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## Absentee vote

Are you registered to vote but don't think you'll be heading out to the polls on Nov. 3? Then pick up an absentee ballot application.

There's several reasons why someone can vote by absentee ballot: age 60 years or older, disabled, out of town on election day, working as an election inspector, confined to jail waiting arraignment or trial or religious obligations.

The application to vote by absentee ballot is due to your township or city clerk's office by the end of the month. The ballot can be mailed or dropped off. A ballot will be mailed, and it must be returned to the clerk by 8 p.m. on election day.

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Awesome event at Northville High School, benefiting "Kids Against Hunger" Saturday, Nov. 7, 5:30-8:00 p.m. Soup supper featuring soups donated by area merchants and families; "Kids Against Hunger" meal packing, where you can join in the excitement of assembling meal packets for the world's hungry; NHS student Dawson Laabs and NHS principal Rob Watson will open the performance at 7:30 p.m. followed by Mountain Heart, one of Nashville's premiere six-piece, high-energy newgrass bands. Check them out at [www.mountainheart.com](http://www.mountainheart.com).

For tickets and information, go to [www.haveaheartforhunger.net](http://www.haveaheartforhunger.net). Tickets will also be available at the door.

## School funds slashed \$4.3M

## Governor hits districts with yet another cut

BY NATHAN MENOIAN  
CORRESPONDENT

State school money is vanishing faster than Northville school administrators ever thought possible, and the resulting predictions are dire.

Two months into the school

year, and four months since the district's operating budget became effective July 1, Northville's per-student dollar amount has been reduced \$613.

Dr. Leonard Rezmierski, Northville's school superintendent, said district officials are on a 24/7 watch over the

continuing state education cuts, calling the latest reductions, "devastatingly horrific."

Two weeks ago, districts statewide were hit with a \$165 per-student reduction. Last week, a double whammy occurred with cuts in 20(j) state funding (part

of Proposition A from 1994), resulting in \$321 less for each Northville student, followed 48 hours later by a last-minute additional statewide cut of \$127 per student from Gov. Jennifer Granholm's desk.

"Northville schools, with 7,000 students, are suddenly losing \$4.3 million in state aid, amounting to 7.5 percent of our budget," Rezmierski said. "We're not about a

knee-jerk response, but we're facing notable staff cuts, all sports, all arts, music and transportation."

The next school board meeting was Tuesday at Hillside Middle School. The governor was invited to the meeting, along with state legislators representing Northville, yet Rezmierski

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Pumpkin  
picking

JOHN HEIDER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sadie Dragon hoists a pumpkin at last Thursday's Northville's Farmers' Market. Dragon and other students from Winchester and Amerman schools were visiting the market for a look at some of the fall produce and for the opportunity to buy a big orange squash. The last farmers' market for the year will be today.

3 candidates vie  
for 2 Northville  
City Council seats

## Buckhave to face 2 incumbents

Mayor Chris Johnson is running unopposed for his 12th term as mayor of the city of Northville on Tuesday. He has served as mayor of the community since 1987. The mayor's office is a two-year term. Three candidates will vie for only two available council seats. Businessman and downtown Northville property owner Bob Buckhave will run for a council position for the first time against incumbents

Jim Allen, a landscape architect and registered land planner, and Michele Fecht, a freelance writer and former education reporter for the *Northville Record* and a reporter and editor for the *Detroit News*. Allen and Fecht have both served one term. Council seats are four-year terms. See their bios and Q&A inside on pages 8-9.

In Northville Township, only two items will appear on the ballot. Joe Hige is running unopposed for a school district board member seat. See a story on him and retiring school board member Judy Handley in the Education section.

Also, residents will be asked to vote yes or no on Proposition O to renew the Wayne County operating millage. The ballot reads:

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

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Flu reported throughout  
Northville school districtBY NATHAN MENOIAN  
SPECIAL WRITER

It is the season for the flu. Northville students are coming down with confirmed cases, and symptoms in notable amounts.

As of last week, 86 confirmed cases were reported in Northville schools, with between seven and 18 students from each grade. Most were reports of the typical flu virus, while six were H1N1, the swine flu.

Moraine Elementary has reported two confirmed cases of the swine flu, as well as confirmed cases of traditional flu. Northville High School also reported one H1N1 confirma-

tion.

Meads Mill Middle School sent a letter home to parents last week reporting a confirmed H1N1 case there. Hillside Middle School had one student out with chicken pox.

Coupled with the confirmed flu cases, several students experienced a combination of flu-like symptoms from chills, aches, runny nose and fever.

The district said all grade levels, with the exception of second grade, are experiencing a higher degree of absence due to illness. Northville schools are taking precautions by cleaning and disinfecting all common

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## Sewer work

Work continues on Wednesday on the West Main Street sewer extension project. The project consists of the installation of approximately 1,100 feet of eight-inch sanitary sewer line along the north side of the road. The project was awarded to Stante Excavating in September. Total cost of the project, including engineering, is approximately \$200,000.

# City applies for federal grant to increase buildings' energy efficiency

■ Award could save city more than 40 percent in utility costs

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

The city of Northville is looking for ways to reduce its energy consumption by applying for a special energy-efficiency block grant.

The city council recently authorized Honeywell International to perform an energy audit for certain buildings at no cost to help identify ways to help the city save energy in its facilities.

The audit determined that the city's energy usage was significantly higher than the average for buildings of similar size and construction.

A Competitive Block Grant would provide the funds to help pay for proposed improvements. If the city is successful in obtaining the \$54,380 grant, the city will investigate low-inter-

est energy bonds and spending fund reserves for the rest of the project.

The Energy Efficiency Performance Contract Project is projected to result in energy cost savings of more than 40 percent for City Hall, the Police Department, Fire Department and Public Works building.

The project would also stimulate the local economy, create jobs and reduce the carbon footprint of the city's municipal buildings.

Without funding from the energy Efficiency Block Grant Program, the city would not be able to complete this project.

"The Block Grant Program is a federally-funded program that is administered by the state," said Nickie Bateson, assistant city manager and finance director.

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

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Northville Township chiropractor Dr. Ryan Cooper on a trip to the Fort Peck Indian Reservation in Poplar, Mont., in 2007. Cooper is helping the families of the reservation again this year by requesting coats and other necessities for children and adults as well as toys.

## Northville chiropractor helps Native Americans' holiday to be better

### ■ Donations requested for 'Christmas on the Reservation'

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Ryan Cooper believes the true spirit of Christmas is to reach out to those less fortunate.

This year, the Northville Township chiropractor is again helping Native Americans on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation in Poplar, Mont., through the Love Has No Color World project's "Christmas on the Reservation" program.

The program's mission is to collect donations of new winter clothing and toys to make the reservation's families' holiday season brighter.

"This is attempt to bring awareness to the appalling conditions on our own soil," Cooper said. "We have third-world conditions right here in America. Before we can tell the rest of the world how to live, I believe it's important to embrace our own people and clean up this ugly stain. With health and hope, anything is possible."

Love Has No Color is a group of chiropractors bringing light to the poor conditions on Native American reservations.

"I am holding it in our community this year to get more awareness of our project," Cooper said.

The program runs through Nov. 23, with the presents distributed Dec. 11.

Gifts requested include coats (every size, from infant to adult) and other winter necessities plus

toys for children of all ages. All gifts must be new, unwrapped items.

#### WHY THIS CAUSE?

With so many charities out there, why did chiropractors select this cause?

Currently, the Fort Peck Indian Reservation has a 65-percent unemployment rate. In the area the program affects, 65-75 percent of children are considered needy. The average student at Fort Peck Community College is a 35-year-old single mother.

As part of the Love Has No Color World project, "Christmas on the Reservation" links people getting healthier by helping humanity and demonstrating how chiropractic can bring hope.

Love Has No Color was started to bring chiropractic and wellness to areas in need. In the past, Cooper has traveled twice to the Fort Peck Reservation. On his first trip, a student was selected to attend chiropractic college and bring chiropractic back to the reservation.

"We made an emotional connection with the people there, especially the kids," Cooper said. "The kids showed the raw emotion of being let down by their community. One of them asked if everyone outside the reservation was the same as us. It was unfortunate that we had to tell them no."

For every coat donated, Cooper will offer that person or business a gift certificate for a new patient

#### WHERE TO DROP OFF GIFTS

To help residents of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation in Poplar, Mont., through the "Christmas on the Reservation" program, drop off new coats and other winter necessities for children and adults or toys for children of all ages to: Health for Life Chiropractic, Dr. Ryan Cooper, 43059 Seven Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167. Cooper can also send someone to pick up coats, other winter clothing or toys. For more information, call him at (248) 449-1630 or e-mail him at ryanccooper@gmail.com.

exam and X-rays.

"If an organization, office, or church is looking for a winter project, I will be happy to provide a DVD of the gifts being passed out," Cooper said.

Cooper is also asking Northville teachers to consider having their classroom adopt a classroom from the reservation. His idea is to have Northville students fill a box to be given to a class with the same age of children. The boxes could contain letters, pictures, gifts or whatever the students want to share.

"I see this as an opportunity for our children to learn to help others," he said. He plans to return to the reservation on a regular basis and would encourage the classes to continue to exchange pictures and letters.

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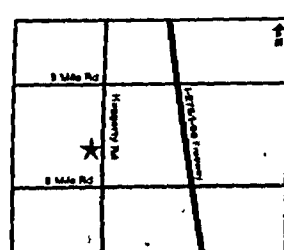


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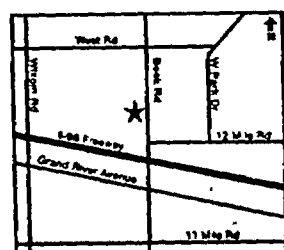
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# Pros, cons of Main Street walkthru outlined

■ Cost could be less than \$800,000

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Whenever faced with making a major decision, it's always advised to make a list of pros and cons and then weigh in on the issue. That's exactly what Northville City Council member Nancy Ward recently requested of Lori Ward, executive director of the Northville Downtown Development Authority, on a proposed walkthru project from the Marquis Parking Lot to East Main Street.

At this month's DDA board meeting last week, Ward presented a draft of the pros and cons, which included the following:

## PROS OF THE PROJECT

The walkthru would provide access from the Marquis Lot to East Main Street when businesses are closed. And, the Marquis Lot is the most-used parking in the city.

Comerica Bank, which owns the property where the walkthru

is planned, is a willing participant in the project and has agreed to donate the space, valued at between \$200,000 and \$300,000.

The DDA also has funds set aside for the project, and the Northville Area Development Corporation members have pledged \$106,000 to the project.

The project would complete the north-south pedestrian spine through downtown.

Construction of the Town Square has provided more opportunities for programs and larger crowds at events. "We need to get those people from their cars to Town Square," Ward said.

Three new restaurants are being added to Main Street, which will increase evening and weekend foot traffic. This project was also identified in the 2006 Downtown Strategic Plan.

The project would take an existing vacant space that the owner does not want to manage out of use. It could also provide additional office space for rent.

Ward said the public sector project would demonstrate confidence in the community during a confidence economic market that would, in turn, spur private sector investment.

It would also renovate an unattractive building to the west of Comerica Bank and replace the incompatible blue bubble awning on the bank. It would tie together the Town Square project and the Marquis Parking Lot improvements.

The walkthru would enable bus passengers headed to the Marquis Theatre to be dropped off behind the theatre and cut right through the middle of the block, eliminating bus congestion in front of the theatre.

There's also talk about possibly building new public rest rooms in the walkway for downtown visitors and shoppers.

Finally, the project may provide the opportunity to connect rear upper floors of East Main Street buildings.

## CONS OF THE PROJECT

One argument for not constructing the cut-through is that visitors

could choose to use the designated walkthru rather than stroll through downtown businesses, which could reduce some sales with these merchants.

If the project is postponed, Comerica Bank may not be a willing participant in the future. Future funding is uncertain, and there is concern for spending money on the project in the current down economy.

The project would also take an existing retail space permanently off the market.

Another potential downfall is that the city and the DDA could be required to pay for the upgrade to property owned by another. The suggested rest rooms could prove to be expensive to maintain and keep clean.

Finally, the walkthru could become an "attractive nuisance" for young people and be vandalized.

Discussions are continuing on the project with no firm plans made at this time. Both the city and the DDA board welcome public comment on the proposal.

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## Wild for B-Dubs

On Oct. 24, Darold Edmonds, a resident of Northville, accomplished quite a feat — visiting every Buffalo Wild Wings location in Michigan, a total of 37, on his self-proclaimed "2009 State of Michigan Buffalo Wild Wings Tour." Buffalo Wild Wings staff members have greeted him enthusiastically at each stop along the tour, which Darold has chronicled by having his waiter or waitress sign his Buffalo Wild Wings T-shirt. "When I tell people what I am doing, the most common response would have to be, 'Uhh, why?' And I always say, 'Why not?'" Darold successfully completed his goal within a year's time, and his whirlwind trip ended with a final stop at the Mt. Pleasant store.

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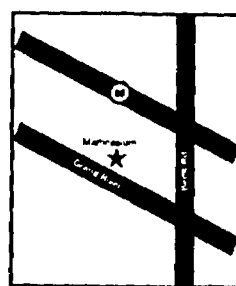
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# EDUCATION

## School board member Judy Handley retiring

BY NATHAN MENOLAN  
SPECIAL WRITER

Judy Handley isn't going to be idle when she retires from the Northville school board this December, after 12 years of service.

Once she has no more Tuesday night board meetings to attend, Handley hopes to have a little more time for her two favorite hobbies, reading and knitting. She plans to continue on in her position as a school administrator for the Wayne-Westland school district.

She has a deep appreciation for those who work in the school district by serving the students, families and the school community at large.

"The commitment and dedication of the service providers, staff, teachers and administrators here in Northville is fantastic," she said. "Being on the board has been a wonderful opportunity, and it's been my pleasure to contribute to this community."

Handley has served the board as a trustee, president, vice president twice and secretary. She's also sat on various subcommittees.

For 21 years she taught elementary school, with a focus on reading. She then worked as a learning consultant in an elementary building for eight years, and is now a district administrator. Her

39 years in education have been with Wayne-Westland.

The most difficult challenge for any school board relates to finances, and Northville is no exception. In light of the most recent education cuts, Handley sees those challenges continuing for years to come. But she also looked beyond the financial struggles to share some high points as well.

"This district grew pretty fast for many years and we dealt with capacity issues trying to maintain the program delivery. I feel confident that we've done a good job," she said. "When I look back on Northville, the highlight for me has been seeing the mission and vision of the district really take hold."

"Everything that happens here does so to support the kids. What makes Northville so unique is how deeply embedded the commitment to education has become in the community."

Ken Roth, Northville school board president, said he truly appreciates Handley's commitment, contributions, length of service on the board, and that she will be sorely missed.

"I don't think people realize the incredible amount of time and work that a position on the board has. For her to commit to that for 12 years, taking time from her family, career and personal cares to help the community is a huge commitment -- and she deserves a lot of credit for that,"

he said.

Joan Wadsworth, board treasurer, says she has truly enjoyed serving with Handley.

"Her background as a teacher and school administrator has been valuable. Often, she's shared information about what's going on in other districts, as she meets with curriculum directors from this area and throughout the state. I've always admired her ability to balance the Northville board work with her job, and she's very organized," Wadsworth said.

"Judy has brought her years of experience as a public school teacher and now school administrator in another district to the Northville School Board," said Karen Paciorek, school board member. "Her experience with assessment and curriculum has enriched our discussions related to these key areas of education. She is always thoroughly well prepared for each meeting and keeps detailed notes of our lengthy discussions. Her thoughtful comments and unique perspective will be missed."

Because of time constraints from her teaching career, Handley was unable to become involved with her kids' schools. But she was always looking for ways to help out.

In 1997, a previous Northville board member was retiring at that time, and Handley was asked to consider running for the open seat. She ran and was elected.

"I wanted to offer my background in education to help wherever I could, and ended up sitting on a facilities committee for one year; resulting in the recommendation to build Thornton Creek," she said.

Her final regular board meeting will be December 8th. Joe Hige is on the upcoming November 3rd ballot to replace Handley. Running unopposed, his four-year term would start in January 2010.

When her term is complete, Handley says she wants to fade into the background without a big to do. Memories from serving on the board will remain with her forever, she said.

Handley remembers once hearing herself described as, 'still waters run deep.'

"I'm quiet, but always trying to think of good ideas, and am not one looking for attention. People may not know me, but they know of me," she said. "Serving has helped me in my work, causing me to look at issues a little more broadly. First as a parent, a teacher, a district administrator, and then as a board member for the broader good of the community."

Her husband, Bob, has been very supportive of her over the years, she says. They have lived in Northville since 1985, and have three grown children.

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

## Hige unopposed for board seat

BY NATHAN MENOLAN  
CORRESPONDENT

As the Nov. 3 elections approach, one name stands out on the Northville ballot for school board candidate, Joe Hige.

To fill the seventh seat on the school board, soon to be vacated by the retiring Judy Handley, Hige is running unopposed for the open seat.

"I am either really lucky or everyone else knows something that I have yet to discover," Hige said, trying to explain why no other name appears on the ballot with him.

Hige spoke candidly about how he thinks the district might continue maintaining quality education in view of recent budget cuts.

"I am very concerned about the avalanche of state budget reductions affecting all school districts in the state. This issue is not just a Northville issue, but rather an entire state crisis," he said.

"The Michigan government has found it acceptable to gamble with the future of our state by attacking the one resource that is the key to our state's future -- our children's education. The Northville school board, together with the administration and faculty, will keep our focus on providing the best education possible under the existing fiscal guidelines."

When asked how Northville schools will be able to continue provide the quality of education families in the district have become used to, Hige offered insights as to what he believes the mission is, and how the board and district will tackle the challenges of a shrinking school budget.

"Our mission is to provide the best education possible to the students of Northville. This will continue to be our mission. The challenge will be how to deliver the best educational curriculum while balancing a budget that continues to have revenue shortfalls," he said.

"It will take assistance from

parents, teachers, administration and students working together to balance the budget. As a school district, we cannot cut our way to prosperity, but rather, we need to identify and implement new revenue sources."

Hige is confident his business background and management experience will come into play with regards to the thorny decisions the board will have to make in the next six months.

"My business and management experience will help to prepare the district for the enormous changes that are here based upon the reductions in state aid. The difficult decisions will be prudently evaluated with parents and faculty to drive educational options that are in the best interest of the students," he said.

Up until a year ago, Hige was the CEO of a turbocharger manufacturer (Turbonetics) in southern California. Presently, he is in the investment banking industry working as a managing director of 1stWest M&A.

Hige and his wife Natalie have two children, both attending Northville schools. They have been Northville residents for 11 years. Natalie works in prototype planning for Ford Motor Co.

It wasn't a particularly tough decision for Hige in deciding whether or not to run for a board seat. He says he has the time and energy to give back to one of the best school districts in the state.

"Realizing it will be a sacrifice to them with some of my available time," Hige said his family understands why he has volunteered for the position.

"I feel I can contribute to the most important institution, our children's education."

Asked if he was concerned about the financial storms brewing over Northville and other school districts, Hige shared his position.

"I am concerned that our legislators have lost focus on the key issues impacting the state's future," he said. "Based on a recent *Wall Street Journal* article, it is a scary thought to know that we have over 639,000 people on the state's payroll, which now exceeds the number of people employed in the state's manufacturing

sector. The legislators' focus should be on reducing wasteful spending and 'right-sizing' the government, not on penalizing children's education."

Even though he knows the board members by name, Hige stated he does not have a personal relationship with any of the current board members and has only talked with a few prior to running for the position.

But to familiarize himself with many of the issues before the board, Hige has regularly attended Northville board meetings the past three months.

"I've discovered that there is a unique bond and professionalism amongst the current members and administration that is clearly focused on child safety and education. I will be proud to join this group if and when I am elected," he said.

Hige earned a B.S. in electrical engineering from Lawrence Technological University and an M.B.A. from Wayne State University. He's served as vice president of the Meads Mill Middle School PTSA for 2008-09. He coaches volleyball at Northville's Our Lady of Victory, and the U12 Northville Broncos softball team.

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

### Reflections 40-year theme

The PTA sponsored program, Reflections Art Competition, is celebrating its 40th year with the theme "Beauty is...". This competition entry deadline is Nov. 10.

For a printout of the detailed rules, category descriptions and entry form, please go to: <http://www.northville.k12.mi.us/parents/reflections-2009-10.asp> You may also visit the MPTSA Reflections website at: <http://www.ptareflections.org> for more information.

### Senior All Night Party

If you haven't purchased your tickets for the Senior All-Night Party, it's not too late. You can purchase a ticket for \$60 until the end of the year. Starting in January the tickets price increases to \$75. Remember to send in the permission slip and medical form with payment. Forms can be turned in at the office. One can also purchase a commemorative Mustang for just \$45.

The party is June 6 from 9 p.m.-3 a.m. and includes T-shirt, dinner, entertainment, activities and much more. Get updated information and forms at [www.NHS2010.com](http://www.NHS2010.com).

Parents of Class of 2010 graduating seniors are needed to donate their time and tools to make template cut Mustang signs and stands. The sale of these is one of the largest fundraisers contributing to the Senior All Night Party.

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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 approximately 9 pm. Prizes are \$5,000, first; \$2,000

second; \$1,000 third; \$500 fourth; and \$100 fifth through tenth.

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

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

\* Band-O-Rama on Dec. 4  
\* Holiday Concerts on Dec. 9 and Dec. 10

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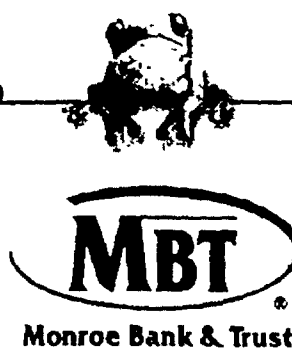
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# PUBLIC SAFETY

## NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP POLICE REPORT

### Suspicious circumstances

**1** A 34-year-old Lake Orion man's vehicle was impounded when it was discovered abandoned on private property behind the Detroit Edison building at 18471 Haggerty Road at 5:54 p.m. on Oct. 14.

A woman had reportedly been heard screaming in the area.

An officer located the vehicle hidden behind the building next to the woods that are just west of the power station.

The unlocked vehicle contained two empty bow cases. The vehicle also did not have a license plate on it.

Police were able to contact the owner, the man's wife, who talked to him. He said the vehicle had broken down. Police called the man on his cell phone and said they would impound the vehicle if he did not call back.

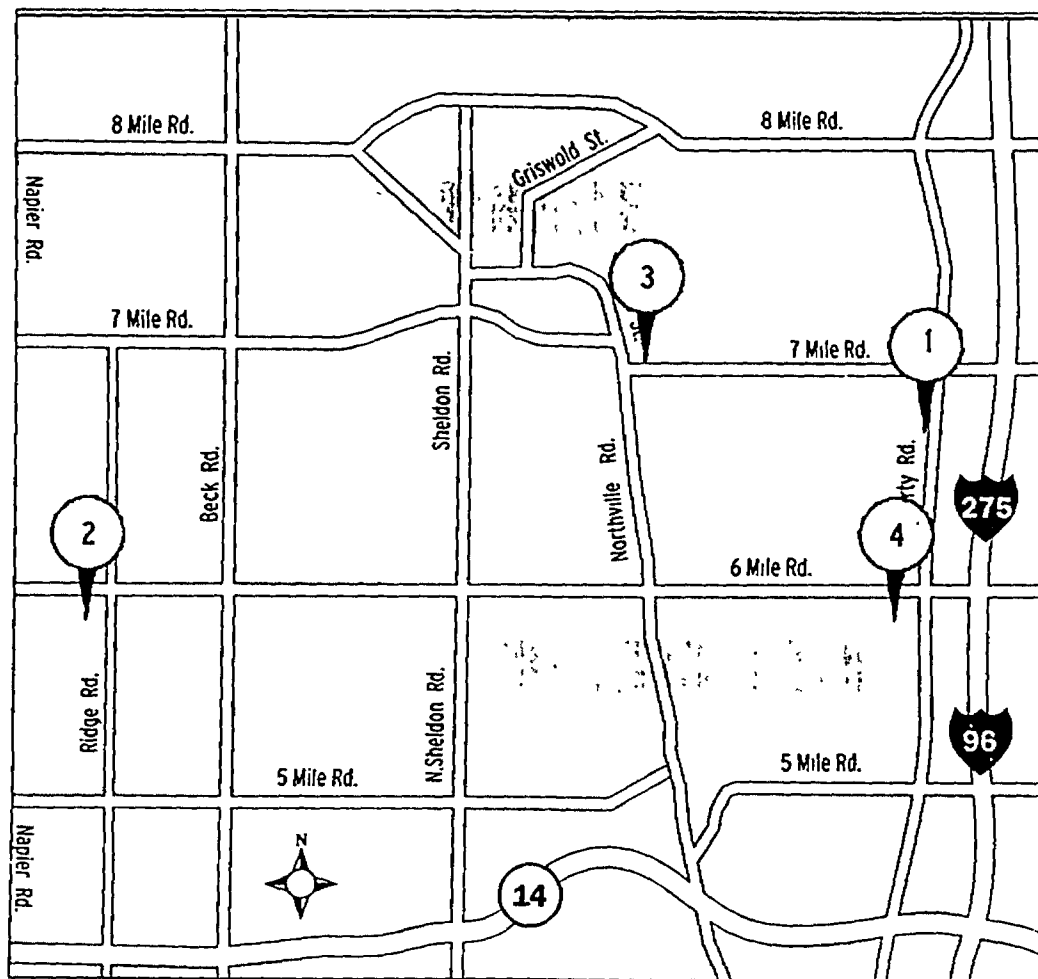
After it was impounded, he called the station, said he was going to hunt in the woods, then became afraid when he heard the police P.A. system and hid.

The vehicle was released and could be turned over to the registered owner.

The man's wife, a 26-year-old Orion Township woman, reported to police that the license plate from the vehicle must have been stolen between 8:45 p.m. Oct. 14 and 10 a.m. Oct. 15 from the Haggerty Road address.

### Larceny from auto

**2** A 37-year-old Farmington Hills woman told police



that someone stole her purse from her vehicle at Ward Presbyterian Church at 4000 Six Mile Road between 8:15 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. on Oct. 15.

The suspect or suspects entered the vehicle by using an unknown object to smash the front passenger door window.

The purse had been left on the floor in front of the passenger seat.

Stolen items included the purse valued at \$180, a matching wallet valued at \$50, driver's license, \$40 in cash, credit cards and two debit cards.

### Misdemeanor warrant arrest

**3** Police arrested a 41-year-old Plymouth man on a misdemeanor warrant out of Northville for outstanding parking tickets at 1:28 a.m. Oct. 14 at South Main Street and Seven Mile Road.

The man was pulled over because his vehicle had an unilluminated license plate.

### Suspended license driver

**4** A 28-year-old Redford Township man was arrested

for driving on a suspended license at 2:39 a.m. Oct. 16 at the McDonald's parking lot at 39555 Six Mile Road.

The man was pulled over because his vehicle was seen leaving the parking lot of a closed office building at 42000 Six Mile Road.

The man explained that he worked in the complex and was staying late. The man also had a misdemeanor warrant out of Redford Township for failure to pay a traffic ticket.

Compiled by staff writer Pam Fleming

## THE SAFETY ZONE

### Tips for a safe Halloween

Halloween is this Saturday, and many people are looking forward to celebrating the holiday. Whether you are taking your kids trick-or-treating or plan on attending a party, you need to take precautions to make certain everyone enjoys this festive day. Preparing your home, children and yourself for Halloween will ensure your family and neighbors have an enjoyable evening. Follow these prevention/action steps:

#### HOME

- Keep lights on in your home, and have your porch light on, if you are participating in passing out candy.
- Don't overload outlets with display lighting.
- Remove all trip hazards from your property.
- Keep pets inside during Halloween.
- Be vigilant. If you see mischievous or criminal activity, call 911.

#### CHILDREN

- Costumes should be bright enough to be seen by motorists.
- Costumes should be of flame retardant material.
- Use cosmetics for a mask rather than wearing a loose-fitting mask.
- Swords, knives, and other accessories should be of soft material.
- Use a flashlight while trick-or-treating.
- Don't eat any candy until an adult has inspected it.

#### ADULTS

- Designate a driver before you go out and celebrate.
- When selecting a costume, what might appear to be funny to you, may not be funny to someone else.
- Eat a full meal before going out to celebrate.
- Always accompany your children during trick-or-treating.
- Plan your children's route in advance.
- Make an emergency information card for your children and place it on their costume.
- Set the proper example because children look up to you.

Planning ahead for possible problems can make all the difference for a successful Halloween. Have fun and remember be safe!

Jason Raschke is a firefighter for Northville Township. He can be reached at (248) 348-5807 or jraschke@twp.northville.mi.us.



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#### HELEN CAROL

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Age 93, Died Oct. 22, 2009. Memorial mass to be held Nov. 7 at 10am at St. Genevieve Catholic Church, Livonia 48154. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

#### BARBARA SUZANNE BURGE

Of Howell, MI. Age 50, passed away on October 12, 2009. Barbara was born on December 29, 1958 in Shreveport Louisiana to Roy and Virginia (Keating) Strickland. On September 4, 2004 Barbara married her loving husband Delmar "Lee" Burge Jr. Barbara loved going to the zoo to see the polar bears, cooking, baking, decorating and spending time with her family and friends. Barbara is survived by her husband Delmar "Lee" Burge Jr. of Howell, daughter, Kendall Knighton of CA, mother, Ginny (Jim) Hathorn of TN, grandson, Noah Smith Knighton of CA, siblings, Roy Strickland of Ypsilanti, Tom (Darlene) Strickland of FL, Pam Strickland of MD, Lisa Strickland and Tom of AK. Also surviving her are in-laws, Delmar and Shirley Burge of Howell, and many nieces, nephews and friends. Memorial services were held 3:00 PM on October 15, 2009 at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Lamb Chapel. Memorial contributions are suggested to the family for future designs. Please leave a message of comfort to Barbara's family by calling 877-231-7900 or sign her guestbook at www.borekjennings.com.



