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Have a Heart for Hunger

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.

For tickets and information, go to www.haveaheartforhunger.net. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Town hall on toxic toys

State Representatives Dian Slavens (D-Canton) and Marc Corriveau (D-Northville) will hold a special town hall meeting on Monday, Nov. 9, in Canton for parents to learn how to protect their children from toxic toys and to have their kids' toys and other products tested for harmful chemicals.

The meeting will take place from 6-8 p.m. at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road.

The lawmakers will be joined by representatives from the Ann Arbor-based Ecology Center who will perform free testing on toys and other children's products using XRF technology, a portable device designed to test for heavy metals and other toxic substances. Slavens and Corriveau will also discuss legislation that passed the House earlier this year that will protect children from toxic chemicals by requiring manufacturers to report what chemicals they use in the production of toys and other children's products sold in Michigan.

For more information, residents can call Slavens' office toll-free at (888) 347-8021 or send an e-mail to DianSlavens@house.mi.gov, or call Corriveau's office toll-free at (877) 208-4737 or send an e-mail to MarcCorriveau@house.mi.gov.

Township avoids police layoffs

Board met Monday to vote on changes

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Five Northville Township police officers and two dispatchers slated to be laid off will now get to keep their jobs following a closed board of trustees session Monday night.

In a 5-2 vote, the board

decided to keep the seven employees on the payroll after police union representatives agreed to several concessions.

Trustees Mindy Herrmann and Chris Roosen cast the two dissenting votes.

The five officers positions that will remain as part of public safety include

the school liaison officer, D.A.R.E. (Drug Awareness and Resistance Education) officer, two traffic management officers and the community liaison officer.

Chip Snider, township manager, said the traffic officers are responsible for accident reduction in the township.

Snider and Mark Abbo, township supervisor, couldn't elaborate on the concessions that the Police Officers Association of Michigan made since the agreement has not been ratified yet. However, Snider said they were related to pay, pension and that the officers are agreeing to take five unpaid

Please see **POLICE, A2**

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MARK ABBO,
supervisor, Northville Township

Incumbents Allen, Fecht re-elected to Council

CITY OF NORTHVILLE ELECTION RESULTS

The following vote totals are unofficial. Overall winners are denoted with a ☒

NORTHVILLE CITY COUNCIL

FOUR YEAR POSITIONS, TWO SEATS

☒ Jim Allen (D) 592

☒ Bob Backlund 462

☒ Michele Fecht (D) 624

NORTHVILLE MAYOR

☒ Chris Johnson (D) 750

NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BOARD

☒ Joe Hige (D) 698

Johnson captures 12th term as mayor

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Incumbents Jim Allen and Michele Fecht won re-election to their city council seats Tuesday, with Mayor Chris Johnson, running unopposed, capturing his 12th term as mayor of Northville. Both Allen and Fecht will serve their second four-year term in office.

Joe Hige, also running unopposed, was elected to the Northville school board.

Allen is a registered land planner and landscape architect. Fecht is a freelance writer, former education reporter for the *Northville Record* and a former reporter and editor for the *Detroit News*. Johnson works as an attorney.

Allen said he wanted to run again this year because "I love my city." He said he really enjoys serving on city council, and he has lived in Northville since



JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Raffi Kuredjian prepares to vote Tuesday afternoon at Northville City Hall with the help of elections official Tom Greiner, left.

1992. "I don't micromanage city staff," he said. "I like to be in the background." He believes in collaborating with other communities, maintaining city services and financial stability. "I'm doing this because I want to give back," Allen said.

Fecht thinks the city is facing some of its most challenging financial times since 1991.

"I want to continue to serve the city because there's a lot of



Johnson



Allen



Fecht

uncertainty," she said. "We're in year two of our five-year plan, and we had to cut 15.5 percent of our staff last year. We know there is a shortfall of about \$2.5 million over this five-year period. We have not put this under a rock."

She sees hiring the expe-

rienced Pat Sullivan as city manager as one of the current council's biggest achievements, seeing as the city has had only five managers in its history. "We saw the Town Square project through, and we're still looking at additional programming for the venue," Fecht said.

"I think Northville's holding its own," she said. "I think we're kind of in a 'new normal' now. It's going to come down to making choices — how much service can we provide with limited funding?"

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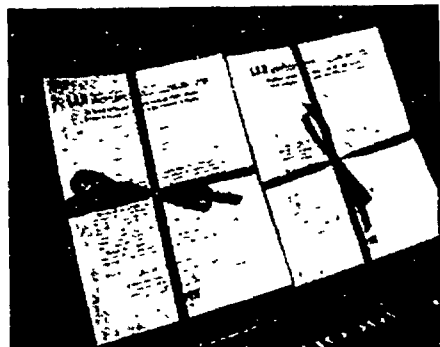
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Schools send a message

500 petitions delivered to state capitol

BY NATHAN MEMOIAN
CORRESPONDENT

An army of residents and supporters, stirred to action by the \$4.3 million in state aid cuts to the Northville school district last month, are rallying together in

hopes of persuading area legislators to restore adequate funding to the district.

