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## ON THE RECORD

### New Hope fund-raiser

New Hope Center for Grief Support is holding a Sing for Hope karaoke and early Halloween (costumes optional) event from 6:30-10 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22 at the Northville Sports Den (133 W. Main Street; main entrance off Cady Street in the Northville Square building).

Ten percent of all food proceeds will be donated to New Hope. Phone Pattie Bingham at (248) 348-0115 for more information.

### Treat Trail

Formerly known as the Pumpkin Walk, the Trick or Treat Trail will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 18, at Mill Race Village (215 Griswold) for preschoolers-third graders. Trick or treat around Northville's own historic Mill Race Village and visit the "not-so-spooky" buildings at this annual Halloween treat. Advance ticket sales are sold by specific event time. Due to the nature of the event, registration is not available at the event. Event held rain or shine, so please dress appropriately. Please arrive at the event entrance a few minutes prior to your registered time. Wear costumes, bring a trick or treat bag and a flashlight. Parking is available at Ford Field or behind the Water Wheel Centre building. \$7 child, parents free (time admissions).

### Blood drive

The blood supply in Southeast Michigan is critically low. There will be a Red Cross blood drive from 1-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15 at the fitness center in the Northville Hills subdivision, 15561 Bay Hill Drive.

Donors can sign up online by going to [www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org) and entering sponsor code NHGCS or by calling the Red Cross directly at 1-800-448-3543. Additionally, there is a fall promotion where all blood donors will be entered in a raffle for UM/OSU or MSU/Penn State football tickets.

### Call to crafters

The Michigan '50s Festival is hosting a craft show to raise funds for next year's Michigan '50s Festival. They are looking for crafters interested in participating. The event is at Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving.

If you are interested in participating please fill out the form at [www.michigan50sfestival.org](http://www.michigan50sfestival.org) or call Jeanette (517) 376-0813.

## Have a Heart for Hunger event Nov. 7



Northville students Sam Goode and Kaitlyn Bayer pack up food for the needy at a recent Kids Against Hunger event. Area residents are invited to the Have a Heart for Hunger fund-raiser the evening of Nov. 7, so this program can continue in Northville schools. Tickets are available for the soup supper and meal packaging for the needy, the concert, or both.

### ■ Soup supper, meal packing, concert to help feed the needy

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

**A**re you hungry to help fight hunger? Then plan to be at Northville High School on Nov. 7 for a unique anti-hunger event.

Billed as Have a Heart for Hunger and organized by a committee of Northville volunteers, the event will include a soup supper, meal packing and concert by "new-grass" band Mountain Heart.

"Do you ever watch the ads on television depicting starving children around the world and wish you could actively do something to help them?" asked Sue Laabs, committee member and president of the Northville High School PTA.

"Did you know that 40,000 children die every day from starvation, malnutrition or hunger-related diseases? Here's a way you and your family can actively help."

#### YOGATHON SCHEDULED ON OCT. 30

The Northville Yoga Center at 200 S. Main St. across from that will be going on throughout the event will benefit Kids Against Hunger, a service-learning program for students. Attendees can just have dinner, just attend the concert, or attend both. Tickets are \$10 for adults for the soup dinner or \$5 for children age 6-12, with

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#### MEAL PACKING DETAILS

The soup supper, concert and meal packing that will be going on throughout the event will benefit Kids Against Hunger, a service-learning program for students. Attendees can just have dinner, just attend the concert, or attend both. Tickets are \$10 for adults for the soup dinner or \$5 for children age 6-12, with



WELISSA HERNDON

The Holmes family of Novi, from left, Jeanne (Doug's wife), Rachel (Doug and Jeanne's daughter), Jean (Doug's mother), and Doug, stand in front of a memory quilt prior to the Gift of Life Ceremony Oct. 3 at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. James Holmes of Northville, Jean's husband and Doug's father, became a Gift of Life donor in June after he died from a sudden stroke.

## Local Gift of Life families explain program's value

■ Loved ones' deaths help others live

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

The best way to describe the Gift of Life program is that something good can come out of something bad. On Oct. 4, at least 700 family members of tissue,

eye and organ donors gathered at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi to honor Michigan residents who saved or improved the lives of thousands.

One of those members was Elaine Wolfe, 59, of Northville, widow of Jim Wolfe, who suffered a sudden stroke on Nov. 7, 2008. He worked in sales as a regional manager for a food broker and had just turned 59. Her birthday was Nov. 8, they had known each other since kindergarten, had been married just shy of 40 years and had two grandchildren, Ben and Emily. He loved the outdoors and going up north.

"We were RVers," she said. "He was a handyman who

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#### HOW TO ENROLL IN THE PROGRAM

Gift of Life Michigan is the state's only full-service organ and tissue recovery organization. It acts as the intermediary between donors, doctors and hospital staff. This organization, in collaboration with the Michigan Eye Bank, provides all services necessary for organ, tissue and eye donation. To sign up on the Michigan Organ Donor Registry or update your registration to receive a red heart donor sticker for your driver's license or state ID, go to [giftoflifemichigan.org](http://giftoflifemichigan.org) or call (800) 482-4881.

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## Senior Health & Living Expo Oct. 16

### Meet, greet star of Gem Theater's 'Ethel Merman's Broadway'

Health screenings, demonstrations, expert speakers and a meet and greet with Rita McKenzie, star of *Ethel Merman's Broadway* at the Gem Theater, are all part of the *Observer & Eccentric* and *Hometown Newspapers* Senior Health & Living Expo on Friday, Oct. 16.

The free event will feature more

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SMYERS GEM THEATRE

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Paula  
Northville

"The party Friday night was wonderful! Thank you very much for your own fine efforts in the coordination. The waitstaff is to be commended for their outstanding service and patience.

But the food, Gayle, was from HEAVEN!!! We assembled a group of very discriminating palates (Seattle, San Francisco, Chicago, Manhattan and Atlanta). I am still getting rave reviews.

KUDOS to the chef for his culinary expertise."

Betsy Ross  
Cleveland, OH

"It was a pleasure to have our shower for Liz and Justin at Fiamma Grille. Everyone involved was very Professional and Friendly. We also had many compliments concerning the wonderful food and beautiful banquet room."

Thank You,  
Margaret, Dennis, Linda and Will  
Livonia & Plymouth

"We wanted to tell you what a wonderful job you did for our rehearsal dinner on May 26. The Banquet room in Fiamma Grille was just perfect for the occasion.

The food was wonderful and the service was exceptional."

Joe And Jenny

"Last evening my husband and I hosted our Corporate Christmas party at Fiamma Grille. From Start to finish it was a wonderful evening.

The food was excellent, the service smooth and knowledgeable, the wine selection perfect. I know that during this busy time of year things don't always run smoothly.

Not last night, it was truly a delightful experience. "At Fiamma Grille eating and drinking is always a pleasure" says it best."

Thank You very much  
Karen and Ed

"Thank You so much for all your help with our wedding reception at Fiamma Grille! You did an exceptional job-we couldn't have asked for a better coordinator! Thank you to everyone who helped out as well - everything from food/drinks to the service to the decor was superb. We still receive compliments on our reception today, weeks afterwards."

Sincerely  
Kevin and Amy

"I wanted to drop you a quick note to tell you what a wonderful job both John & Gayle did for my party. The food was beautifully executed and our server made sure everyone always had a full glass or cup. Everyone had a great time. Especially me since I did not have to worry about the meal or service."

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# City of Northville awarded \$5,000 junior firefighter grant

■ One of only 10 cities nationwide

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

The city of Northville Fire Department was recently one of only 10 cities nationwide to receive a grant for its junior firefighter program.

The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) in partnership with the Dunkin' Donuts and the Baskin-Robbins Community Foundation, selected 10 outstanding junior firefighter programs and Explorer Posts from departments across the country to receive a \$5,000 grant through the NVFC National Junior Firefighter Program.

This is the second year that the program has honored 10 exceptional junior firefighter programs with grants.

Jim Allen, Northville fire chief, learned about the award at the end of September that will benefit Explorer Post 1717.

"The Exploring program has exposed many youth to what a career in fire service is about," Allen said.

"Our Explorer program has had a significant number of youth who have gone on to complete Firefighter I and II, obtain a medical license and come



PHOTO COURTESY NORTHVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Members of the Northville Explorer Post 1717 received a certificate from the National Volunteer Fire Council last Saturday outside the fire station on W. Main Street.

back to serve on our department and gone on to work in full time departments."

### NVFC DIRECTOR COMMENTS

"We are very pleased to partner with the Dunkin' Donuts and Baskin-Robbins Community Foundation to provide grants to help fire departments further develop their junior firefighter programs," said NVFC Executive Director, Heather Schafer. "The 10 applicants selected by the Grant Review Committee stood out as exemplary junior firefighter programs that are making a positive impact in their commu-

nities. These departments are truly dedicated to preparing the future of the fire and emergency services — our youth."

The competitive grant process drew applications from junior firefighter programs and Explorer Posts across the country. Recipients were selected based on program innovation, community impact, and financial need, among other criteria.

"We are thrilled to partner with the National Volunteer Fire Council to provide 10 fire departments throughout the country with the additional resources they need to prepare the next generation

of fire service leaders," said Stephan Shelton, a Dunkin' Donuts franchisee and co-chair of the Dunkin' Donuts and Baskin-Robbins Community Foundation.

### CITY OF NORTHVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The city of Northville Fire Department's Explorers participate in mock disaster training, field days, competitions, and additional trainings with other Explorers from their region. They learn about the many aspects of the fire service by visiting other departments and facilities, such as military bases, airports, dispatch centers, arson labs and cargo ships. About 80 percent of the post's graduates continue in the fire service.

### ABOUT THE JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER PROGRAM

The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) is the leading nonprofit membership association representing the interests of the volunteer fire, emergency medical and rescue services. The NVFC serves as the voice of the volunteer in the national arena and provides invaluable tools, resources, programs and advocacy for first responders across the nation. The NVFC National Junior Firefighter Program provides firefighters and youth with the resources,

and information they need to help develop, grow, enhance, promote and participate in a local junior firefighter program. The program addresses retention and recruitment challenges by getting youth involved in the fire and emergency services, thus fostering a lifelong connection with the emergency services that will continue throughout their adulthood. Learn more at [www.nvfc.org](http://www.nvfc.org).

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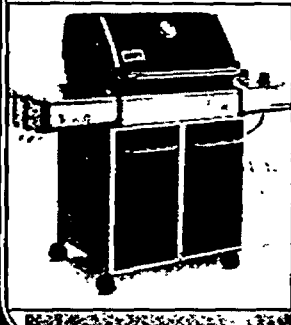
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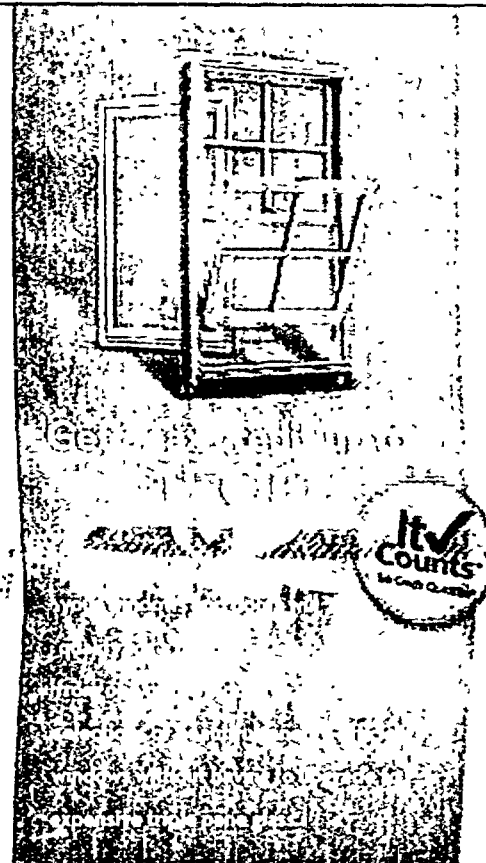
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# Ward Presbyterian welcomes new creative staffer

■ There's a message in his services' music

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Those who attend one of the contemporary services at Northville's Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church discover a room filled with candlelight and the sounds of a sitar.

This is the setting that Chris Freeman of Northville, the church's new director of contemporary worship and creative ministries, has created. A native of Iron Mountain, Mich., he was raised as a Baptist. But, he found God in a monastery, which he said was no accident. And, he believes there is a message behind the music that he and his fellow musicians produce.

**HEAD PASTOR COMMENTS**

Scott McKee, lead pastor says, "From its founding, Ward has really been a faith com-

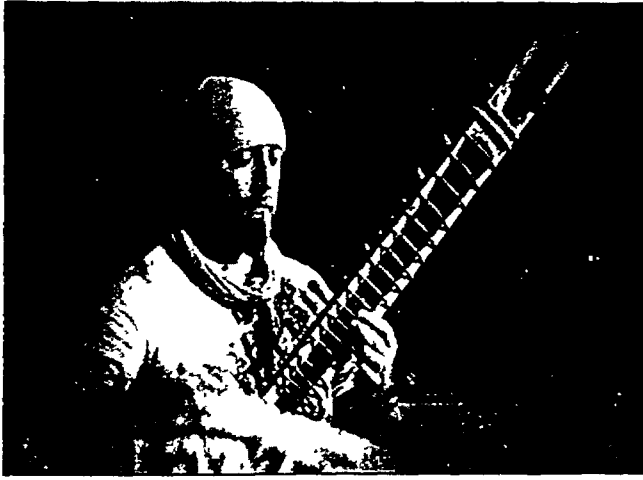


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Chris Freeman, the new director of contemporary worship and creative ministries at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville, plays the sitar at an Oct. 4 contemporary service.

munity focused on helping people connect with God and grow in their understanding of and obedience to Him. We recognize worship styles are important to people because, let's face it, we all have different tastes and preferences. But ultimately, the reason a church exists goes far beyond the type of music and instruments used."