#### WILLIAM B. HEEMER JR.

Age 89, of Northville, passed away October 19, 2009. He was born July 24, 1920 in Stover, MI to William and Verna (Jewell) Heemer Sr. Bill served in the US Navy during WWII from December 7, 1943 until he was Honorably Discharged on December 18, 1945. He was stationed on the destroyer USS Porterfield in the Pacific Ocean. He was united in marriage to Annie Heemer on October 30, 1948, they spent many loving years together until her death in 2005. He was employed as a Quality Control Engineer with Massey Ferguson Manufacturer for 16 years. After retirement Bill and Annie took extended road trips all over the US. After seeing most of the cities and states, they chose to live in Zephyr Hills, Florida. He enjoyed woodworking, mostly small woodcraft projects like birdhouses. He loved fishing, especially in the St. Mary's River on Sugar Island. He is survived by his children, Maureen (James) Burton, Deborah (Robert) Rydzon, Diane (Daniel) Glace, and William (Barbara) Heemer III, 10 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; and 2 great-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife Catherine, his daughter Veronica Hicks, his sister Liland Thomas, and his parents. A memorial service was held last Friday at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. Rev. Kent Clise with the First Presbyterian Church of Northville officiated the service. William will be laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. Contributions would be appreciated to Seasons Hospice, 27355 John R Rd., Madison Heights, MI 48071

#### DUANE L. MELLINGER

Age 84, passed away on October 24, 2009. Husband of the late Jennie. Dear father of Marjorie Sue (Joseph) Hay, Robert (Renee) Mellinger and the late Dale Mellinger. Grandfather of Joseph Hay Jr. and Eli Maxwell Mellinger. Memorial gathering will take place on Sunday, November 1, 2009 at 3pm at the Deadwood Bar and Grill, 18730 Northville Road (South of Seven Mile) Northville. Share special thoughts and memories at www.schrader-howell.com

#### ARTHUR HAROLD "ART" SCHUON

of Stockbridge, Michigan, age 91, passed away Thursday, October 22, 2009 at his home surrounded by his family. He was born on March 6, 1918 in Detroit, Michigan, the son of Arthur Albert and Florence M. (Roberts) Schuon. On June 29, 1940 he married Mary G. Hapgood in Detroit and she survives. Art had lived in the area since 1997, coming from Milford. He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Fowlerville and the Oakland County Sheriff Posse and retired from Ford Motor Company after 35 years of service. He loved fishing and hunting and was a past president of the Wayne County Sportsman Club. In addition to his wife he is survived by two children, Carolyn (Lon) Sexton of Stockbridge and Susan (Garry) Cox of Frederic, Michigan; seven grandchildren, Theresa (Ed) Kull, Tonya (Jim) Anderson, Trina Morse, Trista (Mark) Koehler, Tara (Dave) Robinson, Tasha (Jared) Farmer, and Zachary Cox; 20 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. A celebration of life will be held Saturday, November 7, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. from St. John Lutheran Church in Fowlerville with a luncheon to follow. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to Great Lakes Hospice, 900 Cooper Street, Jackson, MI 49202 or Lighthouse (a Christian residential placement program), P.O. Box 289, Caro, MI 48723. Arrangements by Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home, Stockbridge.

#### BETTY J. THOMAS

Age 79, a longtime resident of Northville, passed away on October 22, 2009. She was born July 2, 1930 to Frank and Beatrice (Jackson) Olsen. She was united in marriage to Roy E. Thomas on September 11, 1948, with whom she spent many loving years together until his death in 2002. Betty's passion was her job as an antique dealer and antique postcard dealer. She also enjoyed refinishing furniture. Betty was a loving housewife and a wonderful mother. She is survived by her daughters, Denise Bewersdorff and Sheryl (Michael) Callen; her sister Ellen (Sandy) Hopper; her brother Robert (Pat) Olsen; her grandchildren, Jacquelyn (Michael) Corey and Willy Bewersdorff; and her great-grandchildren, Heather, Ashley, Brooke, Zachary, Jenna, and Sam. Private family services were held. Betty was laid to rest at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia. Contributions would be appreciated to the Alzheimer's Association, 0300 Civic Center Drive, Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48076. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

#### FUMITOSHI YONEMURA

Age 18, March 18, 1991-Oct. 23, 2009. Fumi will be forever in our hearts. Seung Hwa Ceremony held Sunday, October 25, 2009. Burial took place at Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia. Online condolences at www.obrienfuneralhome.com

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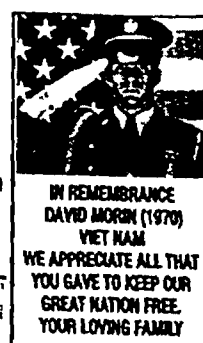
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# Boo! Don't be scammed by scareware

Halloween is a time to enjoy spooky stories, haunted houses, and trick or treating by having some scary fun. Unfortunately a new scam is tricking consumers and treating hackers to personal information that can be used for identity theft. The use of a technique called "scareware" to steal personal information and spread viruses online is on the rise. Scam artists are using this new technique to scare people



Tim Burns

into voluntarily becoming victims of identity theft. In mid-September, visitors to the New York Times' Web site suddenly received a pop up window — which looked like a message from their own computer — warning that their computer had been infected with a virus. The user was then told to visit a Web site to purchase and download anti-virus software that would fix the problem. The supposed antivirus software actually installed even more viruses and malware onto the computer — and the user's credit card number was now in the hands of hackers. According to the New York Times, the pop

up was generated by an unauthorized advertisement. The New York Times later learned it had sold ad space to hackers posing as Vonage phone service, which generated the scareware pop ups. The same scenario from the New York Times' Web site is also playing out all over the Internet. According to Computer World Magazine, hackers are not only using pop up ads, they are also "poisoning Google search results." Hackers monitor the news and hot topics online — such as Balloon Boy and Nobel Prize — and through search engine optimization techniques are able to ensure

that their Web sites are the top results. Victims who click on the fake search results receive a scareware pop up message. The following are some steps you can take to protect yourself from a scareware attack: Never let your guard down. A scareware attack can happen on trusted news sites like the New York Times, in search engines results from Google, and social network sites such as Facebook, MySpace or Twitter. Protect your computer. Install updates to your operating system, purchase antivirus software from a name you trust and keep that software up to date. Also make sure that all

security patches and updates are installed for your Web browser and programs like Adobe Flash Player. Take immediate action during an attack. If you receive a scareware pop up window, computer experts recommend forcing the window to close through your task manager. To do this, hold down ctrl, alt, and delete at the same time, open your task manager, find the browser in the list of running programs and click "end task." Finally, run an antivirus scan with legitimate, trusted software to see if any damage has been done to your computer. If you clicked on a scareware

pop up and actually purchased the software, you should file a complaint with Internet Crime Complaint Center, www.ic3.gov, contact your credit card company to report the situation, and consult with a reputable computer repair professional about disinfecting your computer. Tim Burns is the Public Affairs Director for the Better Business Bureau Serving Eastern Michigan (www.bbb.org/michigan). The BBB is a non-profit organization that promotes trust in the marketplace and prevents fraud and unethical business practices. He can be reached at (248) 799-0353.

## Your Invitation to

## Worship

### Brighton

**LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
5051 Pleasant Valley Road • Brighton, MI 48114  
810-227-3113  
9:30 a.m. Communion Worship  
10:45 a.m. Sunday School  
Rev. Dale Hedblad, Pastor  
www.lordoflifechurch.com

**HOLY SPIRIT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL**  
at the corner of Winans Lake & Musch Rd.  
810-231-9199  
Fr. John Rocas, Pastor  
Weekend Liturgies Saturday 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.  
Please visit our Shrine of Turin Display and Book & Gift Shop

### Farmington Hills

**ST. JOHN LUTHERAN, ELCA**  
Farmington Hills • 23225 Gill Rd. • 248-474-0584  
Between Grand River & Freedom  
Saturday Worship 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday Worship & Sunday School  
9:00 a.m. Traditional/Choral  
11:15 a.m. Contemporary  
Sunday School - all ages 10:15 a.m.

### Highland

**HIGHLAND COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
2350 Harvey Lake Rd. (248) 887-4556  
Contemporary Service  
9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. Sundays  
Saturday Night Service 6:00 p.m.  
Men's Bible Study & Breakfast  
2nd & 4th Saturdays at 8:15 a.m.  
3rd-6th Grade Youth Tuesdays 7-8 p.m.  
Pastor Nick Ruffer

**NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**  
120 Bishop St., Highland  
off Milford Rd., 2-7/8 miles N of M-59  
• Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
• Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.  
• Bible Study Wed. 7:00 p.m.  
Pastor: Darby Weir  
889-7253 or 887-4566

**HIGHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
680 W. Livingston Rd. • Highland, MI 48357  
248-887-1311 • www.myhmc.com  
Sunday Worship 8:00, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.  
Kids Church 8:45 & 10:30 a.m.  
Youth Night - Wed. 6:45 - 8:30 p.m.  
Plus Young Adults, Recovery, Chalice 4 Kids, Grief & more

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
3700 Harvey Lake Rd., Highland (248) 887-5364  
Rev. Leo T. Lukko, Pastor  
Mass Schedule: Saturday 5 p.m.  
Sundays 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.  
Holy Day 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.; First Saturday 9 a.m.  
Confessions - Saturdays 11 a.m. & 8:15 p.m.  
or by appointment

### Livonia

**FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Services held at  
Saint Andrews Episcopal Church  
16360 Hubbard Road - Livonia  
South of Six Mile Road  
Adult Sunday School 9:30 - 10:15 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Children Sunday School 10:30 a.m.  
Dr. James N. McGuire • Nursery Provided

### White Lake

**WHITE LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
4800 Highway 16, between Boye & Grand Rd.  
(248) 887-4654 • Deborah V. Kerr, Pastor  
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.  
Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  
Children Church School 10:00 a.m.  
Child Care Provided  
"The Friendly Church" Established 1835

**Living Water**  
North Campus of St. Luke Lutheran Church Ann Arbor  
Worship Celebration Sunday 10:15 a.m.  
Whitney Lake High School  
7430 Whitneys Lake Rd. • Whitneys Lake, MI 48189  
Dan Flynn, Minister  
734-426-4006 • www.livingwatermi.org

### Milford

**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
PRESCHOOL & KIDG. - Me. Synod  
620 General Motors Rd., Milford  
Church office: (248) 684-0895  
Regular Sunday Service: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Jun-Aug - Sunday Service: 9:30 a.m.  
Monday Evening 7:00 p.m.  
The Rev. Richard E. Pape, Pastor

**FIRST BAPTIST OF MILFORD**  
VISITORS WELCOME!  
133 Detroit St., Milford • 684-5695  
Pastor Steve Swayze  
Sunday School (all ages) 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship - 11 a.m.  
Wednesdays 8:45 - 8:15 p.m.  
Awarra for 3 yrs. old - 5th grade begins Sept. 19  
Middle School Group

**SOUTH HILL CHURCH, S.B.C.**  
1250 South Hill Rd. Just south of downtown Milford  
(248) 685-3560 • www.AboutSouthHill.com  
Contemporary Worship Service 10:30 a.m.  
KIDS' Worship 10:15 a.m.  
Tuesday 7 p.m. Children - 8th Grade (5 groups)  
Wednesday 7 p.m. - High School Youth  
Call about our current small group studies

**WEST HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH**  
11166 S. Hickory Ridge Rd., Milford, MI 48390  
248-887-1218  
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.  
Bible Ministries 11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday All Ages: 7:00 p.m.

**MILFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
238 N. Main Street, Milford MI (248) 684-2805  
Sunday Worship: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School age 3 thru 5th grade @ 10:00 a.m.  
Nursery care available @ 10:00 a.m.  
R. John Harris, Pastor  
A heritage of area worship since 1836

### New Hudson

**NEW HUDSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
56730 Grand River  
Rev. Gerry Hunter  
Worship 10:30 a.m.  
248-437-6212  
newhudsonumc@bellsouth.net • newhudsonumc.org

**NEW HOPE - A Unitarian Universalist Congregation**  
57855 Grand River Ave., New Hudson, MI 48165  
Phone 248-474-9108  
Sunday Celebration of Life Service 10:30 a.m.  
Rev. Suzanne Paul, Minister  
Website: http://www.newhopeuu.org

### Northville

**NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN**  
Experience Life Each Week  
Sunday Worship - 8:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.  
Sunday School and Children's Programs  
www.nvcnlife.org  
41355 Six Mile Road  
248-348-9030

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**  
(248) 349-1144  
8 Mile & Taft Roads  
Worship:  
8:00, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.  
Rev. Dr. Steve Buck  
www.fumcnorthville.org

**WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
40000 Six Mile Rd., Northville  
248-374-7400  
Sunday Worship:  
Traditional: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.  
Contemporary: 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.  
Nursery & Sunday School during the 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. services  
www.wardchurch.org  
Service Broadcast Sunday 11 a.m.  
WFOAM 580, The WMAZ Word Station.

**OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
133 Orchard Dr., Northville  
WEEKEND LITURGIES Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 7:30, 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.  
Church 349-2621, School 349-3610  
Religious Education 349-2559  
Rev. Denis Throux, Pastor

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### Novi

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
9 Mile & Meadowbrook  
Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod  
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class  
will resume September 13  
Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m., Monday 7:00 p.m.  
Thomas E. Schroeder, Pastor • 349-0565

**ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH NOVI**  
46325 10 Mile Rd. • Novi, MI 48374  
Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 8, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.  
Reverend George Chamley, Pastor  
Parish Office: 347-7778

**FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi, 248-349-2345  
1/2 mile west of Novi Rd.  
www.faithcommunity-novi.org  
WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10 AM  
"Children, Youth and Adult Ministries"

**MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
21355 Meadowbrook Rd. in Novi at 8 1/2 Mile  
248-348-7757 • www.mbcoc.org  
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.  
Rev. Arthur Hitter, Senior Minister

**The Relational Church**  
Services at the Novi Public Library  
45245 W. 10 Mile Road (Taft & 10 Mile)  
Sunday Worship at 10:00 am  
therelationalchurch.org  
(248) 468-4565 Michael Zerlich, Pastor

### South Lyon

**CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN**  
(Missouri Synod) Pastor Terry Nelson  
437-8810 • 486-4335 • Griswold Rd. at 10 Mile  
Worship 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Adult Bible Class 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

**Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church**  
22200 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon South of 8 Mile Road  
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.  
Sr. High Sunday at 6:30 p.m.  
Mid High Wednesday at 7 p.m.  
Rev. David Brown, Pastor  
248-437-2222 • www.fellowshippepc.org

**The Church of Christ**  
21860 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon, MI 48178  
248-437-3585 • www.southlyoncoc.org  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School,  
10:30 a.m. Praise and Worship  
Wednesday Midweek Ministries 7 p.m.  
Rob Callicott, Pastor

**FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH**  
10774 Nine Mile Road  
Rev. M. Lee Taylor • 449-2582  
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.  
Worship, 11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.) • SOUTH LYON**  
Sunday School 11:30 a.m.  
Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Nursery Care Provided  
Check us out on the web: www.fpcsouthlyon.org  
248-437-2875 • 205 E. Lake (10 Mile) •  
Rev. Dr. Annemarie Kidder, Pastor

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN**  
Wisconsin Synod • Reynold Sweet Pkwy.  
at Liberty St.  
Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.  
All Classes 9:00  
Pastor Scott Miller, (248) 437-2289

**BIBLE BELIEVERS CHURCH**  
Gathering in Jesus Name  
601 S. Lafayette St. • South Lyon, MI 48178  
Sunday 10:30 and 1:30  
Thursday 7:00 p.m.  
Mike Ragan, Pastor  
734-347-1983 pastor cell  
Old fashioned preaching KN

**NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
41871 W. Ten Mile Road • Novi, MI 48375  
Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m.  
Rev. June M. Smith, Pastor  
248-349-2652  
www.umcnovi.com  
"Loving God, loving each other and living our core values"

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY**  
24505 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI 48375  
Weekend Hours  
Saturday: 5 p.m. (English) & 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)  
Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.  
Fr. Timothy Hogan, Pastor  
Rev. Henry Sando, Associate Pastor  
Parish Office: 348-8847 • www.holyfamilynovi.org

**HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL**  
10 Mile between Meadowbrook & Haggerty, Novi • Phone 427-1175  
Sundays 7:45 a.m. and 10 a.m.  
Holy Eucharist • Sunday School & Nursery 10 a.m.  
Rev. Dr. Ray Babin, Interim Rector  
www.churchoftheholycross.com

**OAK POINTE CHURCH**  
50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi  
Saturday Worship 5:15 p.m.,  
Sunday 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.  
Casual, contemporary service  
Phone (248) 912-0043  
www.oakpointe.org

**First Baptist Church of South Lyon**  
60820 Marjorie Ann St., South Lyon 48178  
Phone: 248-437-2065  
Sunday School 8:45 a.m. • Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.  
Senior Pastor: Rob Freshour / Assoc. Pastor: Randy Meeks  
Website: www.fbcsothlyon.com  
Email: fbcsothlyon@bellsouth.net

**CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
28900 Pontiac Trail (Access from Ennis's Orchard)  
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.  
Family Service 11:00 a.m.  
Contemporary Worship - Relevant  
Bible Based Messages  
(248) 486-0400 • www.crossroadscc.net

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
640 S. Lafayette (248) 437-0760  
Sunday Worship: 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:40 a.m.  
Nursery Provided  
Reverend Sondra Wilkobe  
southlyonfirstumc.org

**FAMILY LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH A/G**  
62345 W. 8 Mile Road 437-1472 • www.familylifec.net  
Sr. Pastor Joseph R. Tabbi  
Sunday Christian Education 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.  
Wednesday Christian Education and Family Night 7:00 p.m.

**SOLID ROCK BIBLE CHURCH**  
22183 Pontiac Trail (between Jewett and Gay)  
10 a.m. Sunday Celebration  
Pontiac Trail and 9 Mile (Baker's Shopping Center)  
(Nursery & Children's programs)  
Office 248-486-4400  
www.solidrocksothlyon.org

**CROSSPOINT COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Services held at Kent Lake Elementary  
30181 Kent Lake Rd., S. Lyon  
Sunday Service Times  
9:30 a.m. - Meet & Greet  
10:30 a.m. - Morning Service  
Rev. Kenneth Warren-586-531-2021

# Twenty-two years as mayor, Johnson unopposed

## 1. What do you see as the most pressing issue facing the city of Northville?

Coping with Michigan's financial crises without ignoring future needs. This balancing is clearly the most difficult issue we face. The city still needs to maintain core services while the State is busy slashing revenue that was always earmarked for local governments. The state has hurt local cities, townships and school districts with their decisions to balance the State's budget with money that should be coming here. However, as a city we still need to keep our streets, sidewalks, sewer and water lines in good repair. That investment still needs to be made even with these tight economic times.

## 2. How do you think city administration should deal with dwindling economic resources?

To date, the administration has done a very good job of laying out options for the council to make decisions. The city has not ignored the economic reality that it is in and is not spending beyond its means. To date, a combination of program cuts, office re-organization, lay-offs, and benefit reductions, together with staff suggestions on delivery of services has resulted in a balanced budget going forward. The city is not in a structural deficit.

## 3. What's your opinion on the proposed walk

## through from the Marquis Lot to Main Street?

I like the idea. When the parking deck plan was defeated by voters a few years ago, it meant that the city needed to use its very limited parking in a smarter fashion. Improvements to many parking lots have been ongoing throughout the downtown including the Marquis Lot. This will connect this parking directly to Main Street making the lot even more valuable.

## 4. What do you believe you have to offer as a city council member?

A number of things. Experience. I have gone through some of the worst financial times the city has had when Governor Engler line item vetoed the race track revenue in 1991. An ability to listen, when people bring good ideas to the council table, we listen and adopt those ideas. Hard work, throughout my time as mayor, I've worked hard to maintain the trust of the residents of the city by making sure I understand the issues and ramifications of decisions.

## 5. What would you do to get more foot traffic in downtown Northville and bring more businesses to the city?

The city has done a great deal to attract foot traffic and new business to the city. The DDA has become much more involved with economic development since I've become

mayor. The prior emphasis had been on brick and mortar projects only. I think the next big push will need to involve the merchants themselves to have open stores on Thursday and Friday evenings as well as Sunday hours.

## 6. The township and city share dispatch. What do you think about a shared service as far as the police departments and/or fire departments with the city of Northville and Northville Township?

Actually, we share much more than dispatch. The city and township also share lockup services and records related to those services. In addition, (together with the Northville Public Schools) we share a very successful Parks and Recreation program. Any further sharing of services needs to be evaluated on a basis where both parties will either be able to improve the service or provide the same service for less cost. One very obvious cost savings would be for the city and township to combine into one government. The required duplication of services by law (such as separate tax departments, assessing departments, clerk's offices, and administration to name a few) would no longer be an issue for one government.

## 7. What do you think about the township's acquisition of the former hospital property on Seven Mile Road?

### CHRISTOPHER J. JOHNSON



Johnson

Age: 54

Years a Northville Resident: 41

Community Involvement:

- Mayor since 1987
- Member of the Northville Board of Education 1976-1987
- Northville Recreation Commission
- Northville Historic District Commission

- Northville Downtown Development Authority
- Conference of Western Wayne, South Oakland County Mayors' Association
- Michigan Municipal League Legislative Governance Committee.

**Related Experience:** member of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police

**Profession:** attorney at law

**Education:** Michigan State University College of Law, juris doctor; University of Michigan, BGS; Northville High School, Class of 1973

This could be a very exciting project for the entire Northville community if the township is able to accomplish their ambitious plan.

## COUNCIL CANDIDATES

# Allen seeking another four-year term on council

## 1. What do you see as the most pressing issue facing the city of Northville?

Maintaining a vibrant city in the face of continuing revenue reductions.

## 2. How do you think city administration should deal with dwindling economic resources (layoffs, cut services, cut programs, find other ways to cut costs)?

Last year the city hired an administrative consultant in 2008 to review our structure and costs. We implemented much of the findings in 2009 for this year's current budget. The key to keeping costs down in the future requires the city to share costs and services with other communities. We have a long history of shared services with Northville Township. Recently, we have shared Parks and Recreation technology expenditures with Plymouth and we are looking at sharing ambulatory services with Novi. The city is also being proactive by applying for grant money. Our major revenue source is residential property taxes and the majority of homeowners will see a decrease in taxes for years to come. It is important that we look at cost sharing measures to ensure personnel and city services remain intact.

## 3. What's your opinion on the proposed walk thru from the Marquis Parking Lot to Main Street?

I believe we need a walkthrough from the Marquis lot to Main Street. Main Street is a very long block without a mid-block access as we have on Center. The current configuration works fairly well now (people walking around or through businesses) but the

addition of this passageway will greatly assist pedestrians desiring to access Main Street. We will soon have one or two new restaurants and Buckminsters on this block. These new businesses will require more access to parking, and their peak demand is after most of the other businesses are closed for the day. During my tenure on the Planning Commission, we developed long-range plans that incorporate a north-south walkway down to Cady Street and beyond if the Downs is developed. We are in the process of hiring an architectural firm to provide concepts, options and costs associated with the cut through. I realize the budgeted amount has people uneasy in this current climate. The fact that Comerica will be donating the building for the cut through demands that the city investigate this option. A final decision will be rendered once all costs are known.

## 4. What do you believe you have to offer as a city council member?

I was a proponent of state term limits until I was elected and found out that it takes months for a new official to be fully up to speed. I now have that knowledge and will be able to provide continuity in future decision making. This background will be particularly useful in developing future budgets. My professional background knits well with many of the decisions I have had to make over the past four years. Whether it is parks and recreation related, street improvements, etc., I have worked on similar projects in my professional career. Being a City Council member easily

demands 20-30 hours a month of commitment along with the \$500 a year salary. I am running for re-election for the pure fact that I love our city and want to continue to give back using my experience and professional skill sets.

## 5. What would you do to get more foot traffic in downtown Northville and bring more businesses to the city?

Foot traffic is dependant upon the types of businesses available. We in Northville have a double-edged sword. What makes Northville quaint is its small scale. What many people want is more "choices" in town. Much of this has to do with the mass of our city. Nearby communities have more foot traffic and evening events due to the fact that have a much larger downtown footprint that provides many different options. The DDA has recently hosted an open house to show off the available spaces in town. This will result in new businesses locating here. The DDA has increased its marketing budget to recruit new business and strengthen our current businesses.

## 6. The township and city share dispatch. What do you think about a shared service as far as the police departments and/or fire departments with the city of Northville and Northville Township?

The dispatch has worked well but police and fire services should remain as they are.

## 7. What do you think about the township's acquisition of the former hospital property on Seven Mile Road?

The acquisition is a township issue. The voters spoke last August to purchase

### JIM ALLEN



Allen

Age: 43

Years a Northville resident: 17

years

Community Involvement:

- Northville Planning Commission; 1993-2005
- Downtown Steering Committee; 2003-2004
- Northville City Council; 2005-present

• Northville Planning Commission liaison, 2005-present

• Mayor Pro-tem; 2007-present

• Vice-Chair, Northville Parks and Recreation; 2007-present

• Chair, Northville Liquor Licensing Review Committee, 2008-present

**Related Experience:** My professional background and my 16 years of involvement with the City qualify me for this position on City Council.

**Profession:** registered land planner/landscape architect

**Education:** Michigan State University, BLA; 1989

the property. The township is currently investigating programming and phasing. Under the shared services agreement the city has with the township, this will not affect the city's budget until park development is completed.

# Incumbent Fecht looking for another 4-year term

## 1. What do you see as the most pressing issue facing the City of Northville?

Maintaining financial stability with diminishing resources is a challenge every municipality is facing, and the City of Northville is no exception. We have not seen financial uncertainty of this magnitude since the early 1990s. The economic downturn in the State of Michigan and the nation has resulted in decreased revenue sources and increased costs. Most significant for the City has been the decline in property tax revenue, which is our largest revenue source. Coupled with that has been a significant reduction in State shared revenue and a decrease in the City's investment income due to the volatility of the financial markets. Weathering this economic "perfect storm" has required -- and will continue to require -- the City to make significant and difficult changes to operate more efficiently while continuing to provide a high level of service to residents.

## 2. How do you think city administration should deal with dwindling economic resources (layoffs, cut services, cut programs, find other ways to cut costs)?

As indicated by our auditors in the year-end report, the administration has done an exemplary job of navigating the City through some of its toughest financial times. Using a five-year budget forecast model, the City projects its future revenues and expenditures to help effectively manage its resources. Implementation of an organizational review by an outside consultant in 2008-09 identified more than \$500,000 in cost savings. With a general fund shortfall of \$639,000, the findings of that review provided the basis for some of our most significant -- and difficult -- cost containment initiatives including a 15.6-percent reduction in staff, realignment of job responsibilities and delay in capital improvements. Despite our economic challenges, the City remains sensitive to the difficulties faced by taxpayers and has not increased the general operating millage rate. The City's millage rate continues to be one of the lowest total millage rates in 10 years.

## 3. What's your opinion on the proposed walkthru from the Marquis Parking Lot to Main Street?

The proposed walkthru provides the City with

a unique opportunity, one that most likely will not be available again. We know that the lack of cut-thru space from the Marquis lot (the City's most utilized parking lot) to Main Street is an impediment to downtown foot traffic. While the businesses with rear access to that lot are generous in allowing pedestrians to cut-thru their buildings, their hours of operation limit that access. In addition to the obvious link that the walk-thru provides in "connecting" the north-south pedestrian spine of our downtown, there are other significant pluses in the proposal including Comerica Bank's generous donation of the building (estimated at approximately \$300,00) and its central location in the middle of Main Street's "long block." It is important to note that funds for this project are from monies earmarked by the DDA and the City's Public Improvement Fund, not its General Fund.

## 4. What do you believe you have to offer as a city council member?

I bring to council nearly 25 years of community involvement in numerous arenas representing a diverse cross section of constituents. The challenges facing the city require uncompromised, thoughtful and experienced policymakers. Having spent the past four years as a councilmember, I understand the significant commitment this position requires. It is not surprising that many newly-elected officials note that the time commitment required of these positions is far greater than they expected. In addition to regularly scheduled council meetings, the vast majority of council members' time is spent in board and commission meetings, studying issues, working with staff and meeting with constituents. That is the way it should be. The work done by our commissions -- of which the vast majority are comprised of appointed community volunteers -- is tremendously significant to the City. I have made, and will continue to make, serving the City a top priority.

## 5. What would you do to get more foot traffic in downtown Northville and bring more businesses to the city?

I think those issues are being addressed, and have been for some time, through the Downtown Development Authority, the Northville Chamber

of Commerce and the Northville Central Business Association. I think those three entities in combination with the efforts of individual business owners and community organizations have helped retain our downtown viability during a sluggish economy. The DDA has focused considerable attention on marketing and business mix in the past few years, while the Chamber of Commerce continues to provide downtown festivals that bring thousands of people to Northville. Encouraging residents to "shop Northville first" is significant in supporting the local economy. On the flip side, having greater business buy-in for extended store hours -- particularly for events such as the NCBA's First Fridays and DDA's Friday Night Concerts in Town Square and Movies at the Marquis (returning this winter) -- provides more opportunities for customers to support our downtown.

## 6. The township and the city share dispatch. What do you think about a shared service as far as the police departments and / or fire departments with the City of Northville and Northville Township?

Shared dispatch with Northville Township has provided significant savings without loss of service to residents. It has proven to be a successful joint venture for the community. Expanding shared services in the public safety arena has not been proposed. Nevertheless, considering the economic challenges facing municipalities in Michigan, there is likely to be more dialogue among neighboring communities about sharing costs.

## 7. What do you think about the township's acquisition of the former hospital property on Seven Mile Road?

Township voters decided that issue. The acquisition of the property provides the township with the ability to control the majority of the 414-acre parcel. Development of the 60-some acres owned by REIS most likely will not surface until Michigan's economy improves. The township's commitment to utilizing their portion of the property as passive parkland is significant. The acquisition of the property was only a first step. Securing the site, demolishing the structures and tackling the medical waste clean up are all daunting tasks, particularly when municipalities are facing dwindling resources.

### MICHELE FECHT



Fecht

Age: 51

Years a Northville resident: 23

years

Community Involvement:

- Northville City Council; 2005-present
- Chair, City of Northville Personnel Committee; 2007-present
- Chair, City of Northville Boards and Commissions Selection

Committee; 2007-present

• Council Liaison, Northville Senior Advisory Commission; 2007-present

• City of Northville Liquor License Review Committee; 2008-present

• City of Northville Building / Planning Review Committee; 2008-present

• Council Liaison, Executive Committee of the DDA / Northville City Council; 2009

• City Representative / Chair, Northville Youth Assistance Commission; 2002-2007

• Chair, City of Northville 50th Anniversary Committee; 2004-2005

• Board of Directors, Northville Public (now District) Library; 1990-1991

• Claude M. Ely Award recipient for community service; 2004

**Related Experience:** My involvement with a variety of community organizations -- from the PTSA (as a former president at both Amerman Elementary and Hillside Middle School) to groups such as the Friends of the Northville District Library and the Northville Historical Society -- has provided me with an opportunity to work with a diverse cross section of citizens. That experience over the past two decades has been invaluable during my tenure on council.