With the majority of the state budget cuts to the district occurring in the last two

Please see **PETITIONS, A6**

Five-hundred petitions with 2,741 names of voting-aged residents and other supporters — including teachers and bus drivers — were collected, collated, bundled, copied, tied with red ribbon and delivered to the state capitol last week.

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POLICE

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6 PART-TIMERS TO BE LAID OFF

Although the police officers' and dispatchers' jobs

have been spared, six part-time clerical positions are still being eliminated. The IT director's job will also be changed to a contract position, and the ordinance officer will work only through the end of the year.

The ordinance officer's duties will be distributed to other building department employees under the direction of Don Weaver.

Dan Smith, the township's chief building official, has also decided to retire, as he has 15 years with the township.

His position will not be replaced, and the building

inspector's position will move from a full-time job to an as-needed basis.

"Over the next year or so, we will do what we can through attrition or other means to bring any laid-off employees back," Abbo said.

FURLOUGH DAYS SLATED

For everyone at township hall, the board has directed that 26 furlough days be taken beginning Jan. 15, 2010, with employees taking every other Friday off. "This represents a 10-percent pay reduction across the board," Snider said.

The IT director will stay for two weeks and be paid through the remainder of the year. The part-time clerical workers will also be working through the end of the year, as will the ordinance officer.

The layoffs, furlough days and changes from full-time to contractual services were steps taken to avoid dwindling

township revenues in the future.

"The board is keeping a close, watchful eye on the fund balance for 2010," Snider said.

"This is both a short-term and a long-term strategy. We want to maintain the quality of service delivered to our residents with a reduced staff."

DISSENTING OPINIONS

"Drops in taxable value and state shared revenue are reality and must be met with creative solutions from elected officials and cooperation from public employee unions," Roosen said. "The township is making difficult but necessary cuts in spending from the General and Shared Services funds to preserve these fund balances. However, last night's action means that the Public Safety Fund will be exhausted in 2013, leaving the next board to deal with the problem."

"To avert this crisis, we need

to begin implementing creative solutions in public safety now," added Roosen. "There is no reason why we can't create a regional dispatch and lockup center, nor is there any reason why we can't regionalize fire service or begin EMS transport to bring in new revenue. But, we need cooperation from our police and fire unions to make these creative solutions viable. They can't continue to scare residents about cuts in service, while refusing to take meaningful contract concessions or recognize that our future lies in the consolidation of services."

"While I am happy with short-term result of keeping the five police officers which were formerly slated to be cut, I am still very concerned about the longer-range financial projections and many variables which could make keeping them financially untenable for the township," Herrmann said.

Herrmann's proposal was to

keep the D.A.R.E. officer and the school resource officer for the high school.

"I feel that this solution could have adequately balanced undeniable economic realities and uncertainties with our public's desire to keep these officers," she said. "Also, while other unions within the township were willing to take substantial pay cuts and still had employees laid off, the current solution affords our police officers a 1 percent annual pay increase while suffering no layoffs. I would have liked to see more parity within our township."

The township's public safety millage will last for one more year, with a vote to extend the millage likely planned for August 2010.

"If it's renewed at the same rate, there will be enough fund balance at the end of that period," Abbo said.

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Fairy doors attached to stores in downtown Northville

■ Merchants adopt creative project for kids

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

They are little creatures that fly around and sparkle with bright colors and glitter.

Fairies are the stuff of imaginations both young and old, and they're coming to downtown Northville.

Starting today, many downtown merchants have added miniature "fairy doors" to their store fronts.

The doors will be permanently affixed, and business owners encourage members of the community to stop by and see the creative doors.

The introductory days will be today through Sunday. Even the Northville Art House, the Northville Chamber of Commerce and the Northville Downtown Development Authority have joined the fun and have the doors.

The names of the proprietors are quite clever, so residents will enjoy checking them out.

SUCCESSFUL IN OTHER CITIES

Fairy doors have been



Drew, 4, and Ally, 7, Washburn check out one of the fairy doors in downtown Northville — this one at the Northville Gallery at 123 E. Main Street.

successful in other cities in generating partnerships with educators and parents with reading programs and other activities. Northville mer-

chants welcome the opportunity to provide these fun tools to stimulate the creativity of local students. Lori Dow and Prudy

Vannier are the liaisons for the project, which was initiated by the Northville Central Business Association members. Dow owns The

Bees Knees at 148 E. Main Street, and Vannier and her husband, Jim, own Northville Gallery at 123 E. Main Street.

PRIZES FOR LOCAL CHILDREN

Today through Sunday, stores will be open with prizes for children who can locate the doors. Maps of locations of the fairy doors as well as each fairy proprietor and shop names will be available in several downtown stores.

"There are already about 10 fairy doors, and they are part of the structure of the stores," Vannier said. Ann Arbor has done this, but Vannier said Northville has kicked it up a notch. "We now have 31 merchants so far that will have fairy doors. It's really grown."

All the door sizes are the same, but some of the backgrounds are a little bit larger.

"We want to have the students do some creative writing and have the older students put together some characters."