McKee says, "We have traditional services because music and worship in that style speak directly to many people. And we have contemporary services because others find that's what helps them draw near to God. In other words, the specific worship style is merely a

means to an end." Ward staff members believe the message of Jesus Christ is relevant to every generation, but engaging younger members means presenting that message in a way that is culturally real, meaningful and compelling.

Freeman is doing just that. He joined the church staff in July to create the contemporary worship experience so Ward can be even more effective at sharing the message of the Bible with emerging generations. He is a recent cum laud graduate of Central Michigan University with a double major in religion and philosophy, with an emphasis on Eastern

"It's not just about the music," Freeman said. "It's about casting a vision. We're finding the means to blend the post-modern and the classical. But, it's not Disney World meets Jesus."

**CHRIS FREEMAN, director, contemporary worship and creative ministries, Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church**

religions. An experienced musician, he was a member of the Dove Award-nominated rock band GS Megaphone from 2001-2004 and played with another band, Poor Man's Riches, at gigs across the country from 2004-2008. He plays guitar, bass, drums and sitar — a northern India instrument he loves. "It has a certain majestic quality," he said.

**HELPING PEOPLE CONNECT**

His love for music is inseparably linked to his love for God and helping people connect to the church through expression in the arts. He and his wife of 10 years, Brenda, have two children, Josiah, 8, and Israel, 5.

"He's a great guy, and he's very dynamic," said Jeff Mitchell, Ward's new communications manager. "I think he can reach a lot of people who normally wouldn't come to church."

"It's not just about the music," Freeman said. "It's about casting a vision. We're finding the means to blend the post-modern and the classical. But it's not like Disney World meets Jesus."

**SURPRISED TO BE ON BOARD**

"Honestly, I'm as surprised as anyone to be here at Ward — a church so well-known by the community for its traditions," Freeman said. "But, here I am, the rough around the edges rock and roller," he said. "It's obvious this is God's doing, and I'm excited to run with it — to be part of creating a safe place for people to learn about God and the ways of Jesus. Ward is a special church, and I think it's just going to grow in its uniqueness as we expand the types of experiences offered here."

Only a few weeks into the job, Freeman has already confirmed what led him to Ward. He says he appreciates that at this church contemporary and traditional don't compete with each other; they complete each other.

"We want worship at Ward to be about expressing joy and longing directly to God. We believe that God is listening, ready to receive it. And God doesn't care if we use an organ or a choir or a strato-caster to express what's in our hearts. What God does care about is that our expressions are real, passionate and aimed at mak-

**IF YOU VISIT WARD PRESBYTERIAN**

Services are held each Sunday at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, in Northville. Traditional services are at 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Contemporary service times are at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. For more information, visit [www.wardchurch.org](http://www.wardchurch.org) or call (248) 374-7400. Chris Freeman's new sitar instructor, Parthada Chatterjee, was taught by Nikhil Banerjee, who was the disciple of the infamous Allauddin Khan, who also taught Ravi Shankar. Visit [www.myspace.com/christopherlee-freeman](http://www.myspace.com/christopherlee-freeman) to sample some of the fusion selections he is exploring and intending to incorporate into Ward's worship services.

ing Him known." McKee, who began leading the church in early 2009, believes Freeman is perfect for the job.

"Chris doesn't fit the mold so much as break it. And, that's exactly what Ward needs for this time and place. By making this hire we've made a major commitment to extend our congregation's reach to younger generations. In the short time he's been here, Chris has already inspired a renewed sense of energy and purpose at Ward. Without question, we are excited to see where all of this goes."

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# EDUCATION

## Walk backs reinstated by local school district

BY NATHAN MENOIAN  
SPECIAL WRITER

Hundreds of Northville school students are allowed to ride a school bus again due to a reinstatement of a "walk back" option.

The superintendent's office informed parents via e-mail last month, reversing the district's current transportation policy for the remainder of the school year, with the following explanation:

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

"Bus stops for the current school year have been established and will remain in their current locations, but students residing within the 1.0 and 1.5 mile distances will be able to 'walk back' to an existing bus stop, and ride the same bus home to their designated stop. However, there will be even more severe reductions in 2010-11 and beyond. With adequate preparation, families will be better able to adjust to future reductions."

Due to drastic state-aid school cuts earlier this year, a school board decision, in conjunction with state guidelines, eliminated five bus routes that fell within the 1- and 1.5-mile radius of a school. The shorter distance affected elementary students; 450 students, K-12 were affected by the route eliminations.

Dave Bolitho, assistant superintendent, says the district has worked diligently since September to address the transportation service cutbacks.

The board, in order to cut \$1.1 million from the school budget, studied several options. But one component, if eliminated, would save \$55,000, that being the elimination of five bus runs," he said. "Any change in the transportation program is an incredibly sensitive matter with parents dealing with the custodial care of their child. If they can't take the bus and be under the care of the driver, the child is walking to school with or without friends, carpooling, or their parents drive."

The district received hundreds of calls regarding the change, spending three weeks to communicate back, and re-measure distances.

In July, the district contacted other municipalities about their bus runs. It was suggested Northville have a traffic study done for the Six Mile Road area, now currently under way. Crossing guards were put in place to comply with the study, due in later this month.

Northville Township also had the responsibility as a

## Northville mom initiated 'walk back' petition

BY NATHAN MENOIAN  
SPECIAL WRITER

Brenda McMahon, a Northville parent with two children attending Winchester Elementary, initiated a petition shortly after school began in September, asking the district to reverse their decision eliminating bus route H to Lakes Northville Subdivision.

McMahon's residence in the subdivision is .95 of a mile from Winchester, and was not eligible to receive bus transportation because of the one-mile policy in effect opening day. Last year the bus picked her children up just four doors down their street.

Families received notification two weeks before school started about the elimination of bus stops throughout the district.

"Parents were scrambling to figure out their situation. If you're used to dropping a student off at 8:15, you couldn't drop them off at school until 8:45. Families in the same boat as us drove their children to school causing a very unsafe environment in the school parking lot. Traffic jams, school buses, and also the kids with their parents crossing over Six Mile added to our safety concerns," she said.

McMahon said her comments regarding the safety of her children fell on deaf ears. She contacted the Transportation Department with questions, and also submitted parent concern forms that, she said, brought no response.

"I finally had it, and thought that only way to get their attention was to get a petition together with as many names as I could in a 24-hour period. I sent it certified mail to the assistant superintendent, and each member of the board, informing them that those who signed the petition would be keeping our children home on Count Day, Sept. 30. The 28 students that would have been kept home represented \$238,000 in loss of revenue to the school district."

According to McMahon, just three days after receiving the petition the district reversed its decision.

"I've received a lot of phone calls and e-mails thanking me. They clearly thought the petition drove the school to put my kids' safety at risk and mama bear comes out," McMahon said.

The "walk back" distance for McMahon's children is now only a quarter of a mile for this school year.

"Other parents who had gotten wind of the petition were getting ready to do the same and jumping all over this," she said. "The district made a decision based on dollars and cents. But you have to remember the faces of the children and their safety you sacrifice by saying what amounts to very little money in the scheme of things."

district, to construct sidewalk connectors, north and south, from the bike path to the cross walk. We talked with Wayne County, who sent us an application to build these in their right-of-way, plus we needed an engineering plan for the connectors, Bolitho said.

The finished plans were approved by Wayne County — with the stipulation that Northville provide adequate drainage for the connectors requiring the installation of a culvert, and a 200-foot ditch running east from Ridge Road on the north side of Six Mile.

During the same time period, a resident rode with a staff member measuring a route, comparing their GPS findings to Northville's GPS, and a discrepancy was discovered.

The district contacted a Wayne County coordinator about the measuring policy, and was told they were measuring correctly — starting from the residential driveway

to the school. But the state office disagreed with the county, telling parents Northville was wrong in how they measured. Northville reviewed the county and state codes pertaining to the measurement of such distances. The district decided to abide with the state measurement policy, trumping the county code, and is in the process of re-measuring.

Northville will soon be holding open community forums to help the Board of Education make the decisions for the coming school year. Additional deep cuts are expected for 2010/11 in class size, transportation, athletics, and all programs for all schools, according to Bolitho.

"If we have to cut \$4 million next year, it is going to be a sad day for the wonderful options we've developed for the kids."

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

### NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

#### 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, Dec. 12 after the Holiday Concert at approxi-

mately 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. 15
- \* Fall Choir Concerts on Oct. 20 and Oct. 21
- \* Band-O-Rama on Dec. 4
- \* Holiday Concerts on Dec. 9 and Dec. 10

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## Northville Early Childhood Center to hold workshops

■ First is Oct. 20 at senior center

BY NATHAN MENOIAN  
SPECIAL WRITER

The Early Childhood Center is presenting a series of three workshops designed for parents of children birth through 5-year-olds.

Nora Thompson, a noted early childhood researcher, will be the presenter at each of the three workshops. Her first topic, "Through The Open Door" deals with the importance of children's experiences in the world outside - looking at unstructured play as opposed to planned activities.

"Through The Open Door" will be held Tuesday evening, Oct. 20, from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Northville Senior Community Center located at 303 West Main Street, with free parking behind the building, near the library.

Following the October workshop, two more are scheduled for Jan. 19 and March 16.

Eileen Freeman, program coordinator at the Early Childhood Center, said their ongoing workshops are designed to help parents learn the most effective methods of raising their children to become independent thinkers, and build upon their competencies.

The Jan. 19 workshop will focus on "Practical Strategies for Talking With Young People." And on March 16, Thompson will speak on "What Comes Next," a dialogue about school readiness, Freeman said.

Typically, Freeman said, about 50 to 70 people show up for the Tuesday workshops. Light

#### DETAILS

WHEN: 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays, Oct. 20; Jan. 20 and March 16  
WHERE: Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main Street  
COST: free

refreshments and bottled water is served free of charge. Also attending the workshops are other early childhood professionals.

"We are always reaching out to the community at large," Freeman said. "New parents, and those from private schools, as well as families we might not be connected with yet."

The Center provides free childcare staffed by their licensed and accredited staff. Parents must pre-register by calling the office at (248) 344-8465: Potty trained toddlers, 33-months to 6 years of age. Childcare is set up at the Early Childhood Center at 501 West Main. A snack is provided for the children.

"We also are teaming up with Northville Civic Concern. They provide food to those in need throughout the community. For those attending the workshops, we are asking they bring a non-perishable food item to the workshop," Freeman said. "Civic Concern accepts donations of canned goods, cereal, paper products, soap and cleaning items, and baby products."

Also, a small canvas bag is put together after the workshops that include literature to families that come through Northville Civic Concern.

Freeman said the bags have literature on nutrition, nursery

rhymes and a storybook for the children, and other bits of literature sharing information about the workshops held at the Early Childhood Center.

Freeman is celebrating her ninth year at the Center, and says she enjoys connecting with all the families that attend the workshops.

"Our philosophy and approach is one that I embrace," she said. "We're inspired by Reggio Emilia, a region in northern Italy. They developed this approach to education as one rooted in a deep respect for children, their culture and family. In 1980, they were covered in Newsweek magazine and received quite a bit of attention for their work."

Freeman added that there is a library at the center, where parents can check out CDs, DVDs, and books on topics similar to the workshops.

"We've been doing the early learning series workshop through a Early Child Initiative Grant from the Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA), who provides a broad spectrum of services to the 34 school districts in Wayne County," she noted.

The Early Childhood Center provides opportunity for families to network with other families in the community.

"We typically have speakers that are well known, and are research-focused and based with all the newest information," Freeman said. "The topics often come from the families, as we ask for their feedback and input, allowing us to focus on what is relevant and important to them."

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# Northville chiropractor keeps Detroit Derby Girls in tip-top shape

### ■ His challenge: Treat, prevent injuries at track

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Northville chiropractor Dr. Kenneth Stopa Jr. is busy these days keeping the Detroit Derby Girls rockin' and rollin' around the track.

Stopa, who has practiced on West Main Street for 10 years, is the official team chiropractor for the four local roller derby teams on the league. His charge is to try to help prevent and treat injuries for about 90 women.

#### HOW IT ALL BEGAN

Stopa said his relationship with the team began when he went to a bout at the Masonic Temple in Detroit, where they hold all of their bouts, four years ago. "I saw the girls really going full force, falling and getting hurt," Stopa said. "Afterwards, I went up to the captain and asked if they had a chiropractor. At the time, they didn't."

He gave them his card and said if they needed one to let him know. One of the team member's brothers is also a chiropractor, and they both worked with the league for a while.

Eventually, the teams selected Stopa as their chiropractor because he is not only a board certified chiropractor but also a board certified chiropractic sports physician, which is another year of training and another national board.

"My training really shined through when I was taking care of them," he said. He's worked with the teams for about three and a half years now.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Northville chiropractor Dr. Kenneth Stopa Jr. with Detroit Derby Girl Black-Eyed Skeeze.

An ambulance is waiting at all of the bouts, and Stopa works with the EMS crew if necessary. "We're talking full contact on roller skates," he said. "They get hurt a lot."