**Profession:** Freelance writer since 1995.

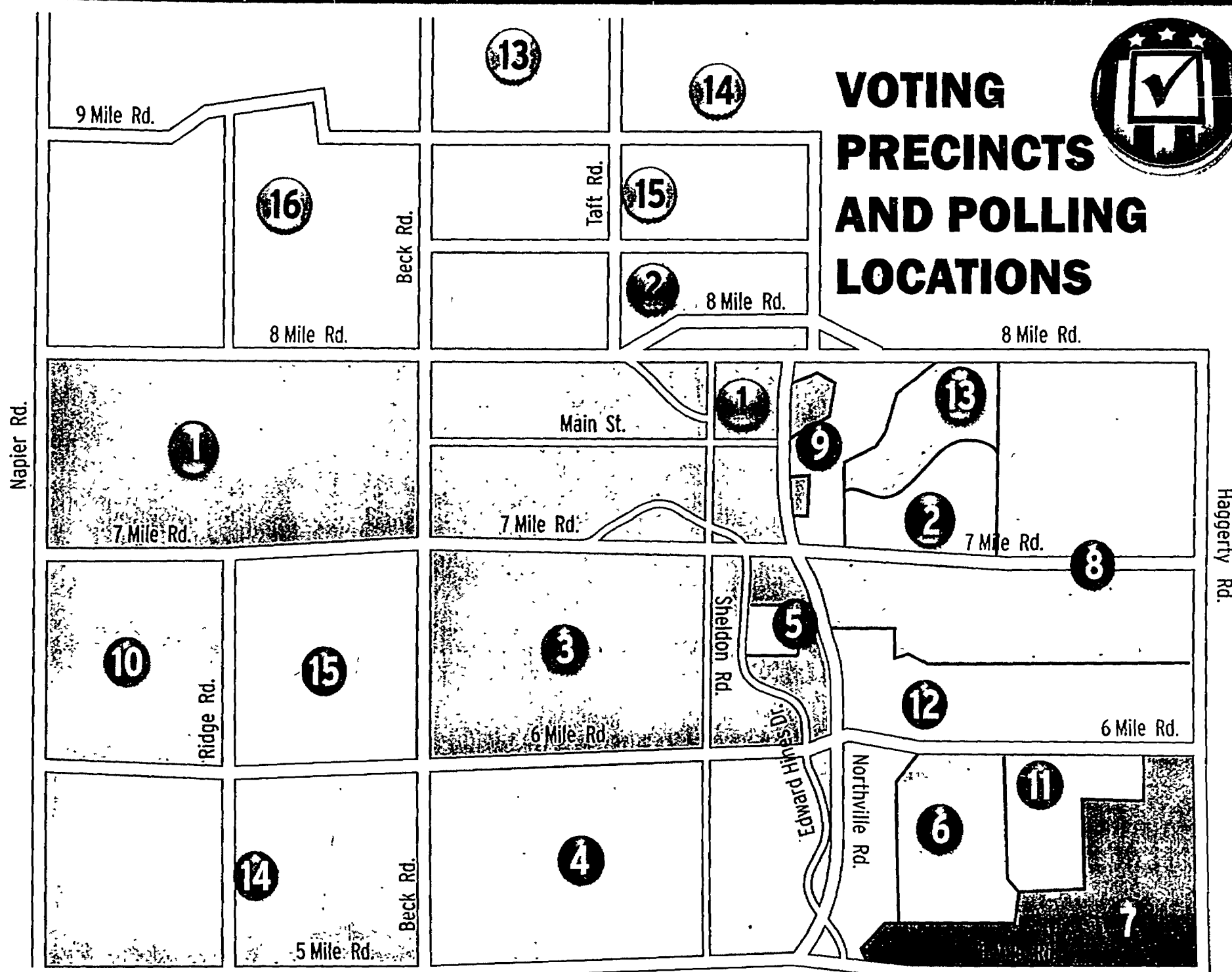
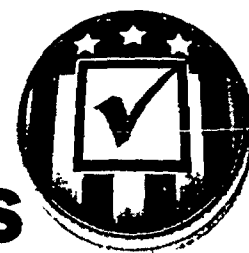
Formerly worked as a reporter and editor for The Detroit News and as a reporter for The Northville Record.

**Education:** Michigan State University, BA in Journalism; 1980



# CITY OF NORTHVILLE

## VOTING PRECINCTS AND POLLING LOCATIONS



### NORTHVILLE TWP. PRECINCTS & VOTING LOCATIONS:

- 1, 15 Moriane Elementary (M) 56811 W. Eight Mile
- 2, 8, 9, 13 Silver Springs Elementary (SS) 19801 Silver Springs Dr.
- 7, 12 Meads Mill Middle (MM) 16700 Franklin
- 6, 11 Winchester Elementary (W) 16141 Winchester Dr.
- 3, 4 Northville High School (N) 45700 Six Mile
- 5 Kings Mill Clubhouse (KM) 18120 Jamestown Circle
- 10, 14 Ridgewood Elementary (RW) 49775 Six Mile

### NOVI PRECINCTS & VOTING LOCATIONS:

- 13 St. James Catholic Church (SJ) 46325 W. Ten Mile
- 14, 15 Novi Civic Center (CC) 45175 Ten Mile
- 16 Thorton Creek Elementary (TC) 46180 Nine Mile

### CITY OF NORTHVILLE PRECINCTS & VOTING LOCATIONS

- 1 City Hall (CH) 215 W. Main
- 2 Amerman School (AS) 847 N. Center

## Challenger Buckhave tries to unseat either incumbent

### 1. What do you see as the most pressing issue facing the city of Northville?

The number one issue is our economy. Residents are being asked to accept fewer services, while paying the same taxes. Businesses see fewer customers, spending fewer dollars. Building owners have adjusted rents down in order to attract new tenants, while their taxes and related expenses continue to rise. Sounds pretty hopeless doesn't it? As a resident, business and building owner, I am first an optimist! We have all had tough times before. Together we will get through this, but not by sitting at the side of the road. We truly are at a wonderful crossroads. Opportunities are near. We just need to recognize and act on them. There is a direct correlation between a healthy downtown and residential values. Our downtown must work extra hard to learn what our residents need. Our residents must tell the downtown what it is they want and then support those stores by shopping locally.

### 2. How do you think city administration should deal with dwindling economic resources (layoffs, cut services, cut programs, find other ways to cut costs)?

This economy we are experiencing is temporary and will become positive again. The question is when. Our city has been blessed with a finance department which has been creative to date. They have created a reserve of just over \$2,000,000. This equates to approximately a four month safety net. Every effort should be made to guard it. All that being said, hard decisions are on the immediate horizon. Now is the time for creative leadership. My experiences with making both long and short term financial decisions within my businesses will be invaluable as your councilman. While brainstorming for ideas and solutions to problems, it is understood that nothing will be eliminated until the process has been exhausted. The right solutions, permanent or temporary, will be found. The important thing is to have both the ability to

see them and the courage to act on them.

### 3. What's your opinion on the proposed walkthru from the Marquis Parking Lot to Main Street?

I am in support of a walkthru that makes financial sense. These are the questions I ask when deciding whether or not to proceed with any construction project. First, what will it cost? Second, how disruptive will it be? Finally, what will be gained? The anticipated cost is \$800,000. Adjacent businesses will be disrupted during construction. The final result will be that we have a very expensive 900 square foot walkway. Simple math tells us that when 900 is divided into \$800,000, the cost will be \$888 per square foot!

I would propose simply removing the front and rear store front. Install eight-foot wide automatic doors, remodel the interior and overlight the hallway. The end result will be the same, which is getting to and from Main Street easily and safely. The remaining funds could be used to assist in other pressing areas such as marketing, business mix and smaller downtown improvements.

### 4. What do you believe you have to offer as a city council member?

I believe I bring optimism, creative thinking, determination and a keen desire to see the City of Northville remain a successful community. When my son was in the first grade, he brought home a dixie cup with some rich, black dirt in it. He was also holding a bean. The cup wasn't in very good shape, much like our State of Michigan, but the soil was rich and healthy, similar to our city. My son told me we have to plant the seed, which I consider to be ideas. Then he said all we do is water it and watch. When done right, we all know what the result will be. The ideas grow when nurtured by the volunteers we are blessed with in this town. As your councilman, and with your help, I will work to see our city prosper and become even better than it is today.

### 5. What would you do to get more foot traffic in downtown Northville and bring more businesses to the city?

I will aggressively pursue having directional signs identifying where the City of Northville is located. We know how to find it, doesn't everyone? The short answer is "no." I attended a meeting, along with Marc Corriveau, our state representative, our DPW Director and a Lansing Highway Department official. We waited 20 minutes for a MDOT representative to arrive. She was embarrassed and said she had gone to the Township Hall where they directed her to our City Hall. I simply said, "Now you understand our problem." She responded "I'm on it!" We still have no signs directing potential customers to our city. Now, I'm on it and will stay on it until we do!

- Invest more marketing dollars through the DDA.
- Promote more events which show off Northville.
- Encourage residents in and around our city to shop locally.
- Support our very active Business Mix Committee.

### 6. The township and city share dispatch. What do you think about a shared service as far as the police departments and/or fire departments with the city of Northville and Northville Township?

At least two things must happen before I would consider supporting shared services. First, our city's income would have to be so depleted that we had no other options. (Remember, nothing is sacred and every idea must be considered.) Second, if we were to share services it would have to be proven to me that I would have the same level of comfort and safety I have now. As your councilman I will be as open to ideas as possible. The fact that you rely on me to make decisions that impact you will not be taken lightly. The decisions I make for you are the decisions I have to live with as well. From my perspective and from watching the current difficulties in the township, we are not ready at this

### BOB BUCKHAVE



Buckhave

Age: 68  
Years a Northville resident: nine  
Community involvement:  
• Housing Commissioner  
• Rotary International  
• Downtown Citizens District Council  
• Parking Committee  
• Business Mix Committee

Related experience: Owner of various businesses since 1972  
Profession: real estate developer and licensed master plumber  
Education: Schoolcraft Community College

time to consider this option of sharing police and fire departments.

### 7. What do you think about the township's acquisition of the former hospital property on Seven Mile Road?

Watching the process the township has gone through has been enlightening. Many mistakes have been made. I think if the township leaders could start over, it would be done much differently. We can learn from their experiences and our city will benefit from their acquisition. The commercial, residential, parks and school developments will be major when they happen, but none of this will happen in this economy. Here is how I see the value. When commercial and residential development happens, it will bring jobs to the Northville area. This development will bring consumers within three miles of our city. Commercial and office projects will be spending huge advertising dollars to draw customers. It will be our responsibility to attract them to our very unique downtown while they are in the area. We have been given the gift of time to prepare. We depend on our leadership to prepare wisely.

A group of area women had a Witches Party at the home of Barbara Pankowski in Northville Township recently. The gals made their own witches' hats to wear and drank witches' brew while playing buncos. Attendees hailed from several communities and wouldn't say what had happened to the missing 24th witch.



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## Let the ghoulish times roll: It's almost Halloween

### Northville knows how to do it up right

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Northville is one of the most happening places around on Halloween.

And local families usually start the October holiday celebration a little early.

Take Chuck and Aletta Holmes, the ghost and ghostess, who live on Beck Road in Northville Township.

Even though it was cold that night, they still had about 50 guests at The Holmes Haunted Hollow Ought Nine Halloween Party on Oct. 17. The event takes place every two years.

They decorate their whole backyard for the party, which features fog, a talking skeleton, a cemetery with real concrete tombstones.

"It's kind of spooky," Aletta Holmes said.

They set up a fortune teller in a former chicken coop and a handwriting analyst in the house. The local Shawn Riley Band played "The Monster Mash."

The Holmeses design their party invitations in July. They have lived in Northville for 20 years.

"We've always done Halloween," she said, and the Record evidently featured an article about

her home decorations about two decades ago.

"But, we only have the big party with about 100 invited guests on the odd years."

Skeleton-design curtains hang in all the windows, and the dining room has a formal setting with Halloween characters in the chairs, such as Pumpkin Head and a French maid. Billed as "The Ghostess with the Mostest," Aletta has vintage Jack-o'-lantern plates, sterling silver and spider web place card holders on the table.

#### COSTUMES ARE A MUST

Guests are required to wear costumes to the party, with prizes awarded during the evening.

"We change the prizes every year," Aletta Holmes said, "so people don't know what to expect." Awards might go to the sexiest costume, most devilish, most creative or best group costume.

"One year we had some people dress up like the three blind mice," Holmes said.

Chuck Holmes welded an iron tree for the living room. A skeleton sits atop the antique stove in their kitchen.

Ghosts and goblins can dine at the Road Kill Café, where fried spider legs are served. A cider press for fresh apple cider and photo booth were also provided.

So, why do they think Halloween is so special?

"It's a time for grown ups to escape from reality, have fun and be silly," Aletta Holmes said.

#### HAVE YOU SEEN MY BROOM?

A little further east, some not-so-wicked witches in the area flew in for a Witches Party at the home of Barb Pankowski on Baintree Circle. Each of the 23 women wore their own version of a witch's hat, all of which were quite creative. Various versions of witches' brew were served in lab beakers at the second-annual witch-themed buncos party.

Obviously, Halloween decorations adorned every room of the house. Attendees included Diane Stratton of Dearborn, Ronda Stephenson of Westland, Susan Michalski of Livonia, Lee George of Livonia, Doranne Berrelez of Taylor, Lya Dussan of South Lyon, Sylvia Pollack of Grosse Ile, Madison Christopher of Salem (Michigan, not Massachusetts), Gail Magdowski of Livonia, Millie Cummings of Northville and Leslie Smaldone of Livonia.

Others at the party were Bonnie Gazdecki of Howell, Kathy Henderson of Southgate, Denise Trythall of Southgate, Karen Burzynski of Taylor, Lorraine Magdowski of Taylor, Kathy Stanisz of Livonia, Mil Murphy of Canton, Audra Rynerson of Waterford, Carrie Krushinski of Milford and Rosalie Seal of Westland.

#### LES HAS MORE THIS YEAR

Les Osenkowski of Northville Township is another fellow who believes in extreme

Halloween. He has an unusual retirement hobby of creating homemade animated Halloween displays. The entire exhibit is located inside his three-car garage and is built entirely with household materials and spare parts, depicting scary themes that his neighbors on Deep Hollow Circle in Woodlands of Northville on the east side of Sheldon between Six Mile Road and Seven Mile Road love.

This year, he's added two new animations, "The Phantom of the Opera" and "The Creature from the Black Lagoon," to further capture imaginations. "The Phantom" features animated organ keys, a "gyrating" Phantom intently playing the organ and concludes with a falling chandelier scripted right from the legendary play.

The "Creature from the Black Lagoon" appears to be emerging from the swamp, with fog, and bubble effects, attempting to reach out and grab at the visiting bystanders. These new exhibits will join last year's animations to entertain visitors on Halloween night.

Chuck Gaidica from WDIV Channel 4 is even featuring Osenkowski's creations this week as part of his Halloween hot spots.

"The displays are always free to the public, intended to bring some joy to the many families impacted by our current bleak economy," Osenkowski said. "I promise that the community won't be disappointed."

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## Pet Expo returns to Rock Nov. 20-22

The Michigan Family Pet Expo returns to Novi on Friday, Nov. 20-22 at Rock Financial Showplace (46100 Grand River Avenue, between Taft and Beck roads).

This year's Michigan Family Pet Expo will feature new attractions and entertainment, shopping including holiday gifts for pets and pet lovers, pet adoptions, petting zoo, product demonstrations, pet services, discounted pet supplies and more.

New to this year's Expo is Johnny Peers & the Muttville Comix, a comical canine routine performed by dogs that have been rescued from shelters. Peers and his mutts have appeared coast to coast and on four continents with TV appearances on

Animal Planet and the David Letterman Show. Other Expo highlights include:

- Rock-N-Roll K-9s Performance Team with Frisbee catching, doggie limbo and more to popular tunes

- Ultimate Air Dogs, one of the premier dock jumping dog clubs in the U.S. started in Michigan by former Detroit Tigers pitcher Milt Wilcox

- Pet adoptions involving dozens of rescue groups with a wide variety of pets including puppies, dogs, kittens, cats, pocket pets such as rats, and more, all looking for loving homes

- Purebred cat show/agility tournament sponsored by Great Lakes Area Cat Enthusiasts (G.L.A.C.E.)

- Farm animal petting zoo
- Paws With a Cause demonstrations of dogs serving people with disabilities

Expo sponsors and partners include Pet Supplies Plus, Wellness Natural Foods and Treats for Pets, Nooters Club\*, Michigan Veterinary Medical Association, Holistic Select and Staybridge Suites.

Show hours are 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$9 for adults and \$5 for children (ages 3-12). Parking is \$5. Get \$1 off regular adult admission by visiting [www.PetMichigan.com](http://www.PetMichigan.com) or by bringing a can or bag of pet food to the show. Food donations benefit local shelters and rescue groups.



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## CUTS

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didn't know who might actually show up.

But the main topic of discussion was to focus on cuts, and how the district will begin to deal with them.

And the Northville Public Schools PTA Legislator Action Network conducted a LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD — SHOUT IT OUT petition drive, and will deliver all the signed petitions to the governor's office today.

"We have everyday people involved in family life in this district. They're losing jobs, struggling with health care issues, possible foreclosures, and the last thing they need to worry about is the quality of education," Rezmierski said. "But we have to strike now with our message. We're marching together for this community and our kids ... and not asking more for us. We're not the wealthy district people think."

Rezmierski says the loss of \$4.3 million is the equivalent of the annual salary and benefits of more than 60 Northville Public Schools teachers.

"The district currently spends \$2 million for K-12 transportation annually; \$0.8 million for middle and high school athletic programs each year; \$2.3 million for K-12 music, art, physical education, and foreign language pro-

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LEONARD REZMIERSKI, superintendent, Northville schools

grams," he said.

Friday, Oct. 30, is when the Michigan state budget must be approved and signed by the legislators and governor, leaving only 24 hours for Lansing to hear from Northville residents.

Ken Roth, Northville school board president, didn't pull any punches in his response to the cuts.

"School districts have no ability to raise money, so we're completely dependent on Lansing. And how the governor can claim to be the education governor, and ask legislators to fully fund public education, and then put them into a hideous situation like

this is beyond belief," he said.

## 20(J) FUNDING CUT

In 1994, when Proposition A was put in place, funding for public education was changed. The deal was to raise the level of funding for districts across the state to a higher average, not penalize those that invested heavily in education by having high revenues in place.

Hold harmless funds were designated so that highly invested districts, such as Northville, wouldn't see a reduction in their funding. Roth said it's worked that way since 1994. But through a line-item veto, the governor decided to override that.

"Prop A was designed to bring everyone up, not pull anyone down. Northville receives slightly more on average than statewide. But we receive \$1,000 less per pupil than highly funded school districts. Birmingham, prior to cuts, was getting \$12,000 per student, Northville was getting \$8,600 per student," he said.

According to Roth, what the governor has done by vetoing 20(J) money is take more from Northville than some higher funded districts.

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KEN ROTH, president, northville school board

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Roth fully agrees with the superintendent about how the community can help.

"Parents need to contact legislators and the governor's office, urging elected officials in Lansing to restore the 20(J) money to the education budget so these draconian cuts are shared equally by all districts," he said.

"Some cutbacks here will happen very quickly, without as much deliberative process as we would like. The problem now is we've already made so many cuts, that what's left is an important piece of our service delivery system. Anything we cut now is going to be very painful. Everything and any-

## LEGISLATIVE CONTACTS

Here's a list of Lansing politicians to contact regarding the school funding cuts.

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thing is up for possible elimination."

Community forums are being planned by the board to hear public concerns and priorities as they relate to educational service cuts. Yet whatever actions the board takes in dealing with the latest financial challenges, Roth doesn't see an easy way out.

The district isn't just looking for ways to save nickels, dimes and dollars with ideas like buying supplies more efficiently, using purchasing

cooperatives and improving energy efficiency. The district has done all of that, Roth said, adding his take on the overall problem.

"We're taking about a number so big now, the only way to address it is through large programmatic cuts, because we're not going reach \$4.3 million by buying paper clips more efficiently," he said. "We're already into November."

Nathan Menoian is a free-lance writer living in Milford

## FLU

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areas nightly within each building in order to help minimize any outbreaks.

Wayne County is offering free flu shots for students and adults. Visit the Web site for locations and times: [www.waynecounty.com](http://www.waynecounty.com).

Officials at the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta, GA, said last week, about one in five U.S. children experienced flu-

like symptoms. Persons ranging in ages from five to 64 have been confirmed with the flu, higher in number than this month last year.

Through phone interviews, about 7 percent of surveyed adults said they'd had a flu-like illness. The information comes from a household survey of more than 14,000 adults done in the first 11 days of October. Adults were asked if they had a fever or other flu-like symptoms in the past week; a smaller number were asked about their children.

Swine flu is widespread throughout the country, and the virus is causing more illness now than it has at any time since it was first identified in April. In those ages 5 to 64, there have been as many flu-related hospitalizations in the last six weeks as there usually are in an entire flu season, said Lyn Finelli, a CDC flu surveillance official.

Also, the number of swine flu deaths in children since the start of September roughly equals the number in the first four months

of the pandemic, she said.

For most people, swine flu has been a mild illness, perhaps very mild, CDC officials believe. There are cases without symptoms, "and maybe quite a few of those," said Nancy Cox, a CDC flu expert.

Northville schools ask that parents be alert for fever, body aches, chills, headache, possible vomiting or diarrhea. If your child has had a fever please be sure they do not return to school until 24 hours have passed with a normal temperature without

use of Tylenol, Motrin or Advil. Additionally, children who have vomited in the previous 24-hour period should not be sent to school.

The district policy says they will continue to follow all CDC and health department recommendations in their management of flu. Parents will receive periodic listserv updates regarding flu at their respective schools.

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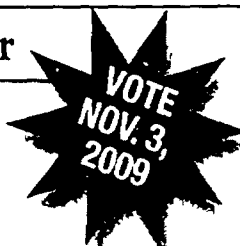
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**Listings:** Etc. includes Meetings; Senior Events; Library Lines; Parks & Rec; Volunteering; Support Groups; Clubs & Groups; and Health Events. Please visit our Web site (hometownlife.com) to view the complete listing.

**Submit:** Send item submissions via e-mail to [cstone@gannett.com](mailto:cstone@gannett.com); by fax to (248) 685-2892; or by mail to Northville Record, 101 N. Lafayette St., South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Tuesday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

## MEETINGS

### Northville Public Schools

#### BOARD OF EDUCATION

**DATE:** Second and fourth Tuesday of the month  
**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Old Village School

### City of Northville

#### CITY COUNCIL

**DATE:** First and third Monday of the month  
**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** City Hall, 215 W. Main St.

#### DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING

**DATE:** Third Tuesday of each month  
**Time:** 8 a.m.

**Location:** City Hall Meeting Room A, on lower level, 215 W. Main St.

**Contact:** [downtownnorthville.com](mailto:downtownnorthville.com)

#### PLANNING COMMISSION

**DATE:** First and third Tuesday of month  
**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** City Hall

#### HOUSING COMMISSION

**DATE:** Second Wednesday of every month  
**Time:** 3 p.m.

**Location:** Allen Terrace, 401 High St.

#### HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

**DATE:** Third Wednesday of month  
**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Location:** City Hall

#### ARTS COMMISSION

**DATE:** Second Wednesday of every month  
**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Art House, 215 W. Cady St.

#### BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

**DATE:** First Monday of every month  
**Time:** 8 a.m.

**Details:** Individuals and organizations invited to attend.

**Location:** Northville City Hall, Meeting Room B

### Northville Township

#### PLANNING COMMISSION

**DATE:** Last Tuesday of month  
**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Township Hall, 44405 West Six Mile

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**DATE:** Third Thursday of month  
**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Township Hall

#### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

**DATE:** Third Wednesday of month  
**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Township Hall

#### BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

**DATE:** Third Monday of month  
**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Township Hall

#### YOUTH ASSISTANCE

**DATE:** Second Tuesday of every month  
**Time:** 8 a.m.

**Location:** Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road

**Contact:** Sue Campbell (248) 344-1618

## SENIOR EVENTS

### Senior Community Center

**Location:** 303 W. Main St.

**Contact:** (248) 349-4140

#### THURSDAY

8 a.m.: Walking Club

9 a.m.: TOPS; Massage by appt.

10:30 a.m.: Yoga

11 a.m.: Cribbage

Noon: Walking Club

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle

#### FRIDAY

8 a.m.: Walking Club

11 a.m.: Poker

11:30 a.m.: Walking Club

Noon: Walking Club

1 p.m.: Movie

#### MONDAY

8 a.m.: Walking Club

9:30 a.m.: Mah Jongg

10 a.m.: Beginning Line Dance; Oxygene

11 a.m.: Adv. Line Dance

Noon: Walking Club

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle/Euchre

7:15 p.m.: Tai Chi

#### TUESDAY

8 a.m.: Walking Club

10:30 a.m.: Yoga

11:30 a.m.: Walking Club

Noon: Walking Club

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle

#### WEDNESDAY

8 a.m.: Walking Club

9 a.m.: Foot Reflexology by appt.

10 a.m.: Oxygene

11 a.m.: Strength Training

11:30 a.m.: Walking Club

Noon: Bridge; Walking Club

1 p.m.: Cribbage

7 p.m.: Bridge

#### CO-ED ADULT 50+ OPEN VOLLEYBALL

**TIME/DAYS:** 10 a.m.-noon Monday, Wednesday, Friday

**Location:** Recreation Center at Hillside

**Details:** All levels of play welcome; bring your friends; \$1.



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## Sports for shorts

Michael Hass, 3, enjoys bopping a balloon around the gymnasium at the Recreation Center at Hillside on Oct. 22 during Coach Dave East's "Sports for Shorts" program. The introduction to sports for kids 3-5, gave them a basic idea of coordination and how to toss and catch Frisbees and light weight beach balls. The class was offered through Northville Parks and Recreation. For more information on upcoming classes, call (248) 349-0203.

**Contact:** Northville Parks and Recreation (248) 449-9947

#### ADULT 50+ FUN CO-ED VOLLEYBALL

**TIME/DAYS:** 1-3 p.m. every Tuesday

**Location:** Recreation Center at Hillside

**Details:** Games scored to 15 points with creative team rotation; \$1 per session; all skill levels welcome.

**Contact:** Northville Parks and Recreation (248) 449-9947

#### CO-ED ADULT 50+ OPEN BASKETBALL

**TIME/DAYS:** 10 a.m.-noon each Thursday

**Location:** Senior Community Center

**Details:** All levels of play welcome; bring your friends; \$1.

**Contact:** Northville Parks and Recreation (248) 449-9947

#### HEALTH WALKING

**DATE:** Monday-Friday

**Time:** 8-10 a.m.

**Location:** Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

#### PILATES CLASS

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. each Tuesday

#### BUNCO

**Time/Date:** 12:30 p.m. second Thursday of each month

**Details:** Call Senior Community Center 24 hours in

advance to register; \$1 per person

#### FRIDAY FLICKS

**Time:** 1 p.m. every Friday

**Details:** Cost is \$1.

**Details:** \$2 Per person

#### OPEN 40+ BASKETBALL

**Time/Date:** 7-9:30 p.m. every Wednesday

**Location:** Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St

**Details:** \$3 Per person

#### OPEN ADULT VOLLEYBALL

**Time/Date:** 7-10 p.m. every Thursday

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

**Location:** Recreation Center at Hillside

**Details:** \$4 Per person

#### OPEN BADMINTON

**Time/Date:** 7-9:30 p.m. every Tuesday & Friday

**Location:** Recreation Center at Hillside

**Details:** \$9 Per person, includes birds. Competitive style

Badminton, all skill levels welcome. 8 Courts

#### OPEN PICKLEBALL

**Time/Date:** noon every Monday; 6-8 p.m. every Saturday

**Location:** Recreation Center at Hillside

**Details:** \$3 Per person Monday

**\$4 Per person Saturday**

#### OPEN TABLE TENNIS

**Time/Date:** Noon-4 p.m. every Saturday

**Location:** Recreation Center at Hillside

**Details:** \$5 Per person, 8 tables available. All skill levels

welcome

#### OPEN CO-ED 50+ VOLLEYBALL

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-noon every Mon, Wed, Fri

**Location:** Recreation Center at Hillside

**Details:** \$1 Per person, all skill levels welcome. Bring your

friends

#### OPEN 50+ PICKLEBALL

**Time/Date:** 1-3 p.m. every Monday

**Location:** Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St

**Details:** \$2 Per person, Paddles & balls available

**Contact:** (248) 449-9947 for more info on all above open

activities.

## VOLUNTEERING

### ARBOR HOSPICE

**Details:** Seeking compassionate, caring individuals to join our Volunteer Team in support of patients and families by holding a hand, sharing a story, or creating a special moment. Take the first step in this life-affirming experience by contacting our Volunteer Coordinator. **Contact:** (248) 348-4980 or [mgrysko@arborhospice.org](mailto:mgrysko@arborhospice.org)

### Art House Store

**Location:** 215 W. Cady St.

**Details:** Looking for volunteers to work four hours per month, receive 10 percent off store purchases.

**Contact:** (248) 344-0497

### Friends of the Northville District Library

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

### Heartland Hospice Volunteers Needed

**Time:** Day and evening training classes

**Location:** 28588 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 475, Southfield

**Details:** Caring and compassionate individuals needed to register for Heartland Hospice Volunteer Training. We serve individuals and their families during their end of life journey in the Tri-County area. Office support is needed.

**Contact:** Mary, (800) 770-9859

### Meals-On-Wheels

**DATE:** Ongoing

**Time:** 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**Details:** Permanent and substitute drivers needed.

**Contact:** Eileen at Allen Terrace (248) 231-9950, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday or Judy LaManna (248) 348-1761

### Northville Arts Commission seeks Commissioners

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. second Wednesday of each month

**Location:** 215 West Cady Street

**Details:** Seeking volunteer Commissioners to help grow the Northville Art House. The mission of the Art House is to enhance the community by providing culture and arts in a central and appropriate location. Candidates need only to have a passion for expanding the arts in Northville! Committees are formed to assist in the development and facilitation of Art House educational programs, events and exhibitions.

**Contact:** (248) 344-0497, e-mail [info@northvillearts.org](mailto:info@northvillearts.org) or visit [northvillearts.org](http://northvillearts.org).

### Susan B. Galli Angel Fund

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

**Contact:** (248) 349-2598

### Visiting Nurse Association Hospice Program

**Details:** In as little as two to four hours a week, volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family members or provide office support. A free, 18-hour/three-day training program is provided.

**Contact:** (800) 882-5720 Ext. 8361 or (248) 967-8361 or visit <http://vna.org>.

### YWCA of Western Wayne County

**Details:** The YWCA is looking for volunteers to assist with office help, after-school programs, building projects, communications and marketing in various locations throughout western Wayne County.

**Contact:** Tabatha Manuel (313) 561-4110 Ext. 20 or [tmanuel@ywca-wwc.org](mailto:tmanuel@ywca-wwc.org)

## SUPPORT GROUPS

### Angela Hospice Groups

**Location:** Angela Hospice Care Center, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia

**Contact:** Joan Lee (734) 953-6012

### GENERAL GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS

**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of month

**Details:** Open to all losses.

### LOS OF SPOUSE/SIGNIFICANT OTHER SUPPORT GROUP

**Time/Date:** 1-3 p.m. or 6:30-8 p.m. first Tuesday of month

### SUIDE LOSS SUPPORT SERVICES

**Details:** Individual and family services offered free for those who have lost a loved one through suicide; call Sherril Katz at (734) 464-7810 for more information.

### HEARTS/RINGS - PARENTS WHO HAVE LOST CHILD

**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. first Thursday of month

**Details:** Call Ann-Patrice Foley to register, (734) 464-7810.

### GRIEF SUPPORT QUILTER'S GROUP

**Time/Date:** 1-3 p.m. first and third Wednesday of month

**Details:** Make a quilt in memory of a loved one. No experience necessary. Register by calling (734) 953-6012.

### WOMEN'S GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

**Details:** Sessions held in spring and fall. Call Joan Lee at (734) 953-6012 for dates and times.

### Anxiety Disorder Support Group

**TIME/DAY:** 7:30 p.m. every Thursday

**Location:** Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile Road, Livonia

**Details:** Aim for Recovery offers support and recovery for those suffering with anxiety disorders and their families. Meetings consist of planned behavioral lessons and discussions. Educational material will be available. Donations for the program and materials are accepted. **Contact:** Robert Dedrich at [robtddrich@msn.com](mailto:robtddrich@msn.com)

### Crohn's & Colitis Support Group

**DATE:** First and third Wednesday of each month

**Time:** 7-9 p.m.

**Location:** Providence Park Hospital and Medical Center

**Details:** Enter facility through southeast entrance.

**Meeting in Conference Room A, immediately to the left.**

**Contact:** Al Biggs (313) 805-7605 or Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America (888) 737-2322.

### Food Addicts Anonymous Information Session

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

**Contact:** (734) 913-9614 or [foodaddicts.org](http://foodaddicts.org)

### New Hope Center for Grief Support



locations. All services for offered at no cost.  
Contact: (248) 348-0115 or go to <http://newhopecenter.net>

#### CIRCLES OF HOPE

**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of month  
**Location:** St. Kenneth's Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty Road, Plymouth

**Details:** Ongoing support group for widows and widowers; group divides into three sections depending on stage of grief; meets same time as children's support group

#### NEW HOPE FOR KIDZ AND TEENS SUPPORT GROUP

**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of month

**Details:** Meets at the same time and location as adult group; for children ages 3-18 who have lost a loved one; kids divided into different age groups.