Schools and day care centers are encouraged to get involved. "We even foresee a book being written," Vannier said.

Read the Northville Record for future "fairy tales" in downtown Northville.

"We want to generate some excitement in downtown Northville and throughout the community," Vannier said.

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Victorian mourning rituals explained at Mill Race event



Heidi Nielsen, left, of Northville, curator of Mill Race Village, and Elizabeth Kerstens, director of the Plymouth Historical Museum, at last month's Tea and Sympathy. Kerstens gave a talk about Victorian mourning customs after the tea.

Grief no brief period for 19th century women

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

When the first Queen Victoria's husband, Prince Albert, died in 1861, she never went out of mourning.

This was just one interesting fact a group of women learned at Tea and Sympathy at Mill Race Village's Cady Inn on Oct. 24.

The event included a formal tea provided by Denise Whipple and her sister, Caroline, of the Traveling Tea Time company, and a lecture on Victorian mourning rituals by Elizabeth Kerstens, executive

director of the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Two women traveled from Ohio for the afternoon event – Pam Halfhill of Wapakoneta and Deb Jackson of Ada.

The menu featured tea sandwiches; scones served with Devonshire cream, lemon curd and raspberry jam; pastries; and, of course, freshly brewed teas.

FUNERALS WITHOUT FANFARE

Early 19th century funerals had little fanfare, Kerstens said, and when Queen Victoria died in 1901, home funerals were the only option until 1900-1910.

"Queen Victoria and Prince Albert were cousins, and she was devastated when he died," she said. They had nine children, and he died of typhoid fever when she was only 42.



Diana Krestel, left, and Luci Klinghamer of Northville at the Tea and Sympathy event Oct. 24 at Mill Race Village's Cady Inn.

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VICTORIAN SYMBOLISM

Romanticism and transcendentalism gained favor in the U.S. in the early 19th century. Death was seen as a communion with nature, an ascension of the soul to glory. Some images on headstones during that time and their meanings included:

- Anchor – hope, steadfastness
- Angels – spirituality
- Arrow – mortality
- Bird – the soul
- Butterfly or frog – resurrection
- Dove – the Holy Spirit
- Flame – eternity
- Heart – love, mortality
- Lamb – Christ, innocence
- Scallop shell – earthly pilgrimage
- Squirrel with nut – spiritual striving
- Skulls – fate of death
- Urn – the body as the vessel of the soul
- Winged face – effigy of the soul

MEMORIAL CARDS

The Victorians loved cards, so memorial cards were common as well as calling cards. If a woman was in deep mourning, a well-wisher wouldn't even talk to her. They would just leave their calling card if they came to visit the grieving.

Postmortem photography was very popular during this age, and if a child died, this might be the only photo the family would have of the child.

Homes were decorated for mourning, including turning clocks to face the wall and covering mirrors with black cloth. Sometimes clocks were stopped at the moment someone died.

Those passing by a home of those in mourning were supposed to be quiet, and funeral train cars were used to transport bodies.

Finally, a person was usually assigned to sit in vigil by a body during the visitation period.

"She was really maudlin," Kerstens said. "She took it (mourning) to the nth degree."

One common practice was to feature black borders on death announcements and stationary while in mourning. Besides black, white is also a mourning color, as well as lavender and purple.

At the time of Prince Albert's death in 1861, Americans were grieving, too, for Civil War soldiers and then President Abraham Lincoln's assassination.

Kerstens said that Lincoln was the first U.S. president to be embalmed.

STAGES OF MOURNING

During deep or first mourning, which was right after say the death of a spouse, Victorian women had themselves veiled for a year with crepe. "They often got sick because of the chemicals in the fabric," Kerstens said. It also depended on one's relationship with the dead as to what one wore. Parents were expected to be in mourning for only three months after the death of a child.

During the second or half mourning, women were still expected to wear black, but they could add a white collar or white cuffs to a dress or blouse. While in deep mourning, no jewelry except a wedding ring was to be worn.

It was appropriate to wear some jewelry during second or half mourning, however, and hair jewelry was very popular, as was a black jewelry called jet as well as Bakelite.

Victorian jewelry often contained a lock of hair of either a deceased person or loved one.

Another custom was to not have any shine on fabric.

Widowers weren't held to the same standard when it came to mourning, as they were expected to find another woman quickly to care for their children. Three months of mourning was considered appropriate after the death of one's wife, and men were required to wear only a black hat band or arm band.

Children in mourning wore white.

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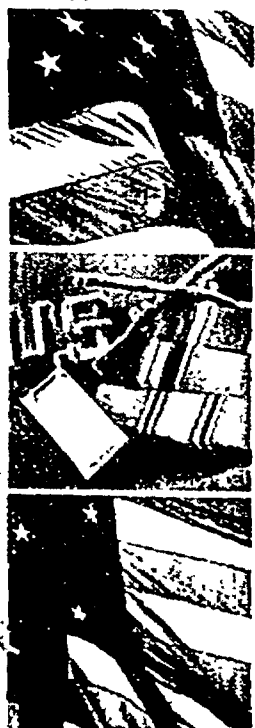
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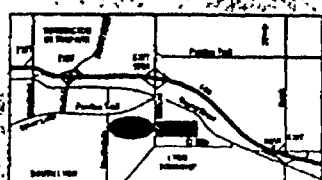
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Chess club

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NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

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Once again, the luncheon is scheduled for first semester finals week -- Wednesday, Jan. 27 at 11 a.m. The luncheon menu consists of salads, finger foods (appetizer-type dishes), some main dishes and desserts. Organizers are also seeking monetary donations for the purchase of paper products / supplies.

