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ON THE RECORD Thayer's **Cleanup Day**

A Thaver's Corner Nature Area Cleanup Day on the east side of Napier Road between Six and Seven Mile roads is slated from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 10. Volunteers are encouraged to wear gloves and bring hand rakes and other tools. About 30 honor society students from Northville High School will be on hand to help, as well as about 10 students from Schoolcraft College's honor society, Phi Theta Kappa.

Church concert

Several bands will be performing at Club Remission at the First Presbyterian Church (E. Main, downtown Northville) on Friday, Oct. 16. Scheduled to perform are Nevercast, Apollo, As Others Were, Annadelle and The Newfangled Sequence. Admission is \$6. Call (248) 349-0911, ext. 209 for more information.

Gardeners meet

Plan to attend the Gardeners of Northville-Novi meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 12, at the Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady St. The guest will be Candy Rozowski from English Gardens who will be speaking on "Putting Gardens to Bed". The public is wel-

come. Call Renee at (248) 231-2334 or email gardenersnorthville-novi.org for more information.

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The Northville Garden Club will meet at 10 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 12 at the Cady Inn. Members will be busy wiring pinecones and making wreaths to adorn our wreaths for our annual Greens Mart. All are ome Please call Patty Page



Residents protest police layoffs afor Deak Trustees get earful at session BY PAN FLENING

STAFF WRITER

It was a full house at township hall last Thursday evening when residents came to protest recently \mathcal{O} announced layoffs planned next year in the police department.

At the study session, residents were quite vocal, lambasting the trustees for the proposed layoffs of five police officers and two dispatchers.

The five police officers to be let go would include the D.A.R.E. officer

(Drug Awareness and Resistance Education), the community liaison officer, a school resource officer, traffic officer and motor carrier officer. Cuts would be made to five officers with the least amount of seniority, with officers in these positions being reassigned to fill these

"We all have great respect for our police officers and what they do. But, we have a revenue hole, and it has to be filled." KLEE ASH, township supervisor

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positions. John Werth, public safety director, said the police

(248) 380-7061 for more information.

Fall Fun Day

A Fall Fun Day will take place at Thayer's Corner Nature Area



from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 17. Make a

scarecrow,

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paint a pumpkin, go on a hayride, weather permitting. Cost is \$5 per person. Preregister by mailing a check to the Friends of Northville Parks and Recreation to 40138 Bexley Way, Northville, MI, 48168. Checks mailed must be postmarked by Oct. 10.

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Making music

A Northville High School marching band member plays a tune during last week's Homecoming pep assembly.

union would like to return to the bargaining table with township officials, but due to scheduling conflicts, that won't happen before Oct. 15, when the township board is scheduled to approve the budget.

However, the layoffs will not take place until after the first of the year, and the budget can always be amended.

Please see LAYOFFS, A6

COST-SAVING MEASURES IMPLEMENTED

Northville Township administration implemented the following cost-saving measures in 2009: Hiring freezes - \$330,568,000 Replaced full-time clerical with part-time - \$23,000 Reduced training - \$5,500 Pay freezes for directors - \$10,251 Negotiated union contracts with wage concessions Health care changes, with employees also paying a percentage of premiums - \$357,303



Northville council approves design firm for Main Street walk-through project

Project still in talking stages

BY PAM FLEMING STAFF WRITER

Although some are still questioning its worth in a down economy, Northville city leaders have taken the next step in the proposed. Street for years. In 2006, the projwalk-through on East Main Street. City council approved Monday night the Ann Arbor firm of Cooper Design Inc. to develop a design for the walk-through. The

cut-through, if built, will be at 125 E. Main Street in the former Girly Daze building. Cooper Design's proposed fees

for the design phase of the project are \$49,950, with \$50,000 budgeted.

The city and the DDA board have discussed the possibility of providing a cut-through from the Marquis Parking Lot to Main ect was included in the Strategic Plan for Downtown Northville. The plan recommended that the

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NORTHVILLE POLICE REPORT

Breaking and entering

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JA 51-year-old resident of Mariner Court reported a breaking and entering at 3:53 p.m. on Sept. 24.

Police spoke with the woman and her 16-year-old daughter, who explained that a man opened the unlocked, rear-sliding screen door and put his foot into the halfopened glass sliding door, pushing the fully-closed blinds forward. The suspect told the daughter that he thought the home was vacant.

The daughter told police that the front door of the residence was pen, the radio was on, and there is patio furniture on the back deck. The condominium is currently up for sale online, but there is no sign in front of the residence.

A female suspect said they had not contacted their Realtor but wanted to see the residence. Police advised the homeowners to contact their Realtor and make sure the Internet listing does not

include the address. The two suspects left in an unknown vehicle.

Malicious destruction

2 An officer was dispatched to Maybury State Park at 20145 Beck Road on a malicious destruction of property complaint at 8 a.m. on Sept. 25. The caller said that between Sept. 13 and Sept. 24 that someone entered the park and kicked open the door at the Eight Mile Road entrance, throwing the contents onto the grass shoulder of the drive and breaking one of the windows.

The stop sign next to the booth was also pulled out by a vehicle using a chain and was left lying on the ground. The suspect also pulled out a 15foot tree near the rest rooms and placed it in the ladies room. Pumpkins in the area were also smashed. A vehicle was driven across the ball field, causing minor damage to the grass.

The window was valued at \$50; the tree was valued at \$100; the broken door was valued at \$100; the stop sign was valued at \$50; the grass damage was valued at \$100.

Shoplifting at Meijer

3A 17-year-old Livonia woman was arrested for shoplifting at the Meijer department store at 20401 Haggerty Road at 6:15 p.m. on Sept. 25.

Loss prevention watched as she placed a bottle of Captain Morgan Spiced Rum into a shopping cart, then into her purse in the infant department. The item was valued at \$26.99.

Theft from business

4 The owner of Paramount Landscaping reported that someone stole some items from a storage/parking lot at 16500 Northville Road between 6 p.m. Sept. 25 and

9:30 a.m. Sept. 26. The man said he stores his trucks and trailers for his business at this location at the northeast corner of Northville Road and Mill Street. One of his trailers had been broken into, with the handle on the side door cut off with a pair of bolt cutters.

Stolen items included a \$2,300 Brown Manufacturing Bed Edger, a \$200 Ryobi 18volt Combo Kit, a \$200 Bobcat Specific Torque Wrench and Ratchet, a \$50 Ryobi 18-volt, 90-degree drill and a \$30 Ryobi Portable Radio.

Retail fraud at Kohl's

5 A 21-year-old West Bloomfield woman was arrested for shoplifting at 5:15 p.m. Sept. 27 at Kohl's department store at 20155 Haggerty Road.

A store detective saw her select and conceal two rings, a set of earrings and a bottle of perfume. She then went to the

A 67-year-old Bloomfield O Hills man and 38-year-old Howell woman were arrested for indecent exposure at Northville Downs race track, 301 S. Center Street, at 9:14 p.m. on Oct. 5, when they were found having sex in the

men's department, removed

the items from their packag-

ing and conceal them in her

The merchandise totaled

Indecent exposure

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front seat of the man's vehicle. The vehicle was parked in the northeast corner of the dirt portion of the parking lot. Police approached the vehicle

because the department has received information about possible drug activity occurring in the race track parking lot.

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Operating while intoxicated

A 44-year-old Canton man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 12:35 am. on Oct. 3 at North Center and Dunlap streets.

The man was pulled over for making a turn on a No Turn on Red sign at Center and Main streets.

The driver said that he did not realize he had made an illegal turn and was on his way home from a bar in Plymouth.



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ring-bearer was Bryson Harris.

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A reception was held at The

The couple honeymooned in

Nova Scotia and Prince Edward

Island, Canada before making

Andrea Davis and David Maynarich

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EIGHBORS

The Mutches

Andrew Ian Mutch, of Novi, and Wendy Sue Woltjer, of Kalamazoo, were married Aug. 29, 2009, at Stone Church at Little Point Sable, Mich.

The bride is the daughter of Ted and Mary Woltjer, of Hudsonville. She is a librarian at Kalamazoo Public Library.

The groom is the son of Charles and Kathleen Mutch, of Novi. He is a library systems technician with the Charter Township

NORTHVILLE ENGAGEMENT

Davis & Maynarich

Northville's Andrea Davis and David Maynarich are engaged to be married June 5, 2010.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Gary Davis and Eva Hignite of Worthington, Ohio. She attended Thomas Worthington High School and University of Michigan, and is a field associate for Kumon North America.

The groom-elect is the son of David Maynarich and Michelle Maynarich of Northville. He attended Dearborn High



Wendy Woltjer and Andrew Mutch

NORTHVILLE BIRTH

Maeve N. Gunnerson

Dr. Kyle and Meghan Gunnerson of Glen Allen, Va., announce the birth of their daughter, Maeve Neenan Gunnerson, born Sept. 17 2009 at Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, Va.

She has three siblings: Brigid, 6; Keira, 5; and Thomas Kyle, 2.

Grandparents are Mrs. Thomas Neenan of Northville; Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Gunnerson of Assaria, Kan.; and Mrs. Ray Bossung of Lincoln, Neb.

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F-A-N-S Mustang fans spell out "NORTHYILLE" at a recent home game again

Mustang fans spell out "NORTHVILLE" at a recent home game against South Lyon East.

Northville public schools count more students for 2009/10

But per-pupil funding cuts could mean \$1.5 million less for district

BY NATHAN MENOIAN SPECIAL WRITER

Northville Public Schools have 30 new students this year, but may soon have less money to educate them.

As Lansing lawmakers continue their tug-of-war over which programs to reduce or cut to zero out a state deficit df \$2.8 billion, and with a 30day budget extension in place to avoid a shutdown of state offices, Michigan schools have no state appropriation to work with.

At this time last year, the amount was \$8,539 per pupil. Cutbacks being discussed in Lansing now include a \$218 per student reduction, when combined with last spring's \$110 cut, it would result in an approximate dollar loss of

BY THE NUMBERS

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·	9-30-09	2-11-09	9-24-08
Elementary			
Amerman	554	542	543
Moraine	457	462	460
Ridge Wood	628	609	606
Silver Springs	469	481	480
Thornton Creek	450	476	462
Winchester	514	526	529
ECIP Classrooms	26	32	30
(RW/14- NS/12)	10 JA 20	<u>a4</u> 7	
Sub-total Elementary	3,098	3,128	3,110
Middle Schools			3
Hillside	847	797	785
Meads Mill	902	921	915
Sub-total Middle Schools	1,749	1,718	1,700
High School			
Northville High School	2,179	2,193	2,195
Total K-12	7,026	7,039	7,005
Center Programs			
Cooke School	163	161	159
Old Village	117	119	112
Sub-total Center Program	280	280	271
Total with Center Program	7,306	7,319	7,276

Music Boosters' raffle raising funds

Once again the Northville High Music Program will be having a raffle (revised from previous years) to support the program.

Funds are needed to assist in the funding of over 750 students in the choir and band programs. In the past three years, the raffle proceeds have assisted in the purchasing of new instruments, choir uniforms, music scores for both programs, projection equipment and much more.

Tickets this year are \$50 with a total of 1500 tickets to be sold. Drawing to be held Saturday,

NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

Dec. 12 after the Holiday Concert at approximately 9 pm.

Prizes are \$5,000, first; \$2,000 second; \$1,000 third; \$500 fourth; and \$100 fifth through tenth.

Each family is asked to sell or purchase a minimum of \$200 in tickets so the funding for the needed materials can be achieved.

The following dates are additional opportunities to pickup additional tickets to sell and turn in sold tickets and money.

* Parent/Teacher Conferences on Oct. 13 and Oct. 15

* Fall Choir Concerts on Oct. 20 and Oct. 21s

* Band-O-Rama on Dec. 4

* Holiday Concerts on Dec. 9 and Dec. 10

This is the Booster's primary fund-raiser.

Its success will determine if future fund-raisers will be required.

Senior All Night Party

The senior all-night party will take place on Sunday, June 6 from 9 p.m.-3 a.m.

The dates to purchase tickets for the Senior All-Night Party are as follows:

* Parent/Teacher conferences, Oct. 13, 3-6 p.m.

* Parent/Teacher conferences, Oct. 15, 3-6 p.m.



\$1.5 million.

Loss of property taxes and job revenues are blamed for the reductions. If the latest state-aid cutback is approved, the individual amount will drop to \$8,321.

Until the governor signs a new state budget, the district is continuing efforts to reduce expenses in anticipation of additional cuts, while temporarily operating under their 2008/09 school budget.

This year, Northville's 12 schools recorded a count of 7,306 students. The official count taken Sept. 30, pinpoints the highest increase occurring in the district's two middle schools.

District elementary schools show 12 fewer students this year, and the high school 16 fewer. Those absent on last Wednesday's count must be back in school within 30 days before they can be added into the official tally.

Don Thomas, director of human resources for the district, said the district is just glad the numbers are still on the positive side. Six years ago, the district was enrolling upwards of 300 new students per year. But things have changed.

"Given what's going on in most districts, any increase is welcomed. We had budgeted for a growth of 25 students in K-12, we came in at 21, plus the nine additional students in the Center Program increases the total to 30."

Once Northville finished its attendance count, it was submitted to Wayne County, who handles the initial audit. The county will send it on to the state office, where it is either certified, or an additional

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audit may randomly be conducted. Overall, it's a 30-day process to receive state certification.

Thomas explained the count-day process. "The teacher is the person of record that signs off on the attendance. They submit an attendance report and that is the foundation for confirming the enrollment," he said.

"The other piece of the process is our Zangle program, a software program we use to account for enrollments. We've come a long way since the 1970s and '80s when we had to manually cross reference everything."

Early each summer, Northville families are surveyed being asked if they plan to remain another year in the district. Five years ago that was an easy question for them to answer, but not any longer, according to Thomas, making for a frustrating time when they need to have to formulate projected enrollments.

* "Even if their home is up for sale, variables come into play. A job loss may stall the move, the home doesn't sell in time, or a new loan isn't approved," he said. "We can do a projected count by moving those already enrolled here up a level — referred to as a pipeline number. But it's getting harder to assume they'll still be in the district once school begins because some families move at the last minute," he said.

Closer to September, as schools start receiving lastminute record requests from other schools, the district realizes students are definitely moving and won't be back. Conversely, families planning to move into the Northville area are equally affected by the housing and job market variables, cutting into Northville's growth.

Thomas said the district would make necessary cuts to adjust to the coming budget, regardless of the final amount. But he remains confident the district will continue their overall goal to students.

"The board focuses on providing a quality education, even though there have been significant cuts the last three years," he said. "We're still looking at programs that are going to be cutting edge, and very student instruction learning oriented. Even though at the same time we obviously have to make adjustments for the cuts, we're not turning our back on what we need to do. The board is keeping their eye on the ball."

Nathan Menolan is a free-lance writer living in Milford.

Drugs 101: What Parents Want to Know

DRUGS 101: What Parents Want to Know educates parents about signs, symptoms and current trends of alcohol, tobacco, inhalants, marijuana and other drugs teens may use.

A highlight of this program is a mock teenager's bedroom set up for parents to observe and attempt to identify the obvious and not-so-obvious drug related paraphernalia.

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PLYMOUTH October 15; 2009 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Middle School Cafeteria

CANTON November 12, 2009 1 p.m. Si. John Neumann Church

November 17, 2009 6:30 p.m. Discovery Middle School Cafeteria

December 15, 2009 6:30 p.m. Bentley Elementary Cafeteria

January 13, 2009 10 a.m. Summit on the Park Chestnut Room



LOCAL NEWS

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Northville Knights of Columbus Soccer Penalty Kick Winners As part of the Northville Cup Soccer

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Tournament 91 soccer players participated in a K of C sponsored penalty kick contest. The winners for their respective age groups shown below in the front row are(L to R): Danny Ondrus(14B), Matt Shaw(13B), Djocdic Jaksic(11B), Vince Egan(10B), Audrey Jones(11G), Lisa Karkoski(10G), Angela Karkoski(14G), Katie Zarabell(12G) and (not shown) Sam Grant(12B). Knights Bob Harmer & Bruce Anderson are shown in the background.





Age 82, a long time resident of Milford, passed on Oct. 2, 2009. He will be missed by his wife of 61 years, Beverley, his son, Gary (Patty), and his grandchildren, Arny, Brandon, and Brett. He retired from Detroit Edison in 1991 after 41 years of service and had a wonderful retirement. A private internment with the immediate family will be held at Oakland Hills Cemetery, Memorial contributions may be made to the chanty of choice.

MARIAN C. CASSIDY

Age 81 of Linden, passed away Wednesday, September 30, 2009. She was born June 27, 1928 in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, the daugh-ter of Kenneth E. and Gladys M. (Strahan) Backey. Beloved wife of the late Wilfred G. Cassidy (10/5/2005). Dear mother of Cheryl Cheeseman of Ann Arbor, Jon (Rhonda) of Livonia and Kathleen (Robert) Klesz of Grand Blanc. Also survived by grandchildren, Christopher Cassidy, Nicholas Klesz, Daniel Klesz and Thomas Cheeseman. Marian was a graduate of Detroit Cody High School, loved spending time with her grandchildren and gardening. Private services were held. Arrangements by MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell (517-546-2800). Contributions are suggested to St. Judes Research Hospital or the Humane Society of your choice. Please visit the family's

on-line guest book at www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com

DONALD M. DWYER, SR. Sept. 30, 2009, Age 85, Funeral was Oct. 5, St. Joseph Catholic Church, S. Lyon. Memorial contributions to American Diabetes, American Heart, In-house Hospice or St. Gregory the Great Church. Online condolences: obriensullivanfuneralhome com



WILLIAM E. JURANEK Age 88, passed away

September 30, 2009. He was born on July 27, 1921, in Detroit, to the late William and Edith (Hein) Juranek. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. William is survived by his loving wife Betty (Eagleton) Juranek; his children: Carol Ann (James) Myers, William G. (Susan) Juranek; 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. A funeral service was held on October 4, unday, at 3 p m. at the First United Methodist Church of South Lyon. Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com.

ANN L. KRUPINSKI

Age 25 of Walled Lake died Sun. Oct. , 2009. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 A.M. Friday, Oct. 9, 2009 at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly with Pastor Nick Ruffer officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cernetery, Holly. Visitation will be from 5-9 P.M. Thursday. Ann was born in Pontiac on Oct. 16, 1983. She was a former employee of General RV of Wixom. She is survived by her mother Laura Krupinski of Walled Lake; brothers Bryan and Jayson; step-father Pat Turner; uncles Dennis, David, and Frank; aunt Bonnie; many cousins, Tigar M rana



IMSLAND-PUCKETT

Age 86, of Grand Rapids, passed away on October 1, 2009. She was born June 15, 1923 in Sweden to Adolph and Alma (Renberg) Peterson. She was united in marriage to LuVerne Imsland from 1946 until his death in 1987. She happily remarried Robert Puckett in 1990 until his death in 2001. Engla was a longtime resident of Northville; and was a Bus Driver for the Northville Public Schools for 30 years. Very giving and loving by nature, she was always doing something for her family, neighbors and friends. She liked to knit and enjoyed reading. Engla is survived by her children Judy (Tom) Eaton and Jerry Imsland; her brother Allan (Mildred) Peterson; her grandchildren Kirsten (Omar) Zarov, Bretty (Heather) Imsland, Jim (Erin) Imsland, Tim (Lena) Eaton, Lauren (Patrick) Corsi, Thomas (Anna) Eaton, and Richard Eaton; and her great grandchildren Anthony, Aidan, Austin, Joey, Kennedy, and Connor. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husbands, and her brother Paul Peterson. A funeral service was held last Monday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Livonia; where she was a longtime member and devoted much of her time. She was laid to rest at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia Contributions would be appreciated to St. Paul's Lutheran Church 17810 Farmington Rd., Livonia, MI 48152. Arrangements by Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville.