#### NOT A SPORT FOR SISSIES

The women have limited protective gear during a bout — helmet, wrist guards, elbow pads and knee pads, and that's it. "If they fall onto the tailbone, that's a spinal trauma," Stopa said. "We see that a lot. That pressure or force travels up the spine to the base of the skull." Most of the girls are in the 20s and 30s.

Their practices are at Riverside Rink in Livonia. The most common injuries in roller derby involve the knee.

"Just from skating, they put a lot of pressure on their back and knees," he said. The worst injury he's seen is a broken bone in the lower leg — the tibia and fibula.

Stopa said the women want to make sure their backs are in alignment, as this is important for effective skating.

#### HEADED FOR NATIONALS

Stopa said the Detroit Derby Girls are ranked in the top 10 roller derby leagues in the nation. "They're really doing well, and they're going to nationals," Stopa said, which are Nov. 13-15 in Philadelphia. They'll compete against women from Gotham, N.Y. "They've been pickin' it up. They have a speed coach, and they're taking care of their bodies. They really want peak performance."

He said a lot of the women are former speed skaters or figure skaters.

#### THE MOVIE "WHIP IT"

Stopa also cared for about a dozen women while they were in Metro Detroit recently to film the roller derby movie "Whip It." Some of the Detroit Derby Girls are also in the movie.

The film, directed by Drew Barrymore, who also has a role, features a young girl who decides to join a roller derby team, the Hurl Scouts, and becomes one of their best competitors as Babe Ruthless. Barrymore is a roller-derby girl named Smashlee Simpson in the film.

"Those were some long days, and they were also going at it full force," Stopa said. "There was one girl in the movie who had a neck trauma, and she ended up having a concussion, too."

Although he didn't get to meet Barrymore, he said the Detroit Derby Girls spent a lot of time with her.

Stopa said he enjoys being the league's chiropractor.

"It is very rewarding, because I can tell they really appreciate what I do. They want to learn, they want to be in the derby, so they want to stay healthy," Stopa said. "They ask a lot of questions. They really want to know how to protect themselves and prevent injuries."

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K. Shootya



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Detroit Derby Girls, from left, Ghetto Barbie and Combat Cat.

## Derby Girls: It's not just a job, it's an adventure

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

It's obvious after talking to a few of the Detroit Derby Girls that they love what they do. It's not just a job to them — it's an adventure.

At a double-header bout Oct. 10 at the Masonic Temple, where the DDG stomped the Dairyland Dolls from Madison, Wis., some of the girls explained why they are thrilled to be racing around the rink on a regular basis.

Karma Shootya, 29, of Plymouth is on the Pistol Whippers team said she's been lucky enough to not have an injury. This is her second season, with her starting last July. She's a marketing manager and did figure skating on roller skates when she was younger.

"Last year, I happened to be out in Vegas on a work trip, and roller derby happened to be on ESPN," she said. "I said to my co-workers, 'I could totally do that. I had no idea that people were still playing roller derby.' They were like, 'Yeah, right. No way.'"

So, she came back home, found the league online, and tryouts were a few months later.

"Here I am today," she said. She explained that there are five players on the track. Four of them are blockers, and the fifth person is the jammer, who is the only person who can score points. After she skates around the track once, she gets a point for every player she passes as well as a point for every opponent sent to the penalty box. During the first pass around the track, no points are scored; it's during this pass that the lead jammers are identified.

The jammer can call off a jam as

well whenever she wants. The players go for two 30-minute periods in a bout.

A grand slam is when a player passes all the opposing team members, including the opposing team's jammer, twice.

#### GHETTO BARBIE

A member of the D-Funk Allstars team in the Detroit Derby Girls league, Ghetto Barbie, 29, of Ferndale found out about the league at a bar. "Two wonderful people asked me if I'd come roller skate with them," she said. "I didn't even know what roller derby was." She said she saw them hitting each other on the track and was a little standoffish at first. "But, they were really nice to me, and I kept coming to practices." She said she knew Detroit had a well-established league, and she made it through tryouts and boot camp.

She's been with the league about a year and a half, is a mother of two, and works as a waitress and bartender.

#### COMBAT CAT

Combat Cat, 29, of Warren is a member of the Detroit Pistoffs team. She became interested in the league when she watched Ghetto Barbie in her first game. "I heard Detroit had tryouts coming soon, so I went all my gear, and I went," she said. She's a full-time mom, and still makes it to practice five times a week.

How do they prevent injuries? "Warm up and stretch thoroughly," she said. And, how does she like being a Derby Girl? "I love it, love it, love it," Cat said.

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# Coupons, savings lead to RedPlum radio show

## Northville woman's program launched Oct. 8

RedPlum launched its new online radio show, Diva Toolbox Radio: Viva la Value, at 3 p.m. on Oct. 8 on [www.DivaToolbox.com](http://www.DivaToolbox.com).

The monthly show, hosted by Northville's Lisa Reynolds, RedPlum's Mom Saver-in-chief, will help listeners achieve a value lifestyle that's easy and enjoyable through practical savings tips, coupons and coupon codes. Reynolds is a busy working mom of two young boys who lives and breathes the savings-oriented lifestyle she will talk about on her radio show. She will provide an inside look into how shoppers can bring even more value into their home and lifestyle.

"Saving today really is a way of life. More than ever, the question that comes to savvy shoppers' minds before a purchase is how they can get it for less," Reynolds said. "Living a value lifestyle is sometimes a balancing act, but one that is well worth the smiles on your kids' faces, the great deals you score and the sense of accomplishment you feel. I am looking forward to sharing my tips and tricks with listeners across the country through Diva Toolbox Radio."

When she's not at work, Reynolds is cheering for her sons at flag football games, hosting dinner gatherings with friends and family, and actively participating in her church community. She is also an avid cook with a philosophy of keeping it simple - less than five ingredients or meals in less than 30 minutes. She lives with her husband,

Robert, and two sons, Robert, 8, and Ryan, 5. Reynolds is frequently quoted in newspaper, magazine and blog articles, and has been featured in Better Homes & Gardens, Forbes, Family Circle, 24/7 Moms Blog and more.

"Lisa is a true expert on deals and value and brings a wealth of knowledge to Diva Toolbox listeners," said Janet Powers, president, Diva Toolbox, LLC. "From the coupon novice, to the more experienced deal-seeker, Lisa will share proven tips to help people get the most for their time and money. I am excited to have Lisa as an important host on the Diva Toolbox lineup."

Divatoolbox.com is an information portal to topic-based articles and advice from subject matter experts and life-experience stories from everyday women. The mission of the Web site is to empower, educate, and entertain women.

The first show included Reynolds' top savings tips, particularly Halloween tips to save on candy, costumes and celebrations. Future segments will air the first Thursday of each month at 3 p.m. and will include segments from Phil Lempert, a leading consumer analyst and The Supermarket Guru, and Kate Arcieri, a lifestyle expert and editorial director at [www.redplum.com](http://www.redplum.com).

Shows will be archived on the site for later access. Upcoming topics will include gifts under \$30; entertaining elegance without the great expense; and more.



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### NORTHVILLE NEWSMAKERS

#### Dooley earns board certification

Katie Dooley, RD, CDE, CSR, of Livonia, has been board certified by the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR), the credentialing agency for the American Dietetic Association (ADA), as a specialist in renal nutrition.



Katie Dooley

In order to become board certified, a registered dietitian must successfully meet rigorous specialty practice requirements and pass a nationally administered examination. Board certified specialists in renal nutrition work directly with adults and/or children with acute or chronic renal disease or failure, under treatment by kidney transplantation, dialysis, or other modalities in a variety of settings (home, hospitals, other treatment centers, etc.) or indirectly as documented by management, education, or research practice linked specifically to renal nutrition.

Dooley has been employed with St. Mary Mercy Hospital since 2003, and has been a certified diabetes educator since 2004. She is a member of the American Dietetic Association and American Association of Diabetes Educators and holds a bachelor of science in dietetics from College of Mount St. Joseph, Cincinnati, Ohio.

#### Commissioner Cox honored

Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox (R-Livonia) was honored at the commission's full board meeting on Oct. 1 for her service to the Detroit Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency and its 61,000 consumers who rely on the agency's services each day.



Laura Cox

Commissioner Cox had served on the board of directors for the agency for three years, including one year of service

as board secretary.

"During her time on the board, Commissioner Cox was a great advocate for residents with mental illness, emotional disturbance, developmental disabilities and substance abuse disorders," said Cindy Dingell, chair of the Detroit Wayne County Community Health Agency board, pictured to left of Commissioner Cox. "We know that she will continue to make a difference for consumers and all Wayne County residents in her daily endeavors."

Commissioner Cox said her time on the board was a very enlightening and rewarding experience.

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# Northville student selected to MSU's Homecoming Court

Michigan State University has named 10 outstanding seniors, including Northville's Jill Paladino, to its 2009 Homecoming Court.

Members, who were nominated by an individual or an organization, were chosen through a highly selective process.

Nominees were evaluated based on leadership, community involvement, academic excellence and Spartan pride.

Paladino is the daughter of Michael and Deborah Paladino. She is majoring in psychology in the College of Social Science.

Her achievements include:  
• Resident Mentor (2007-2009)  
• Psi Chi (National Honor Society for Psychology) member



Jill Paladino

• Psychology Department study coordinator and research assistant

• Teaching assistant

• Relay for Life team captain (four years)

A group of MSU faculty, staff, alumni and students conducted personal interviews with students to select the final 10 court members.

In addition to representing the MSU community during homecoming week from Oct. 12 to Oct. 17, members will continue their commitment to help the community and carry on the tradition of Spartan pride.

\*Homecoming Court members are

eager to contribute to MSU and to the greater community," said Jane Olson, homecoming court co-coordinator. "Representatives have been very involved welcoming new students to MSU, meeting with alumni, faculty and staff and supporting the ideals of MSU."

"They are willing ambassadors for the university and represent students in a varied and positive way. Each seeks to make a difference to their peers and leave MSU ready to contribute to a global community."

During homecoming, court members will attend many events including the parade on Oct. 16, the annual MSU Alumni Association Green and White Pregame brunch and the football game against the Northwestern University Wildcats on Oct. 17.

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# Second Bizarre Bazaar slated

■ Proceeds to help Village Banking charity

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

It may not even be Halloween yet, but it's not too early to think about buying Christmas presents. The First United Methodist Church of Northville on Eight Mile Road at Taft Road can get you started with its second annual Bizarre Bazaar on Oct. 24.

## CHANGE THE WORLD DAY

Oct. 24 is also Change the World Day. By attending the Bizarre Bazaar, area residents can also change the fact that half the people of the world struggle to live on less than \$2 per day. And, they can help local Michigan artists, crafters, and entrepreneurs increase their sales.

The Second Annual Community Bizarre Bazaar will run from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. with a mix of more than 50 crafters and cottage industries, attic treasures, children's activities, home-baked goods, and old-fashioned food and family fun.

All of the event's proceeds go directly to support FINCA Village Banking. (For complete bazaar details go to [www.fincanorthville.org](http://www.fincanorthville.org).)

FINCA, the Foundation for International Community Assistance, created Village Banking to end global poverty one village at a time. This microfinance system offers loans as small as \$10, \$50 or \$100 to families living in abject poverty throughout the world. With these funds, families can create a small business that will enable them to buy food, medical care, housing, and send their children to school.

With a nearly 100 percent repayment rate, including interest, funds are constantly rotated through the village.

## BREAKING CYCLE OF POVERTY



Some members of the 2009 First United Methodist Church of Northville Bizarre Bazaar Planning Committee, from left: Judy Behmer, Deborah Southworth, Jan Trplady, Norma Kwek, Pat Breslin, Ceil Ginger, Sandy Steffke, Patti McCreddie and Pat Bongiovanni.

Women, who comprise 70 percent of the world's poorest, receive 70 percent of Village Bank loans. When women have the opportunity to earn even an extra \$1 or \$2 a day, it can break the cycle of poverty, hunger, illness, and illiteracy for their children.

In many Village Bank communities, school attendance is higher, infant mortality and malnutrition is decreased, HIV/AIDS education is improved, and women are empowered and take on equal and leadership roles in their families and society. Village Banks also are a long-term stabilizing force in the community and a deterrent to violence and terrorism. (Visit [www.villagebanking.org](http://www.villagebanking.org).)

The first bazaar last year raised \$10,000 — enough for the church to sponsor a Village Bank in both Malawi, Africa and Haiti, two of the poorest and least developed countries in the world.

These banks currently provide loans to 24 women and their families. Their businesses include grocery and hardware stores, tea-rooms, used cloth, maize and rice, doughnuts and cooking oil. Other common businesses are sewing, milling grain, weaving, farming, and starting schools.

The goals of the Michigan crafters and cottage industries are the

same as the women in Haiti and Malawi. They want to build a business and provide for their families and improve their lives.

## ONE-OF-A-KIND ITEMS

The Bizarre Bazaar has one-of-a-kind items ranging from the practical, whimsical, delicious and spiritual.

Homemade chocolates from Fudgie Wudgie and BC Sweets, Buckets of Love Cookies, Naturally Nutty Nut Butters, Popcorn, and Caramels and the Bakeshop will satisfy the sweetest tooth.

Jewelry lovers can choose from a wide selection of designs from Creations by Nichole, Milady Renaissance Jewels, Elegant Glitz, Vida's Beads, Silpada, Elegant Jewels, Jenn's Jewels, Christine's Beadwork, Lia Sophia, Perfect Jewel and Whimsical Jewelry.