#### STARTING AGAIN

**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday of each month

**Location:** Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road

**Details:** Ongoing support group for widows and widowers who are facing the empty nest, either still working or recently retired.

#### WAYFARERS

**Time/Date:** 2-3 p.m. second Wednesday of each month

**Location:** Ward Presbyterian Church, Room A107

**Details:** For semi-retired or retired widows and widowers.

#### THE LUNCH BUNCH

**Time/Date:** Noon third Wednesday of each month

**Details:** This is a monthly lunch group for widows and widowers; locations vary, call Ed Drost at (734) 261-8045 for more information.

#### PARENTS OF HOPE

**Details:** Small groups for parents who have lost a child are offered at some of our From Grief to New Hope workshops. Monthly support groups are also offered at the following times and locations:

#### LIVINGSTON COUNTY PARENTS OF HOPE

**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. first and third Tuesday of each month

**Location:** Cornerstone Presbyterian Church, 9455 Hilton Road, Brighton

#### OAKLAND COUNTY PARENTS OF HOPE

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of each month

**Location:** Orchard Lake Community Church, 5171 Commerce Road, Orchard Lake

#### From Grief to New Hope

**Time/Date:** 7-8:45 p.m. Tuesday nights

**Location:** First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty Road, Northville

**Details:** New Hope Center for Grief Support and Orchard United Methodist Church will be offering an eight week grief workshop. This free workshop is open to the community and will be presented by Cathy Clough, director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. Each session will begin with a presentation about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. Attendees will be placed in groups with others who have had similar losses. The workshop will meet for eight consecutive Tuesday nights.

**Contact:** For registration information call the church at (248) 626-3620. For information about other age and loss specific grief support groups offered by New Hope Center for Grief Support call (248) 348-0115.

**Time/Date:** 7-8:45 p.m. Mondays

**Location:** Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church located at 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth

**Details:** Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church is sponsoring a free, eight-week grief workshop, open to the community and presented by John O'Shaughnessy from New Hope Center for Grief Support. Each session will begin with a talk about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. Each person will be placed in a group with others who have had similar losses.

**Contact:** (734) 453-0326 x 221.

#### Psychotherapy & Counseling Services, Northville Counseling Center

#### ANXIETY/AGORAPHOBIA/PANIC ATTACK SUPPORT GROUP

**Time/Date:** Second Wednesday of each month

**Details:** Call (734) 420-8175 for more information.

#### CO-DEPENDENCY CLASS

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. every Tuesday

**Details:** The focus of each session will be helpful for those who come from a dysfunctional, co-dependent or alcoholic parent situation. Various topics presented each week with time for sharing, guidance and supportive tools. Cost is \$12 per session.

#### Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center

**Location:** Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads

**Contact:** For more information, and to register, call (734) 462-4443, e-mail [wrc@schoolcraft.edu](mailto:wrc@schoolcraft.edu) or visit [schoolcraft.edu/wrc](http://schoolcraft.edu/wrc).

#### DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of month

**Location:** Women's Resource Center, Room 225 McDowell Center

**Details:** Open to anyone contemplating, in the process of, or having difficulty adjusting to divorce; first meeting each month is group discussion; second meeting features a guest speaker; no fee or registration required.

#### Space for Changing Families

A nonsectarian community service of the National Council of Jewish Women/Greater Detroit Section

#### Divorce Support Group

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. every Tuesday

**Location:** Hooper Evaluations Building, 26400 Lahser Road, Suite 306, Southfield.

**Details:** Help for men and women dealing with the many conflicted feelings regarding divorce and separation. Led by a trained facilitator, Andy Mather. Fee is \$5 per session. Pre-registration required. Call (248) 355-3300, Ext. 0



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## Creative tots

Julia Holt seems more interested in painting her hands than her canvas during a recent "Creative Tots" program at the Northville Art House. The lesson is offered to tots on Friday afternoons through the Northville Arts Commission. For more information, call 248-344-0497.

#### Widowed Friends Support Group

**Details:** Widowed Friends of the Archdiocese of Detroit is a peer support group.

**Contact:** For more information, call Marilyn at (586) 739-9406

#### Young Adults

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. every Thursday

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

**Contact:** Register by calling 734-420-8175.

## CLUBS & GROUPS

#### AAUW, Northville/Novi Branch

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

#### Beautiful Singles Hiking

**TIME/DATE:** 9:30 a.m. first and third Sunday of the month

**Location:** Maybury State Park

**Details:** Join singles of all ages for hiking and other activities.

**Contact:** <http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/BSHiking/> or Bill at (586) 909-6938

#### Camera Club

**DATE:** Second Tuesday of every month

**Contact:** Tom James of Northville Camera at [northvillecamera@sbcglobal.net](mailto:northvillecamera@sbcglobal.net) or Northville Arts Commission (248) 449-9950

#### Gardeners Of Northville & Novi

**Time/Date:** 6:30 p.m. second Monday of month, Sept.-May

**Location:** Northville Art House at 215 W. Cady Street, Northville

**Details:** Visitors welcome.

**Contact:** Contact: Marcia (248) 349-2352 or visit [gardenersnorthville-novi.org](http://gardenersnorthville-novi.org)

#### Great Books Discussion Group

**Time/Date:** 7:30-9:30 p.m. first and third Thursday of every month

**Location:** Livonia Civic Center Library, Five Mile and Farmington Road

**Details:** Discuss novels, plays, poetry and nonfiction. Reading Poetry by Mark Strand. Goody Night.

**Contact:** (248) 349-3121

#### Northville Book Club

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. one Friday per month

**Location:** Solid Grounds Coffee House, 133 W. Main St., Suite 222

**Details:** Reading "The Autobiography of My Mother" by Jamaica Kincaid.

**Contact:** [northvillebookclub@gmail.com](mailto:northvillebookclub@gmail.com)

#### Northville Democrats Club

**Contact:** [www.northvilledems.com](http://www.northvilledems.com)

#### TOWN HALL MEETING - MICHIGAN'S SUPREME COURT

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11

**Location:** Northville Public Library

**Details:** A panel to be assembled by Fran Brennan.

**Free and open to the public.**

#### NDC MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND HOLIDAY PARTY

**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8

**Location:** The Cady Inn at Mill Race Village on Griswold in downtown.

#### CORRIVEAU COMEDY FUNDRAISER

**Time/Date:** 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12

**Location:** Genetti's Hole-in-the-Wall, 108 E. Main, Northville

**Details:** Wine and cheese, comedy performance; cost is \$50 for friend; \$100 for patron, \$250 for gold sponsor, and \$500 for platinum sponsor

#### Northville Genealogical Society

##### RESEARCH HELP

**Time/Date:** 1-3 p.m. every Monday and by appointment

**Location:** Northville District Library, Local History Room

**Details:** Individual help on genealogy is offered by society members.

**Contact:** Tille Van Sickle (734) 595-7806 or <http://rootsweb.com/~mings>

##### MONTHLY MEETING

**Time/Date:** 1:15 p.m. computer genealogy class, 2:30 p.m. general meeting, second Sunday of month.

**Location:** Northville District Library, Carlos Meeting Room, 212 W. Cady St.

#### Northville Women's Club

##### SEN. ROBERT GEAKE - HOWELL NATURE CENTER

**Time/Date:** 1:30 p.m. Nov. 6

**Location:** First Presbyterian Church

##### DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS - AVEDON FASHION PHOTOGRAPHY

**Time/Date:** 1:30 p.m. Nov. 20

**Location:** First Presbyterian Church

##### IT'S ALL IN THE PRESENTATION - CYNTHIA PICKENS

**Time/Date:** 1:30 p.m. Dec. 4

**Location:** First Presbyterian Church

##### TE DEUM BELL CHOR AND CHRISTMAS TEA

**Time/Date:** 1:30 p.m. Dec. 18

##### ACADEMY AWARD NOMINATED FILMMAKER LINDA CHAPMAN

**Time/Date:** 1:30 p.m. Jan. 8

**Location:** First Presbyterian Church

##### PARLOR GAMES MIXER

**Time/Date:** 1:30 p.m. Jan. 22

**Location:** First Presbyterian Church

**Contact:** Karen Poulos (248) 349-4684 or [wpkp@com-cast.net](mailto:wpkp@com-cast.net)

##### TEA PARTIES - DIANA KRESEL

**Time/Date:** 1:30 p.m. Feb. 5

**Location:** First Presbyterian Church

##### LINCOLN ASSASSINATION - JERRY MAXWELL

**Time/Date:** 1:30 p.m. Feb. 19

**Location:** First Presbyterian Church

##### STAGING YOUR GARDEN - EVERYTHING GROWS

**Time/Date:** 1:30 p.m. March 5

**Location:** First Presbyterian Church

##### ANNUAL MEETING & LUNCHEON

**Time/Date:** 12:30 p.m. March 19

## HEALTH EVENTS

#### Botsford

##### AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S LOOK GOOD ... FEEL BETTER PROGRAM

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-noon, second Monday of each month

**Location:** Botsford Cancer Center located at 27900

Grand River Ave. in Farmington Hills

**Details:** Are you experiencing skin, facial and nail changes during your cancer treatment? Botsford Hospital's Cancer Center is offering an American Cancer Society

program called Look Good... Feel Better that provides information and cosmetic advice to women battling cancer. This program is a free, supportive, informative and enjoyable first step toward renewed self-esteem, self-confidence and emotional recovery for female cancer patients undergoing radiation or chemotherapy. The session includes hands-on instruction on makeup, skin care and suggestions for using wigs, turbans and scarves. It also includes tips on nail care during treatment. Further, a makeup gift bag will be donated to all participants. Sessions are limited to 12 people and are open to any woman undergoing cancer treatment in the area. Pre-registration is required. Look Good...Feel Better is offered through a partnership of the American Cancer Society, the Cosmetic, Toiletry, and Fragrance Association and the National Cosmetology Association.

**Contact:** For more information or to register, please call Jeri Davis, MLSW, at (248) 473-4813.

#### TAI CHI CLASS

**Time/Date:** 4-6 p.m., every Wednesday

**Location:** Botsford Hospital-Community Room of the Zieger Administration & Education Building

**Details:** Looking for a way to improve health and relieve stress? Don't miss Botsford Hospital's offered with Dr. Alex Green, a Botsford pathologist. The class meets from in the. The first class you attend is free and each additional session is \$5.

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

#### LYMPHEDEMA CLINIC

**Time/Date:** 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday

**Details:** A comprehensive lymphedema clinic in conjunction with Botsford Hospital's comprehensive lymphedema management program. The clinic helps patients with lymphedema or venous insufficiency gain control of their lives through education, exercise, self-massage techniques and compression garments.

**Contact:** (248) 471-8120.

#### Health Screening Clinic

**Time/Date:** 8 a.m.-noon Thursday, Nov. 12

**Location:** Meijer Pharmacy, Eight Mile Road at Haggerty

**Details:** Monthly cholesterol, diabetes, and liver function screening are available at a very affordable cost. Appointments are required.

**Contact:** (248) 449-5733.

#### FREE Health Awareness Seminar

**Time/Date:** 6:30 p.m., Tuesday nights

**Location:** Health for Life Chiropractic, Highland Lakes Plaza, 43059 7 mile Rd., Northville

**Details:** Meet Dr. Ryan Cooper and see how Chiropractic can help reach varied health care goals.

**CONTACT:** (248) 449-1630 or [RyanCCooper@gmail.com](mailto:RyanCCooper@gmail.com) or [www.hflchiro.net](http://www.hflchiro.net) Please RSVP

#### Flu Shots

**Time:** 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

**Location:** Wayne, 33030 Van Born Road, at Venoy, (734) 727-7100. Walk-in days are Mondays and Thursdays. Appointments only on Tuesdays, Wednesday, and Fridays

**Location:** Taylor, 26650 Eureka Road, east of Inkster Road, (734) 955-3900. Walk-in days are Mondays and Thursdays. Appointment only days are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

**Location:** Dearborn, 6450 Maple, west of Schaefer Road, south of Warren Road, (313) 216-2201. Appointment only on Thursdays.

**Details:** The Wayne County Department of Public Health offers flu shots for residents at its clinics. Cost of flu vaccine is \$15. Pneumonia vaccine is offered for \$35. Medicare (Part B) and Medicaid are accepted.

**Contact:** (734) 727-7000

## NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY BRIEFS

## Rock O'Ween on Saturday

Don't forget about the Rock O'Ween event from 2-6 p.m. Saturday at Northville Square, 133 W. Main Street. The event is free and open to the public.

Community Financial, Dr. William Demray DDS, Drs. Spillane and Reynolds and Begonia Brothers Haunted Garden Center are local event sponsors as well as many Northville Square-based businesses.

Northville Square participants include Miss Harriet's Dance Studio, Northville Sports Den, Oasis Tanning, GG Boutique, Solid Grounds, Empire Deli Sweet 220 and the new Northville Square Public Market, opening soon. Orin Jewelers, Starring The Gallery, Wine Sync, Genitti's, Rangel Orthodontics and Monroe Bank & Trust are Trail of Treats community sponsors.

Children participating in the Rock O'Ween celebration can trick-or-treat on the Trail of Treats; play Wii games; learn circus arts, such as juggling, movement and balancing, compliments of Cirque Amongus; and get their face painted.

Stage entertainment includes local acts and student performers from Miss Harriet's Dance Studio. Costumes are encouraged but not required.

## Halloween candy Buy-Back slated for Nov. 3

In an effort to promote a safe and healthy Halloween for children, from 12:30-5:30 p.m. on Nov. 3 Rangel Orthodontics will pay \$1 for each pound of Halloween treats collected. In addition, Rangel Orthodontics will donate \$1 for each pound collected to Northville Civic Concern. The candy will be sent to Operation Gratitude where it will be put into care packages for our troops in Afghanistan and Iraq along with hand-written notes from the local community.

For more information on the candy buy-back, contact Rangel Orthodontics at (248) 348-8400 or go to [www.rangelortho.com](http://www.rangelortho.com).

## Corn maze open

The Maybury Farm corn maze is open through Nov. 8. Hours are 5-9 p.m. Fridays; 1-9 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. The park is located at 50165 Eight Mile between Beck and Napier (do not enter at the State Park; continue west for ¼ mile).

Children and adults are excited to experience the corn maze and come again and again to navigate their way through the maze that spells MAYBURY. There is an added incentive this year for finding the nine wooden animals hidden within the maze. Those who successfully complete the maze will be entered in a drawing to take place on Nov. 10 for a \$500 Meijer Gift Card (must be 18 years or older to win). The kiddie maze is just right for the toddlers, too. There will be refreshments and drinks for

purchase.

The last wagon leaves for the maze at 8 p.m. Admission is \$6 for children 3-9 and \$8 for everyone else (does include the corn maze). Admission for children 2 years and under is free.

For more information contact the Northville Community Foundation at (248) 374-0200.

## Actors workshop set

Gordon Michaels will present a Film and Television Actors Workshop from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14 and noon-5 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 15 at Genitti's Theater, 108 E. Main Street, downtown Northville.

Michaels is a graduate of the Neighborhood Playhouse School of Theatre in New York City. He will teach on cold reading techniques, on-camera techniques, headshot consultation, actor's resume, how to get an agent and much more.

Cost is \$100 with limited enrollment. Call (248) 262-6805 or email [moviebizmich@gmail.com](mailto:moviebizmich@gmail.com).

## Children's Christmas Workshop

Children in grades first-sixth are invited to participate in the opportunity to make seven old-fashioned, hand-made gifts for the special people on their Christmas list during a workshop Saturday, Dec. 5 in the New School Church at Mill Race Village. There will be two sessions: from 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m., accommodating 150 children total.

Enrollment is \$15 per child, payable by cash or check made out to the Northville Historical Society.

Registration will be Nov. 6 at 218 W. Dunlap from 6-6:30 p.m. for society members; 6:30-7 p.m. for non-members; 7 p.m. for Scout troops.

Contact (248) 349-2833 for more information.

## 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, 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 &amp; 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.

## A time for giving back

This November, Town & Country Eyecare, practice of Dr. Tim Kirk and Dr. Amy Crissman, has committed to donating \$2.00 from every eye exam. The donations will go towards two worthy charities in the community: the Clothes Closet at The Church of the Holy Family in Novi and Northville Civic Concern.

The Clothes Closet helps provide clothing and food to men, women and children of our area and Civic Concern has a food bank for those in need.

To schedule an eye exam, call (248) 347-7800 or if you would like to make an additional donation, please feel free to drop it off at the office located at Novi Road and Nine Mile road.

## Take our survey

The Northville Record is participating in an interactive online research project that's being coordinated by American Opinion Research (AOR) and sponsored by the Michigan Press Association. Those responding to the survey will be entered into a drawing for cash prizes. Go to [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com) to take the survey.

## Sav-On Drugs announces seasonal flu shot clinics

Sav-On Drug stores throughout metro Detroit are once again holding flu clinics in October and November. All you need to do is call your Sav-On pharmacist to schedule your flu shot without having to pay for an office visit at a doctor's office.

The Novi store is located at 24100 Meadowbrook Road. Phone (248) 478-3000 for more information.

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## Spinal checkup

October is Spinal Health Care month in Michigan, and with that said Doctor Ken Stopa is going to be checking kids for free (normally \$140) for the entire month at his downtown Northville office.

Stopa will also going to be

holding a free Peak Performance workshop on Nov. 19, at 7 p.m. at the Northville Library in room A. It will cover a lot of aspects on health, including nutrition, trigger point therapy, partner stretching and some studies that the doctor has done on athletes.

## E-Newsletter

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

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

## Tour of Hope

New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering a one hour Tour of Hope in their new home at 315 Griswold in Northville. This tour will give insight into how New Hope was started, the types

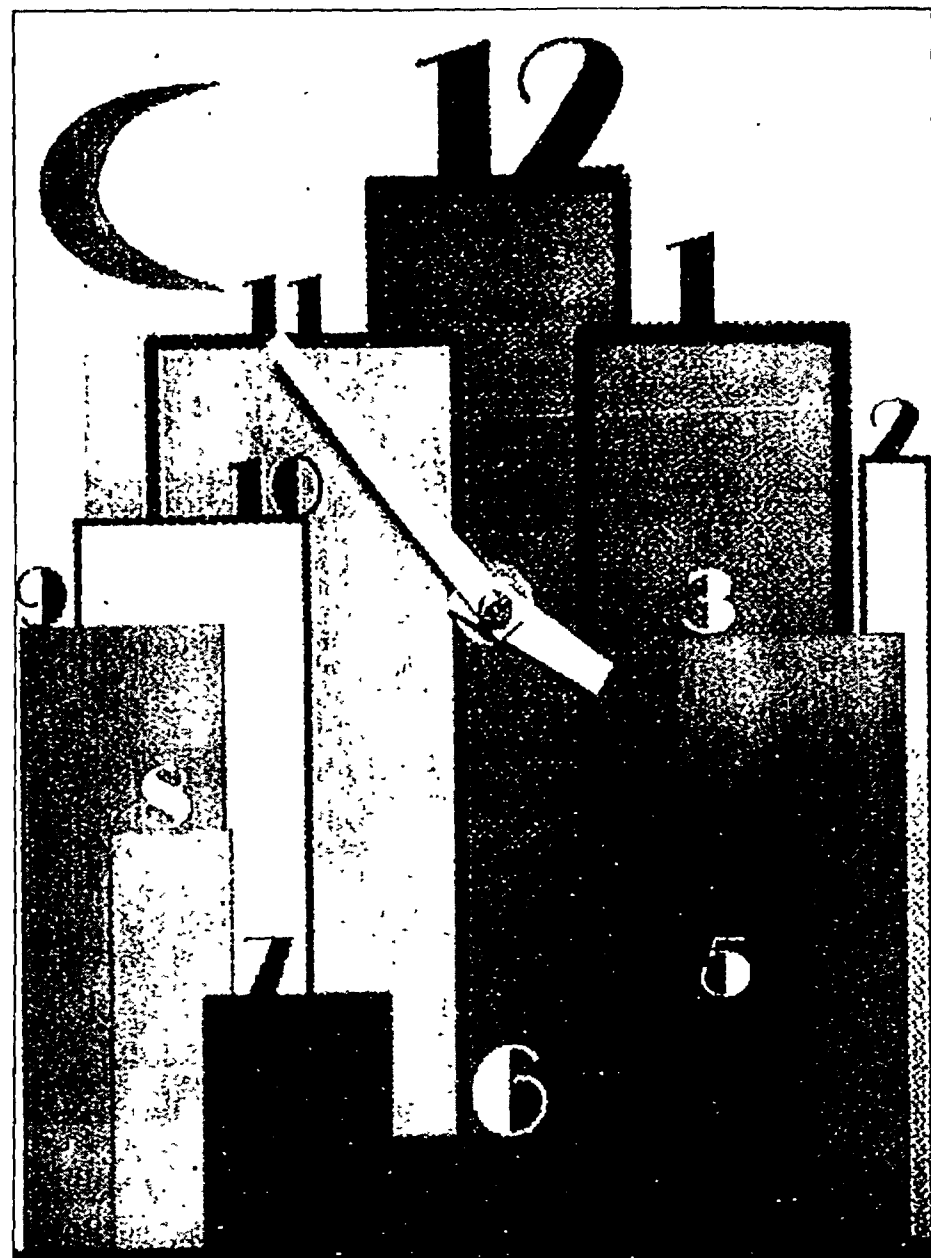
of grief support services they offer, testimonials from people who have been helped, and the vision of the future from the founder and CEO, Cathy Clough. Tour dates are:

- Nov. 18 at 5:30 p.m.
- Dec. 11 at 9 a.m.

To attend one of the tours, please RSVP to New Hope at 248.348.0115 or email [grief-help@newhopecenter.net](mailto:grief-help@newhopecenter.net).

## Salon helps Civic Concern

Envy Salon & Day Spa, 15430 Haggerty Road at Five Mile Road, is having a special food drive to help Northville Civic Concern clients during the months of October and November. Everyone who comes into the salon and donates a nonperishable, non-outdated food item or non-food, personal item, will be entered into a drawing to win a year's worth of hair-care products. For more information, call (734) 420-0052.



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## Holiday Art

The Northville Art House (215 W. Cady) presents the Fifth Annual Holiday Show, featuring hand-crafted work in pottery, fiber, jewelry and painting for sale by well-known local artists, including Jan Sadowski, Marilyn Grinnell, Katherine Wickersham, Shadia Zayed, Beth Jones and Jan Robb to name a few. The opening reception will be 6-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6. Author Steve Fahdi will be there to sign his inspirational book, "Words to the Rescue". The Holiday Art Market will continue through Dec. 12 with additional special activities held on Friday, Dec. 4, from 6-9 p.m. during Northville's enchanting Candlelight Walk. On this first Friday in December, there will be a raffle for several pieces of artwork that have been specially donated by some of the area's best local artists. This artwork will be on display starting Nov. 6 and the lucky winners will be chosen the evening of Dec. 4. The Northville Art House will host a special evening for Northville's Girls Night Out on Friday, Nov. 13, from 6-9 p.m. Regular Art House hours for the Holiday Art Market are Wednesdays through Saturdays from 1-5 p.m. On First Fridays only in November and December hours are 1-9 p.m. Call (248) 344-0497.

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# Reform must start with PA 312 and the Urban Cooperation Act

In Macbeth, William Shakespeare wrote about "a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing."

Too bad the bard isn't around to comment on the goings-on these days in Lansing, where the sound and fury is loud, and maybe we have a balanced budget ... and maybe we don't.

The most optimistic scenario I can come up with is that the Legislature and governor will actually now sit down and agree to far-reaching structural reforms in the organization, workings and costs of Michigan government at all levels. In return, the lawmakers might actually find some "revenue enhancements" to undo some of the damage that the "balanced budget" is doing to schools, college students, local government and much else around our state.

House Appropriations Committee Chair George Cushingberry (D-Detroit) was recently quoted by the MIRS news service that he's optimistic the legislature and governor can manage to move down the path of reforming Michigan government in the next 10 months.

But in his column last Sunday, Nolan Finley, Detroit News editorial page editor, indicates he

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believes this will never happen.

Instead, he thinks our term-limited legislators and governor will leave at the end of next year with hands empty of any real accomplishment. That will leave a state that is progressively worse off, and leave any hopes for reform in the untested and unknown hands of those who will then be newly elected.

However, there is still time to prove that prophecy wrong.

And for those who actually want to give the reform process a shove forward, I offer two good points where we should start: Public Act 312 and the Urban Cooperation Act. PA 312 prevents police and firefighters from going on strike by requiring that unresolved labor disputes go to binding third party arbitration.

That sounds good -- in theory. But a 2006 report to the governor estimated the act drives up local government costs by 3 to 5 percent. City managers also complain that it prevents money-saving consolidation among neighboring police and fire departments.

The act can also result in budget-busting back pay awards. In Ann Arbor, according to the local Chamber of Commerce web site,

an arbitrator's award dinged the city for \$1.6 million, largely in the form of retroactive pay increases.

Critics also argue such awards can drive up pension benefits to the point where retirement incomes can be greater than wages while officers are on the job. In Taylor, for instance, homeowners are paying six mills in property tax to fund pensions for police and firefighters who are eligible to retire after only 20 years of service.

To put that in perspective: According to State Rep. Doug Geiss (D-Taylor), that's the same millage residents are paying to fund public schools for 10,000 local children.

The act has an interesting history. PA 312 was introduced by then Senator Coleman A. Young, who later became Mayor of Detroit -- and then called the law the biggest mistake of his political career.

The second poster child for reform, the so-called Urban Collaboration Act, was adopted back in 1967. It requires that if two or more local government units want to consolidate or merge departments, the employees of the newly merged entity then all get the highest wages and benefits offered by any of the cities involved.

Long-time former Grand Rapids City

Manager Kurt Kimball tried for years to get money-saving service sharing agreements among the communities in the area, only to find himself frustrated time after time by the Urban Collaboration Act. "It's a poison pill for local government reform," he says.

Last May, The Center for Michigan held a conference on government collaboration and accountability. The meeting's guide the issues noted a Michigan Municipal League official as saying "We can talk about consolidation in Lansing until we're blue in the face."

"Local units of government are even open to the idea. But without changes in the Urban Cooperation Act and Public Act 312, it's nothing but talk."

So here's a tip for the many folks watching impatiently for any signs of serious cost-saving reform in Michigan government: If you see the Legislature and governor actually working to reform these two millstones around our neck, there may be hope.

Otherwise, what you are seeing is just one more noisy tale that sadly, in the final analysis, signifies nothing.

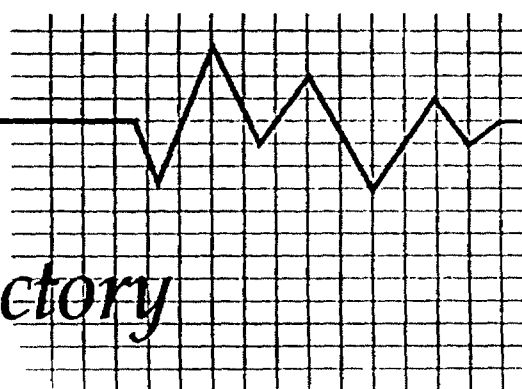
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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

## OUR VIEWS

### Our endorsements go to incumbents

There are two open seats on Northville City Council, and our endorsements support both incumbents — MICHELE FECHT and JIM ALLEN — over challenger Bob Buckhave in the Nov. 3 election.

Both Fecht and Allen are currently finishing their first four-year terms, and are well aware of the commitment serving on council requires. They know the financial crisis and are familiar with the budget process; keeping them both on board for that reason alone makes sense.



Fecht



Allen

But there's more to these two candidates. Two years ago, council and administration identified an estimated \$2.5 million, five-year shortfall. That was two years ago; the economy has gotten worse. Council has authorized the necessary cuts and delayed expenditures, while still keeping the general operating millage the same (and one of the lowest around).

Northville, with around 6,400 residents, has always been a full-service city. But, as Fecht points out, soon the city will have to make choices on which services to reduce, not eliminate. She's open to possible savings by exploring sharing services with other municipalities.

She cites several accomplishments during her tenure on council: hiring a new city manager; contracting the building inspection process; tightening up residential ordinances; and utilizing DDA grants to assist downtown businesses. Fecht also noted the completion of the Town Square renovation, but admitted that much was learned and would be done differently in the future.

Allen has been involved and serving the city pretty much since moving here 17 years ago. He prides himself on letting the city staff follow council's direction without mico-managing.

Although the city's bond rating was upgraded from AA- to AA+ in August, Allen knows the city will be facing shortfalls in the next three to four years and realizes that sharing services will be crucial to making ends meet.

Both candidates understand that streetscape improvements, like replacing sidewalks, are necessary, not a luxury. And both see a walk-through from Main Street to the Marquis Theater parking lot, utilizing DDA funds, as a major component to downtown's success. However, Fecht and Allen realize that now is not the time for the city to be taking on major projects like Cady Town.

The Record applauds all three candidates' willingness to serve their community, especially in these trying times when tough decisions have to be made. Be sure to make it to the polls Nov. 3 and show your support.

### Yes on county renewal

On Nov. 3, Wayne County voters will be asked to vote on Proposition O, which is a renewal of a millage that voters authorized in 2000 to support county operations.

The millage will generate an estimated \$43 million countywide a year.

It will cost the average Northville Township homeowner \$147.82 and City of Northville homeowner \$112.58.

The millage funds essential public services. It is not a new tax. It is a renewal.

The Ficano Administration has made budget cuts and implemented structural reforms in the county budget process.

While there are still more efficiencies to made at the county level, the millage on the ballot is a renewal and should be approved.

We encourage the executive and the commissioners to continue to look at more cost-cutting in addition to cost-saving methods to deliver essential services.

If approved, the millage will be levied at the estimated 2008 rollback rate of 0.9529 (about 95 cents per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for 10 more years (2010 through 2019).

Asking taxpayers to support even a renewal is these tough times is not easy. However, the county's ability to provide necessary services will be difficult if it loses this general fund revenue.

Vote yes to renew Proposition O.



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### Granholm visit

Gov. Jennifer Granholm paid a local visit Saturday, just days after slashing millions in state funding for a number of Michigan's wealthiest school districts, including Novi and Northville. Granholm was at Novi's city hall filling in for her husband, Dan Mulhern, as guest speaker addressing the Asian Pacific American Leadership Summit VII.

## From Lansing we need less talk, more action

### GUEST COLUMN

The lyrics of country great Toby Keith's song *A Little Less Talk and a Lot More Action* popped in my head when I heard the Legislative Commission on Government Efficiency had released its draft report, *Charting A Way Forward: A Path Towards Fiscal Stability For the State of Michigan*. After 18 months of kicking the can down the road, yet another report is produced telling state leaders what and how to reform government.



Tom Watkins

Our state leaders are not without a multitude of reports to choose restructuring ideas or government reforms from — what they have is a great shortage of political will to make the tough choices that will address the long-standing structural problems confronting this state. Certainly, this report has a number of worthy recommendations. Many of the ideas have been around for years without being acted upon.