If you are interested in

donating food, please contact Michele Fecht at mmfecht@aol.com or (248) 344-9412. Checks for donations should be made out to NHS PTSA and mailed to Michele Fecht, 324 South Wing Street, Northville 48167.

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.

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 fund-raisers contributing to the Senior All Night Party.

Contact Mary Jo Blasius at (248) 349-0101 or (248) 444-2771 or jblasius@comcast.net.

Please support our local "Northville City Car Wash" located at 470 East Main Street, and our Class of 2010 Senior All Night Party.

Just purchase a \$25 coupon card containing five car washes and the Senior All Night Party receives 50 percent of all the proceeds.

Music Boosters' raffle raising funds

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

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

Tickets this year are \$50 with a total of 1500 tickets to be sold. Drawing to be held Saturday, Dec. 12 after the Holiday Concert at 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

This is the Booster's primary fund-raiser.

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



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Pumpkin pride

Above, Northville High School teachers and Robostangs (robotics team) coaches Jim Conzelman and Julie Fiset display the pumpkin they decorated for the school's fundraising effort for Northville Civic Concern. Teachers and faculty decorated a bunch of pumpkins which students could enter a drawing to win during the week of Halloween. All proceeds will go to the Northville charity. At left, Northville High School student congress member Stacy Clough, left, receives an entry ticket for a raffle for one of the many pumpkins decorated by the school's staff. The school used the decorated gourds as a fundraiser for Northville Civic Concern.



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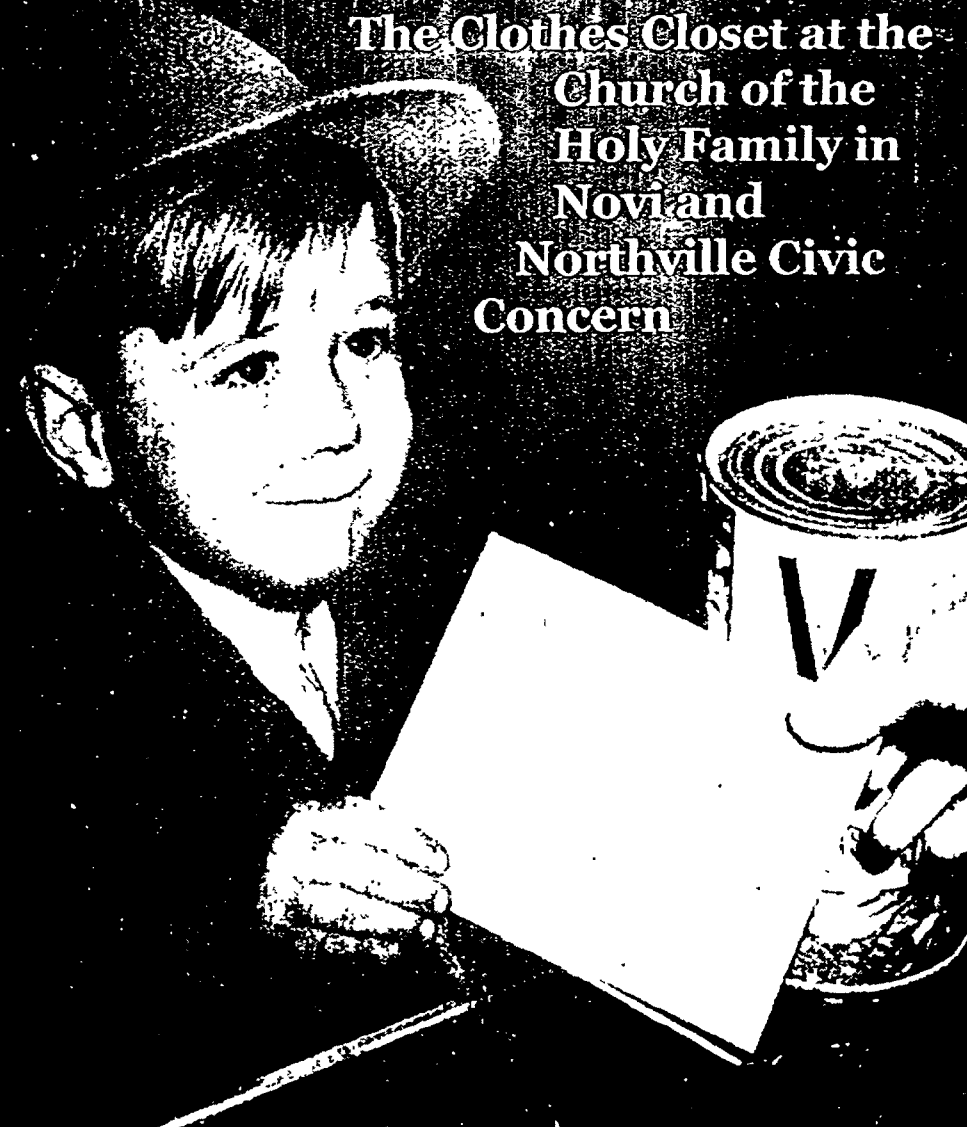
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Northville Civic