LAYOFFS

The five police layoffs would save the township \$511,000, and the two dispatcher layoffs would save \$119,000.

It wasn't clear at the end of the meeting what action township trustees plan to take after the stream of protests.

However, it was suggested by Mark Abbo, supervisor, and the trustees that perhaps it was time for police union representatives to return to the bargaining table to see what could be done about the proposed layoffs.

It was suggested that police officers could take a 10 percent pay cut across the board. But, this would yield about \$220,000, which isn't enough to stop the layoffs.

RESIDENTS' COMMENTS

"We are the people, and now you want to take away our police officers," said one resident. "I call this voodoo economics. They should never be put on the chopping block. They should be respected. We should work together as a community instead of saying to hell with it." Another resident said laying off police officers could affect how the community is viewed. "If you take away the police officers, people aren't going to want to come to Northville," the woman said. "There are other ways of cutting costs."

Another resident said he wouldn't have voted for the purchase of the former hospital property if he'd known the township was going to lay off police officers

Abbo, however, said the two costs are unrelated. A woman who said she had formerly served as president

of the PTA and has a son who has already graduated from Northville High School, was against laying off the school

of that high school is ludicrous," she said. A man said it raises students' self-esteem to be part of the D.A.R.E. program. One man who said he was a large Michigan lottery winner even volunteered to donate some of his winnings to the township so the layoffs could be avoided.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Thelma Kubitskey, assistant city manager and finance director, said at the end of the meeting that she had just received some information about 4:30 p.m. Oct. 1 on the status of the township's post-employment benefits fund.

"I don't want to sound rude," she said. "But, we are essential here," after one resident claimed the board and administration amounted to "nonessential services."

She said township administration created this fund 10 years ago, which now amounts to about \$4 million in a trust. The township human resources director, Debbie Wilhelm, also looked at ways to save on the cost of current and retirement benefits.

"Because we were forwardthinking, and we changed the contracts with the fire and police unions over a period of time, we've been able to reduce our post-employment benefits fund liability to zero. So, instead of having to pay \$640,000 for the police department, and another \$200,000 for the fire department, we will not have to do that in the 2010 budget."

- She said proper funding of pension costs for union workers will save the municipality about \$400,000 a year. However, this is still not enough to avoid proposed police and township hall layoffs. In 2008, the township began to see what other communities in Michigan had already begun to see - declining building starts, shrinking property values, dwindling state shared revenues and a downturn in interest rates,"

Kubitskey said since the 2008 budget was approved, the township has had a 10 percent loss in taxable value of property, which reduced property tax collections. This tax collection is 67 percent of the revenue the township receives for the general fund, public safety and shared services.

SUPERVISOR ABBO'S COMMENTS

"I believe the responsible thing to do is bring forward a budget this year that postures the township so that no tax increases will be needed when we renew our millage next year for the following four years," Abbo said. Abbo said he knows that there

are special interests and pressure to not lay off police officers.

"However, we've evaluated the level of the service that would be provided with the layoffs and it will not detract from essential police services delivered to township residents.

"We all have great respect for our police officers and what they do. But, we have a revenue hole, and it has to be filled.

"If the police union wants to work with the township to help reduce costs, we can minimize the number of layoffs that are required."

DIRECTOR WERTH'S COMMENTS

Werth said there are 34 officers, counting himself, 13 full-time dispatchers and one part-time dispatcher. He did not approve of police union members passing out fliers to residents protesting the layoffs last week.

"This is an embarrassing moment, and this is not the culture we represent," Werth said. "We have cherished communication and trust, and this is now changed. But, I'm optimistic, and I will resolve this. I look at this as raising a family, and I will continue to provide stellar service to the community."

ROBERT WILLIAM GARDINER

Age 58, passed away on September 18, 2009. Robert was born on April 1951 in Detroit, to the late William and Elaine Gardiner. Robert is survived by his three daughters: Ann, Amy, Laura and wife Linda; his siblings: Richard (Jenett) Gardiner, Kathleen (Dave) Weatherbee, and Patricia (Terry) Moore. A memorial service will be held on October 17, 2009, please contact Phillips Funeral Home, 248-437-1616, for additional information. Arrangements entrust-ed to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon.

V. MADELINE HEIDT

Age 73, passed away September 28, 2009. She was born on April 17, 1936, in Madison, Virginia, to the late Hage and Viola Goodall. Madeline is survived by her loving husband of 34 years, Milton Heidt; her 2 daughters Christine Wood, Karen Dozler, sis-ters: Molty Slingerland, Susan Parker; grandchildren: Josh and Abbie Wood, Meggan Keith, Ty and Jake Dozler. A funeral service was held on October 2, Friday, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church. Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

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JOHN H. LACLAIR

Age 62 of Milford died October 3. 2009. He is survived by his beloved wife, Cindy; his children, Angela (Adam) Leonard, John and Jeff. grandchildren, Carley, Alex and Olivia; mother, Jean; sisters, Carol (Dee) Paggeot and Linda: brothers, Bob (Jan), Larry (Pam) and Dale (Carol). Also survived by many nieces, nephews, extended family and dear friends. John is preceded in death by his father, Harold (d.1987). Funeral from Lynch & ons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford, Thursday, October 8th at 11 AM. Pastor Gary Evans to officiate. Burial Milford Memorial Cemetery. For further information please call 248-684-6645 or

www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com



GORDON NELSON

Age 72, a resident of Laurium, passed away peacefully with his family by his side Sept. 28, 2009. Funeral services held Oct. 2, 2009 at 10.30AM in the Zion Lutheran Church in Hancock. Condolences: www.ericksoncrowley.com

MAVIS D. NITZEL

Age 76, of Northville, passed away Oct. 1, 2009. Beloved wife of the late Dean. Loving daughter of Syble LaRoque. A service was held last Monday at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville. Contributions to a charity of choice.

TIM SKELTIS

October 2, 2009, Age 53. Dear son of Anthony & the late Helen; brother of Diane, Jim & Penny. Service was held Tues. Oct. 6 at 0 Brier/Sullivan Funeral Home. Online condotences www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

DANA DEWIGHT WOODMANSEE

Age 45, passed away October 4, 2009 He was born on July 6, 1964, in Pontiac, to Dennis and Christine (Hoskins) Woodmansee. Dana was a loving father, son, brother, uncle and friend; he will be dearly missed. Dana is survived by his children Brandon and Shaina Woodmansee, his mother Christine (Ronald) Harlow, siblings: Jeff Woodmansee, Lynette (Kyle) Dunn, Anthony (Emily) Woodmansee; step-siblings; Jeffrey, Janine and Amy; nieces and nephews: Jeffrey, Autumn, Austin, Isobele, and Isaac. He was preceded in death by his father Dennis Woodmansee A funeral service will be held October 8, Thursday, 11 a m. at the First Baptist Church of South Lyon, 60820 Marjorie Ann St., South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to the family of Dana Woodmansee, c/o Phillips Funeral Home, 122 W. Lake St, South Lyon, MI 48178. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

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resource officer.

"To take that police officer out report.

PROJECT FRON PAGE A1

city establish a pedestrian cutthrough on East Main Street to shorten the walking distance for a customer using the Marquis Lot.

Following the adoption of the Strategic Plan, the DDA and city began to explore locations along East Main Street to provide this connection. Several sites were explored, and discussions took place with several downtown property owners.

In 2007, a Letter of Understanding was signed between the city and Comerica Bank that would provide a location for the cut-through. Comerica agreed to provide the first floor and air rights of 125 E. Main Street for the city, at its expense, to construct a public cut-through, provide facade improvements on the adjacent building to the east owned by the bank, and complete the build-out of the upper vacant space. The value of the building has been estimated at \$300,000-\$400,000.

In addition, as part of the agreement, Comerica would acquire naming rights to the cut-through project. Based on this letter, the city obtained cost estimates and identified potential funding sources.

An initial budget of \$800,000 was identified for the cut-through based on estimates from two contractors. The DDA set aside \$550,000 for the project, the city contributed \$250,000 from its Public Improvement Funds, and Comerica Bank agreed to donate the property. In addition, the DDA and city staff are looking for other funding sourc-

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Kubitskey said in her budget

es, including the Northville Area Development Corp., which may donate about \$100,000 to the project. In August, the city asked for proposals for architectural services for the project.

RESIDENTS QUESTION PROJECT Northville resident Michelle

Aniol addressed council Monday night about some of her reservations about the project. She questions whether the project should be done due to current economic conditions and some of the problems/cost overruns with the recent Town Square project completed in October 2008. She also said that not having a walk-through hasn't hurt attendance at the Friday night concerts, with numbers being way up this year.

"I think it's great the bank is working with the city," Aniol said. "But is a cut-through the right use of it (the building)?"

She also wanted to know who controls the funds in the Northville Area Development Corp. Another point she raised was the fact that foot traffic has been low on the weekends in downtown Northville, so why would a walk-through be needed?

Bob Buckhave, a city council candidate, said he's not opposed to the project. "I think it's a good thing, but, again, I'm concerned about the cost," he said Monday night. "We keep throwing out the \$800,000 (number), and it becomes comfortable. That's an awful lot of money."

Greg Presley, chair of the DDA board, and Jim Allen, council member, have both said the project cost could fall below that number, as that was just an initial estimate. Buckhave said the \$800,000 cost amounts to about \$666 per square foot for a pfleming@gannett.com | (248) 349-1700, ext. 260

WHY COOPER DESIGN, INC.?

A selection committee composed of the city manager, DPW director, DDA board chair, and DDA director picked Cooper Design to design the downtown walkthrough because of the firm's: Experience working in downtowns throughout Michigan and across the country.

 Direct experience working with historic buildings, Historic District Commissions and other review bodies.

- Experience in chairing the Ann Arbor Historic District Commission.
- Hiring of a professional cost estimator as part of the team to help ensure the project comes in on budget.
- Promise that Gary Cooper will provide about 368 hours of his time as the project designer out of 596 hours overall. Design fee of 6.75 percent of
- the total construction fee.
- Creativity and the fact that the it explored several alternatives in its proposal.
- Excellent understanding of the complexity of the project.

1,200-square-foot project, and he only paid about \$72 a square foot to construct Old Church Square and Northville Square. Pat Sullivan, city manager, said the project may be closer to 2,000 square feet or even 2,700, depending on how large the space is next to the Girly Daze building.

'We'll have new plans coming in the future," Allen said.

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Volunteer Jimmie Oliverio of Livonia displays the Open Hearts by Jane Seymour necklace that will up for bid as part of the silent auction at Harvest Happenings.

Angela Hospice's 'Harvest Happenings' benefit Oct. 17 at Rock

Autumn is here and the staff at Angela Hospice is preparing for Harvest Happenings, the organization's 22nd annual Light Up a Life Benefit. Harvest Happenings is all about celebration, and an entertaining evening awaits friends and families of Angela Hospice.

"The Light Up a Life Benefit is our biggest fundraiser of the year," said Sister Mary Giovanni, Angela Hospice president and CEO. "It is a great event, and a way for the community to come out and show their support for hospice patients and their families. We

DETAILS

Reservations are being taken now for \$100 per person, or invite friends to fill an entire table of 10 for \$1,000. Invitations and raffle ticket forms are available at www.AskForAngela.com, or by calling Barb Iovan at (734) 953-6045, by Oct. 9. Tickets will not be available at the door. All proceeds will benefit the programs of Angela Hospice.

are so appreciative of all those who contribute to this event, especially in a tough year like this."

Harvest Happenings is cohosted by the Riley Foundation of Farmington Hills. The Sheraton Detroit Novi is the venue for this charitable event on Saturday, Oct. 17. The "happenings" will begin at 6 p.m. with a silent auction and Picka-Pumpkin game, followed by a delicious plated dinner. Guests can dance the night away to the sounds of the Rick Lieder Band, and even give square dancing a spin during a cameo appearance by world-renowned square dance caller Bob Peterson.

"We're excited to bring a bit of square dancing to Harvest Happenings," said events coordinator Barb Iovan. "Even those who say they 'can't dance' will want to take to the dance floor. We're so happy the Rick Lieder Band is able to return this year too!"

A committee of hospice volunteers gathered a variety of enticing auction items ranging from an Open Hearts by Jane Seymour pendant, to an Electric Super Blower vac, to a beautiful Hilton Head getaway. In total, over 100 packages will be up for auction. An open bar, appetizers, dessert, and exciting raffles will add to this memorable evening.

"Guests can look forward to a unique event," said Carolyn Arlen, a Northville resident and volunteer on the Harvest Happenings planning committee. "It will be a festive affair, and it is at a wonderful time of year ... Angela Hospice is an amazing cause," said Arlen. "It couldn't be for anything more worthwhile."



CHURCH EVENTS

online at hometownlife.com

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

LOCATION: 41415 Nine Mile Road. corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi

CONTACT: (248) 349-0565 Sunday Schedule TIME: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 am. Worship

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE

LOCATION 200 E. Main St. CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpresnville org Sunday Worship TIME: 9:30, 11 a m. Walking in the Park TIME/DATE, 10-11 a.m. every Saturday LOCATION Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park (Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads) DETAILS: Group meets for lunch afterwards. CONTACT: Sue (734) 459-0016 Single Place Ministries TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program, every Thursday. DETAILS: Informative and entertaining programs of interest to singles; \$5 per person. Check Web site for details singleplace. org.

OAK POINTE CHURCH

LOCATION: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org **Worship Services** TIME: 5:15 p.m. Saturday: 9 15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday **ReNew Life Ministries** TIME/DATE: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday

DETAILS Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning and change from a Christian perspective. CONTACT. For more information or to register call (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org Charmed Influence TIME/DATE: 9,30 a.m. every Wednesday DETAILS. Studying the book

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"Surviving a Spiritual Mismatch in Marriage". CONTACT: Joy Ruby at joy@oakpointe.org or call the church.

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(248) 374-5978

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TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. Sunday

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LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile Road

CONTACT: (248) 374-7400 or

TIME: 8 a m., 9:30 a m. and 11

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DETAILS: 11 a.m. every Sunday

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TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. Sunday to

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lowship, friendships and more.

Contact the number below for

CONTACT: (248) 374-5920

Bible Studies and Prayer

TIME/DATE[,] 7 p.m. Mondays

Learner's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study

Ministries office

TIME/DATE: 6:30 a.m.

Single's Bible Study

Wednesday Single Adult

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second and

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST OF NORTHYILLE

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LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 or fumcnorthville.org Sunday Worship TIME: 8:30 and 10 a m. through Labor Day DETAILS: Rev. Dr. Steve Buck Coffee hour at 10:15 a.m. **Healing Service** TIME/DATE: 4 p.m. first Monday of every month **Radical Joy** TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. first and third Thursday of every month. DETAILS: All women seeking to strengthen their faith and connect with other women are invited to attend, irrespective of church affiliation. **Crafters and Vendors are** needed

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 24 **DETAILS:** The annual Community Bizarre Bazaar to benefit Village Banking at First United Methodist Church Northville. This is a great opportunity to showcase talent or business to hundreds of local customers. As cost is nominal, booth space is filling up fast. **CONTACT:** For details and reserve a space e-mail Pat

Breslin at: BizarreBazaar@ care2.com. For more information regarding Village Banking: www.villagebanking.org.

NOVI UNITED METHODIST

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

From Grief to New Hope



TIME/DATE: 7-8:45 p.m. on eight LOCATION: In front of the church consecutive Mondays, beginning **DETAILS:** Members of the con-Sept. 14 gregation and the community DETAILS: 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. **CONTACT:** For registration information, call Barb at Ward Presbyterian Church at (248) 374-5943. For information about other age and loss specific grief support groups offered by New Hope Center for Grief Support, call (248) 348-0115 or visit our website www.newhopecenter.net.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

LOCATION: 24505 Meadowbrook Road CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.orgMass Schedule TIME/DAY: 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 6.30 a m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 5 p.m. TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. Sunday in the (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday Holy Days: 9 a m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment **Adoptive Parent Networking**

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

DETROIT FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

LOCATION: 21260 Haggerty Road. LOCATION: 217 N. Wing north of Eight Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 348-7600 or visit Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and dfcnazarene.org Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refresh ments; II a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship: 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:30-11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5; 6:45

Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast

Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do

Women of the Word

TIME/DATE: 9:25-11:15 a.m. DETAILS: The W.O.W. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study welcomes you to their study of the Book of Exodus. There is a \$15 registration fee, which includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare will be available in the morning for children through age 5.

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC

LOCATION: 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi CONTACT: (248) 347-7778 **Mass Schedule** TIME/DAY: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday: 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p m. Saturday **Mothers Group:** Time/Date: 9:30-11 a.m. Monthly, first and third Wednesday through May 19,

2010 LOCATION: St. James Parish Hall

A **DETAILS:** We provide mothers with fellowship, support and opportunities to grow their faith in order to nurture their children with confidence and Christian values. Through activities such as article discussion, crafts, and speakers, moms are given the opportunity to connect with other moms in support and friendship. Free childcare is available but children are also welcome to join their mothers during meetings. CONTACT: Becky McKee (248) 305-5924 or Kris Endreszl (248) 946-4080

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE

CONTACT: (248) 348-1020 5:45 p.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first. Saturday of every month

FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN LOCATION: 41355 Six Mile Road LOCATION: 44400 W. 10 Mile

Road

CONTACT: (248) 349-2345 or visit faithcommunity-novi org Sunday Worship: 10 a m.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL

LOCATION: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads CONTACT: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter. Senior Minister (248) 348-7757. visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org. Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Sermon: Having a Plan Church School: 10-11 a.m. Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m. YogaFit Classes TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. every Monday DETAILS: Eight weeks, \$55 continuous or \$8 per drop in session. Merry Widows Luncheon TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month **Evening Vespers** TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. Oct. 4 Rummage Sale TIME/DATE: 9 a.m. Oct. 9-10 Blood Drive TIME/DATE: 1-7 p.m. Oct. 12

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH

LOCATION: 770 Thayer, Northville CONTACT: (248) 349-2621 or olvnorthville.org Saturday Worship TIME: 5 p.m. Sunday Worship TIME: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

OUR SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NOVI-FAMILY INTEGRATED CHURCH

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

NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY CONTACT: (248) 348-9030

ORCHARD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

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

p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study; 7 p.m. Men's Evening Bible Study Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study,

LOCATION: 201 Elm St., Northville **CONTACT: (248) 349-3140** Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m. Blended; 11 a.m. Contemporary; 11:30 a.m. Traditional



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CROSSPOINTE MEADOWS CHURCH

LOCATION: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows. org.

Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m. Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages

DETAILS: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

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

Sunday Worship: 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m. Sunday School and Nursery

Care TIME: 10 a.m. Worship Service

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

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN

LOCATION: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills CONTACT: (248) 474-0584 or visit stjohn-lutheran.com Saturday Worship TIME: 5:30 p.m. Sunday Worship TIME: 9, 11:15 a.m. Sunday School TIME: 10:15 a.m.

NOVI-NORTHVILLE CENTER FOR JEWISH LIFE

LOCATION: Novi CONTACT: www.novijewishcenter.com e-mail: rabbi@novijewishcenter.com or call (248) 790-6075.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

LOCATION: 25301 Halstead Road, Farmington Hills CONTACT: www.uufarmington. **010** Youth Interfaith Journey TIME/DATE¹ 9:30 and 11 a m.