The Legislative Commission on Government Efficiency was created by 2007 PA 96. The nine-member commission is charged with making recommendations on how to consolidate and make more efficient state department functions and services. Its final report to the House, Senate and Gov. Jennifer Granholm is due Dec. 1. Only two of its nine members — Senate Fiscal Agency director Gary Olson House and Fiscal Agency director Mitch Bean — are from the government. The rest were appointed from the private sector.

There have been countless studies and recommendations from distinguished organizations including: The Center For Michigan ([www.thecenterformichigan.net/](http://www.thecenterformichigan.net/)); The Michigan Leaders for Michigan/formerly, Detroit Renaissance ([www.businessleadersformichigan.com/](http://www.businessleadersformichigan.com/)); The Citizens Research Council ([www.crcmich.org/](http://www.crcmich.org/)); The

Mackinac Center ([www.mackinac.org/](http://www.mackinac.org/)); and my own report I wrote as state superintendent of schools in 2004 that stated our school funding system was unsustainable and we must address the runaway health and pension costs and share services and consolidate districts to have adequate resources to invest in 21st century education ([www.michigan.gov/documents/michiganschoolfunding\\_110803\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/michiganschoolfunding_110803_7.pdf)).

Each of these reports clearly spell out ways for Michigan to make sensible changes in state and local government that enable us to live within our means while making meaningful structural reforms.

In 2007, Gov. Granholm appointed a bipartisan Emergency Financial Advisory Panel, co-chaired by former governors William G. Milliken and James J. Blanchard, to review the state's financial crisis and offer recommendations on how best to avoid similar crises in the years ahead. You guessed it — she never acted on her advisory panel's thoughtful recommendations.

There are even recommendations left over from the Secchia Commission in the 1990s under Republican Gov. John Engler that have yet to be implemented.

If the Legislative Commission on Government Efficiency would have taken their "efficiency" charge seriously, they would have met, reviewed the above reports, e-mailed them to the governor and Legislature telling them to implement the recommendations already on the table and disband.

Michigan continues to lose jobs in roaring tsunamis and replace them in tear drops. We have lost nearly a million jobs in the last decade and have the highest unemployment in the nation at 15.3 percent. We are caught up in a perfect storm of losing businesses

and people together with the taxes they pay. Michigan gets less populated, less educated, and poorer because of people fleeing our state. The families who are leaving are the people the state desperately needs to kick-start our economic rebound — young, well-educated high-income earners.

Few organizations relish change and will go to great lengths to avoid facing the consequences. Clearly this has been the case with Michigan's elected leaders. They behave as though nothing has changed, when everything has changed.

We don't get action from the governor or Legislature; we get yet another study that is destined to gather more dust created by the unemployed fleeing not just a state with a lack of jobs, but a state with leaders that fiddle as those without work burn through their unemployment checks as the hope for a productive future slips away.

Those that think we can simply cut or tax our way out of these problems are delusional. It is change-or-die time for Michigan.

Clearly, there is little constituency or lobby for change. Yet, we must reform, restructure and reinvent Michigan to position ourselves for the hyper-competitive, disruptive, global, innovative economy that is coming at us at warped speed.

As I return to China next week, rest assured, they are not slowing down waiting for Michigan's leaders to get their act together and — well, lead. They and other states and nations are moving forward.

Inaction has consequences. The time for studies, delays, debates and talking is over. We need the governor and Legislators to dispense with the "whole lotta talk — and produce a lot more action!"

Tom Watkins is a business and education consultant. He served the citizens of Michigan as a state superintendent of schools, 2001-05 director of the mental health department, 1986-90 and an elected member of the Wayne County Charter Commission, 1980-82.

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Please let the voters decide to approve a new millage and increase if needed. The board is not acting in my best interest. At the very least conduct a non-scientific poll of residents, via the Internet, on the township's homepage. Create a link and ask if a millage would be supported. Do something.

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Proposing a millage increase would not be smart at this time. Unfortunately, the residents were not presented with all the facts before they voted for buying an overpriced piece of land. Did anyone hear the board discuss budget shortfalls or declining revenues during the summer? Did the treasurer raise these concerns at the town hall meetings? Residents only have X dollars to spend on taxes; unfortunately, the board decided pushing their agenda for a park would be the best use of our disposable income. If the township continues to raise taxes, who would want to move into this township? The smart strategy is to look for new leaders in the community. Once the new leaders are in place, we can work on the budget and, hopefully, unwind

the mess Abbo and board have created. New taxes are coming at the federal level and state level. We do not need more taxes at the local level. Spread the word -- recall this board.

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This board is taking a dangerous position by not doing more to offer we, the residents, a millage increase. You could take my \$312k Northville Township home and sell it for \$150k in Westland or Livonia. My investment in this community is protected by the quality of its schools and its perceived safety by a strong public safety department. If this board wants to cut back on those things, without giving us a chance to vote to save them, then my reasons for investing in this community start to fade away. I hope the board, and community at large, understand what's at stake here. It's not just the jobs of these officers; it's the very future of this community and the future of EVERY resident's investment in the community that they made when they bought a home here. And let's not forget Mr. Z's getting robbed last night. This nasty stuff is coming our way, and only by keeping our police department strong can we fight it!

JoshyRosky

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## NORTHVILLE AREA COMMUNITY CALENDAR

More: For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Northville Calendar online at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com).

Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail to [cstone@gannett.com](mailto:cstone@gannett.com); by fax to (248) 685-2892; or by mail to Northville Record, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

## LOCAL EVENTS

## Marquis Theater

Location: Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main, downtown Northville

Contact: (248) 349-8110 or visit [www.northvillemarquistheatre.com](http://www.northvillemarquistheatre.com)

## "Pinky The Flying Ghost"

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 31

Details: A non-scary Halloween tale for children 3 years and older. Tickets are \$8.50 each.

## Scottie's Kitchen Cooking Classes

Location: 149 N Center Street, downtown Northville

Contact: (248) 344-7990

## Brunch

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30

Details: Taught by Mary Spencer; \$50 per person. Sample a diverse array of brunch ideas. Menu will include spinach and cheddar soufflé, a rustic tomato galette and blueberry scones with an orange glaze and strata with bacon, cheddar, mushrooms and tomatoes.

## Country Garden Club of Northville Meeting

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. Nov. 3

Location: Cady Inn at Mill Race Village, Northville

Details: Thanksgiving decorations by English Gardens; guests are welcome.

Contact: (248) 380-9259 or visit [www.cgcnv.org](http://www.cgcnv.org)

## Guitarist Roy Scoutz

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday

Location: Tiramì Su, 146 Centermain Street, Northville

Contact: (248) 735-0101

## Soup Supper / Concert

Date: Saturday, Nov. 7

Location: Northville High School

Details: Soup Supper/Concert event at Northville High School, benefiting "Kids Against Hunger", featuring soups (5:30-8 p.m.) from area restaurants, followed by a performance by Mountain Heart, one of Nashville's premiere six piece, high energy bluegrass bands (<http://mountainheart.com/>). NHS student Dawson Laabs and NHS principal Rob Watson will open the concert at 7:30

p.m. For tickets and info, visit [www.northville.k12.mi.us/parents/council-of-plas.asp](http://www.northville.k12.mi.us/parents/council-of-plas.asp) or [www.haveaheartforhungar.com](http://www.haveaheartforhungar.com) for more details.

Contact: Dottie Garrity at [dotgar@aol.com](mailto:dotgar@aol.com) or Sue Laabs at [suelaabs@comcast.net](mailto:suelaabs@comcast.net)

## Gardeners Of Northville &amp; Novi Club Meeting

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9

Location: Northville Art House, 631 Cady Street

Details: Social Time & Garden Lecture on "Create A Holiday Spray". Our guest will be Chris George who will be demonstrating on how to make a spray. The public is welcome, so come join us for an informative and fun-filled evening.

Contact: [gardenersnorthville-novi.org](http://gardenersnorthville-novi.org) or Renee (248) 231-2334

## Children's Christmas Workshop

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5

Location: New School Church at Mill Race Village, 215

Griswold Avenue, Northville

Details: The Northville Historical Society's 31st annual event. Children in grades 1-6 are invited to participate in the opportunity to make seven old fashioned, hand-made gifts for the special people on their Christmas lists. The intent of the workshop is to surprise family members with the gifts that the children have worked on and made themselves. Enrollment is \$15 per child, payable by cash or check (made out to Northville Historical Society). Registration is Nov. 6 at 218 W. Dunlap, Northville - 6-6:30 p.m. for society members; 6:20-7 for non-members; 7 p.m. for Scout troops.

Contact: (248) 349-2833.

## Early Learning Series

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m.

Location: Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main Street

Details: Information series for parents with children ages birth to 5 years returns with Nora Thompson, educational consultant, presenting Considering the Importance of Children's Experiences in the World Outside; Jan. 19 - Practical Strategies for Talking with Young Children; and March 16 - What Comes Next? A Dialogue About School Readiness. Free child care for children 33 months and toilet trained (pre-register).

Contact: (248) 344-8465

## Northville Newcomers &amp; Neighbors

## MEET &amp; GREET

Time/Date: 10 a.m. first Tuesday of each month

Location: Member's homes

Details: All welcome to socialize, meet, greet friends and neighbors and learn about the activities and interest groups this club has to offer.

Contact: Paula Lund at (734) 404-5120

## Mill Race Historical Village

Location: 215 Griswold Ave., north of Main Street near Ford Field

Details: Office open 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday-Friday. Village buildings open 1-4 p.m., Sundays, mid-June to mid-Oct.

Contact: (248) 348-1845

## Weekly Events

(\*Grounds closed to public)

Thursday: 9 a.m. Archives Open

Friday: 9 a.m. Archives Open; 4 p.m. Girl Scouts

Monday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Hands-All-Around Quilters

Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang; 11 a.m. Country Garden Club

Wednesday: 9 a.m. Mill Race Basket Guild; 3:30 p.m. Girl Scouts; 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation Group

## Solid Grounds CoffeeHouse

Location: 133 W. Main St.

## OPEN MIC NIGHT

Time/Date: 6-9 p.m. every Tuesday

ROGER PONDER & DELL SMITH (blues and folk singer/songwriters)

Time/Date: 7 p.m. every Thursday

CAROL SMALLWOOD (classical guitarist)

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-noon every Saturday

SINGLES MINGLE (socialize with local singles in a relaxing environment)

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. every second Wednesday of the month

Contact: (248) 348-9737

## Northville Sports Den

Location: Northville Town Square, West Main Street

Contact: (248) 347-5993 or [www.northvillesportsden.com](http://www.northvillesportsden.com)

## MY TRIVA LIVE

TIME: 7:30 p.m. Mondays

OPEN MIC WITH GREG STRYKER

TIME: 9 p.m. Tuesdays

KARAOKE WITH CHIP

TIME: 9 p.m. Wednesdays

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

TIME: 10 p.m. Saturdays

CHURCH PROGRAM

TIME: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Details: 10 percent of your bill back to your church with proof of church's program

## The Art House

Open 1-5 p.m. every Thursday-Sunday; 1-9 p.m. on "First Fridays" of the month.

Location: 215 Cady St.

Details: Admission to Art House shows is always free and open to the public.

Contact: Northville Art House (248) 344-0497 or [northvillearts.org](http://northvillearts.org)

HOLIDAY ART MARKET OPENING RECEPTION

Time/Date: 6-9 p.m. Nov. 6

## GIRLS NIGHT OUT

Time/Date: 6-9 p.m. Nov. 13

## FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK &amp; CANDLELIGHT WALK

Time/Date: 6-9 p.m. Dec. 4

## PRESCHOOL CLASS

Time/Date: 1:30-2:30 p.m., Fridays

Details: Wear grubbies, as these classes can be messy! Preschool Art Exploration (Experiment with Mixed Media) Age: 3-5 yrs fascinated by shiny, sticky & gooey stuff? The joy of creative thinking & self-expression are brought to life using paper, paint, clay and glue.

Together, construct projects that develop fine motor skills & enhance creative development. Materials fee of \$6 payable to instructor. Instructor: Christine Laginess. \$33/\$43 per session

## LEARN TO DRAW

Time/Date: 1:30-2:30 p.m., Saturdays

Details: Drawing and Illustration Age 5 - 9 years Bring a favorite toy and learn how to draw! Or a still life of fun objects will be set up for the students. Learn to draw from life objects. Look past what an object seems to be and instead see the myriad of shapes and color that comprise our visible world. Students will develop illustration techniques: line drawing, shading, stippling and use various materials in their exploration of this fundamental artist skills. Supply list will be provided to the student. Also a great class for home-schoolers Instructor: Dawn Johnson \$50/60 per session

## CREATIVE KIDS

Time/Date: 10-11:30 a.m. second Saturdays

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

## POTENTIAL POTTERS

Time/Date: 9:30-10:30 a.m., Saturdays

Details: Invent new shapes while exploring hand building techniques using clay. Encourage small motor development and hand-eye coordination, creating and molding animals, figures, cups or boxes with stoneware. All work will be glazed and fired using food safe materials. Materials fee of \$10 payable to instructor. Instructor: Christine Laginess Age: 4-7 years \$40/\$50 per session

## INTERMEDIATE SCULPTURE

Time/Date: 11-12:30 p.m., Saturdays

Details: Expand knowledge of ceramics as you explore sculpting techniques and begin to use a potter's wheel! Express yourself creatively as you make action figures; wild, wacky or realistic animals; or caricatures of yourself or friends in clay! These are just a few of the possibilities you can create as you stretch your imagination with ceramic stoneware. Your creations will be finished using clay slips and fired, using food safe glazes. Materials fee of \$10 payable to instructor. Instructor: Christine Laginess, Age: 8 - 13 years, \$50/\$60 per session

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A few maple tree leaves, in their fall colors, on the ground at Maybury State Park.



A recent rainfall drips off some maple leaves at Maybury State Park.



# Fall at Maybury



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Fall colors are near their peak at Maybury as trees reflect their oranges, yellows and reds in the pond.

The reflection of leaves and trees in the pond at Maybury State Park.



A mountain biker hits the trails of Northville's Maybury State Park recently. Fall colors are near their peak in the area.



A fall color covered path inside Northville's Maybury State Park.



# Living wills: Planning for the inevitable

Dear Savvy Senior,  
Can you recommend some good resources to help my wife and I create our living wills? We want to avoid any artificial life-support at the end of our life, but would also like to avoid a high-priced attorney to get them. What can you tell me?  
Procrastinating Paul

Dear Paul,  
Creating a living will is one of those things most people want and plan to do, but rarely get around to actually doing. Less than 30 percent of Americans currently have one. But preparing one now, gives you say in how you want to be treated at the end of your life, not to mention it can spare your loved ones some very stressful decisions at an emotional time. Here's what you should know.

**ADVANCE DIRECTIVES**  
To adequately spell out your wishes regarding your end-of-life medical treatment you need two legal documents: A "living will" which tells your doctor what kind of care you want to receive if you become incapacitated. And a "medical power of attorney" (or health care proxy) which names a person you authorize to make medical decisions on your behalf if you become unable to. These two documents are known as advance directives.

**DO-IT-YOURSELF**  
Today, there are several free or low-cost resources to help you write your advance directive, and it takes only a few minutes from start to finish. Here are some good places to find help:

- Caring Connections:

## SAVVY SENIOR

A resource created by the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization that provides free information and state-specific advance directive forms with instructions on their Web site ([www.caringinfo.org](http://www.caringinfo.org)) that you can download and print. Or, you can call 800-658-8898 and they will mail them to you and answer any questions you may have.

- Aging with Dignity: An advocacy organization that offers an easy-to-use legal document called "Five Wishes" that covers all facets of an advance directive. Five Wishes is legally valid in 40 states and costs \$5. To get a copy, visit [www.agingwithdignity.org](http://www.agingwithdignity.org) or call 888-594-7437.

- Online resources: For under \$15 Web sites like [www.legacywriter.com](http://www.legacywriter.com) and [www.uslegalwills.com](http://www.uslegalwills.com) can create a living will and medical power of attorney for you by asking you questions and inserting your answers. Once you're finished, you simply print it out (or they can mail it to you) and sign it with two witnesses present to make it legal. You may also need to get it notarized depending on the state you live in. Or, if you're looking for a little extra help, try [www.legalzoom.com](http://www.legalzoom.com). This site works like the others but will then have a specialist review your answers for completeness. The cost for this service starts at \$39.

- U.S. Living Will Registry: This is a nifty service that electronically stores your advance directive and organ donor information and makes these documents available to your family or health care providers 24 hours a day via the Internet

or telephone. The cost to register is \$125. See [www.uslivingwillregistry.com](http://www.uslivingwillregistry.com) for more information.

**MULTIPURPOSE PLANNING**  
If you looking for a comprehensive estate planning tool "Quicken WillMaker Plus 2010" ([www.nolo.com](http://www.nolo.com); 800-728-3555) is a top resource that uses computer software to create state-specific living wills, as well as property wills, trusts and many other documents. You can purchase it as a downloadable software program for \$44, or you can get it on a CD for \$50.

**Savvy Tips:** To insure your final wishes are followed, be very thorough when you create your living will and medical power of attorney documents and give copies to your family and doctor. It's also important to have a direct, candid conversation with your health care proxy and doctor so they know exactly what you want. And don't forget to review your advance directive every few years and update it when necessary.

If you would rather use a lawyer to draft your advance directive, look for one who specializes in estate planning and health care related matters. The National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys ([www.naela.org](http://www.naela.org)), and the National Association of Estate Planners and Councils ([www.naepc.org](http://www.naepc.org)) are good resources to start with.

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

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Married for over 20 years, Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott are best-selling authors who have been featured across the media including *Oprah* and *Good Morning America*. They are also the co-directors of the Center for Relationship Development at Seattle Pacific University.

# Everyday Essentials program shows community's spirit

**W**e're facing difficult times in Michigan. The worldwide economic downturn has hit the middle class here the hardest. Our unemployment rate is the highest it's been in decades, and families are struggling just to make ends meet. But while the pundits and the media are down on Michigan, I know that the strength and character of our community shines brightest when times are the toughest.



Marc Corriveau

## LANSING UPDATE

One of the many reasons I am proud to live in this state is the resilience and kindness of the people of Michigan. When a friend or loved one loses a job or suffers a serious medical injury, we try to help out in any way we can - watch their kids, house sit or help them get around. As a community, we rally around our neighbors when they need help, because we know that one day, we might be in their shoes.

It was this spirit of service and giving that inspired me to kick off my "Everyday Essentials" donation drive this past weekend. Even though times are tough, nobody should have to choose between putting food on the table, paying bills and purchasing essential household items we all use each day.

The donation drive will run until Friday, Oct. 30, and will accept household and personal care items such as toilet paper, facial tissues, diapers, baby wipes, paper towels, hand soap, dish soap, laundry detergent, dental care items, and feminine care products. These are the items that we use and take for

granted and can mean all the difference in the world to families in need.

You can donate at any of the following locations:

- Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St. in Northville.
- Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main St. in Plymouth.
- Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road in Wayne.
- Big Boy Restaurant, 20800 Haggerty Road in Novi.
- Big Boy Restaurant, 44681 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.
- Northville High School, 45700 6 Mile Road in Northville.

- Meads Mill Middle School, 16700 Franklin Road in Northville.
  - Republic Waste Services, Inc., 36850 Van Born Road in Wayne.
  - Hiller's Market, 425 N. Center St. in Northville.
  - George's Senate Restaurant, 39430 Dun Rovin Dr. in Northville.
- I know that many families' budgets are tight right now, but I hope you'll be able to donate and help make a difference in the lives of our fellow neighbors.

State Rep. Marc Corriveau (D-Northville) can be reached at (877) 208-4737 or [MarcCorriveau@house.mi.gov](mailto:MarcCorriveau@house.mi.gov).

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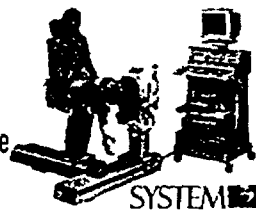
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### Paletta honored

The Board of Directors of the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants (MACPA) and its President and CEO Peggy A. Dzierzawski, announced the 2009 award recipients -- including Dr. Michael Paletta, of Northville, Chair's Service Award -- at the MACPA's annual Awards Dinner. The evening was a celebration of those who have made an impact in their industry and in the community.

"We are really in awe of the many contributions of our members to the accounting profession and to

their communities in the past year," said Dzierzawski. "At the Michigan Association of CPAs, we truly believe in achieving professional greatness and these award recipients demonstrate just that."

### Troost receives award

Beth Troost, of Northville, financial education coordinator for the Michigan Credit Union League, was honored by Michigan State University Extension with a Key Partner Award during an Oct. 13 banquet at Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center in East Lansing. Troost was recognized for her work to create a foreclosure prevention DVD, "Right at Home," which was distributed

statewide at no cost through credit unions, United Way branches and MSU Extension offices. On behalf of Michigan credit unions, she also collaborated with MSU Extension on financial education projects including Money Smart Week Events, Michigan Jumpstart Coalition Initiatives and educator training sessions for the National Endowment for Financial Education's High School Financial Planning Program.

### Michener authors new book

Author Tara Michener of Novi created a sounding board for self-esteem and diversity in her debut picture book, "Who I Am Not What I Am."

This book featured the young girl Janelle who was constantly being asked, "What are you?" by her classmates. The book takes on the subject of race and understanding culture. Janelle has a white father and an African-American

mother and the kids in her class did not understand "what" race she was. In the end Janelle learned that she is more than a color or two she is unique, smart, short for her age and a great kid.

Michener received much success from this book which led her to her newest title that launched this fall, "100% Real." It's the second book in the "Who I Am" series and features Zoey, the newest character. Janelle is still very much involved and has more wisdom to help another fitting in. This book continues the dialogue on self-esteem, diversity and introduces a new issue to discuss, adoption.

Michener also brought a new illustrator into this project, her husband, Jason.

### Bricker certified

Gerald Bricker has completed and received official certification for the administration and interpretation of the Resource Associates Corporation



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### Sarah R. Jackson

Navy Seaman Sarah R. Jackson, granddaughter of Kathy Baldwin of Northville, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training and was meritoriously promoted to her current rank at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Jackson completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations". This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endur-

## NORTHVILLE IN THE SERVICE

ance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a Sailor in today's U.S. Navy.

Jackson is a 2009 graduate of Brazos High School of Wallis, Texas.

### Mercedes Y. Xiz

Mercedes Y. Xia, daughter of Yuying Zhang of Northville, has graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) Leader Development and Assessment Course, also known as "Operation Warrior Forge," at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash.

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## PREVIEW

## Mustangs to face Spartans in playoffs

■ Northville has chance to avenge earlier-season loss

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs coaching staff didn't have to look far for information on their first playoff opponent.

When the announcement came from the Michigan High School Athletic Association Sunday night that the Mustangs would be visiting the Livonia Stevenson Spartans Friday at 7 p.m., all head coach Matt Ladach had to do was turn to his own game tape library. There he could easily find the video from his team's earlier-season loss to the Spartans that came in the form of a 31-0 drubbing.

Ladach said he is confident his team can win this game with their base pro-style offense that relies heavily on a fullback lead. Their defense—a 3-5-3 that typically runs a cover three in the backfield—will be looking to shut down Stevenson's key players and control the line of scrimmage.

"We are not going to come up with any gimmicks," Ladach said. "Our boys have been working hard since the start of camp, and we'd be foolish to make wholesale changes at this point in the season."

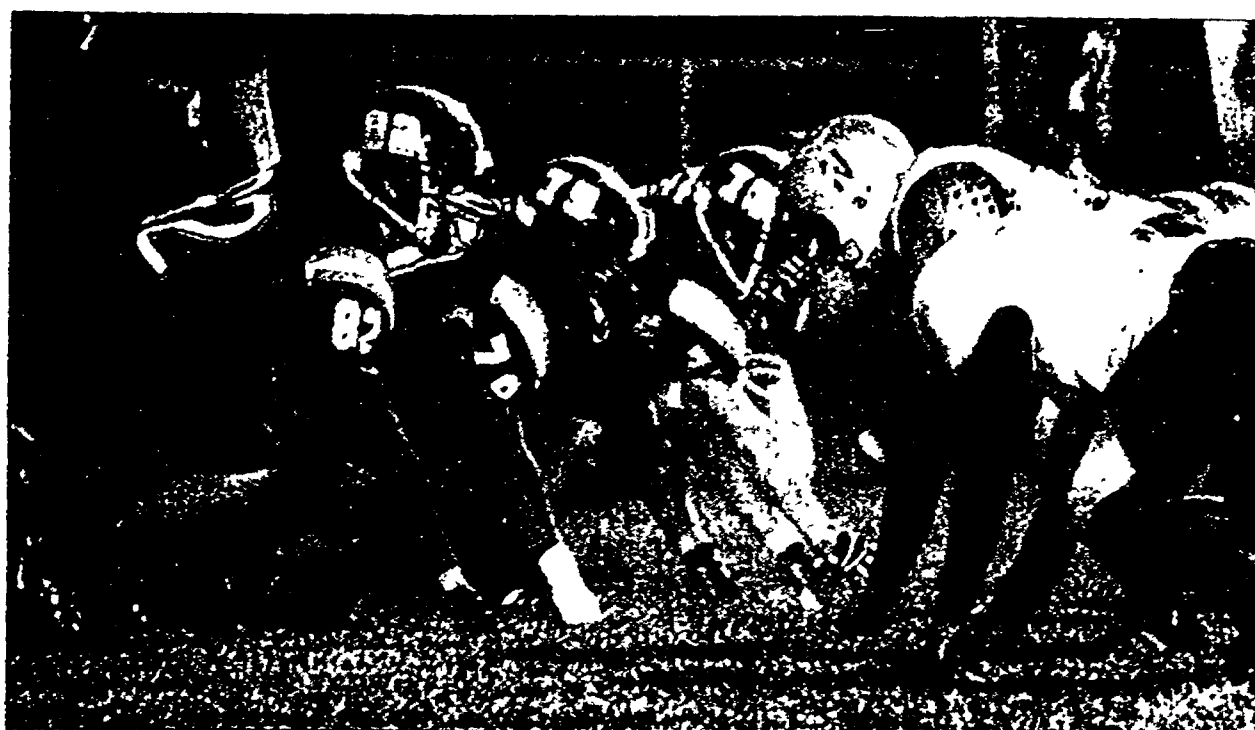
The Mustangs fell to Stevenson in week five, giving the gridders four weeks to better themselves. Stevenson, which lost in the state finals last year, has been on a tear, earning a 7-2 record with losses coming in week one to Livonia Franklin and in week two against Howell. Since then, the Spartans haven't been slowed a bit, earning wins over Plymouth Salem, South Lyon, Northville, Novi, South Lyon East, Canton and Livonia Churchill.

Stevenson has earned 276 points this season and allowed 120. Northville, in contrast, has scored 156 points and allowed 134.

The last time the Mustangs toppled the Spartans was 2004, which just happens to be the last time the Mustangs made a playoff appearance.

The key for the Mustangs is finding a way to stop Stevenson's ground game. The Spartans rely on the speed and ability of Austin White and the other members of the backfield. White, who committed to play for the University of Michigan prior to the start of this season, has over 1,100 yards rushing and 19 touchdowns this year according to MaxPreps.com. Between

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The Mustang defensive line prepares to rush the Knights of Walled Lake Northern.

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## State playoff-bound

■ Mustangs beat Walled Lake Northern to earn post-season berth

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

Senior wide receiver Jack Gibson can rest assured that he is going to be remembered for a long time to come.

Gibson, who Northville coach Matt Ladach named as a key returning player to this year's team during the pre-season, busted out a 93-yard reception to not only break a school record, but to break the hearts, minds and backs of the Walled Lake Northern Knights last Friday.

### ON TAP

The Mustangs (6-3) will play Livonia Stevenson (7-2) in the first round of the playoffs this week. The two teams have already played earlier this season with the Stevenson Spartans escaping with a 31-0 victory. The contest is slated for a 7 p.m. Friday kickoff at Livonia Stevenson High School.

breaking play, which he received from senior quarterback Dan Mills, was the score that put the game out of reach and led to an eventual 23-12 victory that guaranteed the Mustangs a playoff berth for the first time since 2004.

"There is no question -- we are all excited about the result of this victory," said Ladach. "Making the state playoffs is a fine accomplishment. But, more so than anything, I am proud of the way we came back to win this game."

The Mustangs found themselves trailing 10-0 after the Knights scored on their fifth play of the game followed by a field goal. Northville's hopes looked to be truly dashed after the Knights blocked a punt at Northville's 1-yard line and forced a safety for a 12-0 lead and a Northville kickoff.

But, the Mustangs just

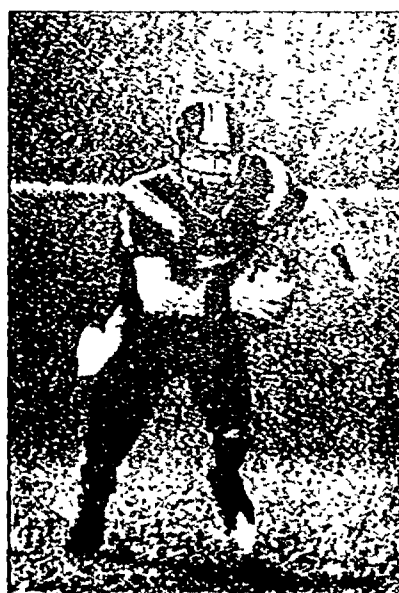
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Mustangs Dan Stern, left, and LaDarius McLaurin hit a Walled Lake Knight ball carrier during last Friday night's game.



Mustang Jonathon Alandt crashes into a Knight during last Friday's home game at Northville.



Mustang QB Dan Mills scrambles in the monsoon-like downpour of Friday night's home game.

## Mustangs bow out of soccer playoffs

■ Tough loss to Salem ends season

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs boys soccer team watched as the ball rolled past the goalie and over the goal line between the posts.

In their minds, there was no doubt whatsoever that they had opened up the scoring between them and the Salem Rocks in the second round of the district playoffs last week. But, it wasn't their minds that needed to be convinced, and in the end the goal was overturned by the officials who concluded the ball did not cross into the goal. Northville went on to lose to the Rocks, 1-0, to end their season.

"It was early in the game and we knew we'd have plenty of chances," said coach Henry Klimes, who is in his 20th year as the head coach for the Mustangs. "We did have a lot of chances, we just couldn't capitalize on them."

The Mustangs had two outstanding opportunities for scoring -- one from senior forward Doug Beason and the other from junior midfielder Fatai Alashe. Alashe's 25-yard kick was dead on, but was stopped by Salem's goalie, Sasa Miskovic.

"Most goalies wouldn't have been able to stop that," said Klimes. "Sasa is probably going to be First-Team All-State. He's that good."

The Mustangs fell behind in the contest when a corner kick wasn't properly cleared away from the goal. The Rocks were able to punch the goal into the net for the 1-0 lead and the eventual victory.

Despite the loss, Klimes said his team has nothing to be ashamed of.

"They went out and played their best," he said. "If you don't leave everything out there, then you have something to hang your head about. These boys didn't do that. They went out and played their best and gave it their best. I'm proud of the way they played."

Klimes said his team can look back at their season and be proud of what they accomplished. An 11-7-4 record that found them losing to two state-ranked teams, Churchill twice, an extremely tough Saline squad and Salem twice. The squad didn't let their losses hamper their season goals and they went on to beat Stevenson twice—a first during Klimes' tenure—and earned a KLA Central Division championship, second in the Lakes Conference and fourth in the KLA overall.