Also available will be fleece twin sets, high-count sheet sets, and Hot Hats n Wraps. Additional items will include new scrapbooking supplies, bargains from the Book Nook, and Witchy Poo lotions, organic and wickless candles and Doggie Delight Dog Treats.

Home-based favorites will be sold, such as Mische Bags, Tupperware, Pampered Chef,

## BIZARRE BAZAAR HIGHLIGHTS

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For children, there is Stitched with Love for Baby, Usborne Books and Decorative Baby Cases. Great finds await at Attie Treasures and Classy Junque.

Handpainted crosses and wooden boxes will be on hand as well as Servv Handicrafts and Beads for Life, which support women artists in developing countries. Equal Exchange coffee will be available by the cup or the bag. The bazaar will also support the businesses of four special vendors from Cass Community Social Services.

## CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Children can enjoy supervised craft activities while parents shop. Food will include a pancake breakfast and later in the day pizza generously donated by Domino's. A vendor drawing will mean gifts for 50 lucky attendees.

The mission of the Bizarre Bazaar and Village Banking is to end global poverty, support local communities and provide hope and dignity through self-employment. The Northville Methodist Church hopes to sponsor two more Village Banks with their proceeds from the Bazaar. Every small loan from these banks can change a family's life, and that can change the world for all of us.

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## NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### 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.

### 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, 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.

### Is there a revolutionary patriot in your family tree?

Individuals who feel they might have an ancestor from the American Revolution will want to mark their calendars for an upcoming workshop sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Sons of the American Revolution. To be held on 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Oct. 31, from 10:00 a.m. at the Plymouth District Library, the workshop will provide advice on lineage research and information on both the DAR and SAR.

The Plymouth District Library is located at 223 S. Main Street in downtown Plymouth. For more information, call (248) 437-1954.

### Picks & Sticks returns to library

After playing to a standing-room-only audience at the Northville District Library (212 W. Cady) last year, the four-member Picks & Sticks string band will play a return engagement at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 10.

Picks & Sticks String band presents a kaleidoscopic style, a mixture of acoustical folk, swing, traditional, light, pop, western, jazz, and ethnic tunes certain to captivate audiences of all ages and genres. The band features the hammered dulcimer with vocals and backed up by guitar, banjo, bass, fiddle, and variously by tuba, accordion, flute, bagpipes, and bells. Picks & Sticks has recorded several CDs and has performed at such venues as Greenfield Village, Northville's Victorian Festival, Detroit's Fine Arts Festival and Branson, Missouri.

This concert, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is free. However, seating is limited. Reservations can be made by calling the Library at (248) 349-3020.

### Coat drive for NCC

Women with a Purpose is having their annual Coat drive to benefit Northville Civic Concern families on Nov. 2-6. Drop off new and gently used coats, hats, mittens and scarves in the box located in the front lobby. NCC is located at 42951 Seven Mile Road, Northville. For more information please contact Gabriella Duhn at 734-453-0838.

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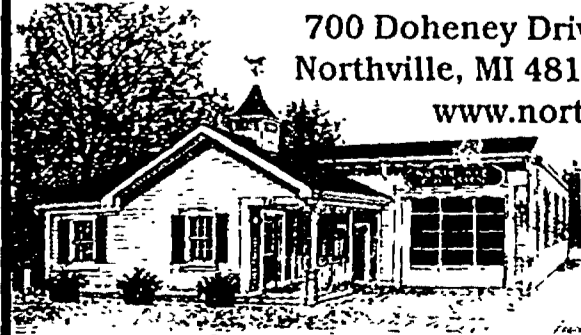
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**NORTHVILLE POLICE REPORT**

**Man found dead in lot**

**1** The body of a 53-year-old man was discovered at about 7:30 a.m. Oct. 10 in the parking lot of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church located at 40000 W. Six Mile Road.  
The victim, of Northville, suffered a gunshot wound to the head and was dead when police arrived at the scene. The Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office responded to the scene and took custody of the victim.  
Police are investigating the case as a suspected suicide, and the identity of the victim is being withheld.

**Warrant arrest**

**2** A 39-year-old Redford Township woman was arrested for a criminal bench warrant for contempt of court at 4 p.m. on Sept. 29 at 41600 Six Mile Road.  
The woman was transported to the Northville Township Police Station from the Redford Police Station for the warrant arrest.

**Shoplifting, drunken driving**

**3** A 56-year-old Plymouth Township woman was arrested for operating under the influence of drugs, and possession of narcotics paraphernalia and theft at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 30 at the Meijer store at 20401 Haggerty Road.  
Loss prevention watched as the woman selected three bottles of 1800 Tequila and one bottle of Don Julio Tequila and place them in her shopping cart. The woman also appeared to be shaking.

She then selected six lobster tails from the seafood counter.  
The woman concealed the items in brown paper bags that were in the shopping cart, then placed plastic grocery bags over the paper bags, covering the openings of the paper bags.  
She then exited without paying for the items.

The woman admitted that she was stealing the merchandise to trade it for crack and that she had smoked some earlier in the day. Police found paraphernalia in the woman's vehicle as well as items of clothing that had not been purchased.

The Don Julio Tequila was valued at \$52.99. The 1800 Tequila was valued at \$29.99 per bottle. Four packages of men's boxers were valued at \$8.49 each. A Detroit Lions sweatshirt was valued at \$19.99.

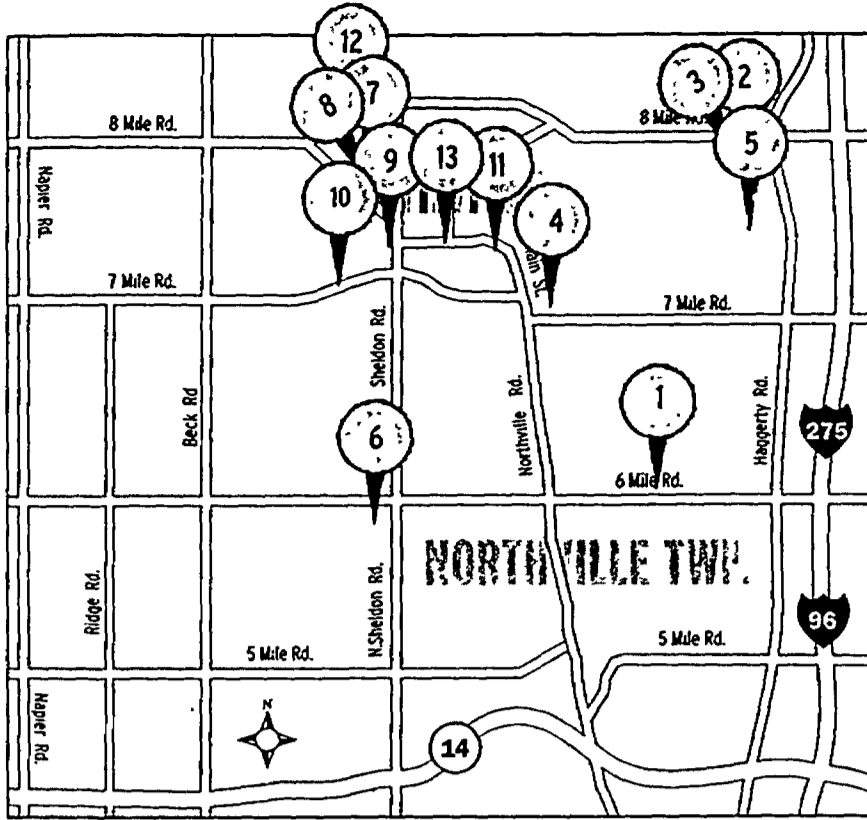
A Detroit Tigers sweatshirt was valued at \$19.99. Three pairs of blue socks were valued at \$9.99 each. The six lobster tails were valued at \$89.94. Some Levi jeans were valued at \$70. Two other pairs of jeans were found with unknown prices. Three pairs of Sasson jeans were valued at \$20 each. Some men's briefs were valued at \$10. A CD was found with an unknown price. The clothing was found in the trunk of the woman's vehicle without a receipt.

**Theft from vehicle**

**4** A 31-year-old Northville Township resident on Silver Springs Drive reported theft from his vehicle that occurred between 9:15 p.m. Sept. 30 and 7:45 a.m. Oct. 1.  
Stolen items included compact discs in an over-the-visor holder above the driver's and passenger's side. He said his key fob had been acting up, so he didn't think his vehicle was locked.  
The 25 CDs were valued at \$250.

**Stolen wallet reported**

**5** A 62-year-old Livonia woman told police someone stole her wallet at Babies R Us at 20111 Haggerty Road at 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 3.  
The woman said after completing her purchase she placed her wallet into the right pocket of her jacket. The wallet was stolen while she was wrapping a gift at the gift wrapping counter in the store.  
She said a woman approached her on her right side while selecting some clothing from the "On Hold" sales rack at the



south end of the gift wrapping counter. She believes the theft occurred at this time.  
Video showed that the woman's jacket was actually draped over her shopping cart at the time it was stolen. Stolen items included \$3 in cash, a \$25 wallet, an employee badge valued at \$10, two driver's licenses valued at \$15 each, and health insurance cards valued at \$15.

**Operating while intoxicated**

**6** A 24-year-old Canton woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 3:49 a.m. on Oct. 4 outside Northville Township Hall at 44405 Six Mile Road.  
An officer was stopped at the traffic signal at Sheldon and Six Mile roads when he saw a vehicle pull into the east parking lot of Northville Township Hall from Sheldon Road and pull into a parking space.  
He watched as the woman exited her car and walked on the sidewalk toward the entrance.  
She told the officer she was going into township hall, which was closed and locked at the time, to use the bathroom.  
The officer could smell alcohol on the woman, her speech was slurred, eyes bloodshot, and she was unsteady on her feet. Her blood alcohol level was more than twice the legal limit of .08.

**Shoplifting at Hiller's Market**

**7** A 61-year-old Northville Township woman was arrested for retail fraud at 3:45 p.m. on Oct. 12 at Hiller's Market at 425 N. Center Street.  
The woman purchased several items, then walked back into the store to the meat department, selecting and concealing a pork tenderloin in a plastic bag with the purchased items.  
The woman told police that she had Alzheimer's disease and had never been in trouble before. The woman's husband confirmed that she was a victim of the disease and that she goes to the store several times a day.  
The meat was valued at \$8.

**Retail fraud at Hiller's Market**

**8** A 28-year-old Northville woman was arrested for retail fraud at 5:11 p.m. Oct. 8 at Hiller's Market at 425 N. Center Street.  
The store manager watched as she selected two cans of hair product, purchased a small amount of lotion, but not the hair product to the clerk.  
Stolen items valued \$53.61.

**Larceny from building**

**9** Police were called to Starring "The Gallery" at 118 W. Main Street about a theft that occurred between 10 and 10:46 a.m. on Oct. 8.  
The owner said she left the store briefly to use the rest room, leaving a female shopper in the store. She realized later that her wallet was missing from her purse in the

back room.  
The owner learned later that her credit cards had been used to make purchases of \$500 and \$741.99 at Target, \$477 Saks Fifth Avenue, \$160 at Benihana's and unknown amounts at a Shell gas station and another undisclosed location. The wallet was valued at \$50, which contained \$140 in cash.

**Operating under the influence**

**10** A 51-year-old Northville Township man was arrested for operating under the influence at 4:27 p.m. on Oct. 8 at 357 S. Rogers Street.  
Police were dispatched to the Asher Citgo gas station about a possible drunk driver. Police for an open, three-quarter-full can of Miller Light beer in the center console cup holder.  
The man smelled of alcohol and was slurring his words. He said the car was not his and he did not know how it got to the gas station. He said he was not driving but was in the building.  
His blood alcohol level was three times the legal limit of .08. The man's driver's license was also expired.

**Damage to property**

**11** The owner of the Foundry Flask building at 456 E. Cady Street reported that some graffiti had been applied on five different walls of the structure between 3:30 p.m. Oct. 1 and 9:30 a.m. Oct. 4.  
An air flow vent was also pushed in by the vandals.

**Retail fraud at Hiller's Market**

**12** A 58-year-old Lyon Township woman was cited for shoplifting at Hiller's Market at 425 N. Center St. at 2:37 p.m. on Oct. 7.  
The woman said that she panicked when she knew she didn't have enough money on her at the checkout area and was headed to her car to get more when she was stopped.  
Police then looked in her purse and found a bank envelope with \$725 inside. Stolen grocery items totaled \$50.88.  
She was also given a trespass notice and told not to return to the grocery for any reason.  
The woman was cited instead of arrested due to time constraints and her current medical condition.

**Malicious destruction**

**13** Police were dispatched to Ford Field at 125 Griswold St. about some suspects peeling the top inch off of one of the railings from the stairway that leads from Hutton Street to the park between 5 p.m. Oct. 5 and 8 a.m. Oct. 6. It appeared that the damage was done by someone's hands and not a tool. The wood railing was valued at \$40.

Compiled by staff writer Pam Fleming

**Testimony wraps in Orlewicz hearing**

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A forensic psychologist testified Friday that J.P. Orlewicz, the Plymouth Township teen convicted last year in the beheading death of Daniel Sorensen, exhibits no sign of any diagnosable mental abnormality.

Dr. Charles Clark, a clinical/forensic psychologist with a Ph.D. in clinical psychology, testified he found Orlewicz to be highly intelligent with no signs of psychosis.