Sundays DETAILS: This religious education program is open to the pubtic and currently enrolling new students. The UUCF Interfaith Journey curriculum encompasses the Unitarian Universalism philosophy of individual worth and the power of community with a study of the World Religions that are practiced around the globe. This program compliments the mission of **UUCF Religious Education of** teaching youth inclusion, compassion and peace and provides the environment to live and learn in a culturally diverse community. Classes are grouped into grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 with age specific education

materials for all. **CONTACT:** Jennifer Teed at 248/478-7272 or dre@uufarmington.org Liberty - What Does She Demand? TIME/DATE: 7-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10 DETAILS: The church is kicking off their popular Lifelong Learning Forum (LLF) with this thought-provoking event. This presentation will point to the questions and obscurities sur-

CHURCH EVENTS

be presented by Reverend Alexander Riegel. The evening will include Reverend Riegel's presentation, refreshments, and group reflection. There is a \$10 fee; \$12 at the door. Free childcare will be provided. LLF is a six-week, Thursday night series that is open to the public. Future classes will be held on Oct. 15, 22 and 29 as well as Nov. 5, 12 and 19 with three different topics offered weekly. Topics include religion, social and political issues. Join us for refreshments at 7 p.m., with forums from 7:30-9 p.m. No advance registration is necessary. A \$5 donation is suggested. Drop in and pick

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the class that interests you most! See the full class listing by visiting http://uufarmington.org/uucf/re-lifespan. html. **CONTACT: For reservations**

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(call 248/478-7272).

LOCATION: 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth CONTACT: (734) 453-0190

Our Lady of Good Counsel **Catholic Church**

LOCATION: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth CONTACT: (734) 453-0326, ext. 221

From Grief to New Hope TIME/DATE: 7-8.45 p m

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Mill Race celebrates Victorian era



The younger children gathered around to hear a story about sheep and how they were sheared, then went to the Weaver's Cottage to see wool being spun.

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Blacksmiths were busy at the Hirsch Blacksmith Shop. Thunder and smoke filled the air as the red coats fired their muskets, contrasted







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by the sweet sound of music from Northville High School students singing.

At the PTA tent food and beverages were available to hungry visitors, and nearby a gypsy told fortunes with her tarot cards.

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LOCAL NEWS

Get your German on at Oktoberfest

■ Fun starts Friday at Community Park

BY PAN FLEMING STAFF WRITER

It's time to break out the lederhosen, suspenders, beer steins and felt hats.

The Northville Chamber of Commerce's annual **Oktoberfest starts Friday** evening at Community Park in Northville Township at Five Mile and Beck roads.

Hours are 6-10:30 p.m. Friday and noon-10:30 p.m. Saturday. The Oktoberfest entrance will be off of Five Mile Road across from Home Depot.

The annual even includes great German food, entertainment, crafts, music, a Classic Car Show on Saturday, inflatables, rides, a petting zoo, Oktoberfest/ merchandise and a beer rent.

Food will include knoclwurst, bratwurst, weiner. schnitzel, potato pancales and more.

Admission to the German village is free. Admission to the beer tent is \$5 for adults 17 and older and freefor children age 16 and under, who must be accompanied by an adult.

WHAT'S NEW THIS YEAR What's new at this year's festival?

"We have added a very fun children's puppet show that will perform at noon and 2 p.m. on Saturday," said Jody Humphries, Chamber president.

"Last year was great; we had fantastic weather, and the car show really added another attractive component to the festival.

"If the weather cooperates, it is a great fall event for the entire family, with a lot of kids' activities and a rockin' Oktoberfest tent complete with German bands, beer and food."

"The Oktoberfest is a deal for families," said Janet Bloom, Chamber marketing and events director. "We offer free activities, such is the puppet shows, petting zoo, pony rides, pedal cars, Toddler Haybale Maze, Kids' Craft Vendors Village, and German music

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Residents will be able to enjoy a variety of German-themed dance groups at this weekend's Oktoberfest at Community Park. The event is Friday evening and Saturday.

ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

Friday - 6-10:30 p.m. - Oktober German band in the Beer Tent Saturday - noon-10:30 p.m. Throughout the day - Haybale Maze, inflatables, kids' rides, arts and crafts vendors Noon - Puppet Show in the Village Noon-5 p.m. - Classic Car Show in the Village Noon2 p.m. Die Rheinlanders in the Beer Tent 2 p.m. - Puppet Show in the Village

Noon-3 p.m. - Petting Zoo and Pony Rides in the Village 2:30-3 p.m. – Wawel Folk Ensemble dancers in the Beer Tent 3-3:30 p.m. - Oehrlein Bavarian

dancers in the Beer Tent



Varsity Lincoln Mercury, the Northville Record,

The May Pole Dance, a folk dance performed by the Oehrlein Bavarian dancers, will take place from 3-3:30 p.m. on Saturday during the Oktoberfest event in Northville.

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and dancing straight from Frankenmuth. Add that to all of the other activities, and it is weekend event not to miss."

CLASSIC CAR SHOW

The Classic Car Show from noon-5 p.m. on Saturday only in the village will feature models from 1986 and older. Gates open at 10 a.m. for show entrants, and all vehicles must be parked by 11:30

3:30-5:30 p.m. – The Yagabonds in the Beer Tent 6:30-10:30 p.m. - Dave Stivinski Polka Band in the Beer Tent

a.m. Registration the day of the show is \$15.

The event is being sponsored by Community Financial, Everydry Waterproofing, Ralph Thayer Volkswagen, Medical Network One, Trupp Family Care Chiropractic,

Millennium Limousines, **Toledo Basement Systems** and WOW! Internet, Cable, Phone.

For more information, call the Northville Chamber of Commerce (248) 349-7640 or go to www.northville.org.

In case of extreme weather conditions, call the Northville Chamber of Commerce events hotline or check the Web site for upto-date event information.

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Annual auto show poster contest offers cash prizes

The 2010 North American International Auto Show (NAIAS), sponsored by NAIAS LLC, announced the launch of its annual poster contest in connection with the January show.

The 22nd Annual High School Poster Contest is open to all Michigan residents enrolled in grades 10-12. An independent panel of representatives from the local art community will judge the contest. This year, the NAIAS will choose winners in 16 categories.

"The poster contest is always a fun way to involve the next generation of automotive enthusiasts in our community and never fails to amaze us with the incredible young talent that comes from Michigan," said Doug Fox, chairman of the 2010 NAIAS.

"We hope that this helps encourage a lifetime interest in not only the automotive industry but the art community as well."

Winning posters will be displayed at the 2010 NAIAS and reproduced in the official NAIAS program, which is available to the public, corporate executives and automotive suppliers. Winning posters may also be displayed on the official NAIAS web site, www. naias.com.

In 2009, the NAIAS had a record breaking 660 entries from 64 Michigan high schools. The contest was established to engage the creative minds of Michigan's students and encourage careers in automotive design while recognizing local artists for their talents. Posters must be original

artwork, 25° x 21° in size, two-dimensional and camera ready. The poster theme must be automotive related, and any mixed media suitable for reproduction as a poster is allowed, including computer-generated graphics. All subject matter must be in good taste.

Posters must contain all of the following copy: "North American International Auto Show 2010, Detroit, and Cobo Center." The entry deadline is Nov. 18.

To view official rules or gain more information, visit www.naias.com. Additional questions may be directed to Sandy Herp at 248.283.5138 or sherp@dada.org.

WHAT YOU CAN WIN

Prizes will be awarded in the following categories: Chairmen's Award \$1,000 State Farm Insurance Award \$1,000 Designer's Best Show - Digital \$500 Designer's Best Show - Traditional \$500 Best Theme \$250 Best Use of Color \$250 Most Creative \$250 1st Place: 10th Grade Award \$500 1st Place: 11th Grade Award \$500 1st Place: 12th Grade Award \$500 2nd Place: 10th Grade Award \$250 2nd Place: Ifth Grade Award \$250, 2nd Place: 12th Grade Award \$250 3rd Place: 10th Grade Award \$100 3rd Place: 11th Grade Award \$100 3rd Place: 12th Grade Award \$100

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Community College. y: "I wanted to win gold, so I was a little llocal disappointed," Yamaguchi said. "But, without Kevin, I couldn't have done this this."

Yamaguchi loves food and wine. "I feel very happy and accomplished when I finish cooking and taste my food and when it tastes very good," she said.

She worked for a French food and wine import company in Tokyo for about four years before she came to the states.

OTHER LOCAL WINNER

Eric Cunningham, from Novi, also a student at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills, was awarded a Skill Point Certificate in Food and Beverage Service.

"More than 5,400 students from every state in the nation came to compete in the SkillsUSA Championships," said SkillsUSA executive director Tim Lawrence. "This is the SkillsUSA partnership at its best. Students, instructors and industries are working together to

Here is the menu Mino Yamaguchi made for the competition. Salad Course: Belgium Endive, Radicchio and Apple Salad with Anchovy Citrus Vinaigrette, Walnuts Crusted Blue Cheese Cake, Candied Walnut, and Port Wine Reduction Sauce Soup Course; Green Split Peas Soup with Garlic Croutons Saute Mirepoix, Fried Leeks, Crispy Salt Pork and Milk Foam Fish Entree Course; Pan Seared Salmon with Ouinoa Pilaf, Roasted Tournee Potatoes Lemon < Whole Grain Mustard Beurre Bland Sauce and Haricot Verts and Yellow Squash Chicken Entree Course; Chicken and Vegétables Pol-au-Feu . 100 Lau-2 Polenta Cake and Sage Butter This was a mystery basket competition, and the mystery basket had been announced

the day before the competition.

ensure America has a skilled work force and every student excels. These students prove that career and technical education expands opportunities."

Mino Yamaguchi of Northville with her culinary coach, Chef Kevin Enright, CEC, CCE, AAC, from Oakland Community College, after she won a silver award in the college/postseconday Culinary Arts competition at the USASkills National Competition in Kansas City, Mo., in ste June.

■ She wants her own restaurant Silver AWARD-WINNING NENU

soup and two entrees. She competed

with her culinary coach, Chef Kevin Enright, CEC, CCE, AAC, of Oakland

She's been practicing since February

against 26 other students.

BY PAN FLEMING STAFF WRITER

Northville resident Mino Yamaguchi's dream is to open her own restaurant, a small French bistro, some day. It looks like she's well on her way.

Yamaguchi was one of several local students who won awards at a national technical education competition this past summer in Kansas City, Mo.

Yamaguchi won the college/postsecondary silver award in Culinary Arts at the National SkillsUSA Championships for Skilled Work Force in June. She recently graduated from Oakland Community College's culinary program in Farmington Hills, and is still taking a pastry class at the Orchard Ridge. campus.

A native of Tokyo, Yamaguchi, 34, has lived in Northville for two years. She's a saute cook at Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Hills.

"I competed two years ago in another event as part of a student team from Oakland Community College," she said. She didn't do so well in the American Culinary Federation event in January at Schoolcraft College.

So, she decided to compete as an indiidual in this event and had five hours

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NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Is Mill Race haunted?

Have you seen her leaning over the stairway in the Yerkes house, dressed in an 1870's style dress, her dark haired loosely pulled up? What happened in the basement of the Hunter house? "Something bad happened down there," a cleaning lady said. She quit her job and never returned to Mill Race.

Motor City Ghost Hunters, a paranormal investigative team, descended on Mill Race Village in Northville the night of August 22. Pairing themselves with Northville Historical Society volunteers, they went from building to building setting up their scientific equipment hoping to find answers to these questions. Learn what they discovered when the Motor City Ghost Hunters return to Mill Race to present their findings. Cost for members is \$5; non-members is \$7; at the door cost is \$10.

Deadline October 23. Send check to: Northville Historical Society, 215 Griswold Street, Northville, MI 48167

For more information call (248) 348-1845 or visit our website at www.millracenorthville.org

Take our survey

The Northville Record is participating in an interactive online research project that's being coordinated by American Opinion Research (AOR) and

sponsored by the Michigan Press Association. Those responding to the survey will be entered into a drawing for cash prizes. Go to hometownlife. com to take the survey.

Swearingen to host Interlochen Alumni party

The Interlochen Center for the Arts, home of the Interlochen Arts Academy (a four-year high school for the performing and visual arts) and The Interlochen Summer Camps for the Arts from grades third through 12th, is celebrating the 118th birthday of the founder Joe Maddy in October with birthday parties throughout the United States.

In Northville, the party for the Detroit area is being held on the afternoon of Sunday, Oct. 11 from 2-5 p.m. at Swearingen Fine Portraits, 120 West Main Street Suite 301 with hosts Nancy Nutting-Swearingen (IAA 62-65), Lynn (Hadley) Fowlkes (IAC 63, 69,70-73,75,77), Stephanie Windich (AS 93) and, Dorothy (Cormie) Duensing (IAC 79-80).

The high school was opened in 1962 and Nancy was a member of the charter class. The summer camp has been in operation since 1928 and is available for any student from

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Everyday Essentials program to help needy residents

Campaign to run Oct. 17-31

BY PAM FLEMING STAFF WRITER

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It's the little things in life that mean a lot.

With that in mind, Rep. Marc Corriveau (D-Northville) will launch the Everyday Essentials campaign to help the needy on Oct. 17. The program will run through Oct. 30.

This is the 20th House District's campaign to collect personal care and household items for area food distribution centers and human service organizations. These include Northville Civic Concern and the Salvation Army. The program is being supported by the Corriveau Community Fund,

and donations will be welcomed.

Items needed include toilet paper, facial tissue, diapers, baby wipes, paper towels, hand soap, dish soap, laundry deter-gent, personal hygiene items, dental care products and other products.

Drop boxes will be located at the Northville and Plymouth District Libraries, the Wayne Public Library and area businesses. Barrels will be placed around the district.

The campaign will kick off from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 17 at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

"This kind of blossomed from a meeting I had a couple



in quite a bit of conversation lately with her because people are struggling."

PAPER PRODUCTS NEEDED

Corriveau learned while talking to Kunz that not only are nonperishable, non-outdated food products needed. "They really have trouble providing people with paper products," he said. "She said Civic Concern

was really getting down to a critical level."

He and his staff were sitting around his office one day wondering what they could do to help. During a brainstorming session, they came up with the name Everyday Essentials as a way to promote the need for soap, paper towels, diapers and other non-food items people need every day.

There are families with babies that don't have diapers," said Ewa Jarosz, legislative assistant in Corriveau's office. With their Bridge cards (which used to be called food stamps) they can't buy nonfood items.'

'We've since learned that Northville Civic Concern and the Salvation Army need food to distribute, too, so we're

asking people to bring both food and everyday essentials if they can during the drive," Corriveau said.

"As a community, I think we should come together and do as much as we can," he said. "This is us as people trying to give back to the community. We get calls every day about people who are struggling beyond belief."

Nick Moga, an Eagle Scout candidate in Troop 775 in Northville and a senior at Northville High School, has made collecting donations to Northville Civic Concern and the Salvation Army in the Everyday Essentials campaign his community service project. He's contacting schools and local businesses to get their involvement.

"We're going to need lots of people to help pick up these items," Corriveau said. "Any student or other person who wants to help us should contact us."

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Kunz encourages residents to keep their eyes open for buy-one-get-one or buyone-get-one-50-percent-off sales.

Kunz is in the office at the Highland Lakes Plaza on Seven Mile Road east of Northville Road on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Distributions are done on the second and fourth Fridays. For more information, call Corriveau's office at (517) 373-3816.

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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

FALL/WINTER CLOTHING SALE

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m. noon Saturday, Oct. 10 LOCATION: St. Matthews United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile Road, Livonia **DETAILS:** Northwest Suburban Mothers of Multiples's annual sale with over 35 tables of infant and children's clothing, strollers, car seats, toys, furniture, a bake sale and refreshments. Admission is \$1; \$2 for earlybird admission at 8:30 a.m. CONTACT: (313) 930-0160

NHS 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. family. Away game tailgates will take place in the parking lot of the opposing team. Proceeds benefit the Todd Schoenheide Memorial Scholarship Fund.



SCOTTIE'S KITCHEN COOKING CLASSES LOCATION: 149 N Center Street, downtown Northville CONTACT: (248) 344-7990 Crepes TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10

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.ki2.mi.us/parents/councilof-ptas.asp for more details. CONTACT: Dottie Garrity at dotgar@aol.com or Sue Laabs at suelaabs@comcast.net

NORTHVILLE NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS

Meet & Greet TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. first Tuesday of each month

LOCATION: Member's homes DETAILS: All welcome to socialize, meet, greet friends and neighbors and learn about the activities and interest groups this club has to offer. CONTACT: Paula Lund at (734) 404-5120

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., Suggested donation: \$5 per persept(\$15 per; Syndays, mid-June to mid-Oct. CONTACT: (248) 348-1845 Weekly Events (*Grounds closed to public) Thursday: 9 a.m. Archives Open; 2 p.m. Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m. Rehearsal; 6:30 p.m. Brownies Friday: 9 a.m. Archives Open; 9:30 a.m. School Tour; 4.15 p.m. Cadettes; 6 p.m. Rehearsal Saturday: 1-3 p.m. Wedding*; 3:30-5:30 p.m.

NORTHVILLE AREA COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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.

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

SOLID GROUNDS COFFEEHOUSE

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

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

stuff? The joy of creative thinking & selfexpression are brought to life using paper, paint, clay and glue. Together, construct projects that develop fine motor skills & enhance creative development. Materials fee of \$6 payable to instructor. Instructor: Christine Laginess. \$33/\$43 per session Learn To Draw

TIME/DATE: 1:30-2:30 p.m., Saturdays DETAILS: Drawing and Illustration Age 5 - 9 years Bring a favorite toy and learn how to draw! Or a still life of fun objects will be set up for the students. Learn to draw from life objects. 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 skills. Supply list will be provided to the student. Also a great class for home-schoolers. Instructor: Dawn Johnson \$50/60 per session **Creative Kids**

TIME/DATE: 10-11:30 a m. second Saturdays

DETAILS: The joy of creative thinking and self-expression are brought to life in this class. Art activities including drawing, painting, sculpture and mixed media will be offered in conjunction with the current professional exhibits on display in the Art House Gallery, Instructor: Staff Age: 5-10 years \$18/\$20 per date. **Potential Potters** TIME/DATE: 9:30-10:30 a.m., Saturdays

DETAILS: Invent new shapes while explor-

ing 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 Laginess 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 yourself 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. Naterials fee of \$10 payable to instructor. Instructor: Christine Laginess, Age: 8 - 13 years, \$50/\$60 per session

skills are necessary! Material fee of \$2 per session, payable to instructor. Instructor: Julie Woodard, an accomplished artist. Age: 10 - 15 yrs \$18/\$20 per class **Drawing and Illustration for 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 **Classes for the Family Exploring Alternative Materials in Your** Art

TIME/DATE: 2-4p.m., Sundays DETAILS: Learn to let go of preconceived notions and embrace serendipity, exploring a whole new visual world! This class will explore the use of alternative materials in art, applying both non-traditional media and traditional media in non-traditional ways. You will experience drawing a live model in addition to a still life setting as we loosen up and have fun with new approaches to creating art! This class is for anyone from middle school to old school. All supplies provided. Material fee of \$15 payable to instructor. Instructor: Award winning artist, Jeff Cancelosi, Age: 12 and up \$66/\$72 per session. **Adult Sculpture Workshop** TIME/DATE: 10 a.m -12:30 p.m., Fridays

DETAILS: This beginner and intermediate class will teach the basics of ceramic sculpture. Students will be able to work on a subject that interests them... face, figure, or animal. All sculpture will be finished with oxides or slips and fired in a kiln. Please bring several photos or ideas to the first class. \$15 Material Fee per session, payable to instructor. Instructor: Christine Laginess \$98/108 per session

DETAILS: Taught by Mary Spencer; \$50.00 per person. 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.

GUITARIST ROY SCOUTZ

TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday LOCATION: Tirami Su, 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

SOUP SUPPER / CONCERT DATE: Saturday, Nov. 7

Sunday: 1-4 p.m. Buildings Open with Heirloom Rug Hookers; 6:30 Venture Scouts Monday: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Northville Garden Club; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Hands-All-Around Quilters; 7 p.m. Lions Club Tuesday: 9 a m. Stone Gang; 6 p.m. Girl Scouts Wednesday: 6 p.m. Rehearsal; 6:45 p.m.