"No one gave these boys a chance at any of that," said Klimes. "But they went out and did it. I couldn't be more proud of them."

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

### ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls swimming and diving team will be hitting the pool in the KLA Central Division meet this weekend in hopes of earning a tie for the championship with Novi. The diving portion of the meet will be held tomorrow and the swimming portion will be held Saturday.

## Northville Mustangs swim to another victory

■ Tankers topple Brighton Bulldogs

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs girls swimming and diving team knows that in order to stand a chance in the post-season meets, they have to push themselves to be their best in every meet.

The squad has been doing just that, and last week was no exception as they edged out the Brighton Bulldogs, 99-87, in a dual meet.

"This was a good way for us to end the regular season and get ready for the championship meets," said Northville coach Brian McNeff. "Brighton is a fast

team, top team in the Lakes Conference and I knew there would be some close races."

And close they were, but Northville managed earn the victory with their talent and depth.

Times for this meet were not available as of press time, only places.

The Mustangs took second and third in the 200 medley relay with the team of Shannon Lohman, Catherine Cui, Faith

Miller and Becca Myers taking second and the team of Rachel Brown, Kelly Burford, Riley Bruen and Sarah Garrity taking third.

Northville continued to showcase their ability in the 200 freestyle. Taking first as Maddy Kipke, while Leah Erlandson swam to fifth and Michelle Song was sixth. Taking first in the 20

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all the rushers—fullback Jon Pauley has the second most with nearly 400—the Spartans have over 2,000 yards on the ground. In comparison, they have just 20 percent of that in their passing game.

Northville, on the other hand, brings a very balanced offense to the field. They have two talented quarterbacks in senior Dan Mills and junior Mike Wegzyn. Mills is a true utility player, able to make plays from the backfield, quarterback or receiver positions.

Brett Smith is the running back of choice for the Northville gridders and in order for the team to win they will likely need to place the ball in his hands as much as they throw against Stevenson.

But, it's not the offense that is going to win this game as much as it is the defense. Northville allowed 31 points when the Spartans last came to town and this time they will have to buckle down and refuse to be intimidated.

The Novi Wildcats, a team Northville was able to beat after both of them lost to Stevenson this year, held the Spartans to just 14 points. On paper, there is no reason Dan Stern, Kyle Galdes, Levi Perry, Trei Walton, Brett MacDonald, Michael MacLean and LaDarrius McLaurin can't do the same as they anchor this sometimes stingy Northville defense.

In the end, however, Ladach said no one will escape the responsibility of earning a victory.

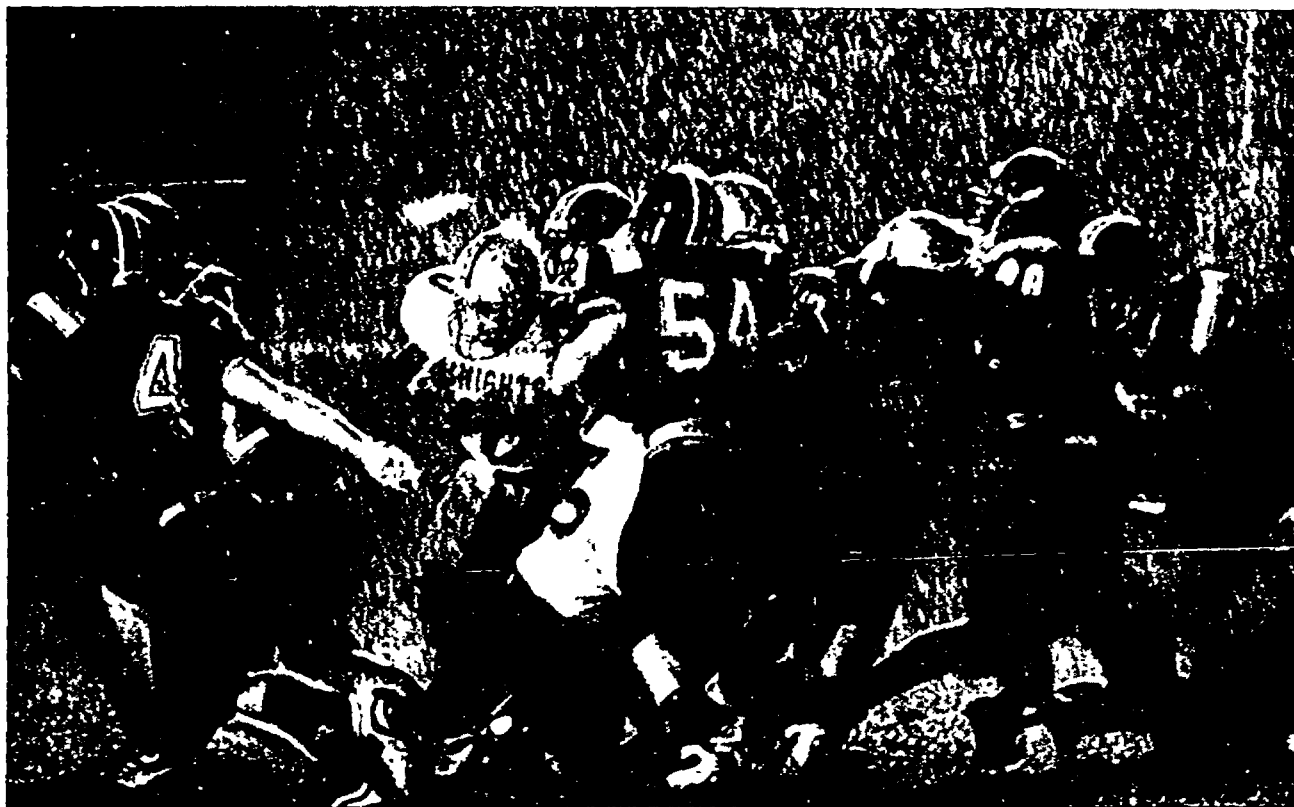
"We will rely on all 11 players on the field to get the job done," he said. "No one player's role is more important than the others. We need a team effort."

In each of their six victories, the Mustangs did not allow more than 14 points to be scored on them.

That needs to be their goal in their game against Stevenson and it needs to be underlined on the white board three or four times.

The winner of the Livonia Stevenson (7-2) and Northville (6-3) game will face the winner of the Catholic Central (9-0) and Livonia Franklin (5-4) game that is scheduled for Saturday at 1 p.m. at Catholic Central High School.

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



The Northville Mustangs and Walled Lake Northern Knights play in a downpour on Friday night as they battle for a spot in the state playoffs.



Brandon Kuc's muddy arm shows how messy the field got during last Friday night's game.

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refused to be denied.

"Any ordinary group of kids would have given up after that safety, but our kids didn't," said Ladach. "That is a testament of their character, and I am proud to be their coach."

Ladach consulted with his assistant coaches and took a quick time out to talk to his team. He didn't ask them to guarantee a win, or to go out and do anything extraordinary. He simply asked his Mustangs to play the game he knew they were capable of.

They listened. The defense went out and stopped the Knights on the ensuing kickoff and drive, which ended when Brandon Love grabbed an interception on the eighth play of the Walled Lake march. The Mustangs capitalized on the turnover, handing the ball to the consistent Brett Smith, who swept around the right end and bolted 57 yards for the score to cut the Knights' lead to 12-7 going into halftime.

The Mustangs came out and took advantage of another Walled Lake mistake in the opening drive of the second half. The Knights, who had won the coin toss in the beginning of the contest and chose



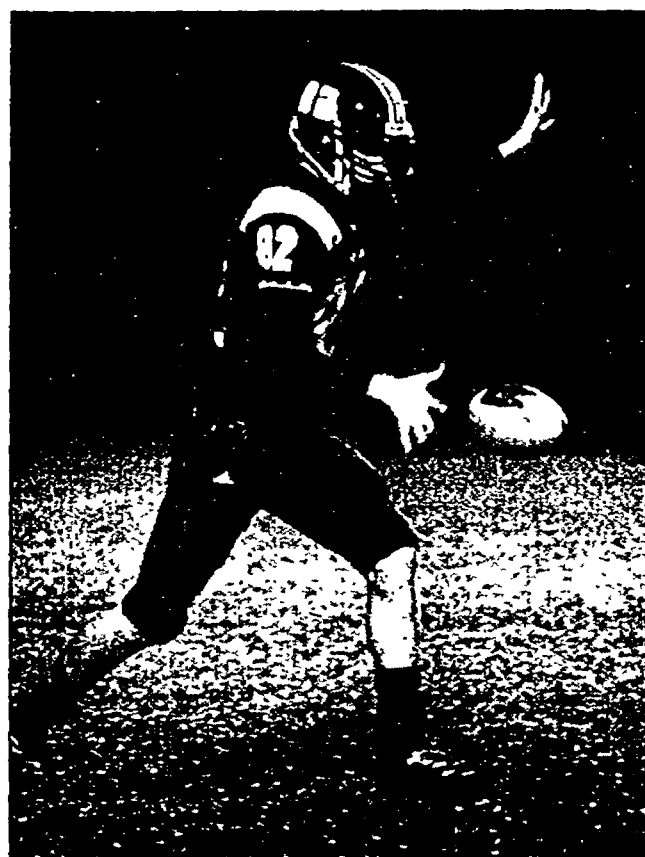
Mustang Levi Perry takes down a Northern Knight as teammate Klye Galdes leaps over to avoid a collision.

to defer their choice until the second half, made a decision to try and use to their advantage the wind and rain that continuously assaulted the field. The captains of the Walled Lake squad informed the officials they wanted to defend the south end zone instead of electing to receive the kickoff.

"Our offense took that deci-

sion as a slap in the face," said Ladach. "We challenged out offense and they responded in a huge way."

After a touchback gave the Mustangs the ball on their own 20-yard line, the offense went to work. Mills, who replaced junior quarterback Mike Wegzyn as the team's play caller earlier in the game, scampered 55 yards on the



Mustang punter Jake Robideau prepares to boot one to the Knights.

opening play to set up an 80-yard drive. The end result was a 1-yard touchdown by Mills and a failed two-point conversion to give Northville a 13-12 advantage.

Northville's defense held, putting the ball back into the hands of Mills and the offense. The second play of the drive found Northville being backed up to their own 7-yard line on a holding call that prompted the coaching staff to run a play to make some breathing room for the team. Instead, Mills hit Gibson on a corner route off a sprint out pass to the left, which the senior receiver then took 93 yards for the score and 20-12 lead following an extra point by kicker Jake Robideau. Robideau extended Northville's lead to 23-12 on a 31-yard field goal in the fourth quarter to cap the scoring in the contest.

The Mustangs were lead on offense by Mills, who went 6-for-10 for 161 yards and a touchdown from the quarterback position and added 64 yards on four carries and another score on the ground. Wegzyn went 2-for-5 for 10 yards and two interceptions.

The most productive receiver on the night was Gibson, who needed just two receptions to put up 105 yards and a touchdown. Brad Wagner was Northville's favorite target, grabbing five passes for 49 yards.

Northville's rushing attack was spearheaded by Smith, who pounded out 134 yards on 17 carries and notched a touchdown. His long run of the night was for 57 yards.

Defensively, the Mustangs shared in the glory of the victory. Dan Stern led the Northville gridders with eight tackles, while Levi Perry added seven. Kyle Galdes recorded six tackles and an interception, while LaDarrius McLaurin added six tackles to his stats. Love had an interception and a key pass deflection, which came in the fourth quarter.

Northville climbed to 6-3 on the year with the victory while Walled Lake Northern dropped to 4-5 to end their season.

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## NORTHVILLE HIGH UNDERCLASS WRAPUP

## JV Mustangs top Walled Lake Northern, 24-22

The Northville Mustang junior varsity football team ended a very successful 2009 season with a 24-22 road victory over Walled Lake Northern. With the victory, the Mustangs finished with an overall record of 6-3, and a positive, winning attitude for next year.

The Mustangs got off to a shaky start, turning the ball over early, which led to an early Walled Lake touchdown. The Mustang offense responded, over-powering Walled Lake up front and tying the game up with a Dawson Laabs touchdown run. The two teams traded touchdowns in the second quarter and the game was tied at the half 14-14.

The Mustangs opened the second half with a 90-yard drive, mixing up pass and run and controlling the clock. The end result was a field goal that gave the Mustangs a 17-14 lead. On the ensuing kick-off, the Mustangs caught Walled Lake (and themselves) off-guard by recovering the kick. Another Mustang ball-control drive did not result in points but successfully kept Walled Lake from touching the ball in the third quarter. It was not until four minutes had gone by in the fourth that Walled Lake took possession, and after an unsuccessful drive, the Mustangs took over again and scored a touchdown, taking a 10-point lead with six minutes to play.

Walled Lake scored a touchdown with a little over three minutes to play, and a two-point conversion brought them within two points, 24-22. Walled Lake decided to kick the ball deep, hoping their defense could hold the Mustangs or force a turnover. The Mustang offense did not comply, moving the ball on the ground, converting a couple of first downs, and running the clock out to win the game.

The JV Mustangs look forward to continuing their season by practicing with the varsity team and helping them prepare for the upcoming state playoffs. Let's hope this becomes an annual fall tradition for all future JV teams!

By Jim Houston

## Freshman Mustangs stopped by Walled Lake Northern, 33-0

Yes, it was the last game of the season and the Mustangs had their hopes high. The long bus ride up to Walled Lake Northern gave everyone time to strategize on how to could beat a solid Northern team. When it was all said and done, the ride home was even longer, with a 33-0 defeat on the last day of the 2009 football season.

As a parent and a coach you can't help but look back and ask yourself how could we have a more successful season? What drills should we have run or plays we could have called? Maybe if we could have used a different player in this position or



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The Northville freshman volleyball girls finished the season last week undefeated.

that. I know if we changed our game day planning and strategies for sure we would have had more success. The questions will always come; what are the answers? Surely we will find the wisdom to understand so as not to repeat.

From one man's perspective, I think we practiced hard and played hard. We were well prepared, knew our positions, understood the plays and executed them. But in football, as in life sometimes, it's the little things that will come back to bite you. The things that some don't even think matter much! Our attitude, our enthusiasm, our will, our passion, the belief that we will succeed are just as critical as the fundamentals when it comes to winning. There have been great people who talk about the importance of these traits. Vince Lombardi said, "The difference between a successful person and other is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack of will." So I ask myself over and over -- did we have the will to win; what does it even mean?

Looking back over the season I can sure think of a few times that I didn't have that positive winning attitude, that infectious enthusiasm, the unabridged will to get the job done. To fairly assess ourselves I would say everybody on the freshman team, players and coaches alike, lost that edge at one time or another. Staying on top of your game takes a tremendous amount of self discipline; without it success is impossible. As these young men grow and mature, they are pushed to develop that self discipline. Only they can push themselves to run when they are tired; focus when there are distractions; give it 100 percent when the body is hurting; and believe when there are doubters. Yes, these lessons will make them compete better and win more challenges then they lose, not only in football but in life.

Gentlemen, it was a great pleasure coaching you this year. I hope in some small way you learned from me

something that will help you become all you can be. One of the great things I witnessed this year was the building of your character. Please remember this one thing if nothing else: "Be more concerned with your character than with your reputation. Your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are."

You all have a lifetime ahead of you. Looking at how you're starting, I expect great things from all of you. Our world, our country, your city and your families need great leaders. Be that leader! Remember, you can do wonderful things with your life if you really believe in your dreams.

By Rocco Pollifrone

## Freshman volleyball caps undefeated season

Friday night, the Northville freshmen volleyball team wrapped up an undefeated season with a victory in the Renaissance Invitational at University of Michigan-Dearborn Fieldhouse. The eight-hour tournament began at 3 p.m. and ended at 11 p.m. with a victory over Livonia Churchill in the final.

The Lady Mustangs put the finishing touches on a perfect season, going undefeated in conference seasonal play. The Renaissance Invitational victory was the second tournament championship for Northville, having won the Ladywood Classic on Oct. 10.

Coached by Meghan Polce, the Northville team sported a 14-player roster, and wore down its opponents through aggressive net play, a deep bench and an offensive, constantly going-for-the-kill attitude.

In the Renaissance Invitational, Northville stormed through several opponents, winning each match with two consecutive victories, ending pool play undefeated. Bracket play saw the Lady Mustangs seeded number one and, after a challenging match versus Stony Creek, they met Livonia Churchill in the finals. The

## Northville volleyball team splits week

■ Mustangs fall to South Lyon, topple South Lyon East

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustang volleyball team found itself splitting the final week of KLA Central Division play as they earned a victory over South Lyon East two days after falling to South Lyon in a tightly-contested series of games.

The Mustangs, coached by Amanda Yaklin, finished 4-6 on the year, finishing the divisional season off with their win over South Lyon East, 25-7, 25-19 and 25-11. The game was the last at home for Northville's five seniors.

"All five seniors played with maturity and leadership in their last home game as Northville volleyball players," said Yaklin.

As of press time, the final statistics were not yet tallied for the South Lyon East contest.

Two days before toppling the Cougars, the Mustangs found themselves in a very tough match-up against the South Lyon Lions. Despite some tough play, the netters were not able to capture the victory and fell in five games. Northville lost the first, fourth and fifth games, 25-18, 25-20 and 15-7, respectively. The Mustangs won the second and third games, 25-17 and 25-23.

"Both teams played with high intensity, and many Northville players stepped up in the game in the absence of key players," Yaklin stated.

## ON TAP

The Northville Mustang volleyball team will be competing in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association cross-over today at 6:30 p.m. and is slated to start Michigan High School Athletic Association district tournament play next week.

Northville was led in serving percentage by Rachel Zinkosky 1.59 out of 3.0. Kelly Maise was close behind with a 1.44. Zinkosky and Rebecca Martin combined to lead Northville with 32 assists on the night.

Martin led the team in aces, notching three, while Casey Waldo, Melanie Mullett, Zinkosky, and Maise had two each and Rachel Huang and Linsey Fox each recorded one. Waldo was the team leader in blocks, collecting two, while Ellie Mindick, Fox and Martin added one each.

Leading the way against the Lions in attack percentage was Mindick with a .400, while Fox and Emma Brick hit .200 each. The Mustangs were lead in serve receive percentage by Fox with a 2.5 out of 3.0, while Maise had 2.16, Christy Mueller had 2.1 and Lauren Colasanti had 1.91.

"It was a true team effort on the night," Yaklin said.

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# A different perspective

## ■ Former Northville harriers return as assistant coaches

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

Bill Dalton. Kate McClymont. Tim Dalton. The names are familiar to long-time followers of Northville athletics.

All three were former runners for Northville high school. All three pushed themselves to be their best and helped their cross country teams do the Mustangs proud.

Now, all three are the pushing.

Brothers Bill and Tim Dalton have been assisting the Northville boys cross country team under the guidance of Chris Cronin. McClymont returned this year to help the girls squad, coached by Nancy Smith.

"Coaching cross country opens a completely different side to the sport," said McClymont, who earned a place among Northville's best with a time of 19:50 on the team's home course of Cass Benton. Her time currently ranks seventh-best in the history of the school. "As a coach you can often see a runner's potential before they can. You can't force someone to want to run, it's something they have to figure out and want for themselves. It can be frustrating at times, but when it clicks it's great to see. You can't change someone's attitude, but can only hope that you can help them learn to love the sport."

McClymont won't have the joy of seeing what impact her coaching has on the young girls cross country team come next year. She's expected to head off to law school, a path she took a year away from this year.

Bill Dalton, on the other hand, will likely be back next year. He's helped Cronin out in 2004 and then again in 2007 when the Mustangs went to the state finals.

"Coming back to help Chris Cronin with the cross country team was an easy decision for me," said Dalton. "When Chris approached me this summer, we discussed ways that I could assist and I was glad to come on board."

Dalton ran for the Mustangs in 1999 and 2000. Since then he's gone on to get a full-time job as a teacher and is discovering the task of juggling that with being a coach—something that reminds him of his younger days.

"This year has been challenging for me because I am now learning how to juggle the responsibilities of teaching full time and coaching after school," he said. "I have found that working hard to achieve results is not only a responsibility as an athlete, but also in life."

Tim Dalton, who is ranked seventh all-time at Cass Benton for the Mustangs with a 16:37 he ran in 2002, said watching the current athletes run to records like he did while in high school is a fun part of the experience.



Northville's Tim Dalton runs at Cass Benton in 2002.

"It's great to be a part of such a class act team," said Dalton. "From top to bottom the guys come to practice everyday and work very hard so at race time they are ready to run fast. You have to be happy for the guys when they run a personal best time."

Bill Dalton would know. In 2007 his name was knocked off the all-time best list by a familiar face: His younger brother Jack Dalton ran a 16:38 to put himself at eighth on the list. The run bumped his older brother out of 10th place.

"It's amazing to watch so many guys run as fast as our top one or two did just 10 years ago," Bill Dalton said.

For McClymont, it's a little different. This year she's been watching some very talented underclassmen add their names to the list of all-time greats.

"From a coaching perspective, it's awesome to see your runners, especially the freshman, breaking records on the all-time Cass board that were predominantly held by upperclassmen," she said, then poked fun at her team. "From the perspective of a runner whose time was flattened by a particular sophomore and freshman, well, no one likes to get beaten."

Both the girls and boys teams will be competing in the regionals tomorrow. The best teams earn a berth to the state finals next week. The rest go home.

Tim Dalton said the most important thing



Northville's Kate McClymont runs in the 3,200 meter relay race in this 2005 file photo.

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for his team to do is to go out and run the best they can.

"I really just hope they enjoy themselves, especially the seniors," he said. "At this point in the season the hay is in the barn. We just need to believe in ourselves and leave it all on the course on Friday. If we do that I will be pleased regardless of the results."

McClymont said that she has high hopes for her girls, who are turning in some of the best times in Northville history this year and are mostly underclassmen. The squad shocked the Kensington Lakes Activities Association last week by taking second in the conference meet.

"Without trying to jinx us, I think the girls

have a strong chance of making it to the state finals," she said. "We're a young team, but the freshman have so much talent and have shown that they can perform consistently even under a lot of pressure. As for advice, I would tell them they have four months of training under their belt and have ran over 500 miles all in preparation for this one race. They have everything they need to do well, so believe in yourself. You must be confident when you step up to the starting line. At the same time, don't take yourself too seriously. It's just a race, so have fun out there."

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## Mustangs boys take fourth in the KLAA

### ■ Squad looks to regional meet

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
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The Northville Mustangs boys cross country team had their sights set on a second-place finish in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association conference championships last Thursday, but found themselves running with some of the state's best harriers.

In the end, Northville missed their goal by mere points, taking fourth with a total score of 67 while Plymouth took second with 63 and Canton took third with 66. Novi earned 34 points for the win.

"Novi showed they are clearly the class of the KLAA this season," noted Northville coach Chris Cronin.

The Mustangs were led by Frank Griffiths, who turned in the best run by a Northville harrier in the past 16 years with his time of 16:10, which was good for second place behind Novi's Mike Blasczyk.

"I thought today was the day for Frank," said Cronin. "He's so good at the end of the season and looked content to run off of Blasczyk's shoulder. Coming off the final hill, Frank couldn't hand onto the pace, earning the runner-up spot just three seconds out of first."

The race notched Griffiths second year of First-Team All-Conference honors.

Next in for the Mustangs, and 10th overall, was Matt Sierra, who ran a 16:44.

"Kensington suits Matt's running style, and his 16:44 puts him in elite company within our conference," said Cronin.

"Matt has really come on over the last two weeks. He's on the cusp of really breaking through. He'll need an extraordinary effort to make it to the state finals, and his timing couldn't be better."

Northville's Trent Johnson took 15th overall, running the race in 16:55 for Third-Team All-Conference honors for his second year.

"Trent has been so consistent all year," said Cronin. "I think that's his biggest

#### ON TAP

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improvement this season. Last year, he had a few ups and downs. Now I know what kind of performance I'll get out of him. That's very reassuring for me as a coach."

Chad Cini was 18th for the Mustangs, running a 17:11, which earned him Third-Team honors while Jason Lerner took 22nd in 17:17—just shy of the medaling cutoff of 20th place. Christian Guenther was 24th in 17:23 and Kevin Lerner was 35th in 17:44. The KLAA championship was the first for both Guenther and Kevin Lerner.

#### JUNIOR VARSITY

The Northville Mustangs junior varsity boys cross country team showed that their future is bright, earning an overall victory in the KLAA championship race with 19 points.

Leading the way was Ed Clifton, who ran a 17:21 for the Mustangs to earn first place.

"Ed looked great, running on his own after the mile and a half mark," said Cronin. "Ed had battled some shin issues the last week, but today he looked to be on top of his game."

Northville's Alex Kanya was second and Robert Singletary was third for Northville.

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## Northville takes second in KLAA

### ■ Mustangs surprise pundits, themselves

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

If there was ever any doubt about the ability of the Northville Mustangs girls cross country team, that doubt is now dead and gone.

The Mustangs, lead by coach Nancy Smith, earned second place in the highly-competitive KLAA conference meet, shocking many critics and opponents alike. The squad followed up the impressive performance two days later with a victory in the Larry Steeb Invitational.

"The entire team has been running so well lately and improving from week to week," said Smith. "I could not be prouder of my team and what they have been able to accomplish this season. This is definitely the most talented group of runners to ever represent Northville High School and their success and times show this."

Northville earned 63 points in the KLAA conference meet to earn second behind Salem, which won with 55 points. The Mustangs surprised even themselves as they sped past Churchill, which was third with 66 points, and Novi, which was fourth with 84.

"I was so happy and pleased with our performances today on a tough course," said Smith. "Our goal today was to beat Novi and finish in the top three, and we managed to do both of them. The race today showed us that we have the talent to move to the next level and compete with the best."

Leading the way for Northville was Gina McNamara, who earned fourth overall in a time of 19:19. Not far behind was freshman Eric Dunne, who took seventh, and Katie Vandervoort, who was eighth, with times of 19:44 and 19:47, respectively. Freshman Alex Rodriguez was next, cross-

#### ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls cross country team will be back in action when they run in the Michigan High School Athletic Association regional tournament tomorrow at Huron Meadows with hopes of earning a berth to the state finals race.

"We definitely have all the pieces, we just have to be able to piece them all together on the same day and hopefully it will be Friday," said Northville coach Nancy Smith of her team's potential. Northville has not made the state finals since the 2006 season.

ing the finish line in 20:13 for 18th place and all-conference honors. Freshman Alexander Drayback finished in 25th with a time of 20:38, while junior Emily Sklar ran a 20:54 for 33rd and sophomore Lisa Hamel ran a 21:03 for 36th.

The Mustangs' victory at the Larry Steeb invitational was a bonus to their actual goal. The Northville harriers made the trip out to Brighton to get a taste of the very difficult regional course -- a trail only McNamara had previously run.

The squad took advantage of the day, however, running hard and earning a win in the meet with 22 points.

Erin Dunne led the way with a career-best time of 19:35 to earn the overall first-place, while Drayback ran a career-best time of 20:10 for sixth place under the guidance of McNamara, who pushed her along and ran a 20:06 for fourth place.

"McNamara has become a natural leader on the team this year and has guided this young team

to high levels of success," said Smith. "She had helped them realize their true potential and how good they are and will become."

Northville's next runner was Vandervoort, who was seventh in 20:43. She spent the race helping and pushing freshman Claire Courtney, who ran a career-best time of 20:50 for ninth place. Rodriguez finished between them in eighth place with a 20:49.

"The youth and support amongst these runners is amazing," said Smith. "They helped each other race and pushed each other to improve as a team. I could not have been prouder of them."

#### JUNIOR VARSITY

The Northville Mustangs junior varsity girls cross country team showcased some deep talent in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association last week, earning first place with just 33 points. Salem was second with 40, followed by Novi with 115.

Freshman Claire Courtney led the entire pack of runners from start to finish, earning the victory in 20:59 while sophomore Erin Keiffer was third with a 21:23 and junior Sara Dedna was fifth in 21:36. Junior Alie Jezark finished in 21:46, while sophomore Clare Naughton ran a 21:53 and freshman Hallie Tyburski recorded a 22:11.

"I have known all season long that Claire could fit into the puzzle somewhere and she proved that today," said coach Nancy Smith. "She showed that she has the ability to move up and compete at the next level."

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Tyler Harrigan drives the net resulting in a Northville goal.



Jake Sobas circles the crease before putting the puck past the Grosse Pointe goaltender.

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## Northville prep hockey riding five-game win streak

The Northville Prep Hockey team has won each of the last five games as the fall season comes to a close and they prepare to compete in Division 1 of the Great Lakes Prep Hockey League this winter. The fall season started slowly as the team suffered several injuries that resulted in missed games. As those players have returned from injury and the team has come together under head coach Don Middaugh, Northville has been able to string together several victories.

### NORTHVILLE 11, GROSSE POINTE SOUTH 0

Northville travelled to City Sports Arena in downtown Detroit Oct. 7 to faceoff with the Blue Devils from Grosse Pointe South. The Mustangs got on the scoreboard quickly putting two goals on the board in the first minute of play. The first goal was scored by Matt Evasic with an assist from Jake Sobas, the second by Brian Makowski with assists from Andrew Carlone and Tyler Harrigan.

Northville added two more in the 2nd period on goals by Jake Sobas and Danny O'Malley with assists from Chris Kubitsky, Zach Gears and Andrew Carlone.

Northville blew the game open in the third period when they were able to find the back of the Grosse Pointe net seven more times, while net-minder Justin Stupar turned away each of the Grosse Pointe efforts to



Jake Pawloski makes a save in Northville's 3-0 shutout of Pinckney.

give Northville an 11-0 shutout.

Jake Sobas led Northville with three goals and three assists. Brian Makowski, Danny O'Malley and Matt Evasic each contributed two goals while Chris Kubitsky and Ben Bloom had a goal apiece.

### NORTHVILLE 11, WALLED LAKE 0

On Oct. 10, Matt Evasic kicked off Northville scoring at the 2:54 into the opening period with assists from Andrew

Carlone and Danny O'Malley. Nick Melucci gave Northville a 2-0 lead at the end of the first on an assist from Ben Bloom.

Northville added four goals in the second period, two from Andrew Carlone and one each from Jake Sobas and Ben Bloom to pull away from Walled Lake. Jake Sobas added two more goals in the third period while Nick Melucci, Tyler Harrigan and Brian Makowski each added a goal as well for a final score of 11-0.

Jake Pawloski saved all 11 shots faced to record a com-

plete game shutout. Ben Bloom and Jake Sobas led all scorers with five points each. Matt Evasic, Nick Melucci, Brian Makowski & Andrew Carlone contributed with multi-point efforts.

### NORTHVILLE 11, GROSSE POINTE SOUTH 2

On Oct. 11 Northville scored early and often taking a 5-1 lead into the first intermission and expanding that lead to 9-1 at the end of the second. Andrew Carlone led the

Mustangs with six points on two goals and four assists. Brian Makowski had five points on four goals and one assist. Tyler Harrigan had four points with one goal and three assists. Nick Melucci (two goals, one assist) and Ben Bloom (one goal, two assists) each had three points. Chris Kubitsky, Jake Sobas, Zach Gears and Ken Kosinski rounded out Northville scoring each with one point. Justin Stupar got the win in goal allowing just two Grosse Pointe pucks to find the back of the net.