Concern



Professor named

Laurel Kuxhaus, a 1996 graduate of Canton High School, has been appointed assistant professor of mechanical and aeronautical engineering at Clarkson University. She began teaching in August. Kuxhaus received her bachelor of science degree in engineering mechanics from Michigan State University, her master of science in mechanical engineering from Cornell University, and her Ph.D. in bioengineering from the University of Pittsburgh. She also holds a bachelor of arts degree in music from Michigan State University. Before coming to Clarkson, Kuxhaus was an adjunct faculty member in the freshman engineering program at the University of Pittsburgh and a postdoctoral researcher at Allegheny General Hospital. Kuxhaus is the daughter of Fran and John Hobbs of Northville Township.



NORTHVILLE ON CAMPUS

Northwood University
Northville's Eric R. Moir earned a bachelor of business administration degree.

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Northville's Burke R. Lange earned a master's degree in criminal justice in September.

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE WITH STATE REP. MARC CORRIVEAU

Gov's 20j school cuts disappointing

As an institution that is responsible for providing the resources to educate the future workers of our state, I strongly believe that investing in our schools is essential to turning around Michigan's struggling economy. That's why my concern reached new heights last week when our schools were once again under attack.



Marc Corriveau

The governor's recent veto of funding for 20j schools has caused an outcry in Northville and throughout the 20th District. I want you to know that your voices have been heard loud and clear and education will continue to be one of my top priorities. Like many of you, I am deeply disappointed by the games being played in Lansing at the expense of our children, their future and the future of our state.

This year's budget negotiations have required long, tedious hours of open discussions that were necessary for examining all areas of state government where savings could be found. When the House received the Senate's School Aid Budget, which proposed a \$218 per-student cut, my colleagues and I quickly realized the devastating effect this reduction would

have and rejected the budget. As negotiations continued, the restoration of \$100 million to our schools reduced the cut to \$165 per student. Although still devastating to our schools, a reduced cut was unavoidable due to the extent of our budget deficit.

I do not support the recent decisions to further cut the School Aid Budget. Though everyone understands the dire situation that we face as a state, these cuts to education are greater than what our school districts have prepared for. I believe that reforming and finding a stable way to fund Michigan's schools must be a priority. However, these abrupt actions leave schools unprepared to properly teach our kids this school year.

While 20j schools have been under attack since their inception, funding has been protected until the Governor's decision two weeks ago. Although I disagree with her decision to disproportionately single out Northville Public Schools and a small number of other school districts, I must point out that this also was the result of the Senate and Majority Leader Mike Bishop's reckless all-cuts budget.

You may be asking yourself, how do we move forward? Overriding the governor's veto would require a two-thirds vote in the House. However, many lawmakers do not have schools within the areas they represent that receive the

additional revenue that is provided by 20j. Therefore, I am afraid that this is not likely to happen. In order to move forward, last week I introduced a supplemental funding bill that would restore the cuts to 20j. I must be clear that if the Senate is unwilling to make compromises and help find a way to restore the funding, Northville Public Schools will be forced to begin operating with the \$613 per pupil cut.

I have been honest and clear with residents and will continue to be direct in telling you that our options are running out. We must immediately come to together and decide what our priorities are now, as well as down the road. Education must be on our list and we must fund it accordingly.

Michigan is at a tipping point. We face a future with shrinking funds for essential services and programs if we don't commit to making major reforms to the way we operate as a state. We cannot begin our economic recovery by gutting our children's education and other programs that support our middle-class families.

20th District State Rep. Marc Corriveau (D-Northville) represents Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, the eastern portion of Canton Township and the city of Wayne in the Michigan House of Representatives. Contact him at (517) 373-3816 or send e-mail to MarcCorriveau@house.mi.gov.



COURTESY PHOTO

State Representative Marc Corriveau (D-Northville) introduces his plan to restore \$52 million in education funding to schools across the state on the floor of the Michigan House of Representatives on Oct. 29. Corriveau's plan will restore funding to 39 districts across the state, including \$2.2 million to Northville Public Schools.

PETITIONS

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weeks of October, an urgent effort spearheaded by the Legislative Action Network (LAN), part of the Northville Council of PTAs, took place, giving angry and frustrated residents an opportunity to channel their concerns.

A petition drive was immediately planned and organized. According to LAN Chairperson Barbara Moroski-Browne, it was an amazing feat accomplished in less than one week from start to finish.

Five hundred petitions with 2,741 names of voting-aged residents and other supporters — including teachers and bus drivers — were collected, collated, bundled, copied and tied with red ribbon.