Wedding*

NORTHVILLE FARMERS' MARKET

Mindfulness Meditation Group

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 juried crafters, garden art, soaps, jewetry, furniture, woodworking,

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. CONTACT: Northville Art House (248) 344-0497 or northvillearts.org **Preschool Class** TIME/DATE: 1:30-2:30 p.m., Fridays **DETAILS:** Wear grubbies, as these classes can be messyl Preschool Art Exploration (Experiment with Mixed Media!) Age: 3-5 yrs Fascinated by shiny, sticky & gooey

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

MAYBURY STATE PARK

LOCATION: Eight Mile Road (between Beck and Napier roads.) State Park motor vehicle permit required for park entry; \$6 daily, \$24 annually (\$6 annually for seniors 65 and older.)

CONTACT: (248) 349-8390, Friends of Maybury (248) 349-3858 or FriendsofMaybury.org

GENITTI'S LITTLE THEATER

LOCATION: 108 E. Main St. CONTACT: Call for reservations (248) 349-0522 or genittis.com **Genitti's Acting Workshops** DATE: We will open any date for 10 or more.



ETC.

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 estone@ gannett.com; by fax to (248) 349-9832; or by mail to Northville Record, 101 N. Lafayette St., South Lyon, MI 49178. Items must be received by noon on Twesday 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 NORTHYILLE

City Council DATE First and third Monday of the month TIME: 7.30 p.m. LOCATION: City Hall, 215 W. Main St. Downtown Develop.m.ent 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:3nm LOCATION: Allen Terrace, 401 High SL. **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.8am. DETAILS Individuals and organizations invited to attend. LOCATION Northville City Hall, Meeting Room B

NORTHYALLE 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 and instrumenter 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 Hail, 44405 Six Mile Road CONTACT Sue Campbell (248) 344-1618



JOHN HEIDER STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Concentration

Irmgard Pallas, 6, intently watches her opponent Hannah Jacob, 6, make a move as the two Moraine Elementary School students join a Wednesday afternoon Chess Club game on Sept. 30. The Chess Club meets every Wednesday after school and is open to all students.

DETAILS: \$3 Per person

Open Adult Yolleyball

TIME/DATE: 7-10 p.m. every Thursday

9 a.m. noon every Saturday Sept.-April

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

HORTHYILLE 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. Mummies of Guanajuato. TIME/DATE: Wednesday, Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. DETAILS: Fascinating visual presentation about the amazing mummies on loan to the Detroit Science Center from a Mexican museum. Learn about Mexican culture, forensic science and the lives of these very mummies. Call to register: 248-349-3020. Animal Magic's Creatures of the Night TIME/DATE: Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 4:15 p.m. DETAILS: If you think ghosts and goblins are scary, wait until you meet Animal Magic's menacing menagerie! Learn about nighttime creepy critters with exuberant animal educator Mark Rosenthal. Best for kids 5+, but all ages welcome. 100 free tickets available 5 minutes prior to program at Information Desk. Little Me Storytime for Little Ones TIME/DATE: Friday, Oct. 9 from 10:30-11:15 am DETAILS: Little ones, babies to 2 years, along with parents and caregivers can enjoy music, simple stories and playtime. No registration is required. Junior Books, Chat & Chow TIME/DATE: Wednesday, Oct. 28 at 4:15 p.m. DETAILS: Make friends, have treats and enjoy a lively book discussion of Susan Cooper's novel The Boggart. Call to register. **Drop-In Morning Storytime** TIME/DATE: Thursdays, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 at 10;15 am DETAILS: Storytime fun for tod Jiers and preschoolers! All ages welcome! Caregivers must accompany children ages 3 and younger and must remain in the library if children 4 and older attend independently. No registration - just drop in! Kidz Time for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Graders TIME/DATE: Thursday, Oct. 15 at 4:30 p.m. DETAILS: Enjoy this fun afterschool program featuring stories, games and crafts. Call to register for "Not-So-Scary Stories". **Evening Family Storytime** TIME/DATE: Wednesday, Oct. 14 from 7 - 7:30 p.m. DETAILS' Kids! Wear your pis and enjoy stories about pumplins and more. Best suited for children ages 3 and older, but all ages welcome. Just drop in!

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: noon 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-4 p.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: 10 a.m. 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 : 1 activities

Volunteering

CONTACT. (248) 344-0497

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.

ing our Volunteer Coordinator. CONTACT, (248) 348-4980 or mgrysko@arborhospice.org.

online at hometownlife.com

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.

YINCA 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, Livooia 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: H3 p.m. first and third Wednesday of month DETAILS: Make a guilt 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.

AIQUETY 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.

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. Meet

DETAILS: Enter facility through southeast entrance. Meeting in Conference Room A, immediately to the left. CONTACT: AI Biggs (313) 805-7605 or Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America (888) 737-2322.

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 1130 am:: Walking Club Noon: Walking Club 1 p.m.: Movie Monday 8 a.m.: Walking Club 9:30 a.m.: Mah Jongg 10 a.m.: Beginning Line Dance: Oxycise 11 a.m.: Adv. Line Dance Noon, Walking Club 12:30 p.m.: Pinochie/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. Pinochie Wednesday 8 a.m.: Walking Club 9 a.m.: Foot Reflexology by appt. 10 a.m.: Oxycise 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 Aduit 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

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: 7-9:30 p.m. every Wednesday LOCATION' Senior Community Center, 303 W Main St

ART HOUSE STORE

LOCATION: 215 W. Cady SL. DETAILS: Looking for volunteers to work four hours per month, receive 10 percent off store purchases.

FRENDS 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-INHEELS

DATE: Ongoing

TIME: 11am-12:30 p.m.

DETAILS: Permanent and substitute drivers needed. CONTACT. Elieen 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 & GALLI ANGEL FUND

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 GREEF 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: SL. 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 A007 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

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online at hometownlife.com

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 GREEF TO HEW HOPE

TIME/DATE: 7-8:45 p.m.Tuesday nights LOCATION: Orchard United Methodist Church located at 30450 Farmington Road in Farmington Hilds 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, HORTHYLLE 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

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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 Lanser 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



Daisy Troop Bridges

Above, Girl Scout Troop 839 recently bridged from Daisy Scouts to Brownie Scouts at the bridge separating Mill Race Village and Ford Field. They were greeted by older scouts, leaders and family. The girls are first graders at Silver Springs Elementary School. At right, Girl Scout Troops 473 and 839 earned their Eco-explorer try-it patches at Maybury State Park on Sept. 24. The girls are third and first graders at Silver Springs Elementary School in Northville.

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

NORTHYALE 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 CONTACT. northvillebookclub@gmail.com

NORTHVILLE DEMOCRATS CLUB

CONTACT: www.northvilledems.com Town Hall Meeting on Global Warming and Cap Trade TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8 LOCATION: Northville Public Library DETAILS: Speakers are Lisa Kamil and Kerry Duggan; free and open to the public Town Hall Meeting on Health Care Reform TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26

TIME/DATE: 130 p.m. Dec. 18 Academy Award Nominated Filmmaker Linda Chap.m.an TIME/DATE: 130 p.m. Jan. 8 LOCATION: First Presbyter an Church **Parlor Games Mixer** TIME/DATE: 1:30 p.m. Jan. 22 LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church CONTACT. Karen Poulos (248) 349-4684 or wpkp@comcast.net Tea Parties - Diana Kresel TIME/DATE: 1:30 p.m. Feb. 5 LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church Lincoln Assassination - Jerry Maxwell TIME/DATE: 1:30 p.m. Feb. 19 Location, First Presbyterian Church Staging Your Garden - Everything Grows TIME/DATE: 1:30 p.m. March 5 LOCATION First Presbyterian Church **Annual Meeting & Luncheon** TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m. March 19

Health Events

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

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able 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, 430597 mile Rd., Northville DETAILS' Meet Dr. Ryan Cooper and see how Chiropractic can help reach varied health care goals. cONTACT; (248) 449-1630 or RyanCCooper@gmail.com or www.hfichiro.net Please RSVP

FLU SHOTS

TIME: Jam-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 Pubic 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

STRENGTH TRAINING CLASSES

LOCATION. American Legion Hall, 100 Dunlap, corner of **Center Street**

DATE: Mondays and Fridays

DETAILS: Diane DiVita offers Strength Training classes (light weights with a little yoga stretching) for adults. CONTACT. For more information, call Diane at (248) 344-0928 or visit trianglesix@sbcglobal.net.

PSYCHOTHERAPY & COUNSELING SERVICES

LOCATION: Northville Counseling Center CONTACT: (248) 348-1100 or (734) 420-8175 to register.

ST. MARY HERCY HOSPITAL

LOCATION: 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia CONTACT: (734) 655-4800 or stmarymercy org Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group TIME/DATE: 3-4:30 p.m. first Thursday of each month LOCATION: Classroom 1 DETAILS: No fee or registration required. Fe - nore information call Audra Frye, Alzheimer's Association (248) 426-7055.

Breast Cancer Support Group

TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. second Tuesday of each month LOCATION: Classroom 10 **DETAILS**: The group offers a place for patients and survivors to gather and share experiences, learn coping techniques and find support and strength. For more information, contact (734) 655-1162

DETAILS MBI offers three laparoscopic surgical weight loss options. Learn about Gastric Bypass, Adjustable Gastric Banding and Sleeve Gastrectomy at a free monthly seminar in the St. Mary Mercy hospital Auditorium. To register call (734) 655-2693, (877) Why-Weight or visit hospital Web site. Helen Palmer Image Recovery Center DETAILS: Offering a spa-like atmosphere with imageenhancement services to help cancer patients heal from the inside out and regain their self-confidence in a supportive and caring environment. Services include: Free consultation and assessment, skin care, hand and nail care, massage therapy, reflexology, hair replacements, haircuts and styling of hair and wigs, prosthetics and bras, lymphedema compression products and educational resources. Services offered to patients from any hospital and the general public. CONTACT. (734) 655-8810 **Diabetes Support Group** TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. second Wednesday of each month LOCATION. Auditorium DETAILS: All are welcome. 17th Annual Gala 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. "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. Talial Zeni, Director of Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery.



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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 S12

CONTACT: Register by calling 734-420-8175.

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

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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

CAMERA CLUB

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

GARDENERS OF HORTHYLLE & NOM

TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. second Nonday 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

LOCATION: TBA

DETAILS: Speakers are Dr. Hebert Smitherman, member of President Obama's National Health Care Committee; State Representative Marc Corriveau, chair of Health Policy in Michigan Committee; and Dr. Matthew Davis, associate professor of Public Policy at the University of Michigan. Free and open to the public. Town Hall Meeting on Michigan's Supreme Court TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11 LOCATION: Northville Public Library DETAILS: A panel to be assembled by Fran Brennan. Free and open to the public. NDC Membership Meeting and Holiday Party TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8 LOCATION: The Cady Inn at Mill Race Village on Griswold in downtown.

NORTHYILLE GENERALOGICAL SOCIETY

Research Held

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: ti5 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.

HORTHYLLE WOHEN'S CLUB

Don't Act Your Age - Florine Mark TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. Oct. 2 LOCATION: Meadowbrook Country Club Turn Back the Clock on Northville - Mayor Chris Johnson TIME/DATE: 130 p.m. Oct. 16 LOCATION: Mill Race Village Sen. Robert Geake - Howell Nature Center TIME/DATE: 130 p.m. Nov. 6 LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church **Detroit Institute of Arts - Avedon Fashion Photography** TIME/DATE: 130 p.m. Nov. 20 LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church It's All in the Presentation - Cynthia Pickens TIME/DATE: 130 p.m. Dec. 4 LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church Te Deum Bell Choir and Christmas Tea

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TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-noon, second Monday of each month LOCATION: Botsford Cancer Center located at 27900 Grand River Ave. in Farmington Huls

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, MLSW, 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 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 Bolsford 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 afford-

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The Northville Record is in the process of organizing a questionnaire for the candidates for Northville City Council.

This is a great opportunity for residents to find out what those running for council (incumbents Michele Fecht and Jim Allen and challenger Bob Buckhave) and mayor (unopposed incumbent Chris Johnson) have to say — about questions YOU want answered.

Yes, you have an opportunity to ask your question by submitting it to the *Northville Record* by noon on Friday, Oct. 16. Send it via e-mail cstone@gannett.com; mail *Northville Record*, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48167; or fax (248) 685-2892.

We will make every attempt to include readers' questions asked and answered in the Oct. 29 edition of the *Record*. However, if space constraints do not allow for all the submitted questions, we will publish the remainder online at hometownlife.com.

Up for vote will be two (of four) four-year council seats and that of mayor, a two-year position. This city's next council will face many challenges dealing with roads, public safety, culture, budget, parks, etc. Who will make those important decisions is up to you. Ask now for answers to help all voters make a better informed decision at the polls on Nov. 3.



ticipating in our online forum for d' xussing issues, In Your Voices, on the Web at hometownlife.com.

Planners review Beck Road land

We want the parcel on the tax rolls but we just took the REIS property back off the tax rolls for decades. Brilliant.

If the township did not pay twice as much as the hospital land was worth, we could have bought this, too ... and probably Maybury: Good work, Abbo. SteveEmsley

Book scanning

Park over police?

quite yet.

I find it interesting the stand our

Northville Township government takes

nel. If this is such an urgent action to be

taken, why wasn't it discussed when the

regarding the layoff of public safety person-

surge for the purchase of the hospital property seemed to occupy all their time? They

sure seem to be convinced that spending

all that money is the right thing to do. But for my tax dollars (high enough) - and I

would rather have the safety and security

pending layoffs, who will patrol the new

believe that many others share my view - I

of the police officers on duty. Now with the

park?. Ör maybe we just can't open the park

Work application reform needed

Dick Gibson

Northville

A barcode scanner to check out the value of some of the books offered at last week's Friends of the Library book sale at the Northville District Library. The sale, which went until the fourth of October, featured sales of donated books and benefitted the Friends of the Library and their efforts to help

LETTERS

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters via the following formats. Web: www.hometownlife.com Mail: Letters to the Editor, Northville Record, 101 N. Lafayette St., South Lyon, MI 48178. Fax: (248) 437-3386. E-mail: cstone@gannett.com. Blog: You may also let your opinions be heard with your own blog at hometownlife.com. Deadline: Letters must be received by 9 a.m. Monday to be published in the Thursday edition.

have never been unemployed, completing a Michigan Works profile is required before one collects unemployment claims. Yet, as candidates hunt for open positions, all candidates need to populate each employer's forms with the same data that already exists in Michigan Works. It is a huge waste of time, slows the application process, and almost certainly results in data inaccuracies. The application process can be streamlined if employers could just link data structures in Michigan Works to their own forms, which would reduce the colossal and ridiculous waste of time. It should be a requirement, not an option, of Michigan companies.

Technically, this problem is similar to hundreds of suppliers conducting e-commerce with a few large companies within an industry – like the automotive OEMs. Suppliers simply map their systems (SAP, Oracle, whatever) to the OEM's system using industry standardized Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) formats. This is pretty basic stuff for TT folks, once they have the formatting standards. In my opinion, this approach should be investigated immediately to help the thousands of folks in Michigan apply for the many new positions coming in the next couple years.

As a job seeker, I estimate 90 percent of my time is spent cutting and pasting the same data into each employer's specific format, so I've come to believe that standard employment information formatting should be put into an ISO document, much like d other computing technics dards are - which would afford the unemployed a far greater ability to apply for open positions rather than spend their days cutting and pasting text. If you have similar frustrations searching for jobs, write your representatives - make some noise about it. Help launch work application reform. It is your time that this initiative will save.

EDITORIAL: Clock ticking on solutions for budget

"In five years you will be blown away" jennifer granholm Results speak for themselves.

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PHIL POWER: Mass transit should be a no-brainer

Who are you kidding? Few residents of southeast Michigan will give up their second car and turn to mass transit. I have used mass transit in large cities like Chicago, New York and Washington D.C., and I have seen it work. In metro Detroit the average business worker is not going to sit next to a stranger for 30 minutes to go to work, entertainment and run other errands. In the aforementioned cities this occurs regularly; but remember that they have cities that are the heartbeat of the area, Detroit, Pontiac, Inkster and Flint are certainly not regular destinations for those living in suburbia; these cities are dead. Get off the notion that mass transit would work here, and let's fix what we have left with what little recourses we have. Don't waste our tax dollars!

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Letters to the Editor: Health care reform opposition being selfish

I only have just a little question for you: Where were our so-called good senators' town hall meetings? And you talk about working for the people. Oh, I forgot. Remember this in 2010 and 2012.

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think everyone knows that by now. Getting a job requires submitting an application either in person or online. I've only applied online for years. And over time, I've spent literally hundreds of hours completing applications and submitting resumes to many employers' sites.

Every employer has their own format and information requirements which is fine, but all the data required is almost always the same data that exists in the Michigan Works database already. For those who

John Miller Northville

Stop the presses; governor, Lesgislature solve budget crisis

(Best read with tongue firmly planted in your cheek. Any resemblance to reality is, well, "Pure Michigan")

State leaders, acknowledging the dark cloud of a national recession over our state, have tossed partisanship overboard and are seeking ways to stimulate Michigan's economy and solve the ongoing state budget mess.

'Clearly, we

are in a hole"

the governor

Michigan are

citizens of

lamented. "The



counting on us to steer our economy and budget onto a smooth road."

she told Democratic Speaker of the House Andy Dillon and Republican Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop.

The governor called on them to brush aside the partisan smog that has hung over the state capitol like cheap cigar smoke in a UAW hall. "Together, we can solve this budget crisis," she beamed. In an act of kumbaya symbol-

In an act of kumbaya symbolism, the governor, her trusted sidekick, Lt. Gov. John Cherry, and the legislative leadership sequestered themselves in the

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GUEST COLUMN

local Motel 6 and promised not to emerge until a budget plan to get the state out of the ditch had been produced. "We can't afford to embarrass ourselves again and have yet another government shut down," the leaders agreed.

The Capitol Press Corps were staked out at the Motel 6 looking for any sign that our elected leaders would ... well ... actually lead!

A Republican emerged and, speaking on condition of anonymity, loudly blamed the state's economic and budget morass on Gov. Jennifer Granholm and her "Democratic stooges" in the Legislature.

Not to be outdone, the lieutenant governor whispered a not so off-the record comment — "We inherited this economic mess from Engler and Bush!"

After 72 hours of no sleep, pizza and stale coffee, a deal had been cut.

The legislative leadership and the governor — with a Cherry on top — emerged and announced to the crowd, "We have a plan!

THE BUDGET PLANS EMERGES "We have solved the state's

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budget problem without any new taxes, budget cuts or restructuring and reform of government," the governor proudly declared!

"Here is the plan: Let the roads continue to deteriorate and force people to spend money fixing flats, replacing tires, having their front-ends aligned and buying new (hopefully, American built) cars," gushed our elected leaders.

*It is brilliant!" the state treasurer and budget director chimed in simultaneously.

"Thus far, our lousy roads have generated hundreds of millions of dollars in new revenue as people are forced to spend to repair and replace their cars. This is so simple, why didn't we think of this before?"

Cherry noted, "We know who drove us into the rut — Engler and Bush!"

Dillon chimed in, "Government has a role in this" he mused. "We have a responsibility to our fellow citizens to help steer this economy around the potholes — but until that day comes, we also have to find ways to make the potholes work for us."

Granholm added, as she placed her hand over her heart and began talking in a breathless whisper, "I wanted to take the idea on the road, form a blue ribbon commission to study it further."

As her voice began to fade, Bishop interrupted. "This bipartisan plan is sure to backfire on the Democrats, keeping them in a political pothole and will help catapult a Republican into the governor's office in 2110!"

Michigan's permanent government, the Lansing lobby core loved it. "Off the record," looking around to make sure no citizen could over hear him, a lobbyist observed, "it is a perfect plan." The lobbyist continued, "nothing changes, the bureaucracy remains intact, no restructuring, no reform and it gives the appearance that something was accomplished!"

*Pure Michigan – Pure Brilliance, * our leaders snickered.

Kinda makes you feel "stimulated" all over, doesn't it?