Clark was testifying before Wayne County Circuit Judge Bruce Morrow at a hearing to determine whether Orlewicz, convicted of killing Sorensen in November 2007, should be granted a new trial. Orlewicz's appellate attorney, Elizabeth Jacobs, is asking Morrow to grant the new trial because the original trial judge, Annette Berry, refused to allow testimony about Orlewicz's mental state at the first trial.

"What he did raises a question, but does not answer it, about a potential personality disorder ... in a case of this sort I'm not able to obtain enough information to make that judgment," Clark testified. "What's noteworthy in my findings is the absence of findings. What's most striking is there really are no findings of a major abnormality or even anything less severe."  
Clark examined Orlewicz in July at the request of Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Jeff Caminsky, who is handling the hearing for the county. He spent about six hours with Orlewicz, including a three-hour interview and several hours of interaction.

Jacobs said Orlewicz's original legal team arranged for Birmingham psychiatrist Gerald Shiener to examine her client, but that Berry forced Shiener to stop the exam and refused to allow his testimony, calling it irrelevant.

A subsequent report prepared by Shiener which he said was based on an examination of

police reports and interviews with Orlewicz, concluded the teen was "operating under a reasonable fear of death or great bodily harm" when he lured Sorensen to his grandfather's garage in Canton, stabbed him multiple times, then beheaded him and dumped his body in a Northville field and set it on fire.

The fear, Shiener testified, grew from Orlewicz's belief Sorensen was involved with organized crime. The doctor said Orlewicz also told him Sorensen threatened his girlfriend and family.

Caminsky tried to counter that fear with testimony from Clark and psychiatrist Victor Bloom, a retired state examiner. Bloom reviewed the transcript of the original trial, reports from Shiener and reports of things Orlewicz said in phone calls to his father from prison.

Clark said Orlewicz was insistent that his stabbing of Sorensen was in self-defense, an argument the jury at the original trial didn't buy. Clark said he disagreed with Shiener's finding of "an unspecified depressive disorder."

"I didn't not find that," Clark testified. "There's simply no reason to believe it was there."

Final arguments in the hearing are scheduled for Nov. 6. Both attorneys left Friday's hearing expressing positive feelings about the outcome.

"We have some good testimony showing (Orlewicz) was very susceptible to feelings of vulnerability," Jacobs said. "(Berry) wouldn't allow (Shiener) to testify, and that's a denial of right to counsel. She interfered with that right. This hearing is to explore whether (Shiener's) testimony would have been relevant to the jury."

Obviously, Caminsky doesn't think so.

"We think the jury had all the facts," he said. "It's our position the psychological testimony (Jacobs) is seeking to introduce would have had no effect on the jury. We think (Morrow) has all the facts and we're hopeful he'll make the right decision."

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## OUR VIEWS

### This election, follow city sign ordinance ... and leave them be

It's that time of year. Some dread it; others thrive on it. No, we're not talking about Halloween.

There's an election on Nov. 3, and it's campaign season. And with that comes political yard signs. Love them or hate them, but let them be.

In past elections, there have been incidents of sign-swiping and allegations about who did it that end up making the actual political rhetoric sound downright polite.

This year, as Northville braces for an election of two City Council seats and that of the mayor's, let's play nice and follow the rules regarding signs.

Of course, we expect the candidates to set the example first and abide by the city's sign ordinance.

With just three council candidates (Michele Fecht, Jim Allen and Bob Buckhave) vying for two seats and the mayor (Chris Johnson) running unopposed, this campaign probably won't be a boon for sign-makers. Still, we expect candidates will try to grab the attention of voters using one of politics' oldest methods of promotion.

Do yard signs really work? Who knows. That probably depends on the individual looking at them. It certainly gets candidates' names out there, if you will.

We hope voters don't base their decision solely on yard signs, but rather take the time to learn more about candidates via the Northville Record's upcoming questionnaire (Oct. 29 issue).

Of course, we don't oppose political yard signs. On the contrary, as long as candidates follow the ordinance on size, placement and removal, and as long as the signs are left in their legal placement until after the election, the signs are another way of, hopefully, getting residents out to the polls to take advantage of the privilege of voting.

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##### ARTICLE 21-22 (4)

Political signs advocating or opposing candidate for public office or issue to be determined by election may be erected forty-five (45) days prior to an election. Such signs shall be erected on private property only and no less than one hundred (100) feet from any entrance to a building in which a polling place is located. All such signs shall be removed five (5) days following Election Day

## ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

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

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

I can't believe that in this time of crisis, that the City of Northville is going to spend all that money on a walk-through. What about the people who could use help with their rent and household bills and food? It seems to me that the council must be all well-fed and well-heeled so they are not even considering the people in the city who could benefit a lot with their help. Instead of giving some to Civic Concern and others who help people in need, they would rather dress up a town that is fine the way it is. Northville used to be a wonderful friendly place to live, and now that is all lost. Thanks for nothing.

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## COMMUNITY VOICE

### What do you think of political yard signs?

We asked this question in downtown Northville.



I don't pay attention to them. I don't have a problem with them, as long as they take them down when it's over.

Wendy Schryver  
Saline



I'm against yard signs. They clutter up and people don't come back and remove them.

Mark Alcorn  
Northville Township



I've never thought about it. It's like background noise.

Terri Blovits  
Saline



I don't care for them. I don't think they're very effective. They're too small. People don't see them.

Judy Gazecki  
Germany

## LETTERS

### Cemetery Walk kudos

Another harvest moon has come and gone and, with it, this year's Oakwood Cemetery Walk.

Each year, since 2004, anywhere from 60 to 100 volunteers have pitched in to present this popular event. The Northville Historical Society Archives collects biographical data on people buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Northville's oldest. Volunteer actors write their own scripts, assemble their own props and costumes, and present a brief sketch of their respective characters' lives and times. More volunteers guide guests safely through the candle-lit graveyard, backed up by a corps of ticket takers and sellers, admission gate assistants, set-up and clean-up people. Meanwhile, inside the nearby Senior Center, refreshments, Historical Society publications, Village Store wares and historical displays are laid out. Hundreds of visitors attend each year, their ticket purchases benefiting Mill Race Village. (While this year's accounting is not final, we know that over the previous five years nearly \$11,000 was raised, and we anticipate income of another \$2,000 or so this year.)

I want to heartily thank everyone involved, for all the volunteers' hard work and the community's support. As this is my last Cemetery Walk — I am retiring from this coordinator position — I want to extend my appreciation not only to this year's extra-hard-working group, but also to those who have participated in the past. Without the hundreds of people working on the event, the

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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thousands who have attended couldn't have done so. The Cemetery Walk has proven to be successful not only financially, but in terms of education and entertainment as well. I hope you have all enjoyed it and that you will continue your support in the future.

Barbara Davies  
Coordinator, 2009 Oakwood Cemetery Walk

### Milczarskis give thanks

I just wanted to thank you for publishing the information regarding my sister's, Kathy

Milczarski, fund-raiser at Novi Bowl on Oct. 4 in the Northville Record Sept. 24 and Oct. 1.

I also wanted to Thank the many people that came to Novi Bowl or just sent donations for Kathy Milczarski's Chordoma Fund. Our family is overwhelmed by the huge amount of people that care in our community. We are very lucky to be surrounded by such wonderful people. We are truly blessed!

The Milczarski Family  
Farmington Hills

### CROP Walk thanks

On Sunday, Oct. 4, nearly 100 walkers joined a six-mile route to raise money and be present in the face of worldwide hunger and poverty. Aside from the participant walkers, were many behind the scene workers who made the walk possible. I would like to thank those people for their efforts, including Linda McGuire from Guernsey, who provided ice cream and cones; Bill Carbott from Absopure Water, for water and cups; Sgt. Erik Zinser and his police officers from the Novi Police Department, who helped keep our walkers safe at the four major road crossings; and St. James Catholic Church, who offered their facility at the starting and ending points for the walk.

Thanks to everyone's participation, the Novi-Northville CropWalk was a huge success and many people around the world and in our local communities will benefit greatly.

Betty Nick  
Novi

## GUEST COLUMN

### Michigan is all wet with the earth's greatest natural resource

Michigan and other states in the Great Lakes Basin are all wet

This is a good thing -- as the 21st century evolves, water will become the most valued natural asset.

HOMES -- or Huron, Ontario, Michigan, Erie and Superior, the group of five freshwater lakes in central North America -- create a natural border

between the United States and Canada and form the largest body of unfrozen freshwater in the world. Many who have come to our shores referred to these huge bodies of freshwater to as the "Third Coast." My Chinese friends standing on the beaches of Michigan, Huron and Superior regard these bodies of water as inland seas or as one giant freshwater ocean. They are amazed by their size and awed by their power and how clean and well maintained they appear. The Great Lakes region contains not only the five main lakes themselves, but also numerous minor lakes and rivers in multiple states and Canadian Provinces, all feeding a fragile ecosystem and creating life for millions. We need

to value and protect the Great Lakes as though our very lives and livelihoods depend on them -- because they do.

The planet is covered in water. More than 98 percent of the world's water is salt water. The world's population depends on the other 2 percent of the freshwater for our basic needs and very survival. Most freshwater is locked in the polar ice caps. (With the threat of global warming, more of this water may be released soon -- but that will create another set of serious issues.)

It is estimated that less than 1 percent of the earth's freshwater is accessible in lakes, rivers and groundwater aquifers. The Asian Development Bank points out that, "the vital 1 percent of available freshwater is constantly in motion, either flowing in rivers, evaporating and moving around the globe as water vapor, falling from the sky as rain or snow, or filtering slowly through the earth to emerge somewhere else. It is a renewable resource on which we all completely depend. It is the genesis and continuing source of all life on earth."

The limits of the world's freshwater resources have become all too apparent and are reinforced each time I travel in China where I see their streams, lakes and rivers

being polluted daily with many areas threatened by the lack of clean, freshwater and the water they do have being fouled by man. The droughts in Africa and the devastation and misery it brings to people are shown nearly nightly on our TV news. Knowing these facts about the scarcity of freshwater, our world governments, industries and people would be better stewards of such a vital natural resource -- yet, this has not been true over the course of world history.

One group that is attempting to educate people about the value of our Great Lakes is the Great Lakes Information Network (GLIN). GLIN is a partnership that provides one place online for people to find information relating to the binational Great Lakes-St. Lawrence region of North America. GLIN offers a wealth of data and information about the region's environment, economy, tourism, education and more. Thanks to its strong network of state, provincial, federal and regional partner agencies and organizations, GLIN has become a necessary component of informed decision making, and a trusted and reliable source of information for those who live, work or have an interest in the Great Lakes region (www.great-lakes.net).

According to GLIN, "if you

stood on the moon, you could see the lakes and recognize the familiar wolf head shape of Lake Superior, or the mitten bounded by lakes Michigan, Huron and Erie. Covering more than 94,000 square miles and draining more than twice as much land, these freshwater seas hold an estimated 6 quadrillion gallons of water, about one-fifth of the world's fresh surface water supply and nine-tenths of the U.S. supply. Spread evenly across the contiguous 48 states, the lakes' water would be about 9.5 feet deep."

The Great Lakes make our state and region a wonderful place to live, work, play and raise a family. All of us, not just "environmentalist" need to enjoy and protect these magnificent bodies of freshwater. The world is literally dying for a drink and we sit on the most precious commodity on the planet -- freshwater. Enjoy, preserve and protect our Great Lakes!

Tom Watkins, is a consultant in the U.S. and China. He has held top state government positions in Michigan, leading the Department of Education and Mental Health. He is the past Chairman of Earth Force (www.earthforce.org). Earth Force engages youth to improve their environment and communities. Watkins can be reached at: tdwatkins@aol.com.

# Presenting a Roadmap to Prosperity our leaders can implement

Let's assume the legislature and the governor finally agree on a "balanced" budget some time this month.

Odds are that will happen. Now let's assume further that they understand that merely passing a budget is not the same as putting together a solid, long-term plan to put Michigan's financial house in order and lay the foundation for our future prosperity.



Phil Power

And let's even assume they know how important that is — and that they are actually interested in developing that kind of plan.

If they do so, the window of opportunity is now wide open in a way it's seldom been before. Our three main political leaders — Governor Jennifer Granholm, House Speaker Andy Dillon and Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop — are all term-limited out of office at the end of next year. So they don't have to worry about political backlash threatening their present jobs if they show real leadership.

But once we're into 2010, we're

in an election year and the political system will lose any appetite for serious change.

It is essential that our leaders realize just how important this moment is when it comes to a chance for real reform in Michigan.

And so, here's a Roadmap to Prosperity which has arisen from the 7,500 people who have participated in 450 community conversations in the Michigan's Defining Moment campaign.

**Milestone No. 1:** Develop a shared vision for Michigan. Setting out a common ground vision for our future is essential.

First of all, if you don't know where you are going, you certainly aren't going to know how to get there. And if we don't have a shared vision, how can we possibly distinguish between what is important and what is merely trivial? In practical terms, without such a vision we have no way to establish rational taxing and spending priorities.

Understanding that makes it clear that at the core of our two recent budget crises is a lack of common vision about where the state should be going and how best to get there. The budget battles two years ago and again

this year were signal opportunities to reform a broken system. But instead of responding to this clear objective, the legislature and governor settled for piecemeal haggling to meet the "letter of the law," i.e., the constitutional requirement for a balanced budget.

The citizens are ahead of them. The thousands of people who have participated in the community conversations sponsored by the Center for Michigan are in remarkable agreement about their common ground vision for our state.