"It's been a very hectic couple of weeks," Browne said. "First, trying to absorb the news of all these cuts, and then mobilizing our plan of action. It turned out quite successful, with the parents and community responding so quickly."

Following a jam-packed school board meeting Tuesday, Oct. 28, at Hillside Middle School, six parents and three school board members carpooled to Lansing last Friday to personally deliver the petitions to Northville's state legislators.

One day prior, Dr. Leonard Rezmierski, Northville school superintendent, spoke before the Michigan Senate Appropriations Committee. He also was present when the petitions were delivered.

His direct remarks to the committee took specific aim at the latest round of school funding cuts.

"I am distressed by the cavalier attitude our state lawmakers have toward the education of Michigan's school children," he said. "You are using Michigan's public school children as political pawns — as you point fingers and blame each other for our state's economic problems — and it has to stop!"

The governor signed the new budget into law Oct. 31, with Northville experiencing the highest per-pupil funding cut in the state at \$613 per student, or \$4.3 million overall.

Vividly clarifying the deep impact of the cuts, Rezmierski said, "To put this into perspective, \$4.3 million in our school district of 7,000 students and 497 teachers is the equivalent to the annual salary and benefits of more than 60 Northville teachers. Or the same as the cost of the district's K-12 transportation program (\$2 million annually) in combination with our elementary art, music, foreign language and physical education programs (\$2.3 million annually)."

Northville's critical timeline is between now and Dec. 1. If nothing has improved by then, the district's first impactful state aid cut check would be forthcoming Dec. 20, and continuing each of the next seven months through June.

"We're being realistic about this and know things may not turn out well for us, even though we're all working so hard on this issue,"

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LEONARD REZMIERSKI, superintendent, Northville

Rezmierski said. "I know it's going to take a supermajority of votes from the legislators to override the governor's 20(j) veto, and to also find the supplemental funding."

PROPOSAL A HISTORY

Rezmierski explained the original intent of the 1994 statewide proposition designed to bring a high level of funding fairness to all school districts.

"At the time Proposal A was passed, the Legislature and the governor assured everyone that the state would continue to provide enough financial resources to continue the state's high-quality public education programs, while also increasing the resources of those districts with lower property tax revenues. Thus, districts like ours, who were fortunate to have had property values above the base foundation grant, were 'held harmless' through the 20(j) allocation, while the foundation allowance was increased for districts without the same property values. That was the promise of Proposal A."

"Last week's line item veto of the 'held harmless' 20(j) funding is disproportionately unfair to 39 Michigan school districts and effectively pits 20(j) school districts against non-20(j) school districts as we all struggle to protect the resources needed to educate the children in our communities. For Northville, the loss of 20(j) funding equals a \$321 per-pupil cut, or \$2.2 million in lost revenues."

PETITION DRIVE

Anita Bartschat became the go-to person for the petition drive, and witnessed dozens of volunteers joining with her to get the petitions signed and collected. Bartschat is the LAN representative at Ridgewood Elementary.

Once the petitions were collected, they were collated and totaled 500 pages. Seven copies were quickly made, and a red ribbon bow was tied around each bundle.

As the petitions were carried to the Senate and House floor, a congressional page went to the floor and called out the representatives Bartschat listed for him. One by one, the representatives left their seats and came out into the hallway, met by the Northville volunteers.

"I wanted our petitions to draw some attention from the other representatives, and the red ribbon did the trick," Bartschat said, fully aware that neighboring school districts are conducting similar petition drives.

Copies of the bundled petitions with a cover letter were personally handed to Senate Majority Leader Michael Bishop, House Speaker Andy Dillon, Sen. Nancy Cassis, Sen.

Bruce Patterson, state Rep. Mark Corriveau and state Rep. Hugh Crawford.

In part, the cover letter read, "We strongly oppose cuts to school funding imposed by Michigan's legislators and governor which will cost our schools \$4.3 million. These cuts are unfair, inequitable and will decimate the quality of education that we have worked so hard to build over many years. We implore you, on behalf of our children, to immediately restore our school funding."

"Because the governor was in Detroit at the time of our visit, we gave a copy of the petition to Chuck Wilbur, Granholm's adviser on education and communications. We actually spent 45 minutes with him sharing our concerns," Bartschat said.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Ken Roth, Northville school board president, said he was impressed with the 200 people who turned out for last month's school board meeting. In spite of the bad news, Roth liked how people were pulling together, and coming into the process of getting involved.

"People that have never been to school board meetings were anxious to take part," he said. "The community took the opportunity to express their extreme disappointment with the slashing of funds for public schools, specifically the disproportionate effect it is having on Northville."

In attendance was Corriveau. He answered more than 30 questions from the audience, and pointed out that he introduced a bill early this week that, he hopes, will restore \$52 million back to 39 school districts across the state, with Northville receiving \$2.2 million.

"His comments very appropriately summed up the situation that Northville in particular and public schools in general are facing. We were very appreciative of the fact he came out, and put himself in the line of fire on this issue," Roth said. "But it's going to take a fair amount of courage for representatives from districts not being cut to vote in favor of his legislation."