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Important vaccinations for seniors this flu season

Dear Savvy Senior I usually get a regular flu shot each fall, but would like to find out if

the swine SAVVY SENIOR flu vac-

cination or any other preventative shots are being recommended for seniors over 65 this year. What can you tell me?

Flu-Conscious Phyllis

Dear Phyllis, With a rough flu season expected, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is recommending multiple vaccinations for seniors this year: First, one for the seasonal flu and one for pneumonia, both of which you should get right now; and then, when it becomes available, a shot for the H1N1 swine flu.

Here's what you should know. Seasonal Flu

Just like every other year, a seasonal flu (influenza) shot is important for seniors age 65 and older to get because they have the highest risks of developing dangerous complications. The flu puts more than 220,000 people in the hospital each year and kills around 36,000 - 90 percent of whom are seniors. Medicare Part B pays for flu shots but if you're not covered, there are plenty of places that offer them for free. To locate a vaccination site call your county health department or the CDC information line at 800-232-4636, or visit www. flucliniclocator.org. (Note: if you're allergic to chicken eggs, latex, have a history of Guillain-Barré syndrome or

have had a severe reaction to a flu shot in the past, you should not get vaccinated without consulting your doctor first. Or, if you're ill with a fever you should wait until your symptoms pass.)

Pneumonia

The other vaccine the CDC recommends for seniors is for pneumococcal pneumonia (the vaccine is called Pneumovax). If you're over 65 and haven't already gotten this shot, you should get it now. With the double risks of regular flu and swine flu looming this season, both of which can lead to pneumonia, this vaccine can provide you protection that will last for up to 10 years. And, you can get it on the same day that you get your flu shot. This vaccination is also covered under Medicare Part B.

Swine Flu

Seniors are also recommended to get the H1N1 vaccination for swine flu when it becomes available to them. The first 45 million doses - of a total of 195 million - are expected to be ready the first or second week of October, but the CDC is recommending that the most at-risk populations receive it first. That includes pregnant women, healthcare workers, parents and caregivers for children under 6 months old, people ages 6 months to 24 years, and those ages 25 through 64 with chronic health disorders such as asthma, respiratory illness or a compromised immune systems. Once the demand for those

groups have been met, health officials are then recommending everyone ages 25 through 64 receive the H1N1 shot, followed by seniors age 65 and older. The reason seniors are at the back of the line for this vaccine is because they're less vulnerable than the younger age groups. According to the CDC, seniors have encountered flu strains as children that offer them some protection from the swine flu, but they should still get the shot. **Covered under Medicare**

Part B, swine flu vaccinations will be available in most of the same places that seasonal flu shots are given. To locate H1NI vaccination sites and check vaccine availability, call your doctor, the county health department or the CDC information line at

800-232-4636.

Savvy Tips: In addition to getting vaccinated, the CDC reminds everyone that the three best ways to stay healthy during flu season is to wash your hands frequently with soap and water, cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze and stay home if you're sick. For more information on the seasonal flu and swine flu, visit Flu.gov. And to learn more about recommended vaccines for older adults see www.cdc.gov/vaccines.

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

Here's a story that holds glimmers of hope in a sea of bad news

Forty-four seats in the Michigan House of Representatives were forced

open by term limits for last November's election. The folks at the Center for Michigan saw the 2008 election as a forerunner of the watershed one coming next

November. That's when we'll elect a new governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, 30 new state senators and nearly one-third of the House.

So, last fall, the Center got involved.

Working in partnership with Detroit Public TV (WTVS) they sponsored a program of "Great Debates" between House candidates in SE Michigan. Nearly 65,000 peo-



ple watched, according to the station. More importantly, the debates focused exclusively on the "common ground agenda for Michigan's transformation." That was a report that

emerged from 180 community conversations sponsored by the Michigan's Defining Moment public engagement campaign, also run by the Center for Michigan.

The detailed agenda was also handed to candidates - both Republicans and Democrats - in 50 one-on-one meetings during the primary season. Among the points stressed by Michigan citizens who participated: How important bipartisanship is in the Legislature - and how miserably lacking it has been in recent years.

Following those conversations, the voters spoke. Candidates were elected in November, and come January

they were duly sworn into office. And then something remarkable happened. The newly-elected freshmen representatives formed themselves into a bipartisan freshman caucus -- something unprec-edented in Michigan politics!

All the freshmen pledged to work in a bipartisan way to help the state, not just to score partisan debating points off each other. Virtually every newly-elected House member joined in.

For a time, their announcement was greeted with the usual Lansing skepticism. Some said the effort would never get off the ground. Others predicted the freshman caucus would be nothing more than a social gathering. Last summer, Lansing pundit Tim Skubick criticized the caucus for lack of action.

But last week, following yet another clumsy failing effort by the Legislature to pass a balanced budget, members of the

bipartisan caucus introduced a bill to force legislators to finish work on the state spending plan by each July 1 or have their pay docked for each day they miss the deadline.

The legislation would require the legislature to present all general appropriations bills for the succeeding fiscal year to the Governor on or before July 1 of each year.

There are 27 co-sponsors of the bill, 14 Democrats and 13 Republicans. State **Representative Bill Rogers** (R-Brighton) is the official sponsor. The legislation needs to pass with two-thirds of the votes in both the House and Senate to place the measure on the August 2010 ballot.

That may be a long shot, the sponsors know. Still, "I am outraged by what took place this week regarding the budget and, more importantly, by what did not take place," Rogers told me.

"It's ridiculous for the Legislature not to finish work on the budget in time for schools and local governments to get a clear idea of what they'll have to work with rather than have to wait until the middle of the fall," when spending plans are already in place.

He wasn't alone. "After the ordeal we saw in the legislature, it's crystal clear the budget process is broken and in need of major reform," Rep. Tim Bledsoe (D-Grosse Pointe) told me.

True, Michigan's fiscal year starts Oct. 1. Still, "It's unconscionable for the legislature to continue to delay their budget duties when local governments and school districts began their fiscal years on July 1," said Bledsoe. A political scientist, Bledsoe teaches a course in the legislative process at Wayne State University.

Bledsoe thinks there's a good chance the bill will make it out of the House with the necessary two-thirds major-

ity to get on the ballot. He's not so sure about the Senate, although he points out that comment from other legislators and the media have been positive. I'd guess if the Senate feels backlash from the public about this year's late budget, they'll think seriously about moving the measure.

Rep. Lesia Liss (D-Warren/ Center Line) is quoted in the caucus' press release as saying, "Any other Michigan worker would lose their paycheck if they failed to do their job. It's time to hold the Legislature to that standard." Amen to that.

And good luck to all members of the freshman bipartisan caucus. Their work could be the first sign that reform of Michigan's dysfunctional political system really is possible.

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Northville High School fans pound thundersticks during Friday's 17-0 win over the Salem Rocks. The victory gives the Mustangs momentum heading into tomorrow night's rivalry with Novi for the Baseline Jug.

Coming home!

Northville High School students chose their 2009 homecoming king and queen - Aris Zervos and Laura Kallil — Friday as the Mustangs went on to beat Salem, 17-0.

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Some participants of Northville High's Homecoming pep assembly "musical chairs" competition celebrate their initial victory in the event. FHOTO COURTESY OF CAROL ZINSER



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The 2009 Northville High School senior class homecoming court. Front row, from left: Genna Nundy, Amy Castro, Laura Kallil, Madison Owen, Haley Goldberg. Back row: Myles Baker, Connor Koblinkski, Aris Zervos, Chris Bentley, Dan Stern.



JCHN HEIDER'STAFF FHOTOGRAPHER

Northville High School sophomores get into Fri., Oct. 2nd's Homecoming pep assembly in the school's gymnasium.

Northville's cheerleaders go high up during Friday's pep rally.

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Students enjoy the pep rally Friday before the Mustangs shutout Salem, 17.0.

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As my colleagues in the Legislature and I continue our budget negotiations, it's clear that difficult decisions will have to be made in order to protect vital programs such as K-12 education, scholarships including the Michigan Promise, local police and fire protection, and health care for kids and seniors. These programs are essential to jumpstarting Michigan's economy, moving the state into the future and protecting our most vulnerable citizens.

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budget through such steps as reducing all legislators' budgets and requir-ing ourselves and our staff to

pay more for health care. I believe it is imperative that elected officials share in the sacrifice being asked of Michigan families in these difficult times.

Make no mistake; budget negotiations will be tough. Nevertheless, it's my belief that we will resolve the budget crisis by reaching out across the aisle and working together.

I encourage residents to share their questions and ideas about the direction our state is going and ways we can help get Michigan back on track.

20th District State Rep. Marc Corriveau (D-Northville) represents

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Northville swimmers fall to Novi - B6

Mustangs win homecoming game

Gridders topple Salem, look to Baseline Jug game **BY SAM EGGLESTON** CORRESPONDENT

It was only fitting that the Mustangs found scoring from every facet of their team in last week's victory -- it was, after all, homecoming.

The Northville gridders, coached by Matt Ladach in his second year at the helm, earned a 17-0 shutout victory over the Salem Rocks in a game that featured scoring by the offense, defense and special teams units.

"Our players gave great effort on Friday night, as we are all pleased with the victory," said Ladach. "It's not easy to shut a team out and our defense deserves an 'attaboy' for their performance."

And the shutout isn't the only reason the defense deserves a pat on the back. The defensive squad found themselves fending off a Salem push deep into Northville territory with time expring in the third quarter an a 10-0 Northville lead. A touchdown by Salem would have made it a completely different game, but Northville ended up not having to worry about that scenario thanks to the quick hands and field vision of John Alandt, who snagged an interception off a Salem pass and then jaunted 66 yards for the touchdown to cap the scoring and put Northville up 17-0.

The game, which was a Central Division contest, found Northville leading just 3-0 going into the locker room at halftime. The Mustangs and Rocks held each other scoreless throughout the first quarter and Northville got on the board with 7:05 remaining in the second quar-ter off a 36-yard field goal by Jake

Robideau and the special teams unit. It wasn't until there was 2:08 left on the clock in the third quarter that the offense found the end zone, scoring on an eight-yard run by Levi Perry that put Northville up 10-0.

Perry had four carries on the day for 21 yards, but it was Brett Smith who lead the rushing attack, earning 80 yards on 14 c arries for the



Levi Perry celebrates his touchdown with fellow Mustangs during their 17-0 homecoming shut-out against Salem.

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs will be back in action when they take the short trip to Novi tomorrow at 7 p.m. for the annual Baseline Jug game. The winner of the game is awarded the traveling Baseline Jug, a trophy crafted from a Guernsey Dairy milk container.

Northville, which is 4-2 on the season with three games remain-



Girls golf earns Central Division crown

Mustangs go 10-0 against division foes

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

Notch another championship for the perennially tough Northville Mustangs girls golf team.

The squad, coached by Mary Jane Ossola, earned the Central Division title last week with dual meet victories over South Lyon and Novi. The victories, which were both at Northville's home course of Tanglewood, earned the team a 10-0 division record this year.

The Mustangs showed their prowess when they defeated South Lyon 175-210 on September 30, and then repeated their impressive play with a 178-209 victory over the Novi Wildcats two days later.

Against South Lyon, the Mustangs looked to Stephanie Sakorafis and Brianna Roberts to lead the way as the girls tied for the medalist spot with 42s. Not far behind was teammate Jackie Kjolhede, who shot a 44, while Camilla Zhao carded a 47 on the day.

"Stephanie and Brianna have been our most consistent players all year," said Ossola. "I can pretty much count on them to play well whether it be a ninehole match or a tournament. They have been medalist or shared medalist honors in all but one match this year and they have been low scorer for our team in all but one tournament. Against the Novi Wildcats, the numbers looked pretty close to the same as usual. Roberts earned medalist with a 41 while Sakorafis recorded a 42 in the victory. Zhao shot a 45 and Kjolhede rounded out

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Mustangs. Alandt notched 32 yards on three carries.

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ing, needs two more victories to ensure a playoff perth. Novi, which is 3-3 on the year, needs to win the remainder of the games on its schedule in order to make the playoffs. The last time the Muslangs beat Novi was the 2000 season.

ball for a Northville gain against Salem Friday.

Girl harriers continue to roll

Northville beats South Lyon, takes fourth at Centerline

ON TAP

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs girls cross country team showed both the talent they have and the dedication to their sport and their team last week.

The team, coached by Nancy Smith, earned an impressive 16-47 victory over the South Lyon Lions in a dual meet before taking fourth in the Centerline Invitational-a meet that was optional for the harriers because of homecoming celebrations.

"The meet was optional because of homecoming, but 14 runners took the offer and came up with great times on a flat course with great competition," noted Smith.

Northville took fourth out of a field of 27 teams, earning 124 points on the day. Grosse Pointe South won the meet with 35 points while Troy finished second with 44 points.

Up next for the Mustangs will be the Portage Invitational this Saturday before the squad runs a dual meet against Stevenson Tuesday at 4 p.m. Northville is then slated to run in the conference meet a week from today.

Leading the way for Northville? None other than sophomore Gina McNamara, who took fifth place overall with a career-best time of 18:57-her first run that surpassed the 19 minute mark. Up next for Northville was freshman Erin Dunne, who was 14th in 19:46, while Alexander Draybuck, a freshman, took 29th in 20:27. Not far behind was sophomore

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Mustangs still running well

Harriers beat Lions, take third at Center Line

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs boys cross country team showed that it is ready for the conference tournament and some post-season running with an impressive showing of talent last week. The squad, which is

helmed by Chris Cronin,

ran to a victory over **Central Division rival** South Lyon last Tuesday before taking third out of 11 teams in the Centerline Invitational.

We are getting close to running with the elite teams in the state," said Cronin of his squad's

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ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs will be back in action when they play in the regional tournament today and a lot is riding on the squad's performance. Northville is defending regional champions, but face some very stiff competition from the likes of Grosse Pointe South, Novi and Livonia Churchill. The top three teams will be awarded entry into the state finals, which are held a week from Saturday.



NORTHVILLE STALLIONS WRAPUP

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Varsity reaffirms priorities after losing to Livonia, 18-7

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"Got your homework done? That comes first! Knock that out right after school and before you come to practice."

This has apparently been Coach Pirone's longstanding advice for our boys this sea-son. So might it be any wonder that nearly a fourth of our team missed practice time this past week? "As we practice is how we'll play", Pirone added. It's clear the Stallions live up to the Northville reputation. particularly when it comes to setting priorities in academic excellence, as well as in simply enjoying "the game" of playing football.

Don't get it wrong ... there were some very good plays on the field this past Sunday as our boys went head-tohead with a team full of some really big guys. The coaches all admitted that our defense was great; however, their defense made it through our offensive line and sacked our guys numerous times. So much so, Coach Pirone had to doublecheck after the game to ensure that nobody had a hidden injury tucked away. He was compelled to make sure no player was quietly walking away with more than a few bruises.

That tough defensive line making admirable tackles at the beginning of the game consisted minimally of Hermanth Panditi, Gregory Stewart, Chris Komorous, Kevin Charara, Conner Walters, Jake Cheslik, Alex Justice, Keenan Moss. Matthew Pirone, Zach Werksma and Grant Iovan.

Despite this powerful lineup, the Livonia Blue Jays still scored big. They had their first touchdown within one minute of the end of first quarter; and their second touchdown saw five minutes left in the second quarter. At halftime the Blue Jays left the field flying high at 12-0.

The birds returned to the field to score their third and final touchdown with nearly seven minutes left in the third quarter.

In their final hour however,

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Stallion freshman Marcus Lee scored three touchdowns against the Livonia Blue Jays on Sunday.

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it was time for the Stallions' offense to step up, and they did. In the first half of the game, Kevin Charara had already recovered the other team's fumble and running back Conner Walters did well to move the ball in offense. Complimenting those plays in the second half, quarterback Jake Cheslik ran the ball several times. He not only achieved a first down but also a touchdown and the extra point with three minutes left in the third quarter.

Other substantive yardage gains were impressively made by running back Keenan Moss and tight end Andrew Meacham in the third quarter.

With four minutes left in the third quarter and the score at 18-7 in favor of the Blue Jays, our defensive line held their ground for the rest of the game. As it was clear that the Blue Jays could not or would not be throwing the ball this game, our Stallions stepped up the defensive pressure. Beside Pirone, Walters, Werksma,

Komorous, and Panditi, there were other tackles made by Caleb Bien-Aime and Alex Doering. Additionally, Dominick Tipoli made an outstanding play when he brought down the ball-carrier on the outside line near the end of the third quarter.

After the game, it was clear that the team needs to continue practicing hard if they want to "win" at football. You should have seen the expression on the all of the coaches faces when, after Coach Pirone did his duty of "chewing out" the boys, he asked the question, How many of you are actually having fun out there?" The entire team of players readily raised their hands.

The boys certainly do know their priorities; and the Stallions' "spirit" is indeed alive and well. These young men realize the importance of "delayed gratification" and the necessity of thinking ahead toward their college futures. "Winning" truly is "relative" when considering that football is supposed to be fun. This is what sets us apart as "winners" here in Northville, regardless of the game score this time around. This is also why we as parents are proud of all our Stallions players. Enough said. Coach Pirone sought only to end the day with his foreboding reminder: "You gotta' keep those grades up. If you don't perform well in school, you won't be playing on the football field either." In their final words, all the other coaches expressed their optimism that they too expected to be seeing each of the players hard at practice next week ... practicing to "win" in both "fields".

tion, coupled by Grant Kiple's carry down the field. Blue Jays took over on downs, but faltered, giving another turnover to the Stallions and set them up for their next touch down. Christian Peters, James Lewis and Nick Green held the line so that Tejas Bedi had time to make a speeding pass to Justice who brought the ball in the end zone making it, 12-0 in favor of the Stallions. Perhaps the highlight of the games was Justice's perfect kick through the uprights to bring the Stallions fans to their feet and gave them a 14-0 lead going into halftime. Though the Blue Jays scored

a touchdown in the third quarter, they couldn't put any more points on the board. The rest of the game was a battle of wills, sheeting rain, and no additional scoring. By Dawn Peters

Freshmen soar over Livonia, 31-19

tection and rush blocking from offensive linemen Bryce Marmaduke, Andrew Mertz, Kurt Wigent, and Alex Ajlouny With a Stinebiser run and Jonathon Michalak reception, the ball was advanced to the 22. Cameron Dixon took the hand-off at the 22 and raced to the outside left, under hot pursuit by the Blue Jay defense. Dixon found an opening and sped the ball down to the fouryard line, setting up a first and goal. With 10:03 left in the second quarter, Stinebiser capped the drive with a touchdown pass to Benjamin Schmidt, advancing the score to Stallions 12, Blue Jays O. Then with 1:40 remaining, the final Stallion touchdown of the half was set up with when Marcus Lee intercepted a Blue Jay pass on the Stallion 42. Stallion running back Shane Rankin followed up by finding a cut-back lane and running the ball over 40 yards across the goal line. The Stallions went into half



By David Sch.ed

JV clips the Blue Jays' wings, 14-6

Neither rain, nor injuries, nor slippery fumbles could keep the JV Stallions from prevailing on Sunday in their game against the Livonia Blue Javs.

Six minutes and 52 seconds into the game, Hunter Doering executed an amazing handoff to Jordan March who tore down the field for a 54-yard touchdown to put the Stallions on the board. The Stallions tackled and pushed the Blue Javs back over and over again. The first quarter ended with a pitch to Jake Sattterfield and a long pass that was intended for Dion Johnson.

Early in the second quarter Doering made the first down which led to a picture perfect run by Troy Borawski for a 30-plus yard charge down the field stopped short by a flock of Blue Jays at the five-yard line. As the Blue Jays began to move down the field, Jake Justice made a nice intercep-

Like the legendary flying horse, Pegasus, the freshmen Stallions took the air to defeat the Livonia Blue Jays, 31-19. Quarterback Matt Stinebiser's aerial assault connected with Marcus Lee for three of his four touchdown passes of the day; Benjamin Schmidt pulled in the fourth. The rushing game took off as well, highlighted by a 40-yard touchdown run from Shane Rankin. The Stallion defense stayed firmly on the ground where they dominated the field and kept the Blue Jays from ever taking off.