Those discussions indicated most people want a state with:

- A talented, globally competitive work force.
- A vibrant, diversified, growing economy.
- A great quality of life.
- Efficient, effective and accountable state government.

**Milestone No. 2:** Get our financial house in order. Every year for the past decade, Michigan has faced a billion-dollar plus chronic structural deficit in the General Fund. This year, of course, it is much worse, thanks to the recession.

A "structural deficit" merely means that the money coming in is virtually certain to come up short, compared with our existing pat-

terns of spending. If this annual deficit is left uncured, it will continue to balloon beyond our power to tame it.

So how do we fix that? Apart from a big increase in taxes — something that is highly unlikely — there is only one way to bring expenditures into line with revenues. That is to enact a series of far-reaching structural reforms in the organization and cost of our state and local governments and school systems. If we do that properly, we could realize billions in annual savings. For example:

- If our prison system jailed people at the same rate of our neighboring states, we'd save \$400 million each year.
- Pooling health care benefits for all government workers, as Speaker Dillon has proposed, could save up to \$700 million a year.
- Consolidating functions and sharing services among units of local government and schools would save yearly at least \$300 million.

**Milestone No. 3:** Lay a firm foundation for a growing, diversified, entrepreneurial economy.

We need wholesale reform in our tax structure. The 22 percent surcharge slapped onto the

Michigan Business Tax in 2007 is widely regarded as a disaster. Rethinking our tax structure should concentrate on simplicity, fairness, competitiveness with other states, and durability (we can't keep changing taxes every couple of years). And our tax structure should be aligned with our evolving economy. That suggests we repeal the surcharge, cut the rate of the sales tax and broaden the base to include services.

Michigan also needs a clear "plan to compete" that defines and exploits our durable, distinctive competitive assets. Participants in community conversations identified these as including our great universities, our schools, the skills and talents of our work force and the quality of life available in Michigan, whether from our wonderful natural resources or our vibrant communities.

**Milestone No. 4:** Reform the structure of dysfunctional Michigan politics.

Michigan's ultra-strict term limits are widely regarded as the root cause for legislative fumbling and lack of leadership. They should be either repealed or changed and extended.

Intelligent citizens also need to realize how our system of leg-

islative district reapportionment works against electing leaders who can work together. The large majority of districts are gerrymandered to protect one party or the other. This means that the only election that counts in most places is the primary. But primary elections bring out the most extreme voters on either side, right-wingers in Republican contests and ultra-liberals in Democratic ones. In effect, our system is designed to assure election of the most ideologically extreme candidates from either side, and yet we expect them to collaborate once elected.

This Roadmap to Prosperity is clear. It's simple. And make no mistake about it: It will be very tough to accomplish, given our 10 million citizens and amazing number of special interests, each of which cares only about protecting its own.

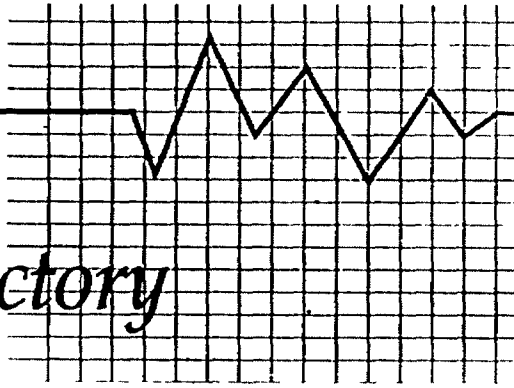
But it's a plan, which is more than our leaders seem to have in mind, as they haggle over budget-balancing deals that satisfy no one.

Where there is no vision, after all, the people perish.

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 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  
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 TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program, every Thursday.  
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 Worship Services  
 TIME: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday  
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 TIME/DATE: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday  
 DETAILS: Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning and change from a Christian perspective.  
 CONTACT: For more information or to register call (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org.  
 Charmed Influence  
 TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday  
 DETAILS: Studying the book "Surviving a Spiritual Mismatch in Marriage".  
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 Sunday Worship  
 TIME: 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m.  
 DETAILS: Rev. Dr. Steve Buck  
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 TIME/DATE: 4 p.m. first Monday of every month  
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 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 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.  
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 TIME/DATE: Noon, first Sunday of every month  
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 DETAILS: 11 a.m. every Sunday on WRDT-AM 560, The WMUZ Word Station.  
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 Men's Bible Study  
 TIME/DATE: 6:30 a.m. Wednesday  
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 Single's Bible Study  
 TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays, Room C309  
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 TIME/DATE: 7-8:45 p.m. on eight consecutive Mondays, beginning Sept. 14  
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 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.newhope-center.net.

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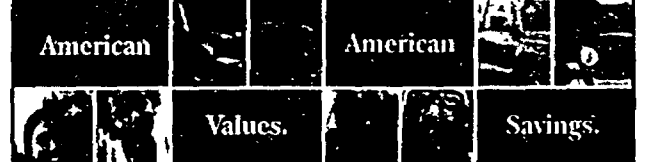
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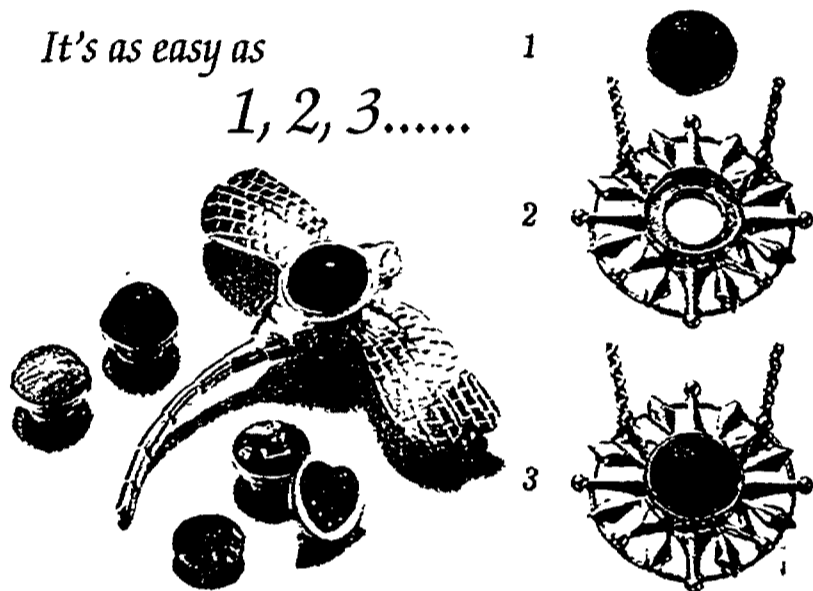
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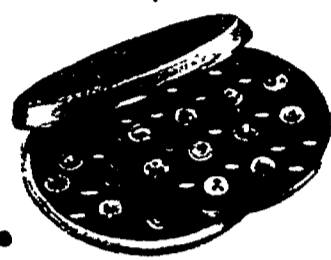
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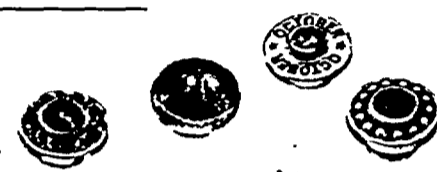


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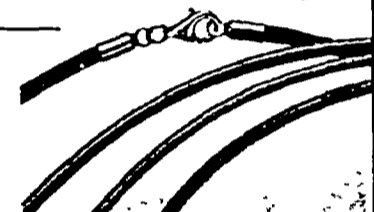
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# Mustangs reclaim Brown Jug

Northville defeats Novi 14-8 in OT

BY CHRIS JACKETT  
CORRESPONDENT

It had been eight straight years since the Brown Jug went to Northville in the annual Eight Mile Road border battle with Novi. But the Mustangs treaded water through a steady drizzle into overtime Friday night in order to break the Wildcats' streak with a 14-8 win at Novi.

"The result, there's no question the result was very rewarding. To win the way we did was just amazing. I don't think words can describe how big of a win it was for us," Northville coach Matt Ladach said. "It means a lot. I tried my best to keep it cool and I was just like the kids and completely overwhelmed."

The win secured Northville (5-2, 4-1 KLA Central) second place in the division - while Livonia Stevenson (5-2, 5-0 Central) took first with a 47-20 win at South Lyon East - and moved the Mustangs to within one win of securing a state playoff berth. The loss eliminated Novi (3-4, 3-2 Central) from playoff contention and put the Wildcats third place in the division.

"It really says a lot about the Northville football program. I



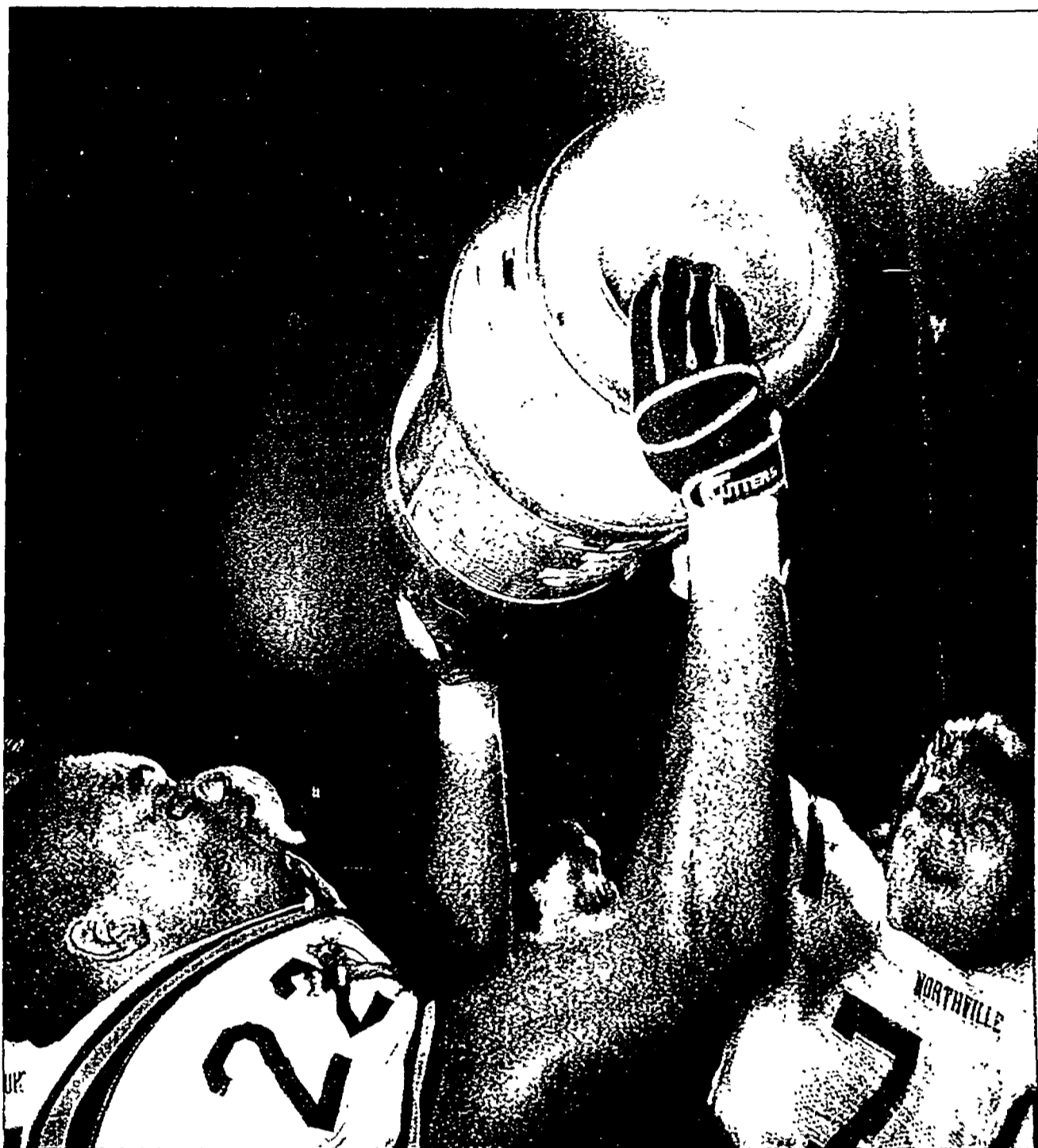
Mustang Kyle Galdes in action against the Wildcats.

thought they played with tremendous spirit," Novi coach Tab Kellepourey said. "We want to say congratulations on winning that jug."

With puddles forming on the field, both teams struggled to hold onto the ball early on, combining for eight pass attempts, six fumbles and a botched snap that resulted in a safety, all during just the first half.

Northville's first drive ended

Please see **FOOTBALL, B6**



Northville Mustang Shawn Williams hoists the "jug" after he and his teammates beat Novi on Friday night.

PHOTOS BY JOHN HEICER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## ON TAP

Northville (5-2, 4-1 Central) will travel to Westland John Glenn 7 p.m. tomorrow for a Kensington Conference battle between second-place teams.

"John Glenn is a very athletic football team. Jeremy Langford is a stud. They can beat you with a number of players, but number 23 is

their primary weapon. It will be important for us to keep him in check," Northville coach Matt Ladach said. "Last week's win was very emotional. It is not uncommon for teams to have letdowns after emotional victories. Combine that with the fact that we have a strange week of preparation due to parent-teacher confer-

ences. This being said, I have to make sure that our boys are prepared for battle on Friday night."