CORRIVEAU'S PLAN

Corriveau (D-Northville) introduced a plan that he says will restore \$52 million in education funding to schools across the state. Corriveau warned that deep cuts to Michigan's schools go too far and that the Legislature and governor must work together to protect our children's and state's future.

"Our children's education is too important to let it get side-swiped by political games that are putting Michigan's schools at risk," Corriveau said. "The single most important investment we will ever make is in our children. Restoring this funding will renew our commitment to our children and their future."

As part of an ongoing budget dispute between Bishop (R-Rochester) and the governor, \$52 million was recently cut from Michigan's 20(j) schools. Those cuts come on top of the \$165 per-pupil cuts already included in the School Aid Budget.

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WALLACE RAYMOND DUNCAN

70, of Lewiston, MI, passed away on November 1, 2009 at his residence. He was born on November 4, 1938 to Wallace and Gertrude (Toncray) Duncan in South Lyon, MI. He married the former Helen Metz on August 18, 1961 in Washington DC. Wallace served his country in the US ARMY. He has lived in Lewiston for the past 16 yrs, formerly of South Lyon, MI. While in South Lyon, he retired from Michigan Seamless Tube Co, later known as Quanex, after 30 yrs of service. He was also very active in the community there, coaching little league, playing on a men's softball league, and was a president of the PTA. He also worked for ten years as a paramedic for the South Lyon Volunteer Ambulance Service. Once moving to Lewiston, he attended the Lewiston Congregational Church. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, and was an avid woodworker. He was a huge sports fan, especially University of Michigan Football, and the Detroit Tigers and Lions. He loved to vacation with his wife in their travel trailer, especially trips out to Eastern Montana and North Dakota. Wallace is survived by his wife, Helen of Lewiston, sons, Eric (Diane) Duncan of Bolingbrook, IL, and Steve (Anna Ellis) Duncan of South Lyon, MI; grandsons, Zachary and Samuel; brother, Jerry (Carolyn) Duncan of Quincy, MI, and Rick (Connie) Duncan of Standish, MI; and sister, Marilyn Duncan of New Hudson, MI. Funeral services for Mr. Duncan will be held on Thursday, November 5, 2009 at 11:00 AM at the Lewiston United Congregational Church of Christ, Pastor Toby Stadden officiating. Interment will take place at Albert Twp Cemetery. Visitation hours will be held on Wednesday from 2-4 PM. Arrangements were entrusted to the Green Funeral Home. Condolence messages can be sent via our website, www.greenfuneralhomes.com.



JOHN EGLON JONES

(October 29, 1919-November 2, 2009), a true British gentleman and beloved husband of Catherine, father of Marian, Maureen, Patrick, Glen, Diane, Steven & Mary, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend to so many, died peacefully a few days after celebrating 90 years of life with his family and friends. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Henry Ford Hospice. A memorial service will be held on Saturday November 14, 2009 at 12:00 pm at Renaissance Unity Church 11200 E. 11 Mile Road in Warren. His stories will live forever in the hearts of those who knew him.

ROBERT ERIC KARINEN

Age 79 formerly of South Lyon passed away in Florida on Sunday, November 1, 2009. Robert was born on July 20, 1930 in Oskar Michigan the son of Peter and Ethel (Lantto) Karinen. He married Joyce Kaupila on June 8, 1951. He was in the U.S. Navy on the submarine USS Requin. Robert spent many years employed as an electrician and a tool and die maker in the Detroit area. The family moved to South Lyon in 1973. He enjoyed puttering around the house and garage. He was known for his abilities to fix just about anything. During his later years he became fascinated with computers and let his two finger typing connect him to the world. Robert is survived by his loving wife, children Michael of Oskar, Colleen of Hancock, Audrey (Michael) Hamlin of Westland, Mark (Holly) of Novi, Robert (Amy) of Commerce Twp, Ethel (Patrick) Kuesner of Howell, and Jason (fiancee Jeani Perala) of Davisburg, 8 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren. Brother Gary and sister Susan (Dave) Dittner as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister Janice Hawkins. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

FRANK ROCHOWIAK

Age 71 of Milford, died on November 1, 2009. He is survived by his dear friend, Barb Minton; daughter, Lisa; sons, Michael and Steve; five grandchildren and one great grandchild; sisters, Rose Rochowiak and Pat Krol. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Barbara Burns, and brothers, Richard and Donald. Services will be held privately. For further information please contact Lynch & Sons, Milford, 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

ROBERT TULLIUS

Age 74, of Hartland, October 31, 2009. Services will be held privately. For further information contact Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248-684-6645. www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

In Memory Of

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Record your grandparents' memoirs for a special gift

Dear Savvy Senior
I'm interested in helping my 85-year-old grandfather make an audio or video recording of his memoirs, but could use some help. I recently read about this in a magazine and thought, with the holidays approaching, a CD or DVD of grandpa talking about his life's meaningful moments would be a neat gift to my family. What can you tell me?
Looking for Help

Dear Looking,
If he's willing, a personal recording of your grandfather's memoirs (or life story) is a great gift idea, and something you and your family will cher-

ish the rest of your lives. Here are some tips and resources to help you get started.

