is the domestic-industry leader in development of soy foam and other environmentally friendly materials for use inside vehicles.

EcoBoost already has been a clear winner for Ford both in terms of performance and image-building. At a time when gyrating oil prices, climate-change politics and an actively green administration are exerting enormous pressures on automakers to come through with environmental advances,

EcoBoost is carrying the weight for Ford.

"It's the cornerstone of our sustainability plan," Brett Hinds, Ford's advanced-engine design manager, said of EcoBoost.

The technology, of course, combines turbocharging and direct injection to deliver the power of a V8 and the fuel economy of a smaller V6 — a savings of as much as 10 percent to 20 percent. It also cuts emissions by up to 15 percent and, Hinds argued, "gives you all the driving dynamics and torque and horsepower."

"We're using more advanced materials in the turbochargers and more precision machining and semi-synthetic oils that have become available only now," Hinds explained. "There also are advancements in the control systems that interact with the throttle and turbochargers. All of that together has made [EcoBoost] a very reliable technology that isn't intrusive to the customer in any way."

Beginning last summer, EcoBoost is being offered as an option on the Lincoln MKS and Ford Taurus SHO sedans and now, this fall, is available on the Lincoln MKT and Ford Flex crossovers. Next year, the V6 EcoBoost engine will be offered in the Ford F-150 pickup, which now comes only with a V8.

And Ford announced earlier in September that EcoBoost will make its global debut early in 2010. For European markets, the first-available I-4 EcoBoost engines will be 1.6-liter units that launch on the all-new Ford C-MAX in late 2010. The 2.0-liter EcoBoost engine will arrive on larger European Ford products and will be launched in North America next year as well. Australia will see the Ford Falcon arrive with an available 2.0-liter EcoBoost I-4 in 2011.

Next year, Ford plans the first applications of an inline-four-cylinder EcoBoost engine to replace some of today's V-6s, though it hasn't yet announced displacements or applications.

And CEO Alan Mulally has promised that, by 2013, Ford will offer the EcoBoost engine in 90 percent of its models, amounting to a projected 700,000 vehicles annually in North America and 1.3 million globally. And by 2020, Hinds said, Ford believes that all

of its gasoline engines will be EcoBoost versions.

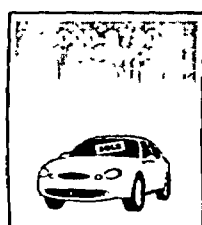
"Ford engineers looked at every available engine configuration, comparing power, price, economy and emissions, determining the best way to power Ford vehicles in the future," added Derrick Kuzak, group vice president of Ford Global Product Development.

"EcoBoost technology gives us everything: a combination of the performance buyers expect and fuel economy improvements they demand that, until now, only has been achievable with the latest-generation turbo-diesel powertrains."

Underscoring Ford's determination on EcoBoost, the company held the official kick-off of production of the engine in May at its Brook Park, Ohio, plant, even as President Obama was announcing stricter fuel-economy and emissions standards in Washington, D.C.

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