Glenn (6-1, 4-1 KLA South) is coming off a 42-6 win at Wayne Memorial (3-4, 1-4 South) and has already secured a state playoff spot by reaching the six-win milestone.

## 'Stangs can't stop Churchill

### Livonia wins conference soccer crown

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It was only fitting on Columbus Day that opponents are already discovering the Livonia Churchill boys soccer team is going to be a tough "out" come tournament time.

The state-ranked Chargers improved their overall record to 16-0-1 with a dominating second-half performance Monday night en route to a 4-1 win over visiting Northville for the Kensington Conference championship.

Churchill, ranked No. 2 in Division 1, now moves into Kensington Lakes Activities Association title match against Walled Lake Northern (14-3-2), which advanced Monday with a 3-1 triumph over Grand Blanc for the Lakes Conference crown. (Game time is 7 p.m. Wednesday at Northern.)

Northville (10-5-4) applied early pressure and nearly scored less than two minutes into the match when Churchill sophomore goalkeeper Bartig made back-to-back saves.

Bartig then came up with another key stop with 25:15 left in the first half when Northville senior Doug Beason's rebound attempt



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Churchill's Max Washko (left) and Northville's Nick Peper (14) go high for the header during Monday's Kensington Conference championship match.

Please see **SOCCER, B5**

## Mustangs capture Central Division crown

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

Baby steps. That's what Northville boys soccer head coach Henry Klimes said his team needed to take when he discussed the season prior to its start six weeks ago.

Those baby steps have turned into an all out Mustang gallop, however, and the soccer team has earned the right to call themselves champions. The Mustangs notched a key 3-2 victory over the Novi Wildcats last week before upending the South Lyon Lions, 7-0, in a divisional contest to secure the crown.

Two weeks ago, the Mustangs weren't sure where they'd be standing when the Central Division was decided. They took a 1-1 tie against Salem when they needed a victory to guarantee a piece of the Central Division title.

"We need some help if we want a chance at the division," said Klimes last week. That help came from South Lyon and Stevenson. The South Lyon squad beat Salem, 3-2, and then Stevenson went and did the same, notching a 1-0 victory over the Rocks.

"It was pretty exciting," said Klimes, who said his team found out about the Salem loss after beating Novi on Senior Night. "We knew all we had to do was take care of our business and the division was ours."

So the Mustangs went to South Lyon and won. It wasn't the prettiest show Klimes had ever witnessed. He said his team didn't play

## ON TAP

Up next for the Mustangs is the Michigan High School Athletic Association District Tournament. The Mustangs host the tournament this year and will see teams like Plymouth, Salem, Stevenson, Churchill, Pinckney, Redford Union and South Lyon.

up to their own capabilities. The difference was, however, that the opportunities were suddenly going in their direction. Northville took a 5-0 lead and then added two more in the second half for the victory.

Scoring for the Mustangs was Dave Hammond and Tom Pickren, who scored two each, while Doug Beason, Max McHugh and Joey Zywoil added a goal each in the victory.

"They were great shots," said Klimes. "There's nothing that can be said against South Lyon's goalie. He played well. Those shots were just ones that he couldn't do anything about."

The Mustangs will have a chance to win the Kensington Conference and the overall KLA this week, but the games were being played after the sports section deadline.

Against Novi, the Mustangs had to muster enough energy to win despite the rain and cold weather, creating cruddy conditions.

The Northville kickers jumped out to a 2-0 lead with two goals by Hammond in the first half.

"We had the wind going with us and Novi just came out sluggish from the weather," said Klimes.

But Novi found their feet before the end of the half, scoring a goal to cut Northville lead to 2-1 heading into halftime, which was extended due to Senior Night festivities.

Northville came out slow and could only watch as Novi tied up the game, 2-2, about 10 minutes into the half.

With the temperatures dropping and neither team getting a break, it looked as though the game would push into overtime. But Fatai Alashe took advantage of a lapse in the Novi defense and found the back of the net, giving his team the victory, 3-2.

Heading into the season, Klimes knew his team had lost 14 seniors and that his current roster was full of players who hadn't had much in the way of varsity experience.

"Baby steps," is what he said his team needed and they gave him that. A division title was what he set the goal as, and they gave him that.

Now, Klimes said his team has to be sharp for the district tournament.

"Everyone starts over at 0-0," he said. "It isn't necessarily the team with the best record that wins. It's a new season, and if you lose then the season is over."

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

# Tankers topple Chiefs

Northville swimming and diving squad rebounds

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

A team can do one of two things after an emotional loss like the Mustangs girls swimming and diving squad suffered two weeks ago - they can either curl up and give up or they can bounce back and get a win.

The Northville Mustangs, coached by Brian McNeff, chose the latter option, toppling the Canton Chiefs, 106-80. The victory came a week after losing to Novi in a tough dual meet showdown.

"I thought we swam pretty well," said McNeff. "We are staying right around all of our times, and at this point of the season that is sometimes hard to do."

Against the Chiefs, the Mustangs took a chance and tried some tankers in events they have not been traditionally swimming thus far this year.

"We got some really good times in those events," said McNeff. "The team has fought hard in races all season long and we did that again tonight. That is a quality that is definitely going to help us come league meet time."

The Mustangs started the night off with a win in the 200 medley relay. The team of Rachel Brown, Catherine Cui, Riley Bruen and Sarah Garrity notched the win in a time of 2:07.23. The team of Ashley Filipowicz, Kelly Burford, Lucy Zhao and Laura Cheney took third and Lauren Li, Jessica

**ON TAP**

The Mustangs swimming and diving team will be hitting the pool again today when they host the South Lyon East Cougars at 6:30 p.m. The team will then be back when they visit Brighton a week from today at 6:30 p.m.

Buczowski, Kelly Steward and Shelby Mroz was fifth.

First-place success carried over to the 200 freestyle, where Faith Miller took first in 2:05.08 while Briana Schoenek took fourth in 2:10.25 and Megan Truran took sixth in 2:20.41.

Northville continued swimming strong, taking second in the 200 individual medley off a 2:24.27 finish by Leah Erlandson, while Lia Nagata took fifth and Michelle Song took sixth. Garrity added a second place finish for her squad in the 50 free, finishing in 27.44 seconds while Cheaney was fourth.

The squad had a nice showing from its three divers. Jennifer Jones took second in the event with 166.85 points while Kelsey Libbe was third and Kirsten Failing was fourth.

Northville notched another first place finish in the 100 butterfly with Lohman touching the wall for a 1:03.72 finish. Maddy Kipke was third in the event while Schoenek was fourth. In the 100 freestyle, Miller collected a first-place finish in 57.97

seconds, followed by Cui in fourth and Cheaney in fifth.

Success continued in the 500 freestyle as Song took first in 5:43.19, just ahead of Emily Iverson, who was second in 5:46.06. Taking sixth was Rebecca Willis in 6:19.23. The relay team of Lohman, Cui, Becca Myers and Miller took first in the 200 freestyle relay with a time of 1:47.53. Taking third was the team of Lily Chen, Elizabeth Hetu, Cheaney and Megan Nichols and taking sixth was Rebekah Cullen, Jill Moir, Emily Mulcrone and Truran.

The Mustangs notched another first-place from the swimming of Rachel Brown, who took first in the 100 backstroke in 1:06.05, while Erlandson was second and Kipke was third with times of 1:06.66 and 1:06.77, respectively. Kelly Burford took second in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:15.37, while Leann Dimitroff was fifth and Kayla Hagan was sixth in the event.

Rounding out the day was the first place finish from the 400 freestyle relay team of Kipke, Erlandson, Cui and Lohman, who swam to the win in 3:55.39. Taking third was the team of Iverson, Maeve Nichols, Tori Hilmer and Nagata while the team of Nicole Albrant, Lily Chen, Jill Dobronski and Filipowicz was sixth.

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

# What a week!

Northville golf team wins conference, regional

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

**ON TAP**

Up next will be a trip to East Lansing where the Northville girls golf team will compete in the state tournament. The girls will be competing against the state's best high school golf teams.

"Hopefully we are peaking at the right time," said Northville coach Mary Jane Ossola. "A finish in the top five would be a wonderful accomplishment and if we play as we did at regionals, I feel we can do it."

last year, so I was very proud of the way the girls played," said Ossola of the Tanglewood Golf Course, which is where Northville hosted the regional this year. "I wanted to take advantage of our strength, which is driving the ball and long iron and hybrid play."

Leading the way for Northville was Brianna Roberts, who has been solid all season long. She carded an 83 on the 18-hole course. Not far behind was consistently strong Stephanie Sakorafis, who scored an 85 while Amy Bernstein shot an 86 and

Jackie Kjolhede recorded an 87.

"I was really happy for Amy as she has struggled as of late and is our senior captain," said Ossola of Bernstein. "I know she wanted to contribute and play well and she certainly did."

The regional tournament marked the first time this season Northville had four scores in the 80s.

Northville had a strong showing in the conference tournament as well, shooting a 351 to win the Kensington Lakes Activities Association Kensington Conference convincingly with a 351. Novi was second with a 377 while Plymouth was third with a 386.

Northville's low score of the day was an 80, shot by Sakorafis. Kjolhede was next for Northville, carding an 89 while Roberts and Camilla Zhao each shot 91.

Sakorafis finished just two strokes behind the medalist, Kelsey Murphy from Plymouth.

Northville had five all-conference players this year in Sakorafis, Roberts, Kjolhede, Zhao and Bernstein.

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

**NORTHVILLE HIGH FRESHMAN WRAPUP**

Novi, Northville play to 6-6 tie

All week the chatter was about the long-standing rivalry with the Novi Wildcats, dating back to the late 1960s. The freshmen, new at this contest, listened all week to a variety of experienced veterans share their personal experiences. There were speeches dating back to periods of time these boys were not even alive yet, stories of past successes and disappointments for players, coaches, even administrators. There was some boasting, a little gloating even bragging at times; others walked with a little different swagger this week. Yes, it's Rivalry Week against the cross town Novi Wildcats.

It was evident from the opening kickoff that the teams were evenly matched. The entire first quarter was a see-saw battle of defenses with no scoring. In the second quarter Alex Coe fires through the offensive line and crushes the Novi tail back causing him to fumble the ball. Always aggressive, Adam

Kwiecinski recovers the football and scampers down to Novi's two-yard line. Phillip Hayes on a run up the middle, scores the go ahead touchdown giving the Mustang a 6-0 lead.

The Mustangs had some success moving the ball offensively on the Wildcats. Strong up front blocking by R.J. Holloway, David Hornshaw, Kevin Piwowar and Drake Wolter allowed the Northville backs some big gains but they just couldn't put any additional points on the board. The first half ended on an exciting pass interception by the Mustang safety, Rini Jusufi.

Through the third and most of the fourth quarter, Northville and Novi defenses took control of the game. On certain third down plays, the Novi defense would make big stops. The Northville defense was equal to the task. Led up front by David Dunlap, Jonathan Wines, Trenton Taylor & Bradley VanHulle, the Mustangs stopped the Wildcats many times on fourth and short.

Late in the fourth quarter, on

a miscue by the Mustang punt team, the Novi Wildcats get the ball 1st and goal from the four yard line. A gallant effort by Northville defense, but the Wildcats punched it in for the tying touchdown.

It was a great week for all to see, the cross-town rivalry against the Novi Wildcats concluded with a 6-6 tie. These young men, some for the first time, got to feel what it meant to be involved in a rivalry -- that is just beginning. Yes, we get another chance next year to face the same team. As a matter of fact, these young men will challenge each other for the next three years. Who will come out on top? What memories will they retain from this experience? I can see it now, some years down the road, early in the rivalry week when one of these fine young men, will be addressing a starry eyed freshman team, boasting, gloating even embellishing his fond memories of the Northville/Novi football rivalry.

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# Headed to state finals

## Northville tennis wins conference, heads to state championships

**ON TAP**

The Northville Mustangs boys tennis team will participate in the state finals tournament, held in Midland, tomorrow and Saturday. The two-day-long tournament features the best teams in the state of Michigan.

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

It was a week of hard work and impressive play for the Northville Mustangs boys tennis team and it paid off with dividends.

The squad, coached by Matt Stetson, collected not only the crown to the Kensington Lakes Activities Association Kensington Conference, but also earned a trip to Midland this weekend to compete in the state finals tournament.

The Mustangs found themselves competing in a very competitive regional tournament last Saturday, but earned the right to the finals by collecting 22 points. Novi also earned 22 points, tying them for second place, while Detroit Catholic Central took first with 28 points. All three teams will be competing in the state tournament.

Other teams competing in the regional were Brighton, Hartland, Milford, Howell, Stevenson, Pinckney, Lakeland and Walled Lake Central.

No other information about the regional tournament was available by the sports deadline.