The Blue Jays received from the Orange Crush to open the game, but were halted on their first offensive series when defensive lineman Brandon Grizer burst into the backfield to disrupt a fourth and long pass attempt. The Stallions took over on their own 35, but didn't stay there for long. Running back Shane Rankin quickly galloped around the left cornerback and took the ball to the Blue Jay 29-yard line. The Stallion passing game began with a play-action toss to Cameron Dixon who advanced to the 24. With Stinebiser's arm loosened up, he catapulted a 20-yard pass to Marcus Lee who bolted into the endzone. With 6:50 left in the first quarter, the Stallions led the Blue Jays 6-0.

In the second quarter, the Blue Jays were stuffed on fourth down once again when Stallion nose guard Jordan Grewe and linebacker Shane Rankin smacked into the Jay ball carrier on a fourth and one attempt. A measurement was made, but the Stallions held the Jays by inches and took over at the Blue Jay 32yard line. The Stallions then orchestrated their second touchdown drive, assisted by strong quarterback protime up 19-0.

The third quarter was dominated by defensive play, highlighted by a Jack DeBrabander fumble recovery on the Blue Jay 32 with 5:58 remaining. When the Stallion offense took over, flanker back Sean Jaszczur blocked down on the Blue Jay defensive end, allowing QB Cole Wissman to sweep around the corner and advance the ball into the Blue Jay Red Zone. Blue Jay defense strengthened, however, and the Stallions turned over the ball on downs.

In contrast to the third quarter, the fourth quarter was an offensive showcase! The Blue Jays scored their first touchdown with 9:08 to go in the fourth, but the Stallions answered quickly when Stinebiser threw to Lee for a touchdown with 7:28 on the clock. Just seconds later, the Jays scored on a kickoff return, and it was Stallions 25, Blue Jays 12. Keeping the Stallion momentum alive, Evan Treiber broke several tackles on the kickoff return and advanced the ball to the Blue Jay 25. The Stallions capitalized when Stinebiser connected with Marcus Lee, for Lee's third touchdown of the day. Outstanding defensive play by Alexander Karam, and Jakob Hoffman would slow the Blue Jays down on the next series, but with 2:30 left in the game, the Jays completed a pass narrowing the score to Stallions 31, Blue Jays 19. The game ended with the Stallions on offense with Jackson Van Arnam and Alexander Karam advancing the ball.

Congratulations to the Freshmen Stallions on an outstanding game. Their next game will be Oct. 11 against the Livonia Falcons at Bently Field.

By Tim Grewe

NORTHVILLE COLTS WRAPUP

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the Colts led 7-6. The Colts'

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Now, the Colts held the Braves

back with a series of tackles by

Elliot, Gingell, Minick, Zimbo,

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with consistently strong defen-

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Colts' attempts to gain yards,

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By Kristina Dunne

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to Zachary Prystash, and now

a perfect execution of that

Varsity loses hard fought game against Braves, 24-10

On Saturday, the varsity Colts played in the cold driving rain against the Walled Lake Braves. The game started on a bright note with Robby Parks electrifying run on an 82 yard kickoff return that saw him weaving between would be tacklers that could not bring down Robby as he hit the crease at the 40 and was long gone. The Colts led 6-0. The Braves answered on a 70-yard pass and converted on the kick to take an 8-6 lead.

Parks struck again from deep inside Colts territory and ran for an 80-yard touchdown run that saw him twist out of a tacklers grasp at the 28 and from there Robby won the footrace to the end zone. Zachary Wilds then nailed the kick for a Colts 14-8 lead at the end of the half.

On a day that looked as if the Colts would take charge, the Braves were able to capitalize on another long pass and a quarterback sneak to take a two touchdown lead. On this cold windy day, the Colts tried hard to fight back and were able to move the ball with the hard running of Sean Conway and Joey Hewlett. On this blustery day, the passing game was difficult; however, Tyler Kwasny made a spectacular leaping catch that was one for the highlight reel.

Along the way, a big fumble recovery by Ben Webber and defensive hits by Parks and Conway led the defense. The Colts would like to wish a speedy recovery to Patrick Hannah who injured his ankle early in the first quarter. Patrick is an anchor on the offensive and defensive line and was missed in this hard fought game.

The Colts next opponent is the Multi Lake Gators. The Gators play at Walled Lake Northern High School with the game starting at 4 p.m. on Saturday. Please note that the game starts one hour later than the usual time.

Submitted by John Zimbo

Zach Prystash goes high for attempted interception for the Colts Saturday.

JV struggles against Walled Lake, 18-14

Nothing about the match between the JV Colts and the Walled Lake Braves at Walled Lake Central High School on Saturday was easy. The weather was unforgiving, sometimes windy, then rainy, then suddenly cold and briefly sunny. The Braves, celebrating their

homecoming, were confident and full of energy.

The JV Colts' Joseph McCormick received the kick. The Colts started on an offensive progression with carries by Luke Booth and a nice little toss from David Dillon to Justin Zimbo, gaining a few yards. Then the Colts fumbled the ball. Despite strong defensive maneuvers,

with key tackles by Colts Sean Smith and Michael Minick, the Braves were set up to score and brought in the first touchdown of the game, and the Colts were down by six. The Braves kick attempt for extra points was no good, and the Colts regained control but ultimately lost possession of the football on downs. The Colts did not give up, forcing

PHOTO COURTESY OF DIANE KILAR

Freshmen lost to Braves, 27-0

> The Freshman Colts lost to the Walled Lake Braves on Saturday in their first away game of the season. The Braves struggled with the elements in the first few plays, leading to several fumbled snaps. Jeffrey Varner set the pace for the Colts with two QB sacks that kept the pressure high and contributed to a scoreless first quarter.

Early in the second quarthe Braves to give back the ball ter the Colts drove deep into after they too failed to prog-Walled Lake territory, but ress, thanks to excellent defensive stoppers Timothy Elliot gave up the ball on downs. Abe Now, the Colts were poised to score, and when the ball was snapped to quarterback David Dillon, he kept the ball, was effectively blocked

Khoury and Bradley Lewis recovered a fumble giving Colts possession for another offensive drive. The Braves held and took the ball back on downs, when Colin Gardner intercepted a pass with seconds remaining in the half. The first half ended scoreless in a defensive battle between both teams in the elements.

The Green Machine drove the ball down field, but gave it up on downs to open the second half. The Braves scored a touchdown on a 21-yard rushing play. Drew Atkinson broke up the extra point, 6-0 Braves. The Colts received the ball on their 45-yard line and Abe Khoury advanced the ball with a QB sneak that led to a key first down for the Colts. Walled Lake then recovered a fumble on their 41-yard line. A 23-yard break-away and extra point would give the Braves a wider lead at the end of the third quarter, 13-0.

Early in the final quarter the, the Braves score a 59-yard TD and extra point to make it 20-0. Walled lake took possession of the ball on a fumbled kick-off, but turned it over on downs. Abe Khoury threw a 23-yard pass completion to Collin Gardner for a Colt's first down, but the team turned it over on downs. Walled Lake delivered final score and extra point, closing the game 27-0 Braves.

Abe Khoury led the Offense with 23 yards passing and 25 yards rushed on QB keepers. Collin Gardner delivered 15 carries for 60 yards. Jacob Khoury rushed for 21 yards, including a 16 yard back-field sprint. Ben Brady also contributed with five carries for positive gains.

An assertive Drew Atkinson led the Colts defense with 12 tackles, including three key stops in backfield breakaways. Ben Brady, Collin Gardner, and Bradley Lewis delivered 8 bone-crushing tackles each to keep the defensive pressure up. Abe Khoury, Patrick Walker and Spencer Gonda also contributed.

The Colts continue their season on Oct. 11, against the Walled Lake Gators at Walled Lake Northern.

By Mike Brevard -

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Northville spikers won't give up

The Northville Mustangs vol-

leyball team will play against a

visiting Stevenson squad today

at 6:30 p.m. in Northville's

gym. The team will then com-

pete in the Kensington Lakes

Activities Association Challenge

Invitational Saturday at 8:30 a m.

before playing host to the Salem

Northville will then host Novi a

week from today with a 6.30 p.m.

"All 14 team members contributed to this victory," said

Unfortunately, not all games

have ended in victory for the

Mustangs. Northville fell to

Salem and Novi in the two

over South Lyon.

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Against Salem, Northville

fell in three, 25-23, 25-23 and

Northville coach Amanda

Rocks Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

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Yalkin.

Squad struggling, but still finding victory

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs volleyball team is learning a lot of lessons. Unfortunately, many of them are the hard way.

But one lesson that paid off for the Mustangs last week was a simple one -- never give up. The Northville spikers earned a hard-fought victory over the visiting South Lyon Lions in four games, 25-16, 15-11, 16-25 and 25-16.

The Mustangs earned the victory with a total team effort. Lauren Colasanti and Rachel Zinkowski earned 13 assists. Zinkowski added five aces on the day, while Kelly Maise earned four aces, Danielle Borthwick and Rebecca Martin had three, and Lindsey Fox, Melani Mullett and Colasanti added one each.

Rachel Huang and Rebecca Martin added two blocks each in the victory, while Ariana Drury, Casey Waldo, Emma Brick and Megan Gertley had

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25-11. Huang led in aces with two,

while Ellie Mindick led in blocks with two. "We are ready to work hard for the next time we meet in

league," said Yalkin of seeing Salem again. Against Novi, the Mustangs

put up a fight and pushed the game to four matches, but ultimately fell, 25-13, 21-25, 25-14 and 25-23.

Zinkowski had 14 assists on t he day while Colasanti added seven. Megan Gertly patrolled the middle, notching four blocks against the Wildcats while Maise dominated the day with 10 kills. Melanie Mullett led in serve receive percentage with a 2.75/3.0.

"The Northville ladies brought a lot of energy and prove they can play at a high level," said Yalkin. "They continue to put in work every day to strive for a higher level of play."

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

Mustangs earn soccer tie, win

Northville needs help to win division

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs would have been in the driver's seat for the Central Division title had they been able to find a way to beat rival Salem last week. Instead, the squad earned a tie, leaving them in a position of needing help from one of Salem's last two divisional opponents in order to clinch the division crown.

The Mustangs mustered a 1-1 showing against the Salem Rocks in a game that head coach Henry Klimes said was well played by both sides.

"We played them well but didn't over dominate them to the point where I thought we definitely should have won," he said. "I think a tie is a fair ending to that one."

The Mustangs found themselves trailing early in the game after a well-executed play found the Rocks getting a kick past goalie Nick Shaya for the 1-0 edge in the first half.

Northville didn't give up, however, and made some changes at halftime, bringing out more firepower in their offensive strategy and relying on the midfielders to fall back into defense coverage. The result was a goal by Fatai Alashe with 11 minutes left in the game to knot it up, 1-1.

*Fatai has been playing very well," noted Klimes. "He's been a great asset to this team."

The Mustangs scrambled for a chance at another goal, hitting the crossbar on a shot by Doug Beason and having several more shots

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The Mustangs are slated to play in the conference cross-over game Nonday and Wednesday before heading to the district tournament October 19.

stopped by Salem's goalie, who Klimes said is an expected candidate for Mr. Soccer this year.

The tie brought Northville to a 5-1-2 record in division play and 8-4-4 overall. Salem stands at 6-1-1 with two division games remaining.

Northville needs to win both of their final Central Division contests-against Novi and South Lyon-and then needs Novi or Stevenson to either tie or beat Salem in order to regain control of the division.

The Mustangs also played Stevenson last week, notching a 2-0 victory over the Spartans.

"It has been a long time since we beat Stevenson twice in one year," said Klimes. They are in the same position we are and have a young team, but it's still nice to go into Livonia and get a couple of wins."

The Mustangs had junior Matt VanHouten in goal, earning the shutout victory, while Alashe and Beason scored in the victory.

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NORTHVILLE SPORTS BRIEFS

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.

Adult coaches needed

Adult Coaches are needed for Northville Parks & Recreation's youth basketball. Your child will play for free if you volunteer to be a head coach. If you are interested, call Lisa Christensen at (248) 349-0203, extension 1405. Coaches meeting and clinic will be held Oct. 7.

Northville travel basketball tryouts for sixth grade boys

Try-outs for the 2009-10 Northville boys sixth grade travel basketball team will be held on Sunday, Oct. 18 from 1-3 p.m. and Monday, Oct. 19 from 5-7 p.m.. at the Northville Senior Center on Main St. in downtown Northville. If you have any questions, please contact Todd Williams at (248) 207-2324.

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Mike Wegzyn had a rough outing at quarterback, despite collecting 125 yards through the air. He completed just over 50 percent of his passes, going 12-for-23, and was picked off for a single interception and no touchdowns.

The primary receiver on the day was Brad Wagner, who hauled in five passes for 45 yards, while the versatile Alandt collected 42 yards on four receptions.

The tenacious defense was the most valuable part of the Northville game, however, and it was led by nosetackle LaDarrius McLarin, who recorded a team-high 12 tackles, forced a fumble and recovered a fumble on the day. Not to be outdone, Kyle Galdes and Devon Pearson each recorded seven tackles, while Trei Walton snagged an interception, recovered a fumble and added six tackles to his stats. Justin Umin collected four tackles on the night, but also forced a fumble and recovered a fumble in the victory, while J.V. SanMartin notched the lone sack on the night.

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Northville seniors Kyle Galdes and Dan Stern cut a Salem player's run short on Friday right.

Mustangs looking to earn back **Baseline** Jug Northville hasn't beat

Novi since 2000

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

The last time the Northville Mustangs football team beat Novi, the current seniors on the Mustangs football team were in third grade. That, however, doesn't diminish the rivalry one bit.

The Mustangs, led by Matt Ladach in his second year as head coach, will be looking to march down Taft Road and beat the Novi Wildcats on their home turf tomorrow night at 7 p.m. Their strategy? Tough football -- the same kind that has brought them a 4-2 record so far this year.

"We hope to come out and punch them right in the mouth," said Ladach of his offensive game plan. "We are going to do what we do, and we're going to do it to the best of our ability. If they prove that they can stop our bread and butter-we'll have a plan in place."

Northville has been using a combination of rushing and passing all season, and with game-winning results. So far this season they have outscored their opponents 106-73 with losses coming to Stevenson, 31-0, and Grand Blanc, 21-14.

Novi is no slouch, despite a troubling 3-3 record. They have out-scored their opponents 104-67 this season and have lost their three games by a combined 23 points. Stevenson edged by them last week, 14-7, and Milford barely escaped, 18-16, in week one. Walled Lake Central had a convincing victory, 20-6, in week two.

"Novi is coming off a tough loss to Stevenson," said Ladach. "They are now 3-3 on the season and their playoff chances dim with another loss. That being said, Novi will be at their best on Friday night."

Ladach has seen Novi plenty of times in his coaching career, having been an assistant for many years at Northville before taking the head coaching position with the departure of Ryan Hocking two years ago.

Northville beat Novi, 35-14, in 2000. Since then, Novi has won nine straight, including a post-season state playoff victory in 2004, and has outscored the Mustangs 310-139 over that time span.

Novi owns the all-time record, leading 23-17 since the two teams began to play.

Ladach knows the pain of bowing to Novi all too well. In 2008, his first year as head coach, the Wildcats barely escaped with the victory, 14-12.

"Novi is an extremely well coached team," said Ladach. "I am confident that they will have a solid game plan coming into Friday night.". In the history of Novi's program, they have had just two head coach-es. John Osborne took the reins in 1966 and held onto them until 2000 when he turned them over to Tab Kellepourey. Kellepourey, who has Osborne as an assistant coach, has not lost to Northville yet.

But Northville isn't worried about who is standing on the sideline. They know its the players in the game who have to earn the win. This year, the Mustangs don't bring anything fancy to the table.

They don't have 1,000-yard rushers or passers. They don't run a single wing or some other odd offense. Instead, they bring to the field the type of player who can win any football game they are in - gritty, hard-nose gridders.

Leading the way in the ground game for Northville will be Brett Smith, who has 395 yards on 74 carries and four touchdowns so far this year, despite sharing the backfield every game.



The Northville defense spent homecoming night spoiling any Salem hopes for a score in their team’,s rout of the Rocks



As Northville's Tyler Stevens hold the ball, Jake Robideau makes good on a field goal for the first score of last Friday's game against Salem.

Brett is a gamer," said Ladach. "He has great athleticism and I anticipate he will be our primary ball carrier again this week."

But Novi is known for their ability to stuff the line of scrimmage and stop the ball carrier, so Ladach will be looking to Mike Wegzyn to lead the attack through the air. The junior quarterback has 581 yards passing and three touchdowns off 48-for-104 completions. He has also run the ball 130 yards on 34 carries.

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'What starting quarterback isn't a key player in a game like this?' Ladach asked. "Mike's abilities will force Novi to defend the entire field. He throws darts out there and he also runs through defenders like a freight train. Novi might want to buckle up for safety on Friday night."

When Wegzyn unleashes a pass, his two favorite receivers are Dan Mills and Brad Wagner. Mills has 20 catches for 262 yards and two touchdowns this year while Wagner has hauled in 18 catches for 248 yards and a single score.

"We can do a lot of things with Dan. He can run, he can throw and he can catch. It's our job to get him the ball and it'll be Novi's job to stop him," said Ladach. "Brad is a threat at receiver. He has the ability to catch the ball in front of the defense and turn it into a big play. He has the ability to run right by defenders as well."

The Mustangs won't by relying on just their offensive skills, however. Defense has been a main part of their game this year, and they have a middle that is stacked solid with talent.

Middle linebacker Dan Stern has 40 tackles and a fumble recovery so far this year, while free safety Trei Walton has 24 tackles. two fumble recoveries and three interceptions. Nose tackle LaDarrius McLaurin has 32 tackles, two forced fumbles, one fumble recover and one sack on the season.

"Dan comes down hill fast," said Ladach of Stern. "He is a tough kid and he'll come up and hit as hard as anyone else in the division.

Walton and McLaurin have carved a name for themselves so far this season as well.

Trei covers a lot of field in the secondary. He has great range, and he makes folks realize that football is more than just a contact sport," Ladach noted. "LaDarrius' presence in the middle forces opponents to game plan around him. His ability and athleticism makes things even more difficult on our opponents. I don't know there is an offense lineman in our division that can block him one on one. He is double teamed on a regular basis and he still makes plays."

And if the middle weren't strong enough, the Mustangs have Mike MacLean at outside linebacker, too. So far this year, MacLean has 34 tackles and one interception.

"Mike has been consistent all season," said Ladach. "He is a very coachable young man, and he takes great pride in executing assignments.

The beauty of a game like this one, said Ladach, is that there is nothing that needs to be done to pump the team up. They will be ready to play come Friday night.

"We don't have to do anything special to motivate players for this game," Ladach said. "Our players know the importance of this game, and they want to win this game more than any other game all season. I really want our team to relax and play football."

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Northville tankers bow to Novi

Mustangs can't beat Wildcats top swimmers

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

It wasn't a typical result for a team with as much depth as the Northville Mustangs. The swim squad, coached by Brian McNeff, only took six th place in one event. Such a

only took sixth place in one event. Such a showing usually means a team is destined for victory. Unfortunately for Northville, that wasn't to be the case last week as they bowed to the talent of Novi's top swimmers, 105-81.

"This was a tough loss, but Novi is a really good team and has a lot of good swimmers," said McNeff. "I thought our depth matched up really well. Their top swimmers were just a lot stronger than ours."

Because of the loss, Northville drops to second place in the Central Division and will look to top South Lyon East and hope Stevenson is able to upset Novi in order to regain control of their title hopes.

But no matter the outcome of the remaining dual meets for each team, the Northville Mustangs will have another shot at Novi in both the division meet and the conference meet.

If Northville and Novi each win their upcoming dual meets, Northville could still earn a tie in the division with a win at the Central Division tournament.