### NORTHVILLE 7, FARMINGTON-HARRISON 2

On Oct. 17 Chris Kubitsky got Northville off to a fast start scoring 2:20 into the opening stanza assisted by Jake Sobas and Tyler Harrigan. Brian Makowski made it 2-0 at the 9:04 mark of the first with an assist from Andrew Carlone and 10 seconds later, Tyler Harrigan made in 3-0 Northville. Farmington was able to get on the board late in the first off an unfortunate deflection in the Northville defensive zone, but the Mustangs kept the pressure on in the second period notching four goals in the period, two more for Brian Makowski and one each for Ben Bloom and Andrew Carlone. Farmington added another goal on a breakaway, but were not able to get any closer as Northville finished strong to preserve the 7-2 victory.

Jake Pawloski recorded 19 saves against 21 shots in net for Northville. Brian Makowski (three goals, one assist) and Andrew Carlone (one goal, three assists) led Northville with four points each. Tyler Harrigan (one goal, two assists), Ben Bloom (one goal, one assist), Jake Sobas (two assists), Chris Kubitsky (one goal) and Nick Melucci (one assist) rounded out the scoring for Northville.

### NORTHVILLE 3, PINCKNEY 0

Northville avenged an opening game loss shutting out Pinckney 3-0 in the rematch on Oct. 18. Tyler McMullin scored shorthanded 3:37 into the first period to give Northville an early 1-0 lead. Brian Makowski made it 2-0 a few minutes later scoring just five seconds into Northville's first Powerplay. Northville scored again midway through the second period to take a 3-0 lead. Pinckney pressured late in the third period with 1:30 of a five-on-three powerplay, but a couple of saves by Northville net minder Jake Pawloski and a couple of iced pucks by Northville's defense allowed the Mustangs to preserve the shutout.

Brian Makowski (two goals, one assist) and Tyler McMullin (one goal, two assists) lead the Mustangs with three points each. Ken Kosinski and Andrew Carlone each chipped in with an assist. Jake Pawloski turned away all 14 shots faced for his second complete game shutout of the year.

By John Stevens

## SWIM

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individual medley was Cui, while Brown took third and Briana Schoenke took fourth for Northville.

Miller led the way for Northville in the 50 freestyle, taking second, while Myers notched a fourth-place finish and Garrity taking fifth.

In the diving portion of the meet, the Mustangs' crew did an outstanding job.

Kelsey Libbe took second overall, while Jennifer Jones was third and Kirsten Failing was fifth.

Rachel Marchione also dove for the Mustangs, but did not place.

In the 100 butterfly, the Mustangs found Lohman taking first while Lia Nagata took third and Bruen collected a fourth-place finish. Schoenke was fourth in the 100 freestyle, followed by Myers and Garrity

in fifth and sixth, respectively, while Miller, Erlandson and Leann Dimitroff took first, second and fourth in the 400 freestyle.

The 200 free relay team of Cui, Schoenke, Garrity and Myers notched a second-place finish, followed by the team of Elizabeth Hetu, Lily Chen, Nagata and Lauran Cheaney in third. Northville also took fifth in the event with the team of Emily Butler, Lucy Zhao, Haley Ferrario and Lauren Li.

In the 100 backstroke, Kipke finished second, followed by Lohman in third and Brown in fourth, while Cui took first in the 100 breaststroke, Burford took second and Jessica Buczkowski took fifth.

Rounding out the day were three Northville relay teams taking first, fourth and fifth in the 400 free relay. The first-place team was comprised of Miller, Schoenke, Kipke and

Lohman while Erlandson, Bruen, Nagata and Brown took fourth. In fifth was the team of Emily Iverson, Kelly Stewart, Maeve Nichols and Tori Hilmer.

"We fought in every race and won eight close races as opposed to them winning only

three," said McNeff. "That has been something that we have done all year and hopefully we continue to do that in the coming weeks."

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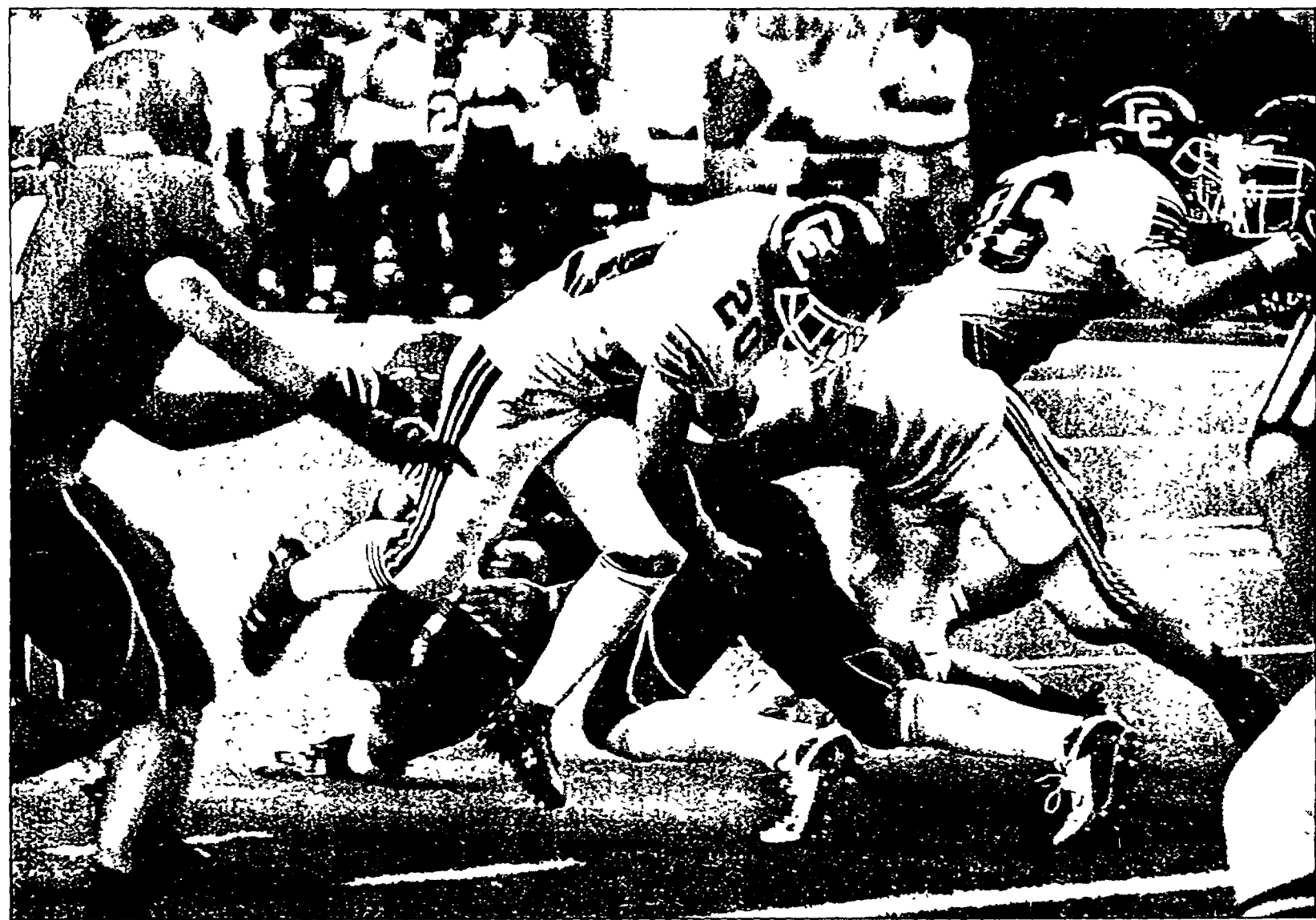
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# Shamrocks finish regular season undefeated



Anthony Capatina on the two-yard touchdown dive for the Shamrocks.

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PREVIEW

## Shamrocks taking playoffs one game at a time

■ First up is Livonia Franklin

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

Detroit Catholic Central coach Tom Mach knows how to win state championships. In the 34 years he has led his Shamrocks, the road has taken them to 10 state titles, including three in a row in 2001, 2002 and 2003.

This year's Shamrocks squad is considered to be one of the best Mach has ever had, according to the pundits and fans. Whispers -- and shouts, for that matter -- of a state championship have been heard on various forums such as Mlive.com. But Mach knows what it takes to get there.

"One game at a time," said Mach. "We can't look past Franklin. They're in the playoffs. That means they're a serious threat."

The Livonia Franklin Patriots may not have the most impressive record at 5-4, but they earned their way into the post-season through the school of hard knocks. The Patriots took losses to Walled Lake Western, John Glenn, Canton and Plymouth this year. All but Walled Lake Western, which finished 3-6 on the year, made the playoffs. John Glenn and Canton have just one loss each, and Plymouth finished 6-3 this year.

The Patriots earned a week one win over Livonia Stevenson (7-2), and then notched victories over Wayne Memorial (3-6), Livonia Churchill (2-7), Plymouth Salem (2-7) and Hartland (4-5).

Livonia Franklin has gathered 214 points this season and allowed 159.

"We're going to play our game," said Mach. "That's all we can do. We don't know much about Franklin other than they've made the playoffs and they beat Stevenson. That's all we need to know that they're a threat."

The Shamrocks, on paper, have little to worry about. They have home-field advantage (the game starts at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Wixom Road campus) and are undefeated this year. In addition, they have statistics that are staggering. The Shamrocks have scored 287 points this year and allowed just 23 on their way to a 9-0 record. Five of Catholic Central's victories were over teams that are headed to the playoffs: Brother Rice, DeLaSalle, Divine Child and Orchard Lake St. Mary's -- a team the Shamrocks beat twice this year.

"Playing in the Catholic League definitely prepares you for the playoffs," said Mach. "It's always hard-hitting football for all 48 minutes, just like the playoff games."

The winner of the game between the Shamrocks and the Patriots will face the winner of the Livonia Stevenson (7-2) and Northville (6-3) contest that is being played Friday night at 7 p.m. Livonia Stevenson defeated the Shamrocks in the playoffs last year and fell in the state championship game.

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## ■ CHSL Championship game a battle of defenses

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

How do you spell undefeated?

S-H-A-M-R-O-C-K-S.

The Catholic Central Shamrocks, coached by Tom Mach, stayed perfect and reached their second most important goal of the season with a win over Orchard Lake St. Mary's, 7-0, last Saturday.

"We've said all season that our first goal is to win our division and then the Catholic League," said Mach. "We've said everything else will fall into place when we do that." And fall into place it has. The Shamrocks are a perfect 9-0 on the season. With the exception of one player, John Jakubik, they are relatively injury free. The Shamrocks have home-field advantage in the playoffs.

"Playing in the Catholic League prepares you for the rest of the season," said Mach. "Each week, it's a tough 48 minutes of football."

Last week was no exception. The defenses of both teams were incredibly stingy; not allowing any points to be scored through the first three quarters of the contest -- which marked the 37th year of the CHSL championship game called the Prep Bowl and was held at Ford Field in Detroit. The victory marked Catholic Central's 15th Prep Bowl victory.

The Shamrocks allowed just 91 yards in total offense, but the Eaglets in turn held Catholic Central to 102 yards.

Anthony Capatina earned 60 of those yards on 19 carries for the Shamrocks, including a two-yard run for a touchdown with 5:37 left in the game as the only scoring play of the game. The scoring play was set up by a 25-yard pass from senior quarterback Sam Landry to Tom Voutsos. "It was a great game," said Mach. "It's never easy playing a team twice, and we knew this one would be even more difficult because we beat them once already. This was a very hard-hitting football game."

But not all hits are done with shoulder pads. The most critical and decisive blow of the game came after Catholic Central's score. The Shamrocks kicked a squib kick that bounced down the middle of the field and right to stellar kick returner Gary Hunter, who danced through

### ON TAP

The Catholic Central football team, coached by Tom Mach, will host the Livonia Franklin Patriots in the first round of the state playoffs this Saturday at 1 p.m. The winner between the Shamrocks (9-0) and the Patriots (5-4) will have to face the winner of the Livonia Stevenson (7-2) and Northville (6-3) contest being played Friday night.

the special teams wall and up the field for a 69-yard gain. Catholic Central's kicker, Corey Smith, scrambled on an angle and threw himself into Hunter and knocked the runner out of bounds at the Shamrocks' 13-yard line.

"We wanted to kick it to anyone but Hunter," said Mach. "We ended up squibbing it right to him."

The defense held, despite having their back to the wall, and forced a fourth-and-nine situation for the Eaglets. St. Mary's quarterback, Robert Bolden, took the snap, dropped into the pocket and fired a pass.

It was Catholic Central's Butch Herzog who came down with it and busted up the field for about 15 yards.

"That really took a lot out of me," joked Mach about the situation his team was in. "Butch made a great play for us and then ran up the field to give us some breathing room."

Herzog told the Detroit Free Press that he didn't think twice about what his defense could do.

"I read his eyes the whole way," said Herzog. "It's an honor to play on this defense. When he (Hunter) got down to our 13, I wasn't worried."

Catholic Central managed the only true scoring thread in the first three quarters of play, but Justin D'Agostino missed a 36-yard field goal with 5:19 left in the first half.

Catholic Central's defense, which has allowed just 23 points all year and 17 points in Catholic League play, held Eaglets quarterback Robert Bolden -- which has committed to Penn State to play Big 10 Division I football -- to just 30 yards in the air on a 6-for-16 performance and 26 yards on 11 carries on the ground.

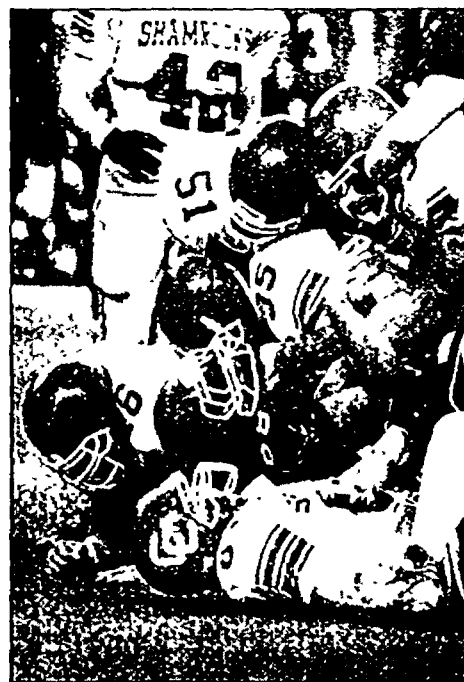
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Catholic Central's football team and staff celebrate after clinching the Catholic League title.



CC's Michael Kinville (33) and Joe Snyder (63) combine for a tackle for a five yard loss.



The Shamrocks smothered Orchard Lake St. Mary's and earned a 7-0 win last Saturday.



Junior Brandon Tamaro (51) sacks quarterback Robert Boldin in last week's matchup.



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# CC harriers win Catholic League title

## ■ Shamrocks dominate competition

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

Notch another championship for the Catholic Central Shamrocks cross country team.

The squad, coached by Tony Magni, marked a three-peat this past week with a victory in the Catholic High School League championship race. The squad also took first in the CHSL in 2007 and 2008.

Catholic Central collected an

impressive 22 points to run away with the title, beating second-place Brother Rice which was over 40 points away with a final tally of 65. Taking third was DeLaSalle with 84 while Divine Child was fourth with 99, University of Detroit Jesuit was fifth with 112, Notre Dame Prep was sixth with 173 and Orchard Lake St. Mary's was seventh with 175.

Winning the race outright was Ricardo Galindo, who ran a 16:07 to

### ON TAP

The Catholic Central Shamrocks boys cross country team will be running in the Michigan High School Athletic Association regional race tomorrow at the very difficult Huron Meadows course. The top teams from the regional earn a berth to the state finals race next weekend.

dominate the competition. Galindo's finish was the best for a Catholic Central harrier since Dave Lucas won

the CHSL race for the Shamrocks in 2003.

A Catholic Central runner has won the event 12 times since 1973. Those harriers were Andy Dillon (1978, 1979), Paul Buchanan (1982), Steve Shaver (1983 and 1984), Mike Sheridan (1988 and 1989), Joe Leo (1994 and 1995), Matt Daly (1999 and 2000), Lucas (2003) and Galindo (2009). The Shamrocks won the CHSL title 10 of those years and has won it 20 times overall.

The Catholic Central Shamrocks also had strong performances this year from several other runners. Andrew

Garcia-Garrison ran to third in 16:26, while Viktor Puskorius ran a 16:35 for fifth place. Austin Zebrowski turned in a time of 16:40, which was good for sixth place, while Jean-Paul Zebrowski ran to seventh in a time of 16:53. All of those Shamrocks earned All-Catholic-League honors.

Taking 20th for the Shamrocks was Mackenzie Boyd, who ran a 17:40, while Sean Carney ran a 17:47 for 21st overall.

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## NORTHVILLE STALLIONS WRAPUP

### Homecoming day

Despite the cold, clouds, wind and occasional drizzle, homecoming day in Northville was a shining success. The events from morning to evening proved testimony to the fact that despite a competitive backdrop, the ultimate goal for both teams is that of a collaborative spirit and for everyone to simply have fun by enjoy the celebration and the game of football.

The expression of that collaborative spirit presented itself from the very beginning of the day. The boys would have been both proud and amused had they been around the Northville Downs' parking lot in the morning watching their parents pitching a tent on hard gravel and setting up hundreds of balloons on strings amidst 20 mph wind gusts. The competition in that "game" was presented by Mother Nature; and believe me, it took teamwork from both the Colts and the Stallions to make that work.

Despite a few embarrassing laughs of uncertainty amongst both new and old friends, the parking lot was readied with colorful decorations. Soon after the area was prepared, pizza, donuts and cider arrived. Right after that came the scores of football players and cheerleaders, all eager to decorate their family vehicles for the parade through downtown Northville. By noon at least a couple of acres of parking space were covered with painted cars, balloons, streamers, noisies cheers, and laughter. The parents all supported a wonderful turnout as the weather also cooperated in the event.

The Colts joined the Stallions as they paraded their vehicles single file down the main drag from Northville Downs at Seven Mile Road to Hillside Middle School at Eight Mile Road. At the stadium, the celebration continued while the briefly-joined Northville teams began to separate back again into their intensely competitive groups. Soon after that, the football games started and the field was alive with action until well into the late evening.

### Varsity Colts stampede Stallions

From the beginning of the varsity Stallions game, the Colts' offense pounded hard, making successive first downs across the field. The opponents scored their first touchdown

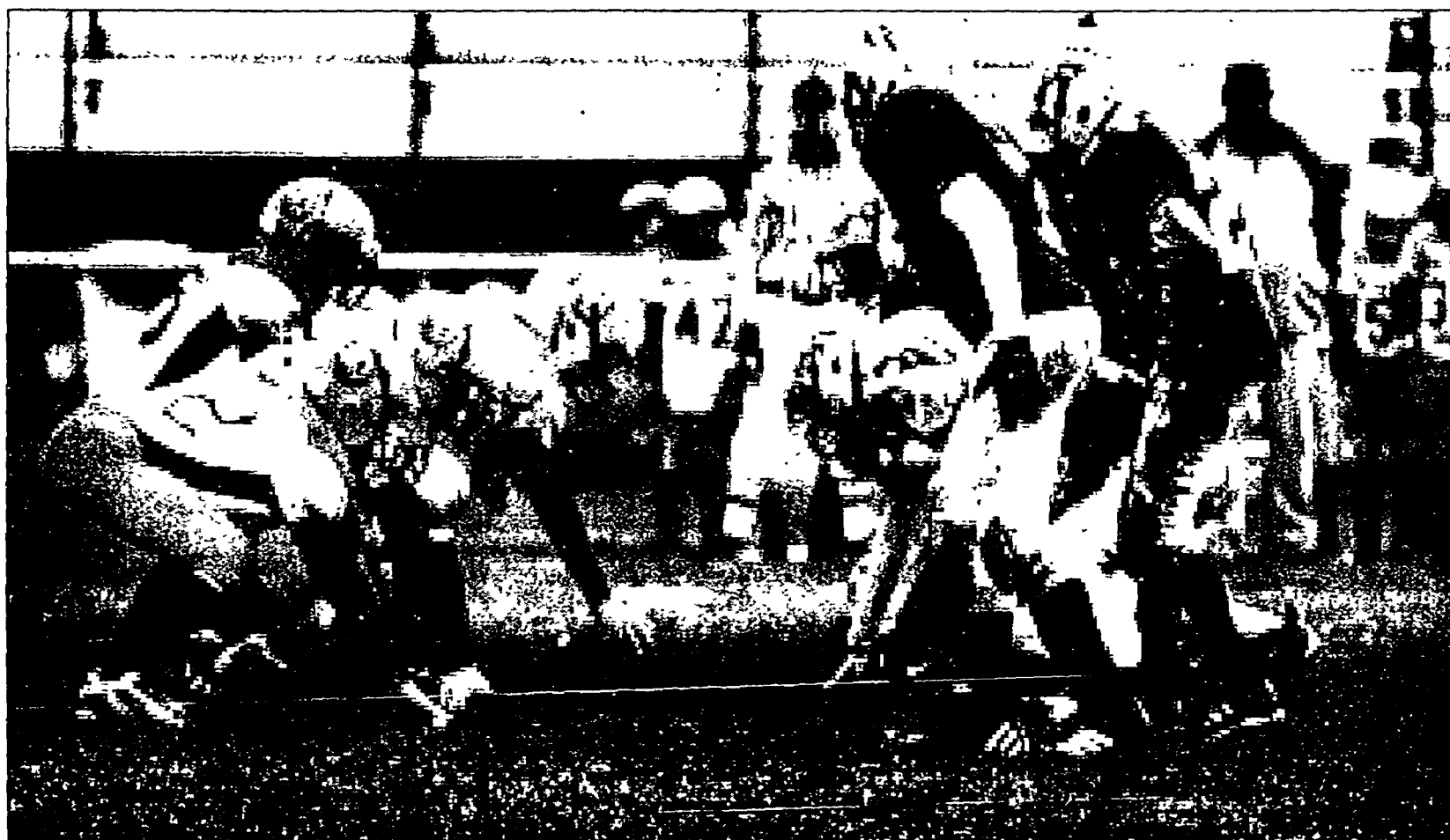


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The JV Stallions and Colts squared off against each other on homecoming day Saturday.

within three minutes of the start of the game. Similarly, the Colts put up a hard line of defense as the Stallions returned the kick and played with open holes in their offensive line. They knew they were really in trouble when Andrew Meacham's fourth down punt was blocked, picked up, and returned by the Colts for their second touchdown score of the first quarter.

To add insult to the injury, the Colts scored their third touchdown with 10 seconds still left in the first quarter. That prompted Grant Iovan, Chris Patsalis, Nolan Schied and Stephen Lowisz to lead the others in putting on the defensive steam while the offense moved the ball forward for a few first down plays in the second quarter. A couple of intercepted passes cut back on those gains however, and the first half came to a close with the score at Colts 22, Stallions 0.

The second half proved quite a turnaround for the Stallions, however, as they took coach Pirone's halftime advice: "We need everyone to step up and make a play. Everyone gives 100 percent till you hear the whistle blow."

Indeed, all of the Stallions players rallied their undying spirit to make a timely comeback. Led by Chris Patsalis, Keenan Moss, Zach Werksma, Grant Iovan, Conner Walters,

Jake Cheslik and Stephen Lowisz, the team scored two touchdowns. Adding to the excitement were a couple of fumble recoveries, stellar defensive pressure, a 72-yard pass completion and run from Jake Cheslik to Connor Walters for a touchdown, and a fake extra point kick that was run into the end-zone by QB Cheslik. The performance in the second half brought the coaches to high praise of the team after the game. The Stallions never gave up despite losing the homecoming game to the Colts, 28-13.

There's one more week of practice leading to the Stallions' last game of the season against the Ravens in Rochester at 5 p.m. Sunday.

By David Schied

### JV soaked by Colts, 31-13

Nothing could dampen the spirits of the two Northville JV teams as they faced each other for their final game of the season. While spectators shivered and struggled to keep umbrellas overhead, the players and the cheerleaders remained exuberant.

The Colts' Leo Keyes received the Stallions' kick. The Colts' offensive team took over the ball. Carries by Justin Zimbo and Zachary Prystash achieved a Colts' first down. Two more carries, first

by Zimbo and then by David Dillon, and the ball was in the end zone. The Colts' first touchdown of the game was on the board, 6-0. A kick attempt by Cole Gingell fell short.

Gingell now kicked off to the Stallions and then tackled the receiver himself in a one-two punch. The Stallions were stuck treading water, making no progress on the field. A tackle by Colt Luke Booth ended the Stallions' possession on downs, and the Colts promptly took the ball and sailed through the rain to the goal line for touchdown #2, and the score was 12-0. Again, Gingell's kick for extra points was no good.

The Colts sent the ball deep into Stallions' territory and organized defensive tackles Aaron Slusser, Redding Haines, Joseph McCormick, and Mason Pitt to stop the Stallions ball carriers. Another sack by Justin Zimbo forced a turnover on downs and the Colts owned the ball again. Now the Colts' center Cooper Smith gave the ball to their swift carrier Isaiah Popp, who brought the ball halfway home, and then to Gingell, who carried it in for touchdown number three. An extra point carry by Nate Holloway was unsuccessful. The Colts now led 18-0.

The waterlogged field began to seriously affect the play. The

Stallions received the kick, but then fumbled the ball. On the next play, the Colts lost their grip on the ball and it was back in Stallion hands. Shortly after this transfer of possession, a Colts' fumble put the ball back in Stallion hands. The Stallions could not keep that ball, and another fumble returned it to the Colts. A carry by Colt Mason Williams followed by a short pass from Nate Holloway to Austin Hayek put six more points on the board, and the Colts were up 24-0. The Ian Rachelson tried to carry the ball over the line for an extra point but was stopped short.

The Stallions received the kick but lost the muddy football on a fumble, which was recovered by the Colts. Short carries by Holloway and Gingell, with offensive linemen Chase Haller, Cooper Smith, and Thomas Rys backing them up, moved the ball forward, but yet another fumble returned the ball to the Stallions.

During the third quarter, the Stallions began to wade their way down the field. The Colts slowed them with tackles and pushes out of bounds by Holloway and Hayek. The Stallions, determined gained a first down despite tackles by Sam Goode and Ty Kilar, and then finally brought in their first touchdown of the day.

Their extra point attempt was dead in the water. Then, they faltered when kicking the ball, attempting an onside kick that failed to move 10 yards. The Colts were given the possession, but mired down in muck, failed to make offensive progress. The Colts lost possession and gave up another touchdown to the Stallions. Now the score was 24-13.

Ball carriers Leo Keyes and Michael Minick were able to move the ball into Stallions territory, aided by blocking by Mason Pitt, Jeremiah Dunne, and Anthony Feisel. A nice pass from Zimbo to David Dillon and then carries by Prystash moved the ball further, but the Colts lost momentum and lost possession on downs. The Stallions were unable to move at all, however, and the ball was soon back in the hands of Center Mason Pitt, who snapped the ball to Dillon for a carry, followed by another great carry by Prystash and a touchdown by the versatile Feisel. The Colts handed the ball to Luke Booth who easily brought in the extra point and the score was 31-13.

Both teams tried to connect for further points as the fourth quarter waned, but neither could slog their way to the goal line. All of the huddled spectators sighed in relief as the clock ran out for a final 31-13 Colts.

By Rob Hoffman

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Pictured (l to r) are Belleville's Matt Tipoff; breast cancer survivors Sandy Schoenheide, Leza Ivezaj and Blanche Mack; and Plymouth's Tyler Seguin participate in a ceremonial puck drop Saturday.

# Pink Out!

## Whalers second annual event a success

The Whalers hammered Belleville, 6-1, at Computware Arena Saturday. Tyler Seguin rebounded from being held off the scoresheet for two straight games to score two goals with two assists as the game's first star. Seguin has been named the first star in four of Plymouth's six home games this season.

Besides Seguin, Tyler J. Brown (second), Josh Brittain (fourth of the year and first for Plymouth), Josh Bemis (second) and Austin Mattson (first OHL goal) scored single goals for the Whalers. Plymouth goaltender Matt Hackett stopped 34-of-35 shots as the game's second star and Whaler penalty killers pitched a shutout for the second consecutive game. After killing off all 11 Kitchener power plays Friday night in a 2-0 win, Plymouth went nine-for-nine on the penalty kill against the Bulls.

"We worked on the penalty kill two or three times last week in practice," said Seguin, who wore the C in the game. "We really wanted to bear down on that and it came through again tonight."

In winning, Plymouth improved to 9-5-0-0 and solidified its hold on second place in the tough OHL West Division.

The Whalers wore specially designed pink jerseys for the game that were auctioned off. Fans were able to bid anywhere between \$200 and \$1200 for the distinctive jerseys. As expected, Seguin's game-worn jersey garnered the highest bid.

Not only did the Whalers wear distinctive jerseys, they went as a team to get their hair dyed pink earlier in the week. With Lucky Hair Company in Canton providing to materials and expertise, every Whaler player received pink hair, with mixed results.

"Some of them are pretty funny," Whalers vet Ryan Hayes admitted. "There's everything from Mohawks to mullets. The best one is Michal Jordan. He has a good Mohawk."

The Whalers' team outing at Lucky Hair Company drew television coverage from Fox 2 and MY-TV 20 in the Detroit area.

It's one thing to get your hair dyed pink, but it's another when the hair is dyed mid-week and you have to go to school and play in Kitchener before the event. That's what most of the younger Whalers - who attend high school at Plymouth-Canton Education Park - did.

"We did the same thing last year," said Plymouth defenseman Leo Jenner. "Doing this a couple of days before raises awareness. People get to see you out in public and it raises questions. We can tell the public why we're doing it and support the cause at the same time. (In the end) that's what it's all about."

Contributing sponsors to the Whalers Pink Out! included Meijer, Stautzenberger Institute of Livonia and Lucky Hair Company. Energized by over 2,700 cheering fans, three amazing women who battled against breast cancer, and won, walked together to center ice to drop the ceremonial puck. Leza Ivezaj of Lucky Hair Co. and Blanche Mack and Sandy Schoenheide from Meijer were honored for their courage and strength against this disease.

The Whalers tripled their proceeds from 2008 with their limited game-worn jersey auction, Chuck-A-Puck promotion and 50/50 raffle totaling \$8,000. A check will be presented to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute on behalf of the Whalers team, staff and fans.

In some ways, the event was a typical OHL game, with plenty of goals and even a fight between Plymouth's AJ Jenks and Belleville's Tyler Taylor. But there was a palatable change in the vibe in the game.

Women, girls, men and boys all sported pink in some fashion. The linesmen (Matt Prozaki and Chris Thornton) along with referee Joe Celestine wore pink jerseys. The Plymouth coaching staff - Mike Vellucci, Joe Stefan and Brian Sommariva - all wore pink ties.

"Like last year, we are still in awe of the incredible support and enthusiasm this event generated in our community," said Denise Ronayne, Plymouth Whalers Sales and Marketing director. "We saw a lot of smiles tonight as fans cheered on the Whalers - but most importantly, cheered on someone in their life who (is) was affected by breast cancer. It was a great night all around."

"Soon we'll start thinking about how we'll go pink" next year to keep the event fresh for our fans and continue to grow our donations for KCI."

By Pete Krupsky,  
director of Communications and  
Community Relations

# Dealing with knee injuries 101

**SPORTS MEDICINE**

The knee is the most commonly injured joint in the body. Over one-third of all sports injuries involve the knee ranging from mild sprains to complete rupture of all four main knee ligaments. The position of the knee in the leg contributes to its vulnerability to injury. While the hip joint obtains protection from the torso and powerful core muscles, the knee is alone in the middle of the leg sitting between the long lever arms of the thigh and lower leg and is at just the right level to be damaged in collisions which occur in contact sports as well as rapid cutting motions during noncontact athletics.