Northville was in top form just a few days before when they competed in the KLAAs Kensington Conference championships. Northville, which lost the KLAAs Central Division title to Novi this year, played some of their best tennis of the year and collected 29 points. Novi collected just 28, and could only watch as the Mustangs earned the championship. Plymouth took third in the

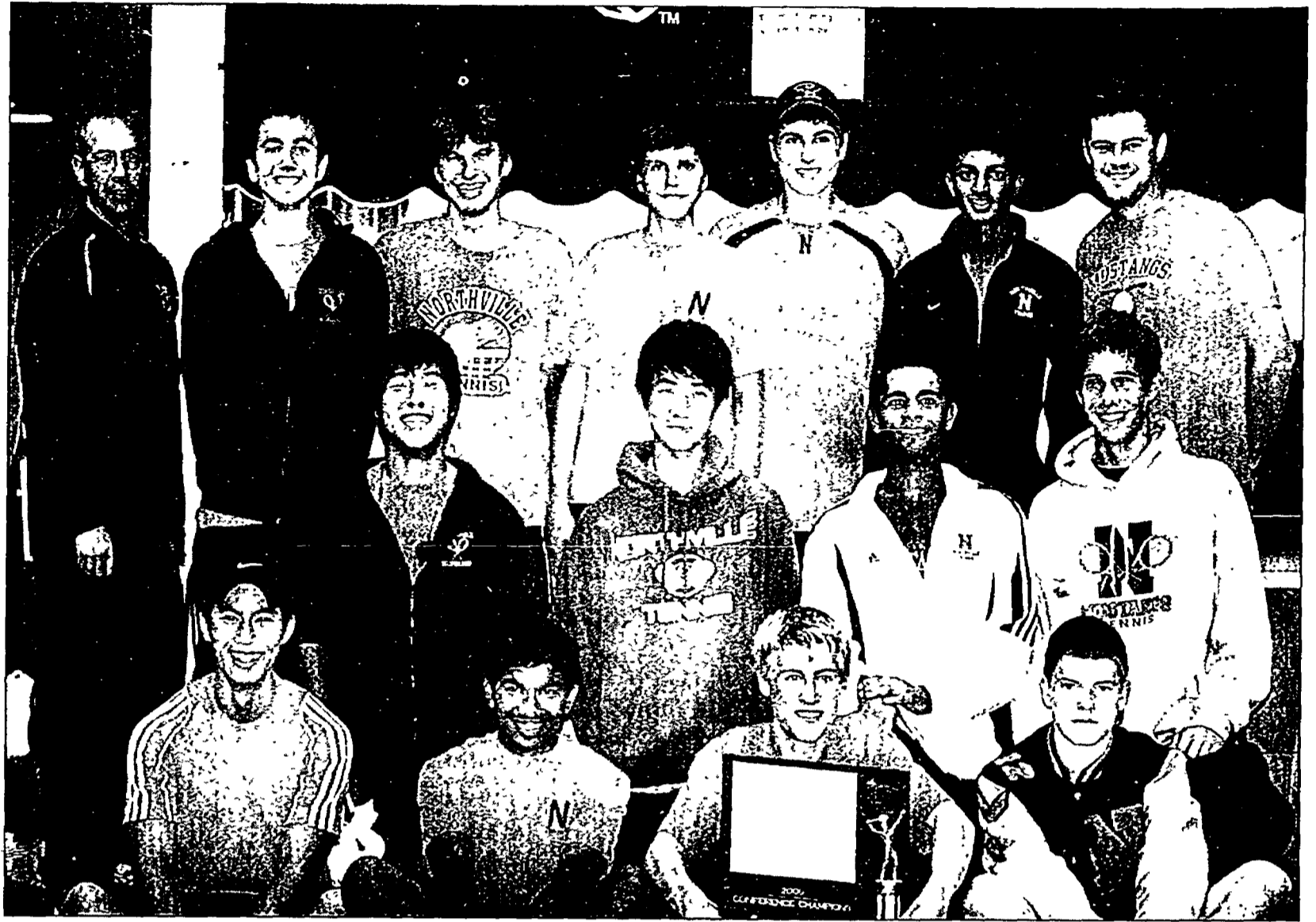


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The Northville Mustangs boys tennis team poses with their Kensington Lakes Activities Association Kensington Conference trophy last week. The team earned the trophy by edging out Novi for the top spot.

tournament with 17 points. "This was a fantastic tournament for the boys," said Stetson. "I am extremely proud of the whole team and how they all pulled through in really tough matches."

Northville's players competed in seven three-set matches in the tournament and walked away with victories in each of them.

"I am extremely happy for the 10 seniors on the team," Stetson said. "They have worked hard all four years and it paid off for them in the end."

The championship marks Northville's first conference crown in the KLAAs for the tennis team. It is Northville's second year as a member of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

Northville found themselves in a tight situation in the championship tournament, trailing Novi 28 matches to 27 with third and fourth singles left to play in the final round.

Steve Irvine, the third singles player for the Mustangs, earned a convincing win to tie the overall score as he pounded out a 6-0, 6-1 win over his foe. The deciding match at fourth singles

was what Stetson described as a "nail-biter," ending after three sets, 6-4, 2-6 and 6-4, with Northville's Nick Kalweit earning the win.

Kalweit and Irvine were the team's only flight champions, while runner-up medals were earned by first singles player Melvin Joseph, second singles Tim Wasielewski, the first doubles team of Anthony Rossi and

Evan Gatz, the second doubles team of Albert Chen and Bryce Groshek, the third doubles team of Phil Lee and Matt Satterfield, the fourth doubles team of Jordan Blough and Alex Hsu and the fifth doubles team of Austin Weaver and Rahul Raj.

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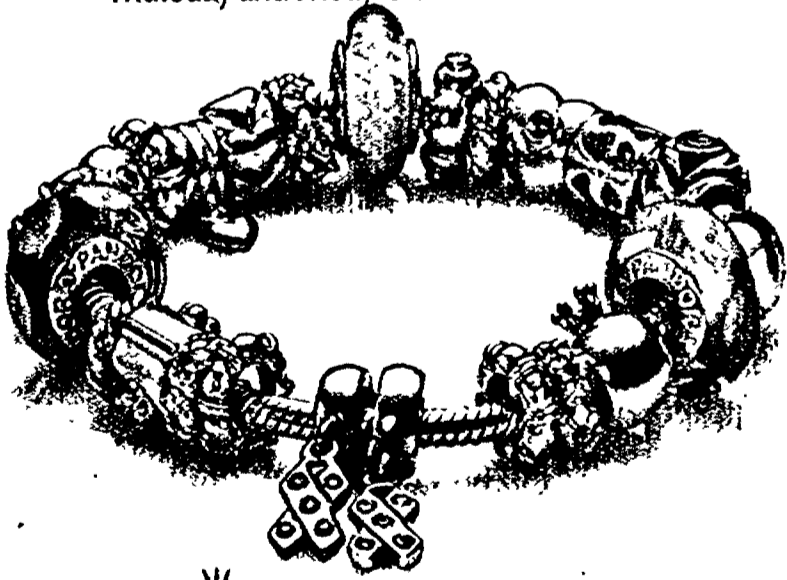
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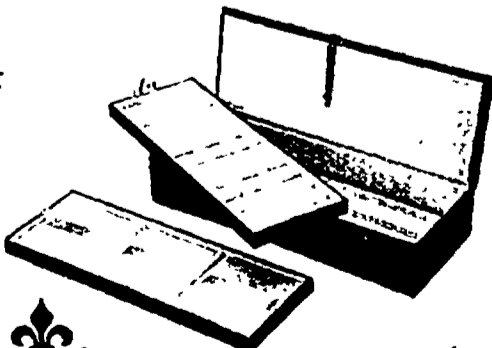


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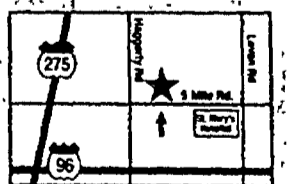
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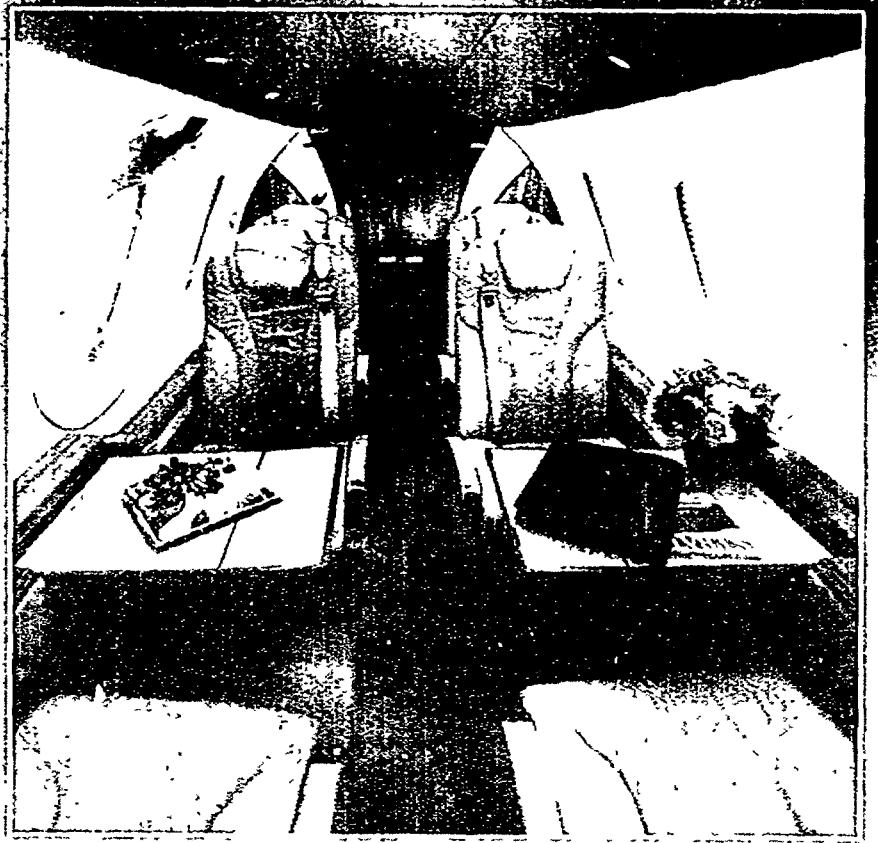


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## CAReport



By Dale Buss

German luxury automakers aren't backing off on their efforts to gain a significant share of the U.S. market for their new clean-diesel models. In addition to Audi's ubiquitous marketing campaign, "Diesel: No Longer a Dirty Word," there are aggressive efforts with incentives.

Diesel purveyors Volkswagen, Audi, BMW and Mercedes-Benz took various advantage of the Cash for Clunkers program, for example, to offer great deals on their diesel models as high-mileage replacements for thousands of the used vehicles that Americans turned in under the \$3.5-billion scrappage program in July and August.

And already, sales results overall reflect well on their efforts: Clean-diesel versions account for 35 percent of the sales of the Audi Q7 SUV, double the company's expectations. About 80 percent of new Volkswagen Jetta SportWagens are diesel, and up to 20 percent of sales of three Mercedes-Benz models. Diesels account for roughly half of the European market.

And by next year, J.D. Power & Associates predicts that proliferating diesels will grab nearly a 5-percent overall share of U.S. auto sales - about double their take from just six months ago and roughly equivalent to the expected share for hybrid powertrains,

whose following has built over a decade. "Clean" diesel simply means that automakers have harnessed low-sulfur diesel fuel and improvements in emissions technology to enable diesel engines to overcome their dirty heritage and meet even California's stiff emissions standards, which the federal government has adopted as well.

The new diesels offer some huge advantages for consumers and the environment. They get as much as 40 percent better mileage than gasoline power and cut emissions by as much as 25 percent more. For highway speeds and long distances, diesel engines' fuel economy crushes the performance of their gasoline counterparts and, especially, of hybrids. Diesel's innately robust torque capabilities mean they're more fun to drive and cargo-capable than hybrids. And diesel cars don't stink anymore.

"Diesels provide better fuel economy on the highway, and they provide more torque than gas, so they're a better choice for luxury-car buyers," said Michael Omotoso, senior manager of global powertrains for J.D. Power, based in Westlake Village, Calif.

The new clean diesels command price premiums of as much as a few thousand dollars over conventional powertrains. But that's also true with hybrids - and,



About 35 percent of purchasers of the Audi Q7 SUV are opting for the Clean Diesel TDI version.



The 3 Series sedan is one of two vehicles BMW is using to test the U.S. market for diesel.

on average, diesel premiums are smaller, according to J.D. Power.

Both types of powertrains in new vehicles qualify for federal tax credits aimed at rewarding green-car purchases. And the residual values of diesel-equipped vehicles in the used car market are about 25 percent higher than gasoline-powered equivalents and 19 percent higher than comparable hybrids, Bosch reported.

Moreover, for the time being at least, diesel fuel is priced fairly in line with gasoline; in the summer of 2008, they were as much as 65 cents higher than even a stratospherically priced gallon of regular gasoline. Comparing today's diesel prices with those of premium gasoline - which German executives argue is the only fair perspective for high-end vehicles - actually gives diesel an edge right now.

wooing American consumers to their world's-best diesel technology actually requires relatively little investment by the German automakers because every diesel model they sell here adds to the capacity utilization of their plants in Europe where they make diesel engines.

And the Germans continue to hedge their bets with hybrids and electric-car development anyway. In fact, it seems as if the diesel suspicions of American and Japanese rivals are stronger than the Germans' skepticism about hybrids.

One reason is they'd rather focus for the U.S. market on squeezing still-better fuel economy and emissions performance out of gasoline engines. There's also the nasty legacy of GM's ill-performing diesel engines of the Eighties, which consumers in the boomer demographic - the Germans' target - may well remember. Diesel also suffers from its continuing association with smelly, loud "non-clean" diesel engines that power most big commercial trucks.

Each of the Detroit Three sells diesel pick-up trucks, largely to business buyers. But, combined, those trucks and the Germans' diesel-powered luxury models still comprise only a fraction of the total U.S. marketplace. VW's introduction of a diesel version of the Golf next year will bring a better test of the crucial question of diesel's mainstream appeal to Americans.

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