"The division meet standings plus the dual meet standings will both determine the division champion," noted McNeff. "So if we get first place at the division meet, then the worst we could do would be a tie for division champions with Novi."

Northville will have to find some more speed from their squad than they had against Novi last week.

The Mustangs started the meet out with a second place showing from the 200 medley relay team of Shannon Lohman, Catherine Cui, Faith Miller and Becca Myers with a time of 1:56.92. The team continued to showcase their depth, as they have all season, throughout the remainder of the meet. In the 200 free, Maddy Kipke swam to second in 2:01.48, while Leah Erlandson was fourth in 2:09 and Michelle Song was fifth in 2:10.11,.

Lohman was third n the 200 individual medley with a time of 2:22.41, while Cui was fourth in 2:23.07 and Briana Schoenek was fifth in 2:25.71. In the 50 freestyle, Miller took second in 26.57 seconds while Myers was third in 26.91 and Sarah Garrity was fifth in 27.08. In the 100 fly, Miller took Northville's only first-place finish, swimming to victory in 1:02.5, while Lia Nagata took fouth for the Mustangs in 1:05.48.

In the 100 freestyle, Schoenek was third in 58.67 seconds while fourth went to Myers in 59.93 and fifth was Garrity's in 1:00.01. The Mustangs found Kipke taking second in the 500 free in a time of 5:28.42, while Erlandson took fouth in 5:41.59 and Song was fifth in 5:44.32.

The Mustangs swam well in the 200 free relay, taking second in 1:48.82 with a team of Cui, Schoenek, Garrity and Myers, while Lohman took third in th 100 back in 1:03.01 and Rachel Brown was third in 1:05.84 and Nagata was fourth in 1:07.52. In the 100 breaststroke, Northville's Cui was second in 1:12.36, while Kelly Burford was third in 1:15.07.



Northville Mustang Lia Erlandson swims on Oct. 1 against the Wildcats of Novi.





A Northville Mustang swims the butterfly during an Oct. 1 swim meet against Novi.

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The Northville Mustangs swimming and diving team will be back in action when they visit the Churchill Chargers Monday at 6:30 p.m. before playing host to the South Lyon East Cougars a week from today at 6:30 p.m.



Mustang Shannon Loman swims against Novi.

Northville took second and third in diving, with Jennifer Jones and Kelsey Libbe earning 171.55 and 168.6 points, respectively.

The team of Lohman, Kipke, Schoenek and Miller finished the day with a second-place showing in the final event of the meet. The foursome finished the 400 freestyle relay in 3:55.17.

"They are the top team in the league now," said McNeff of Novi. "We know now what we have to do in order to beat them at the league meet."

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Mustang Maddie Kipke swims on Oct. 1 at home.



Nustang varsity swimmer Faith Miller swims on Oct. 1 against Novi.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, October 21, 2009, at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The ZBA will consider requests for the Sunoco gas station, 39950 5 Mile Road (sign variance) and a resident at 15403 Maxwell (cumulative square footage of detached accessory buildings) Written comments regarding these requests will be received by the ZDA at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168 The meeting will begin at 7 30 P M.

Paul Slatin, Chair Zoning Board of Appeals

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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Schoolcraft College announces that the financial audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, has been completed by Plante & Moran, LLP, Southfield, Michigan. It has been presented to the College Board of Trustees and has been accepted by them.

Notice is hereby given that the aud:t is available for public inspection in the Office of the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer in the McDowell Center at the College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, Michigan, on weekdays, between the hours of 8 00 a $m. \cdot 4$ 00 p m

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE Chapter 170

The Planning Commission has scheduled a public hearing to consider an amendment to Chapter 170, Zoning Ordinance, Article 40, Administration, Enforcement and Penalties, to increase the number of Zoning Board of Appeals members from five (5) to seven (7). The meeting will begin at 7:30 pm on October 27, 2009 at the Northvalle Townshup Municipal Offices, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northvalle, Michigan

The public is invited to attend this hearing and express their comments and questions. Written comments regarding the proposed changes will be received by the Township Planning Commission, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. A complete copy of the proposed change is available at Northville Township Offices during regular business hours, 8 30 A M. to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday

Richard Allen, Chair Planning Commission

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INVITATION FOR BIDS City of Northville

SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES

Sealed bids will be received in the City of Northville Council Chambers, City Hall, and 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167 until 2:00 p.m. local time on Wednesday, October 21, 2009 for the City of Northville Snow Removal Services.

This program consists of furnishing all necessary labor, materials, supervision, equipment, and insurance to perform quality snow removal services through the overnight hours for the City of Northville. Contract documents and bid proposals can be obtained by contacting the Northville Department of Public Works at (248) 449-9930.

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

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Shamrocks earn piece of Central Division

FOOTBALL

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks football team had two primary goals when coming into the season -- win the Catholic League's Central Division and earn a trip to the state playoffs.

With their shutout 27-0 victory over Orchard Lake St. Mary's last Sunday in the 65th Annual Boys Bowl, Catholic Central reached both of them.

The Shamrocks followed the lead of Niko Palazeti, who carried the ball for 145 yards on 25 rushes, as they pounded their way to a 6-0 record. Since the Shamrocks opted for a nine-game schedule this year, they were required by Michigan High School Athletic Association rules to earn six victories in order to guarantee a playoff berth.

The Shamrocks found themselves facing a slew of defenders who were set up to stop the run, and thus chose to throw the ball early in the game. Quarterback Sam Landry didn't have much success, pushing his team down the field on their opening drive only to throw an interception in the end zone.

The defense held tough, however, keeping Orchard Lake St. Mary's utterly confused on offense, and got the ball back. From that point on—with few exceptions—it was classic Catholic Central football.

Palazeti was used to grind the defense down, pounding the ball up the gut as he recorded nearly half of Catholic Central's 299 yards on the ground.

The Shamrocks put up a 17-0 score by the end of the first half and didn't look back. Anthony Capatina, one of Detroit Catholic Central's top running backs, snagged a pass out of the backfield on a quick out pattern on fourth down and rushed in for the score late in the first half. The defense then forced a turnover and the Shamrocks tacked on a field goal to put themselves in control of the contest. The second half was largely clockcontrol football for the Shamrocks, who continued to pound the ball and utilize play action to keep the Eaglets honest on defense.

Orchard Lake St. Mary's did threaten late in the game, however. Trailing 27-0, the St. Mary's offense managed a long drive that put them in the red zone. The Catholic Central defense, with their backs against the goal line, pushed through the line and forced and recovered a fumble to preserve the shutout—the first for St. Mary's in 123 regular-season games. The Shamrocks defense held St. Mary's, which dropped to 2-3 with the loss, to just 121 yards and six first downs throughout the entirety of the game.

The victory didn't come without costs, however. On Palazeti's last carry of the game, he rumbled 25 yards before taking a hit from the Orchard Lake St. Mary's defense. The tackle was enough to separate Palazeti's shoulder, though it is expected he will be able to play when his squad travels to Warren to take on rival DeLaSalle tomorrow at 7 p.m.



Catholic Central's Niko Palazeti blasts over the line for a touchdown Sunday.



The Shamrocks huddle during Sunday's 27-0 win over Orchard Lake St. Mary's.





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CC's Anthony Capatina (20) looks for an opening with Butch Herzog (42) and Joe Snyder (63) clearing the way against Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

Cathoic Cengtral's Anthony Capatina eludes an Orchard Lake St. Mary's defender enroute to a a • touchdown.



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JV 'Stangsshuts out Salem, 55-0

The Northville Mustang junior varsity football team improved their season record to 4-2 with a 55-0 rout over the Plymouth Salem Rocks. The tone of the game was set early, as Brandon Patrone stunned the Rocks home crowd by returning the opening kick-off 79 yards for a touchdown. From that point on it was all Mustangs.

The Mustangs ran the ball 46 times for 292 yards. Jeff Gertley, Billy Mitchell, Brandon Patrone and Travis Compo all had touchdown runs, courtesy of the stellar performance of the offensive line. Jeff Gertley also tossed two TD passes, one each to Andrew Wright and Brandon Patrone.

Defensively the Mustangs forced the Rocks to turn the ball over six times. Max Grezlik and Billy Mitchell each recovered a fumble, while Dawson Laabs (two), Jeff Gertley and Andrew Wright picked off passes. Wright's pick was returned for a Mustang TD. Travis Compo led Mustangs with seven tackles, and a whole herd of Mustangs had four or five each. For the second straight game, the Mustangs kept their opponent from reaching the end-zone. "It is a good time of the season to be

"It is a good time of the season to be playing good football" said Head JV Coach Joe Rohrhoff. "We host Novi next week for the division title, and it will take another great performance on both sides of the ball to defeat the undefeated Wildcats."

Game time is 7 p.m. this evening. By J:m Houston

Emotions high in 28-27 freshman loss to Salem

The Mustangs, coming off a two-game winning streak, were fired up and ready to take on the Rocks from Salem. You could feel the emotions of the players from the opening kickoff. The Mustangs stopped the Rocks' first drive, forcing them to punt. One bad snap later and Northville has a first and goal from the two-yard line. On the next play, Colin Bailey runs it up the middle for a touchdown and the early lead. The quarter ends on a strong defensive play by Tim Fazzini sacking the Salem quarterback, with the Mustangs leading 7-0.

Salem puts together a sustained drive and moves down the field and into scoring position with first and goal from the seven-yard line. The Mustangs put up a strong goal line stance but on 4th and goal Salem runs it in from the one-yard line, they miss the extra point and cut the Mustang lead 7-6. On the ensuing kickoff Brad VanHulle brings the fans to their feet as he returns the kick 74 yards for the touchdown and a 13-6 Mustang lead. With less than a minute left in the first half, Salem blocks the Mustang punt and returns it for a touchdown; the

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55-0 first half ends 13-12 Mustangs.

As fans we can only imagine the conversations that go on in the locker rooms at the half. Which coach will have the inspiring words to motivate their team, we can only tell by the play on the field. As the second half starts it looks like the Mustangs have the edge, Northville receives the ball and drives down the field 63 yards, scoring on a Philip Hayes one-yard run, extending their lead 19-12.

Salem, starting with great field position, from their own 40, charges down the field into the red zone. The Mustangs come up with a great goal line stand denying the Rocks on fourth and goal from the one.

Football can be an emotional roller coaster from one play to the next. After the great goal line stop by Northville, Salem forces the Mustangs to punt from their end zone which results in a safety and two points for the Rocks. In addition to the points, Salem gets the football.

Salem takes advantage of the Northville miscue and drives down the field for the go ahead touchdown. On fourth and 10 from the 16-yard line, a scrambling QB throws a pass to his tight end on a slant pattern, for the score.

They're successful on the two-point conversion and now lead Northville 22 -19. The next series of plays can only be

described as emotions running high. After Northville stops the Rocks and forces them to punt, the Mustangs are called for roughing the kicker; if you saw the play, you may have called it differently. In any event, it was close enough for emotions to rise. In the referee's point of view the Mustangs emotions got a little out of hand. After using his yellow flag, his hat and anything else he could use to mark the penalties, the ball is moved from the 45-yard line to the 15. A couple of plays later Salem scores and moves ahead 28-19 with 3:33 left in the game.

Jake Hansen takes charge of the Mustangs and charges down the field. From the 20-yard line, on a half back pass, Philip Hayes has to reverse his direction, evading the Salem defenders, and somehow finds Brad Merlo open in the end zone for the touchdown. Jake Hansen throws a bullet to Chris Markotos on the two-point conversion closing the Salem lead to only one point.

The Mustangs try the onside kick with 1:26 left on the clock but are unsuccessful and the game ends with Salem on top, 28-27.

Football like life can be very emotional. At times we are all tested to teach us how to control those emotions. On this day, on the Salem football field, our Mustangs were tested. One thing is for sure, the Mustangs came together a little closer as a team, they fought the battle as one, and that we all should be proud of.

By Pocco Politirone

Catholic Central soccer squad perfect last week

Shamrocks topple Divine Child, U-of-D and Pioneer

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

The Shamrocks soccer team knows how to warm up for the Catholic League tournament and the upcoming post season -- a perfect week of soccer.

The squad, which is coached by Joe Nora, collected three wins last week as they defeated University of Detroit Jesuit High School, Ann Arbor Pionecr and Divine Child.

Against Divine Child, the Shamrocks found themselves on the right side of a 3-0 shutout thanks to the defensive play and some great goalkeeping by Alex Lang between the posts.

"I thought we played very well on a wed, muddy field," said Nora of his squad. "We let the ball do the work and played very solid in the back."

Nora noted the play of Gina Pulice, Brian Treanor, Christian Arthur and Garret Biddenger, who he said "played organized and smart on defense for us."

Earning goals in the contest were none other than Josh Gatt, who

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The Shamrocks will be looking to defeat Livonia Franklin when they visit them tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. The kickers will then be in Catholic League tournament action next week.

netted two, and Ryan Majsak, who had one. Assists were earned by Mike Tolkacz, who had two, and Majsak, who had one. The victory, which was earned last Friday, propelled the squad to a 10-1-3 record overall and 5-0-2 in Catholic League play.

The Shamrocks also earned a victory over Ann Arbor Pioneer last Thursday, defeating the Pioneers, 2-1, in a non-league showdown.

"We got down early and had to work very hard to come back," said Nora. "In the second half, we went right at them and got in for two goals and the win."

Earning both goals for the

Shamrocks was Gatt, who is widely considered one of the top players in the state of Michigan. Assisting was Tolkacz and Wes Harding. Harding was also responsible for

Harding was also responsible for earning the win between the posts as the Shamrocks goalie.

The week started off on the right foot for the Shanrocks when they earned an 8-0 mercy victory over U-of-D. According to Michigan High School Athletic Association rules, a team that leads by eight goals in a high school soccer game is automatically declared the winner.

The squad notched two goals from Gatt, Giovanni Sturla and Tolkacz while Dylan Hagan and Kenny Hintze earned one each. Earning assists were Sturla, who had three, Gatt, who had two, Pulice, Majsak and Christian Arthur.

Harding was in goal for the shutout victory.

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Catholic Central notched Central Division title Harriers blow past U-of-D to clinch title

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

Four Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks crossed the finish line together last week, showing their packing capability and their desire to share in the glory of a dual meet victory and a Central Division title.

The Shamrocks, coached by Tony Magni, found themselves in complete control of their dual meet against the University of Detroit Jesuit High School, a meet they won, 16-46. The victory not only kept the Shamrocks undefeated in dual meets this season, but clinched the Central Division championship for the harriers.

Andrew Garcia-Garrison, Ricardo Galindo, Austin Zrbrowski and Viktor Puskorius all crossed the finish line together with a time of 17:01! They were awarded first through fourth place finishes in the meet, respec-

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The Shamrocks cross country team will compete in the Oakland County Championship Tournament this Saturday at Kensington Park.

tively.

Steve Fabian, U-of-D's top performer, was fifth with a time of 18:00, while Catholic Central's Matthew Koziara was sixth, teammate James Haapala was seventh, Sean Carney was ninth and Ryan Doyle was 11th. The harriers ran the course at Dalia Park on a cool,

cloudy and windy day that didn't have temperatures climbing above 55 degrees.

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improvement throughout the year. "We'll need to continue to move in that direction in order to compete at our regional (tournament)."

Leading the way for Northville in the Centerline Invitational was Frank Griffiths, who took fifth overall in the meet with a time of 16:07. Griffiths was aided by the very flat course, running to a season-best time of 16:07.

"Frank mistakenly thought that the course was only two loops. He ran a tremendous second mile and actually ran a negative split," said Cronin. "You don't see that too often in the top runners."

Trent Johnson was next for the Mustangs, running a 16:42 for 13th place while Matt Sierra ran a 16:57 for 18th. Northville's Chad Cini took 21st, running a 17:04. All of Northville's top runners earned "gold" medals for finishing in the top 30. The Mustangs also earned

a victory over the South Lyon Lions last week, topping them 23-34. Griffiths, once again, took charge for the Mustangs and ran a 16:59 for first place. Johnson was third overall with a 17:09 and Sierra was fourth in 17:18.

"South Lyon is a very good team," said Cronin. "I think they had us if the race had been a 1.5 mile course, but we ran the race we wanted to run and the guys took control of the race in the last mile."

Finishing the scoring for Northville were Ed Clifton, who was seventh with a 17:37, while Cini ran a 17:38 for eighth place.

"Ed and Chad were terrific for us today," said Cronin. "They both finish races well, which makes my job as a coach easy."

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Lisa Hamel, who ran a 20:46 for 35th place, while junior Emily Sklar was 41st in 20:56 and freshman Alex Rodriguez was 48th in 21:07. Rounding out the scoring was junior Sara DeDona, who ran a 21:20 for 56th place.

"This has always been a fast course to run and the girls always do well," said Smith. "This is a great confidence booster and helps set the tone to show what they are capable of."

Three days prior to the Centerline Invitational, the Northville Mustangs were busy beating division rival South Lyon in a dual meet, 16-47.

The squad captured the first

earning first place overall with a time of 20:10. Four freshmen crossed the line next, with Dunne taking second in 20:33, Draybuck in third with a 20:34, Katie Vandervoort taking fourth in 21:04 and Rodriguez in sixth in 21:23. Taking the final two spots were Sklar, who was seventh, and Hamel, who was eight, with times of 21:24 and 21:29, respectively. "I was pleased with the per-

formances across the board today and we showed improvement from our last time on the course," said Smith. "The goal today was to race not only South Lyon, but challenge tour teammates, and they did just that. We had some good packing today with our runners and they are working hard at this and it is starting to show."



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Cosmos champs

The Northville Cosmos defeated the Northville Arsenal in the championship game to win the 2009 Northville Cup in the HSO Boys division. Pictured (I to r, back) are Coach Ray Wildey, Mike Spillane, James Haapala, Hunter Wright, Roman Jaworski, Michael Macdonald, Eddie Echelmeyer; (second) Nick Dembicki, Brian Wildey, Garrett Maxmiuk, Peter Marilley, Ryan Trotter; (front) keeper Greg Cheslik.

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the scoring with a 50. The Mustangs were slated to play in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association conference tournament Tuesday, which is after the sports section deadline. Northville's toughest competition, most likely, will be Livonia Churchill and Plymouth, both of which earned a tie for the South Division title with one dual meet loss each. Winner of the tournament will be crowned conference champion.

The squad will play in the regional tournament today with a chance to go to the state finals.

*To have a chance to win

either of our tournaments this week, we will need to have the entire team play well," said Ossola. "We do not have a player that can really go low in terms of score, so it will truly be a team effort if we are to be successful."

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Catholic Central loses Catholic League title

Shamrocks harriers stunned by Brother Rice

BY SAN EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

It wasn't the outcome the **Detroit Catholic Central** Shamrocks were hoping for-or expecting-when they played in the Catholic League Tournament last Saturday. Instead of walking away with a victory, the Shamrocks, which have been ranked No. 1 in Division I tennis nearly all season, bowed to Brother Rice. "Brother Rice came to play and deserved the tournament victory," said Catholic Central coach Joe Stafford. "We offer no excuses. We will rebound from this disappointing loss. I am confident our guys will find a way to turn this into a positive as we prepare for regionals this week. Not all of the Shamrocks need to rethink their strategy. Joe Dube', the Shamrocks first singles standout, earned a conference flight championship, as did Nick Petrucci and Robbie Guindi at third

The Shamrocks will compete in the state regional tournament

Dube' went on to beat him 6-0 in the final set. The Catholic League flight championship marks Dube's third Catholic League title.



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tomorrow at Novi High School. The top two teams from the regional earn automatic bids into the state finals tournament or a team can qualify by the rare occurrence of scoring enough points in their regional.

doubles.

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"Joe has been such a consistent performer for us this year," said Stafford. "He comes to play every day and never takes a day off. In three years of high school tennis, he has only missed one day of practice. High school tennis is important to him and he is on a mission this year."