The knee is a hinge joint spanned by two powerful groups of muscles. The hamstring muscles along the back of the thigh are responsible for bending the knee and acceleration while running. The quadriceps muscles are in front and allow the knee to extend or straighten. Quads also allow for powerful jumping and are heavily involved in deceleration and cutting while running. Both muscle groups are prone to tearing with either direct blows or during sudden, powerful contractions without properly stretching and warming up. Hamstring tendons are infrequently torn but the quadriceps tendon and patellar tendon (on the upper and lower ends of the kneecap, respectively) are prone to rupture particularly in 40- to 50-year-old "weekend warriors." In younger athletes, the patellar tendon in particular can be the victim of intense inflammation or tendonitis which can take months to heal.

As opposed to the hip joint, the knee has very little bony con-

straint. In other words, the two bones making up the knee joint simply sit on top of each other but do not lock in as the ball and socket hip joint does. The vast majority of the knee's stability is derived from its four major ligaments. The collateral ligaments run on either side of the joint and serve as struts in the inner and outer borders of the knee joint. The lateral collateral ligament (LCL) runs on the external side of the knee and resists outward forces which would push the knee into a "bowlegged" position. The medial collateral ligament (MCL) is on the inner aspect of the knee and resists those forces trying to push the knee into a more "knock-knee" position. This is the most commonly injured ligament but fortunately is usually able to heal on its own, typically with a four- to eight-week period of bracing. There are also two short, thick ligaments located directly in the center of the resist forward, backward and twisting forces on the knee. The anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) is positioned just in front of the posterior cruciate ligament (PCL). The ACL is the second most common injured knee ligament and typically requires surgical reconstruction when torn as it lacks the ability to heal.

The most common knee injury is a torn meniscus. There are two menisci in each knee. These structures are round, rubbery discs of cartilage that serve as the shock absorbers and cushion the impact between the upper bone

(femur) and lower bone (tibia) during running and twisting. When torn, a portion of these discs can become unstable and flip around in the knee causing pain and locking symptoms. These injuries usually require a minor surgery called an arthroscopy to remove rather than repair the torn segment. In a few, select tears, an actual repair can be performed which typically requires a three to five month recovery period rather than the four weeks required for the removal procedure. The determining factor in whether a repair or removal is performed is based on the blood supply to the torn segment, which in the vast majority of tears, is insufficient to allow a repair to be successful.

For minor soreness, rest and anti-inflammatory medication usually takes care of the problem. If swelling is present or your knee injury prevents you from walking, a medical evaluation is recommended within the first 24-48 hours post-injury.

One silver lining to the knee's dark cloud status as the most injured joint is that it is also the most frequently treated joint in sports medicine.

This has allowed treatments and surgeries to evolve into a well refined arsenal of techniques which often allows for return to sports at the athlete's pre-injury level of performance.

Dr. Sean Bak is a Novi resident and an orthopaedic surgeon who specializes in sports medicine and shoulder reconstruction. His practice, Porretta Center for Orthopaedic Surgery, is located at the Novi Orthopaedic Center on the campus of Providence Park Hospital.

### NORTHVILLE SPORTS BRIEFS

#### Wolfpack AAU team tryouts

The Western Wayne Wolfpack 8th grade girls AAU basketball team is seeking Northville athletes for its squad. Tryouts are 3:30-5 p.m. Nov. 1 and 4-5:30 p.m. Nov. 2 at the recreation center at Hillsdale. The season will run November through January. For more information, contact Lisa Mencotti at (248) 348-7177.

#### Club Extreme ASICS volleyball tryouts

Join the sixth season of Club Extreme Volleyball at the Novi Christian Community Center.

The goal is to create an opportunity for girls to participate in a challenging yet rewarding environment. Provided will be established coaches with Middle School, high school, college, CYO and club coaching experience. Tryout times are:

Nov. 1:  
1-3:30 p.m. U14 (born on or after Sept. 1, 1995)  
3:30-5:30 p.m. U12 (born on or after Sept. 1, 1997)  
3:30-5:30 p.m. U13 (Born on or after Sept. 1, 1996)  
Nov. 8  
1:30-3:30 p.m. U17 (born on or after Sept. 1, 1992)  
1:30-3:30 p.m. U18 (born on or after Sept. 1, 1991 or born on or after Sept. 1, 1990 and a current 12th grader)

3:30-6 p.m. U16 (born on or after Sept. 1, 1993)  
6-8:30 p.m. U15 (born on or after Sept. 1, 1994)  
The center is located at 45301 W. 11 Mile Rd. (corner of W. 11 Mile and Taft Rd.) Novi.  
Please arrive 30 minutes before tryout to check in. Register for AAU membership online prior to tryouts at [www.aausports.org](http://www.aausports.org) Bring current 2010 AAU Membership Card and Club Extreme Registration form with you. Tryout cost is \$20 (does not include AAU Membership); \$35 if AAU card is not supplied.  
For more information, visit [www.eteamz.com/clubextreme](http://www.eteamz.com/clubextreme) or email [clubextremevolleyball@yahoo.com](mailto:clubextremevolleyball@yahoo.com).

**Cup champs**

Express U12 won the Northville Cup Championship last week for the under 12 girls division. The team includes (l to r, front) Madilyn Cooper; Emma Horalek; Kylie McGuirk; Abigail Jobson; Darby Mroz; (second row) Jillian Stacer; Olivia Burrows; Evelyn Que; Coach Kevin McGuirk; Reeshma Kumar; Christina Zitkus; and Tasneem Magarala.

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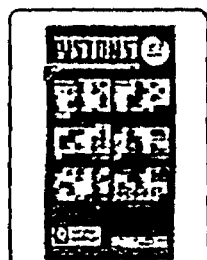
**FRI, OCT. 30**  
**8:00 PM**



*Charlie Villanueva Halloween Jersey to first 5,000 fans courtesy of **DATAMALL-24***

Purchase an upper-level ticket for only \$15 and \$5 from each ticket sold will benefit breast cancer research.

Through this special offer, **BREAST CANCER SURVIVORS GET A FREE PISTONS TICKET** and a commemorative T-shirt.



**TUE, NOV. 3**  
**7:30 PM**



*Pistons Schedule Magnet to first 20,000 fans courtesy of **24** Your play. Schools win.*

See the Pistons take on Dwight Howard, Vince Carter and the Eastern Conference Champion Orlando Magic.



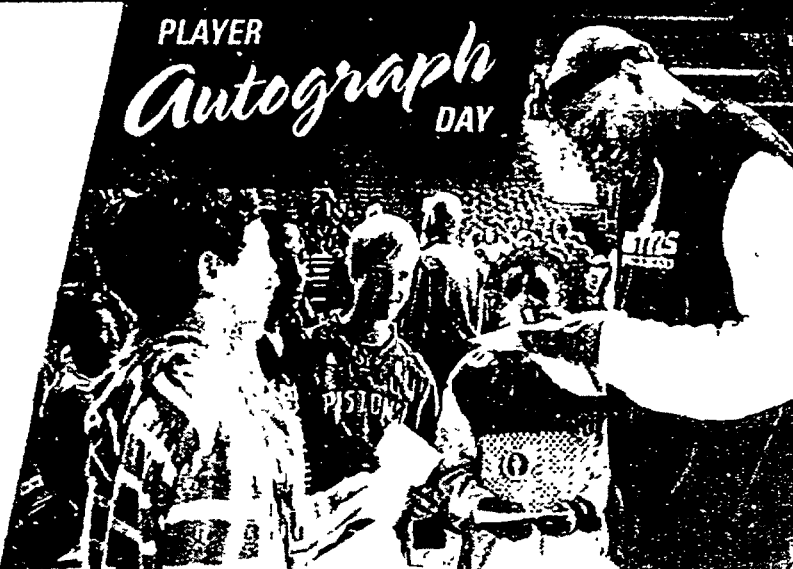
**SUN, NOV. 8**  
**1:00 PM**



*Richard Hamilton Mini Bobblehead to first 7,500 fans courtesy of **M***

Friends & Family Fun-day: 4 tickets, 4 hot dogs, 4 sodas and 4 T-shirts for \$89 (upper) or \$199 (lower).

Plus, the first 3,000 kids 14 & under get a post-game autograph in person with a Pistons player courtesy of **Coca-Cola**



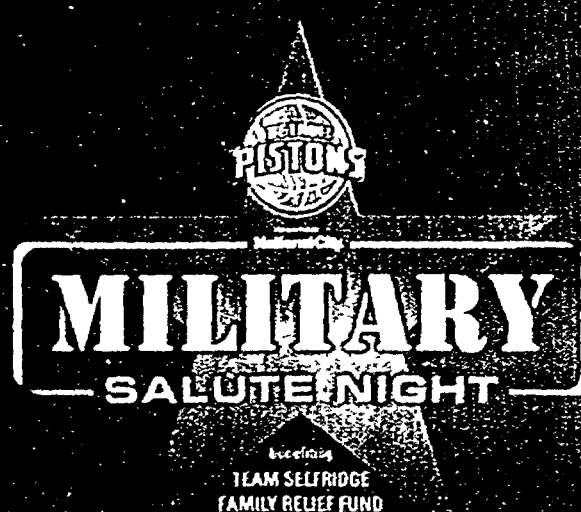
**WED, NOV. 11**  
**7:30 PM**



*Pistons Player Calendar to ALL fans courtesy of **TOTAL HEALTH CARE***

Purchase an upper-level ticket for only \$15 and \$5 from each ticket sold will benefit the Team Selfridge Family Relief Fund.

Through this special offer, all current and former members of the U.S. military get a free Pistons ticket.



**SUN, NOV. 15**  
**6:00 PM**



*Tayshaun Prince Mini Bobblehead to first 7,500 fans courtesy of **Cavalier***

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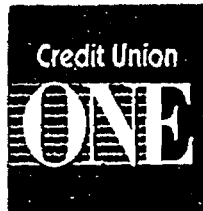
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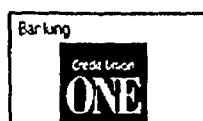
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# REAL ESTATE

## Fire safety takes everyone's cooperation

Fire Prevention Week 2009 focused on ways to keep homes fire safe and prevent painful burns. By following simple safety rules, you can "Stay Fire Smart!"

### DON'T GET BURNED

Keep hot foods and liquids away from tables and counter edges so they cannot be pulled or knocked over.

Have a 3-foot "kid-free" zone around the stove.

Never hold a child in your arms while preparing hot food or drinking a hot beverage.

Teach children that hot things hurt.

Be careful when using things that get hot such as curling irons, ovens, irons, lamps, heaters.

When using heating pads only use for 15-20 minutes at a time and don't lie, sit or place anything on the pad.

### JUST RIGHT?

To avoid scalds, set the thermostat setting in your water heater to no higher than 120 degrees F.

Remember young children and older adults' skin burns more easily.

Consider having "anti-scald" devices on tub faucets and shower heads to prevent scalds.

Test the water before placing a child or yourself in the tub.

Never leave young children alone in the tub, shower or near a sink.

Be careful about scalding water. The water should feel warm, not hot. Before you put your child in the tub, test the temperature with your wrist, elbow, or the back of your hand. Don't rely on a tub with a temperature indicator, such as a drain plug that changes color to indicate too hot, too cold, and just right. If you're using a thermometer with a read-out, infant bath water should be no more than 100 degrees. Even when using a thermometer use your wrist, elbow, or the back of your hand as your main guide.

### COOL A BURN

Treat a burn right away. Put it in cool water for three to five minutes. Cover with a clean, dry cloth.

If the burn is bigger than your fist or if you have any questions, get medical help right away.

Remove all clothing, diapers, jewelry and metal from the burned areas.

### COOKING WITH CAUTION

The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking.

Pay attention to what you are cooking. Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food.

When you are simmering, boiling, baking, or roasting

## FIRE SAFETY

TAKES EVERYONE'S COOPERATION



food, check it regularly, stay in the home, and use a timer to remind you.

If you must leave the room even for a short time, turn off the stove.

If you have young children, use the stove's back burners whenever possible.

Keep children and pets at least 3 feet away from the stove.

When you cook, wear clothing with tight-fitting or short sleeves.

Allow food cooked in a microwave oven to cool for a few minutes before you take it out.

Open microwaved food slowly. Hot steam from the container can cause burns.

### THE HEAT IS ON ...

Have a 3 foot kid-free zone around open fires and heaters.

Use a fireplace screen to keep sparks inside the fireplace.

Turn portable space heaters off when you go to bed or leave the room.

Keep things that can burn, such as paper, bedding, or

furniture, at least 3 feet from heaters.

Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected each year by a professional.

Make sure your portable space heater has an auto shut-off so if it is tipped over, it will shut off.

Have your chimneys cleaned and inspected before each heating season.

### TAKE IT OUTSIDE

Ask smokers to smoke outside.

Give smokers deep, sturdy ashtrays.

Never smoke if you are tired, have taken medicine, drugs, or alcohol that makes you sleepy.

Keep smoking materials away from things that can burn, like bedding, furniture, and clothing.

### STAY GROUNDED

Keep lamps, light fixtures, and light bulbs away from anything that can burn, such as lamp shades, bedding, curtains, and clothing.

Replace cracked and dam-

aged electrical cords.

Use extension cords for temporary wiring only. Consider having additional circuits or receptacles added by a qualified electrician.

If you have young children in your home have tamper-resistant electrical receptacles.

Call a qualified electrician or landlord if you have recurring problems with blowing fuses or tripping circuit breakers, discolored or warm wall outlets, flickering lights or a burning or rubbery smell coming from an appliance.

### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

With the economic downturn, it is important to keep a watchful eye on your neighborhood. Encourage your community to implement an anti-arson program.

Keep trash from collecting on your property.

Remove abandoned vehicles from your property.

Remove dead branches that could be used as a fuel source.

### FIRE-SAFETY BASICS

Install smoke alarms in

every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. For the best protection, interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.

For best protection use both photoelectric and ionization technology. You can use individual ionization and photoelectric smoke alarms or combination units that contain both technologies in the same unit.

Test smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button.

Replace smoke alarms every 10 years.

Make sure everyone can hear the sound of the smoke alarms.

Have a home fire escape plan. Know at least two ways out of every room, if possible, and a meeting place outside. Practice your escape plan twice a year.

When the smoke alarm sounds, get out and stay out.

If you are building or remodeling your home, consider a home fire sprinkler system.

## Attorney will represent members' interests

**Q:** I am a co-owner at a subdivision that apparently is a condominium. We have not been able to take over control from the developer who says he doesn't have the money to hire an attorney to conduct the turn over meeting. Is that a legitimate excuse?

**A:** It hardly appears to be legitimate and/or reasonable. While it is a good idea for the developer to have an attorney present, it is not mandatory



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that the developer be represented by an attorney at the turn over and it is certainly not an excuse for the developer to not turn over the condominium association in accordance with the condominium documents and the Condominium Statute. On the other hand, it is clear that the members of the association need an attorney to represent their interests preparatory to and at the turn over meeting, since it appears that the co-owners are being dealt a "bad hand."

**Q:** I understand that if an association hosts a Web site in which residents are allowed to post their comments, there may be serious consequences for the association. Do you have any information?

**A:** Besides potentially opening itself up to a claim for invasion of privacy, falselight, publicity and defamation, the association may run the risk of having its insurance company cancel the association's D&O policy which has been threatened by at least one major insurer of association D&O coverage. This type of conduct should be avoided if at all possible as to insure no liability for the association.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit [rmeisner@meisner-associates.com](mailto:rmeisner@meisner-associates.com). This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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### HOMES SOLD

#### WAYNE COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 13-17, 2009, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton	
326 Country Club Ln	\$360,000
290 Edington Cir	\$175,000
49585 Lansdowne St	\$220,000
2571 Liberty St S	\$225,000
1388 Morrison Blvd	\$155,000
46460 Swanmere Dr	\$207,000
47208 Woodlong Dr	\$250,000
Garden City	
31520 Chester St	\$92,000
31110 Elmwood St	\$53,000
6972 Fairfield St	\$90,000
29404 Meadow Ln #1	\$93,000
Livonia	
29462 Bentley St	\$106,000
20146 Brentwood St	\$112,000
12109 Cardwell St	\$65,000
11411 Cranston St	\$112,000
9622 Deering St	\$95,000
36512 Dowling St	\$165,000
11762 Farmington Rd	\$115,000
15627 Levan Rd	\$161,000
17310 Loveland St	\$128,000
30650 Mason Ct	\$164,000
17921 Mayfield St	\$157,000
33024 Oakley St	\$130,000
9900 Oporto St	\$83,000
Northville	
49455 Seven Mile Rd	\$227,000

16068 Morningside	\$110,000
16086 Morningside	\$136,000
47538 Pine Creek Ct	\$342,000
Plymouth	
13750 Embers Ct	\$428,000
44727 Erik Pass	\$170,000
44739 Erin Dr	\$95,000
774 Harvey	\$105,000
219 N Harvey St	\$185,000
640 Ross St	\$168,000
1012 William St	\$450,000
Redford	
17713 Centralia	\$60,000
15415 Delaware Ave	\$30,000
20092 Inkster Rd	\$25,000
16022 Knight	\$32,000
18347 Lexington	\$170,000
26508 Lyndon	\$171,000
9551 Salem	\$68,000
9075 Tecumseh	\$86,000
20497 Wakenden	\$80,000
Westland	
1621 Ackley Ave	\$39,000
6360 Hampshire Ct	\$120,000
37144 Norene St	\$60,000
1412 S Berry St	\$109,000
8771 Shari Dr	\$109,000
34183 Warren Rd	\$25,000
7841 Whispering Willow	\$109,000

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Auburn Hills	
16190 Wetherby St	\$200,000
Birmingham	
949 Ann St	\$425,000
1332 Bird Ave	\$408,000
Bloomfield Township	
6041 Burnham Ct	\$162,000
4734 Hedgewood Dr	\$350,000
6079 Snowshoe Cir	\$425,000
Clarkston	
6523 Amy Dr	\$100,000
5918 Kingfisher Ln	\$125,000
Commerce Township	
8448 Buffalo Dr	\$160,000
1741 Carriage Hill	\$215,000
5469 Plantation Dr	\$285,000
3350 Stoneridge Ct	\$270,000
Farmington Hills	
28864 Green Castle Rd	\$134,000
29990 Kingsway Dr	\$258,000
34369 Rumble Hills Dr	\$350,000
27839 W Nine Mile Rd	\$93,000
28951 Wellington St	\$275,000
Lake Orion	
3096 Hidden Timber Dr	\$270,000
115 Highland Ave	\$127,000
3761 Seney Dr	\$211,000
Milford	
812 First St	\$120,000
722 Byron Dr	\$149,000
795 Forestberry Ct	\$175,000
236 Ivy Glen Dr	\$550,000
900 Queen St	\$119,000
Novi	
27666 Cromwell Rd	\$280,000
40453 Guilford	\$200,000
24151 Lynwood Dr	\$119,000

21763 Picadilly Cir	\$380,000
47146 Scarlet Dr S	\$210,000
1155 South Lake Dr	\$47,000
24260 Woodham Rd	\$273,000
Oakland Township	
5172 Aintree Rd	\$235,000
700 E Gunn Rd	\$275,000
5919 Orion Rd	\$137,000
3695 Sunnyside Ct	\$205,000
Oxford	
200 Fairway View Dr	\$365,000
113 Minnetonka Dr	\$87,000
1670 W Draher Rd	\$31,000
Rochester	
708 Quarter St	\$305,000
1382 Welland Dr	\$315,000
Rochester Hills	
1484 Clear Creek Dr	\$125,000
950 Golfview Ct	\$198,000
2581 Munster Rd	\$275,000
3289 Parkwood Dr	\$315,000
3030 Saratoga Dr	\$170,000
141 Stratford Ln	\$62,000
242 Tanglewood Dr	\$220,000
683 Tewksbury Ct	\$234,000
1820 Van Hill Ct	\$118,000
1480 W Horseshoe Bend Dr	\$165,000
South Lyon	
58689 Coach Ln	\$298,000
1331 Drury Ln	\$258,000
1102 Gallop Ln	\$211,000
20924 Oak Tree Dr	\$38,000
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5365 Wright Way W	\$76,000
White Lake	
9163 Glasgow Dr	\$156,000
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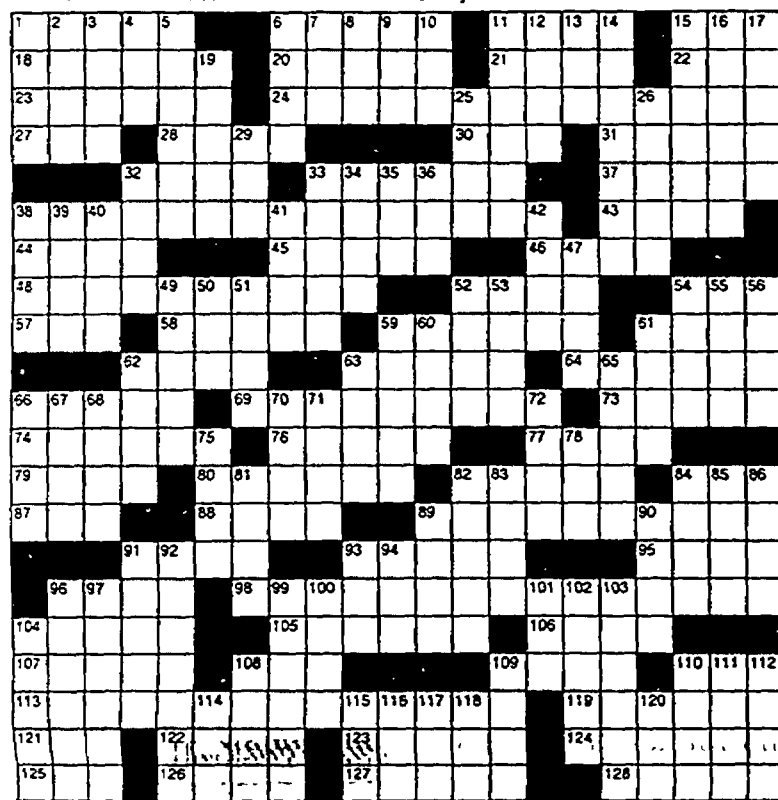
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**On Guard**

- ACROSS**
- 1 Cook claims  
6 Cynics  
11 It came from  
15 Part of PST  
18 Tom's temptation  
20 Looked like Lohan?  
21 — Ruc  
22 She's a sheep care  
23 Plumber or Pays  
24 Riddle Part 1  
27 Encouraged competitor  
28 Caddy  
30 Flicka's food  
31 Cliff hanger?  
32 The Chipmunks, e.g.  
33 Houston athletes  
37 Covenants  
38 Riddle Part 2  
43 Pandemic poetry  
44 Libertine  
45 Lo men  
46 Culp/Cosby series  
48 "Three Times a Lady" group  
52 Competent standstill
- DOWN**
- 57 High peak prize  
58 Adulterate  
61 Singer Campbell  
62 Hand to hand  
63 Certain horse  
64 "Rats"  
66 That's no bull!  
69 Riddle Part 3  
73 Stadium  
74 Dna Mana  
76 Stroll  
77 Miami's county  
79 Hunky-dory  
80 Wams  
82 Plankton  
84 Insert dialogue  
87 Pro (for now)  
88 Sunflower  
89 "Utopia" author  
91 Self-smitten  
93 Broadcast  
95 Gymnast  
96 Grouch  
98 Riddle Part 4  
104 Cets  
105 Pack up the tent  
106 Boot part  
107 Cross words?
- ACROSS**
- 108 Indian export  
109 Hockey's Kozig  
110 Health club  
113 Answer to riddle  
118 Type of embroidery  
121 Pony part  
122 Room without a view?  
123 Common contraction  
124 622 event  
125 Poseidon's domain  
126 Model  
127 Share knowledge  
128 Acts like a grandparent
- DOWN**
- 1 Con game  
2 Subtle  
3 Samba  
4 "I'm, c'est moi"  
5 Shendan or Sohem  
6 Violin  
7 Tins the  
8 "Not spinach again"  
9 Neighbor of Ga.  
10 Asian holiday  
11 A mean
- ACROSS**
- 53 Comic Roseanne  
54 — vera  
55 "American Bandstand"  
56 Novelist  
59 Gorp  
60 Ingredients  
61 Narcissus  
62 Depend (on)  
63 "Yo!" at the library  
65 Brother of Zeus  
66 Glasgow guy  
67 Daily receipts  
68 Jack of "Roo Lobo"  
70 Dentist's directive  
71 Head set?  
72 Chessboard choice  
75 Literary pseudonym  
78 Chicken —  
81 k.d. of country  
82 Baby beagle  
83 Wolf wall  
84 Barbie, Ken, or Chucky  
85 Prud  
86 Bracelet bit  
89 Mine car
- DOWN**
- 90 Burrowing critter  
91 Ruark's "Something of —"  
92 — makes the heart...  
93 Wine word  
94 — la-la  
96 Stephen King book  
97 "Save —"  
99 Swimmer Gertrude  
100 Tide type  
101 Fashion monogram  
102 Teach a tackle  
103 Noyes or Nobel  
104 Fish hooks  
108 Commuter's charge  
109 Promise  
110 "M\*A\*S\*H" Emmy winner  
111 Fie's father  
112 Cry of concern  
114 Doctores —  
115 Miller's creation  
116 Bonanza material  
117 Arthur of "Maude"  
118 Stateside Ltd.  
120 Inflatable item?



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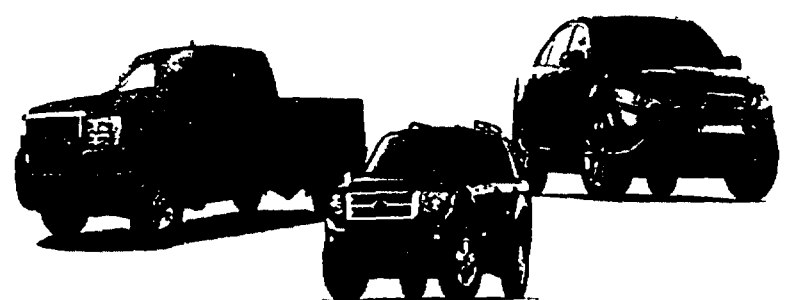
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ERA MAY EVICT PIET  
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CAMEOS SENATE TRUE  
ORONO NAMEFORSHIP HEP  
MIO PROFIT TRAP ELI  
BIANS ETAT HELLO ROBOT  
SPIDER SATE ERUPT  
STAN DIRTYROOM SAGE  
HEARD BADE BEASTS  
AGREE DEIGN WRAP EGAD  
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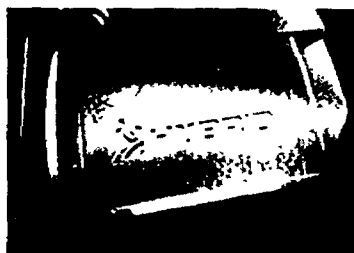
# FORD FUSION EMBRACES NEW ROLE AS MILEAGE CHAMPION

Advertising Feature

## CARport



By Dale Buss



Here's the engine of the Fusion Hybrid.



The 2010 Ford Fusion conventional powertrain gets a whopping 41 mpg on the highway.

Once considered a rather modest compact sedan designed to give Ford an entry in a rather nondescript segment, the Fusion has grown in performance, reputation and sales over the last year or so.

First, in the summer of 2008, it caught the wave of consumer interest in high-mileage but capacious cars because of \$4-a-gallon gasoline prices. Then Ford spawned a hybrid version of Fusion. More recently, Fusion and some other Ford models have benefited particularly from the company's foresight in boosting production of Fusion just as its popularity began to rise.

Ford emerged from the auto industry's unprecedented troubles during the first half of the year as the only one of the Detroit Three to survive without a federal bailout, all of Ford's models benefit from increased consumer goodwill – and because Fusion is the de facto flagship model for Ford cars, it benefited disproportionately. And during the popular Cash for Clunkers program, Fusion was one of the most-demanded new models.

Now, in order to capitalize even further on Fusion's momentum in the marketplace, Ford is conducting a nationwide search for passionate

2010 Fusion and Fusion Hybrid owners to participate in Fusion 41, a consumer program designed to build awareness and excitement around the Fusion lineup.

The Fusion 41 program – named for the 41 mpg fuel economy that makes Fusion America's most fuel-efficient midsize sedan, and the 41 participants – builds on the success of the Ford Drive One advertising campaign, which focuses on actual customers experiencing new Ford vehicles and sharing their stories with others. The Fusion 41 consumer story will come to life on the Internet, through social networking sites like Facebook, YouTube and Twitter.

Eight 2010 Fusion owners from throughout the country will be selected to participate in the Fusion 41 program. They will be chosen based on their passion for Fusion and their ability to share compelling information about the vehicle on the Internet. Applicants must have a current Facebook profile with a minimum of 100 friends and an active photo collection.

Each of the eight Fusion owners will then choose four friends or family members to join their team, and each team will be given a 2010 Ford Fusion or Fusion Hybrid to drive in an

automotive relay race. To complete the relay, each team member must fulfill an assigned task within 41 hours, tracking competitive variables such as miles driven, stops made or the number of passengers picked up.

The winning team will be chosen based on their ability to complete the activities and provide proof by uploading photos and videos to various social media sites, including Facebook.

Research shows that social media sites are increasingly one of the best ways to reach out to consumers. Prior to the development of the Fusion 41 program, Ford expanded its presence on Facebook with a new application for its "Fusion + Hybrid" profile called "You Speak Green" that enables visitors to share their sustainable lifestyle suggestions. Since its launch in mid-July, more than 104,000 Facebook users have downloaded the application to their profile pages and 15,000 have posted tips.

Another example of Ford's groundbreaking social media outreach is its support of the Fiesta Movement

campaign to promote the company's sporty, savvy new small car through social media agents. Agent postings have garnered significant numbers on social media sites, including more than 4.8 million YouTube views (www.fiestamovement.com), more than 600,000 Flickr (www.flickr.com/photos/fiestamovement) views and more than 3.2 million Twitter (http://twitter.com/FordFiesta) impressions.

Even at a time when industry-wide sales of midsize cars are down 26 percent, sales of the new Fusion continue to grow. Through September, Fusion sales are up 15 percent compared to the same period a year ago, and the Fusion share of the midsize car segment is up 3.8 points versus a year ago.

2010 Fusion Hybrid sales account for almost 20 percent of the total Fusion retail sales. More than 60 percent of those sales have been to non-Ford owners, and more than half have been to customers coming from import brands, mostly Toyota and Honda.

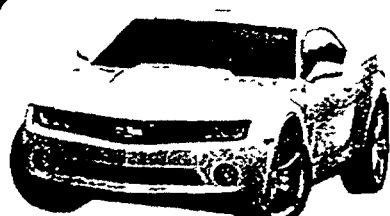
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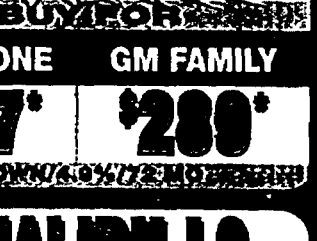
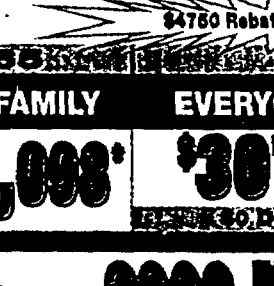
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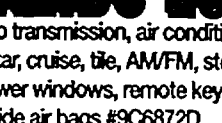
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