If that mission is perfection, Dube' is accomplishing it. So far this year he is 25-0 in matches and has lost on one set, which was to Portage Central's Ryan Richmondplenty of success to bring with them as a building block for a potential regional title.

"This is Nick and Robbie's first Catholic League championship," noted Stafford. "They were really excited and played at a high level with a lot of energy."

The Shamrocks also had several flights make it to the league finals, where they bowed out. Kevin Hodges and Willy Willson at second and third singles, respectively, and the first doubles team of Yong Tae Kim and Derek Mumaw and the second doubles team of Brandon Kosinski and Zach Wisniewski.

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Gridiron Greats

Hall of Fame induction at Rock Oct. 10

Gridiron Greats Assistance Fund will hold a first annual Hall of Fame Induction Dinner to be held at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi on Oct. 10. This event will honor 13 players for their outstanding NFL playing careers as well as for their charitable contributions.

Amongst the honorees at the dinner will be former Detroit Lions and Pro Football Hall of Fame members Bill Dudley and Charlie Sanders along with Lions greats Earl Morrall, Ron Kramer, Terry Barr, Jimmy David, Roger Brown and Darris McCord.

"This is a great way for us to honor deserving individuals not just because they were great players but because they have given so much back to the community" said Tom Nowatzke, head of the Detroit Chapter of the Gridiron Greats.

Tickets for the dinner cost \$150 per person or \$1,300 per table of ten. Proceeds from the dinner will go to the Gridiron Greats Assistance Fund, as well to the family of Mason Samborski, a former Oak Park, Mich. police officer who was shot and killed in the line of duty last December leaving behind a wife and young daughter. The family will be in attendance. Also being honored and present will be former Lions great Wally Tripplett, who after graduating from Penn State in 1949, was the first-ever African American Player selected in the NFL draft and who actually played in the NFL. Additional retirees to be honored include John Panelli (Notre Dame/Detroit Lions), legendary Pittsburgh Steeler and Notre Dame great Rocky Bleier and University of Michigan greats Reggie McKenzie (Buffalo Bills) and Albert Wistert (Philadelphia Eagles). John Conti, a former University of Detroit Great, will be honored for his charitable work for the NFL Alumni.

Terry Forster, of the Detroit News will be the master of ceremonies and included in the program will be a GGAF 'media award' presented to longtime Detroit News columnist Jerry Green.

Many players will be present and available for an autograph session which will take place between 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10 also at the Rock Financial Showplace and Oct. 11 at the Livonia Elks. Times of player availability will be announced shortly. for our Open Skating Times

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I opened Brookside Travel in May 2001 when the travel agency business was at its peak. I had worked for many years at AAA Michigan and decided to venture out on my own. My background in finance along with my passion for travel and eagerness to assist others with their travels led me to this challenging venture. Timing is everything but little did I know that in a few short months, travel would come to a drastic halt. September 11, 2001, occurred and changed travel, the way we knew it forever. Hard work, perseverance and focusing my efforts on areas where people would still travel (like the honeymoon market) did keep our doors open. I assisted people that were afraid to travel find destinations that were appealing to them and their family. I offered good customer service keeping travel of high importance. 1 also partnered with strong companies like Sandals Resorts that believed in the importance of what a good travel agent provides to his clients.



Brookside Travel owner Jim Ehehalt with Patty Castrodale (standing) and Debi Steele.

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We have definitely felt a slow down in travel bookings due to the recent economic developments. People are still traveling but we see a shorter booking window and shorter stays. The volatility of the job market and job security has forced us to take a wait-andsee approach when making financial decisions. There are definitely some great deals out there, and you just need to make sure that it is the correct time for you to travel. Do not feel guilty if you can travel as each and every one of us deserves to be happy. Vacations are a good thing so get out there and enjoy. Any advice for business owners?

I think many people work at a job that they may not like but have to make a living: This will pay the bills and you can do that job for a long time. If you are going to open your own business, it has to be some that you truly enjoy doing. There will be long ours and many sleepless nights but if it is successful in the end, the results are well worth it. What's in store for the future of your business?

Pre-paid legal services can be a good idea

reader contacted me following a recent column about referral sources. In particular, this individual mentioned that several of her work colleagues had a pre-paid legal services plan. The question she asked was, should she drop her

current lawyer and pay for a similar plan for herself? So what are pre-paid legal services plans? There are two

TAKIN' CARE OF BUSINESS deed.

One major benefit to individuals with private-pay plans is the lower cost to retain an attorney for minor matters. The downside would most likely be what matters are excluded from coverage; the lower the cost of the plan, the fewer services included or hours allotted to the client.

So why would someone pay for a legal services plan if services are excluded? What many people do not recognize are the number of legal issues they face each month. I get calls from people on a daily basis asking a "quick question." Whether it is a dispute with their homeowners insurance, a mortgage company, Social Security office, or a matter that requires a professional review, such as a lease agreement, employment contract or credit card agreement.

If a private attorney is retained for every "quick question" a client has, the client will be charged by the hour. If the choice comes down to paying an attorney for an hour of his or her time at \$250 to review a credit card agreement or "roll the dice," most people will take their chances and sign the agreement uninformed.

Although opinions of pre-paid legal services plans are mixed between those in favor and those opposed, both opinions have merit. The favorable opinions generally find that it is beneficial to have an attorney review all legal documents before signing them, regardless of how petty they may seem. Whether the terms can be negotiated or not is another story, but being fully apprised of your rights and obligations is never a bad thing. In addition, the cost savings of a pre-paid legal services plan can be tremendous for someone interested in understanding all of their legal rights.

The unfavorable opinions tend to find that too many services are excluded, such as complex litigation or criminal matters. Others complain that the client does not get the lawyer of their choosing

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or that the quality of the legal services is poor. Clearly, the design of a legal services plan will be to provide attorneys from a selected group, many who are not partners in the silk-stocking law firms. As far as the services provided, most plans will scrutinize the participating lawyers, including their relative specialties, to provide quality and competent representation.

As is the case with most industries in the United States, attorneys and law firms have been hit hard by the economic downturn recently. Several prominent law firms have downsized, merged with others or simply gone out of business. The past year has seen attorney billable hours decrease substantially and clients with difficulty paying their invoice increase. Many clients complained about not knowing what their ultimate financial obligation would be until their matter was resolved. As a result, all attorneys have had to adjust their business model in this strained economy so clients can budget for their expenses

Pre-paid legal services plans is one business model that may replace the \$10,000 retainer fee and \$375 per hour rate of yesterday. Other models include "flat fees" for many out-the-door transactions (\$2,500 for an estate plan, \$500 for a bankruptcy, \$1,000 for a real estate closing) and reduced hourly/contingency fees in litigation (\$85 per hour, ¼ contingency fee for any amount collected). For cost-conscious and prudent consumers, this is a good thing.

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employee. The benefit is obvious:

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opened?

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

I am thankful for my initial clients that booked with me when I first opened my doors in 2001. They were looking for that memorable experience but were unfamiliar with Brookside Travel. That did not stop them, however, because it was a local travel agency in the community and we were there to assist. The clients that booked their honeymoon

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Caribbean Vacation Get-Away at the Bak Bar at Poole's Tavern in Northville on Oct. 22 at 6:30 p.m. featuring Kate Heath of Sandals and Beaches Resorts. Everyone welcome; please RSVP.

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If there is an upcoming holiday, you can expect Sizzling Sticks Cafe to be ready for it. With Halloween coming up this month, the restaurant is decked out in spooky ghosts, scary spiders and decorations galore.

"For Halloween, we really go all out," Viola said. "A lot of people come here around the holidays to see our over-the-top decorations, like our upside trees around the Christmas season. We run specials on Mothers Day, Valentine's and Sweetest days and more."

But festive decorations are just the beginning of customer appreciation. Free cheesecake is offered to guests on their birthdays, or they are encouraged to bring in their own cakes to celebrate.

Now through December, kids eat free Monday through Thursday with the purchase of an adult stir-fry.

"Customers become like a family to us because we know their names and their

Discounts are offered to large parties,

and fundraisers are held frequently at the

restaurant for local high school groups

birthdays," Orlando said.



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Sizzling Sticks Cafe Owner Orlando Viato says Thank You! to all of his customers new and old throughout the last 12 years.

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> - Orlando Viato **Owner, Sizzling Sticks Cafe**

and organizations, where 20 percent of profit during the event is donated. The restaurant also offers customer appreciate punch cards, a mailing list and an e-mail list to receive seasonal discounts.

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TRANSFERRING OLD SKILLS TO NEW JOBS



groaning companies and industries are causing so much frustration among job seekers that you may have to scrap conventional

Today's

thinking about background to

prepare for something new. Duncan Mathison of San Diego's Duncan Mathison & Associates bases this statement on 19 years of experience in the field of career transition: 'It's common to look at your own industry or professional marketplace and realize there are not a lot of options." Searching for something new can lead to a different job in either the same or a new industry. It can also result in a new job in a new industry. The last is a double whammy, difficult to accomplish, but possible.

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The main challenge you face is daunting: identifying skills you've used, packaging them in the language of the new industry and persuading an employer to hire you rather than someone with a more traditional background. Knowing what skills to emphasize, how to fill critical gaps and how to convince an employer to hire you are

essential to finding work in new environments. TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

Although many people bandy about the term "transferable skills," you might be confused about what they are. Eileen Sharaga of New York City reports that the concept behind this phrase came from Howard Fiegler and Richard Bolles in the late 80s to refer to skills that you could take into a new job, industry, profession or career. Sharaga has adapted the concept to include these

transferable skills, all with multiple applications: -- communication skills;

- -- research skills;
- -- creative skills;
- -- organizing skills;
- -- analytical skills;
- -- problem-solving skills; and
- -- synthesizing skills.

"They are apt to have shown up early in life and are source of our success," she says. "These help you make a radical transition or move your

career to the left or right. Deborah Bailey, president of DBC Communications L.L.C., in Piscataway, N.J., mentions that you're not just transferring skills. You're also transferring "aptitude, which can be applied to something else." GAPS

Mathison sees an incredibly important "perception gap," which occurs when a new field uses different language from yours, obscuring the relevance of your background, even when you list transferable skills. When writing or speaking, you must use the language the new field uses or you'll be perceived to be overwhelmingly and unchangingly an outsider.

Of course, even as you're couching results in your previous experience in the new language, you still have to know how to sell your difference from competitors who've already worked in the industry or occupation. Take heart, Bailey suggests, because "people with that same skill set may not have the experience or results or culture of the company that could be hiring you." Mathison would agree, pointing out that if they "hire the same of same of, they'll not get your energy and outside perspective."

He further advocates doing research about a job. "That's basic," he remarks. "The other level makes the difference -- fit, motivation, a different perspective or new way of solving old problems." He advises asking employers what differentiates their top 10 percent of employees in terms of "quality, skills and competencies" versus the acceptable or mediocre ones. He adds another important step -- getting the person to tell you what critical issues the industry or profession is facing. Knowing where people are struggling will give you many clues to where you might contribute.



San Diego's Duncan Mathison of Duncan Mathison & Associates speaks with a client about overcoming the perception that experience with school children wouldn't apply to university faculty. He's been guiding people in career transition for 19 years.

Finally, as BJ Gallagher writes in "It's Never Too Late To Be What You Might Have Been," listening rather than tearing around in your job search will give you clues about where you should be going (Viva, \$15.95). Then, she writes, The best jobs are those that are a little too big for you. They force you to stretch and grow."

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Rotarians Mary Yellardita (from left) and Antoinette Martin greet Knatarsha Allen of Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County, a recent Westland Rotary speaker. Martin is club president, Yellardita president-elect.

Habitat homes are here, there, almost everywhere

BY JULIE BROWN OSE STAFF WRITER

Knatarsha Allen of Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County is excited about the Christian housing ministry's efforts in Westland and Wayne.

"We provide simple, decent, affordable housing for people," said Allen, assistant to Executive Director Alice Dent. Allen spoke to a lunchtime audience Thursday, Sept. 24, at Westland Rotary. The Plymouth-based affiliate

The Plymouth-based affiliate builds homes with brick fronts of some 1,150 square feet. They're generally ranches, with three-four bedrooms, one and a half baths and a basement.

There will be five-seven total homes in Westland, a combination of renovations and new builds to be determined by needs. "We have gotten a wonderful partnership with Mayor (William) Wild and Westland," Allen said.

The Westland mayor has also praised the collaboration, in which the city donates land for Habitat use. Allen, who has degrees from Eastern Michigan University and the University of Toledo College of Law, sold real estate for eight years.

She noticed home ownership tended to result in better property maintenance. "It just starts to disintegrate," she said of unoccupied homes. Many cities and townships work with the affiliate to put people in homes.

"These homes are going to be built from the ground out,".the married mother of four said of some Westland homes slated for 2010 completion. Other communities, 17 total in western Wayne, include Canton, Redford

and Wayne.

The affiliate can be reached at (734) 459-7744 or online at www. habitatwwc.org. Volunteers are always needed, and you don't have to be handy. You'll need to be at least 18, although younger people help at other times with landscaping, volunteer lunches and other duties.

Allen put in a plug for the Oct. 4 Chili Cook-off in downtown Plymouth, with proceeds going to the Habitat affiliate. "This is an awesome event," she said.

Car donations also support Habitat, as do gifts to and shopping at the ReStores in Ann Arbor, Monroe, Pontiac and Detroit. Everything from Persian rugs to likenew cabinets is offered.

There are home sponsorship opportunities at \$75,000-\$80,000, on down through partnerships and team opportunities. Rehab of homes can be done by partners who pay \$10,000 or less. Those tend to go faster than new builds, Allen said, and cost less.

Habitat home recipients are screened, and provide a \$700 down payment and 250 hours of "sweat equity." They pay 0 percent interest on a 20-year mortgage: "Just the principal, that's all we ask," she said.

Habitat is known worldwide, including visible work by former President Jimmy Carter and wife Rosalynn. International work will start soon in Asia.

"It's just really awesome, doing it for a deserving family," Allen said of home builds.

Donated land is a major expense, she told Rotarians, so Westland's contribution is a big help. Renovation on a home on Vincent in Westland has started and will wrap up in 2010.

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Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium

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■ Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property

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Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a Fair Housing for Maintenance 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.

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agement practices. Leaders and mentors must show the way for all property management staff.

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.

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sales prices.		16442 Mulberry Way	\$256,000
		19286 Northridge Dr	\$48,000
Canton		48920 Rainbow Ln N	\$304,000
7341 Admiralty Dr	\$196,000	42199 Waterfall Rd	\$265,000
43131 Applewood Rd	\$173,000	Plymouth	
49761 Courtyard Ln	\$179,000	50854 Chestwick Ct	\$290,000
41675 Glade Rd	\$190,000	13777 Hilltop Dr W	\$320,000
45415 Harriet Ct	\$267,000	48404 Joy Rd	\$76,000
4071 Hunters Cir E	\$50,000	41170 Micol Dr	\$202,000
49721 Jackson Ln	\$350,000	40446 Newport Dr	\$67,000
43156 Lancelot Dr	\$157,000	50821 Weston Dr	\$310,000
248 Patriol St	\$180,000	10112 Wolfriver Dr	\$139,000
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464 Tyler Ln	\$183,000	19176 Delaware Ave	\$80,000
Garden City		19386 Denby	\$25,000
33581 Marguette St	\$116,000	25243 Donaid	\$60,000
1655 Moeller St	\$30,000	19469 Indian	\$35,000
29645 Sheridan St	\$102,000	15809 Macarthur	\$73,000
Livonia		20089 Macarthur	\$25,000
36025 Ann Arbor Tri	\$200,000	10034 Royal Grand	\$34,000
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11065 Hillcrest St	\$129,000	32809 Merritt Dr	\$65,000
14834 Ingram St	\$127,000	5942 N Walton St	\$135,000
29180 Jacquelyn Dr	\$118,000	34452 Parkgrove Dr	\$77.000
29583 Jacquelyn Dr	\$157,000	7866 Rivergate Dr	\$120.00
9828 Melrose St	\$147,000		

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Hopeful Auto Makers Say, 'Bring On The Fourth Quarter!





By Dale Buss

U.S. auto sales in September dipped to predicted lows because the Cash-For-Clunkers program ended in August and there weren't many buyers left, OEM executives reported. They're just hoping that the market's massive "payback" via last month's sales drought isn't extended into the fourth quarter.

Americans bought just 746,000 vehicles in September, representing a 23-percent drop from a year earlier and an abysmal seasonally adjusted annual sales rate of just 9.2 million units roughly the laconic pace at which economically shell-shocked consumers purchased cars during the first half of the year. And it was far below the relatively breathtaking sales rate of 14.1 million units that prevailed for August, when most buyers took advantage of a total of \$3.5 billion in rebates under the federal government's clunkers program and purchased more fuel-efficient vehicles.

"Ask any dealer and they'll tell you floor traffic was lousy all month, in every region for every brand," said Mark LaNeve, General Motors' North American sales and marketing vice president.

Added Ken Czubay, Ford's vice president of U.S. marketing, sales and service: "I've never seen a roller-coaster ride like this." Still, hot sellers for Ford in the month included the new Taurus

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With September viewed as an aberration in the wrong direction on about the same scale as August's was a positive one, industry leaders and analysts were left today mainly trying to read indicators concerning the near future.

"We're nearing the point at which the year-to-year [negative] comparisons are not so drastic – for the first time," said Jessica Caldwell, senior U.S. sales analyst for Edmunds.com, in Santa Monica, Calif.

Don Edmond, senior vice president of automotive operations for Toyota Motor Sales U.S.A., foresees "continued steady improvement in the fourth quarter," he said. Esmond predicted that overall industry sales would rise to a seasonally adjusted rate in "the high 10s" early in the current quarter and then to "the low 11's" by year's end.

Toyota, Esmond said, foresees 10.4 million in sales for the entire year. This is pretty much in line with projections by his counterparts in the industry. The overall rate for the third quarter was 11.5 million, after a 9.6-million rate for the second quarter and 9.5 million for the first quarter.

"The Cash-For-Clunkers payback will be minimal in the coming months," said George Pipas, Ford's head of U.S. industry analysis. ""We shouldn't be



Toyota's new Prius continues to define "hybrid" for American consumers.

using it as an excuse. The economy will stand on its own."

Michael DiGiovanni, GM's head of global industry analysis, is "cautiously optimistic that we'll have a good fourth quarter."

Still, it isn't as if the U.S. economy is flashing "full speed ahead." As Emily Kolinski-Morris, Ford's chief economist, noted, conditions are "difficult to interpret" right now, and, "It's difficult to sort through the volatility."

For instance, while DiGiovanni noted that growth in the U.S. Gross Domestic Product for the third quarter was more than 3 percent, such positive indicators are still being offset by still-rising unemployment rates and ups and downs in the housing market. While the economy is "clearly starting to gain momentum," he said, "the recovery will still be bumpy."

Chrysler's Peter Fong said he believes that "the remainder of 2009 will continue to be a challenge for the U.S. automotive market." The president and chief executive officer of the Chrysler brand, and lead executive for the sales organization, added, "Credit markets have thawed slightly, but still remain

Ford's new Taurus sedan already has become a hot seller.



tight, and consumer confidence ... is tenuous."

Actually, OEM executives are dealing with a concern that the clunkers program may so have depleted their inventories of desirable models that shortages could impede fourth-quarter sales. For that reason, some OEMs goosed production plans slightly this fall for particularly hot-selling models.

But they largely dismissed tight inventories as an overall problem even in the wake of torrid August sales that reduced supplies on hand of some models to just a few days.

Esmond said that Toyota "dealer inventories are still tight. We began October with ... only an 18-day supply. But we have a healthy pipeline in place and are optimistic that we'll improve soon to optimal levels." He said that the hot-selling Prius hybrid remains in especially short supply.

"Inventories were depleted by cashfor-clunkers without precedent," Kolinski-Morris said. "There will be effects on some vehicle lines into October, but for the most part it will wash out quickly."