There are several ways you can help your grandpa capture his memoirs on audio or video. (This can include his personal history, meaningful moments, life lessons and more, and is typically done in interview format.) If you have the equipment you can do it yourself. And if you don't, you can get help through a special project or even hire a professional.

DO-IT-YOURSELF

If you already have a tape recorder or video camera, recording your grandpa's memoirs yourself is a simple

and inexpensive way to go. If not, you may want to consider borrowing the equipment from a friend or relative or purchasing it yourself. Digital voice recorders or digital camcorders are ideal, easy-to-use and relatively inexpensive today, and give you the ability to transfer your recordings directly to your computer so you can easily make CD or DVD copies for your family to enjoy.

To get started, I recommend you buy, or check-out from the library, a good how-to book on the topic. "Touching Tomorrow: How to Capture Your Loved Ones to Capture a Lifetime of Memories on

Video or Audio" (Fireside; \$10) is a good guide that offers recording and interviewing tips, and suggested questions and props (old photo albums, diaries, and mementos) to stir memories to help get your grandpa talking.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

If you don't have the equipment to do it yourself or want some extra help, check out StoryCorps (www.storycorps.org; 646-723-7027), a non-profit project that will help you make a free 40-minute audio (interview style) recording of your grandfather's memoirs in one of their studios or mobile booths that travel

around the U.S.

Or, if you can't get to them, for a \$200 you can ask StoryCorps to send you a StoryKit, which includes portable recording equipment and interviewing tips so you can do the interview at home. After you return the kit, you'll be mailed a broadcast-quality CD of the interview, and a second copy will be archived at the Library of Congress.

HIRE A PRO

Another option to consider is to hire a professional oral historian who can do everything for you for a fee. Professional services can be

as simple as an audio or video recorded interview, produced on CD or DVD for a few hundred dollars. Or, as fancy as a full scale video biography that includes narration, family photos, home movies and music for several thousand dollars. To find a professional oral historian in your area, visit the Association of Personal Historians Web site at www.personalhistorians.org.

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

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Ghost Hunters say Mill Race Village fairly active

Findings revealed from investigation

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Mill Race Village may not be totally haunted, but it definitely has some paranormal activity, according to the Motor City Ghost Hunters.

A group of the volunteer paranormal seekers visited the village Aug. 22 from about 8 p.m. until about 1:30 a.m. the next morning. They returned to the village the evening of Oct. 24 to present what they discovered.

"We conducted investigations in all of the buildings," said John McCormick of Dearborn, leader of the organization. "It was a lot of fun. You've got something special here at Mill Race Village."

McCormick reminded the audience that the group never charges for its services, and that it conducts paranormal investigations in residential, commercial and historical buildings.

NOT ALWAYS EXCITING

Ghost Hunter Patty Hogarty of Center Line said there are a few misconceptions about ghost hunting, and it's not as exciting as it sounds.

"It is time-consuming and sometimes boring," she said. She told audience members that she wasn't going to show them anything that would give them nightmares. The group's main motivation in its efforts is to help people who may be experiencing strange things in their homes or elsewhere and are finding it uncomfortable.

"No kid should ever be afraid of the dark," McCormick said. "That's first and foremost in my mind."

"Some occurrences we are very confident in our evidence; some not so much," Hogarty said.

Hogarty showed some historical spirit photography from the 1860s from "The Haunted

Museum" Web site.

She added that some of the members of Motor City Ghost Hunters are skeptics, while others are believers when it comes to strange occurrences.

"We take a lot of video and measure EMF (electromagnetic frequency)," she said, which is a low-power frequency supposedly found in spirits.

They talk about seeing "orbs," which are spirits. During their investigations, batteries sometimes go dead for no reason, then spring back to life later. One Ghost Hunter's body temperature dropped to 86 degrees during an investigation, and others report feeling like they have been touched or later hearing words spoken on an audio recording.

MILL RACE BUILDINGS

The group reported no paranormal activity at the blacksmith shop or general store at Mill Race Village. Members did hear laughter and whispers, however, at Washington School, and the Hunter House did have some paranormal activity, such as whispers, one bedroom appearing to be considerably colder than the others, and voices were heard from the kitchen that said, "Wanna talk to you," and "Get out of my house." A "boom, boom" sound was also heard in the Hunter House, and a Mill Race volunteer has mentioned in the past that they keep finding one drawer open in the home.

The Yerkes home was one of the Ghost Hunters' favorites at the village, and it was also one of the more active buildings as far as paranormal activity.

Volunteers at Mill Race Village have reportedly seen a Victorian lady on the main staircase in the past, and one of the Ghost Hunters saw someone looking out of the upstairs window as they were leaving the home the night of the investigation.



PHOTO BY PAM FLEMING FOR NORTHVILLE RECORD

Motor City Ghost Hunter Patty Hogarty talks with Donna Busch, a member of the audience, after the group's Oct. 24 presentation on what they found during an Aug. 22 investigation at Mill Race Village.

There has been no history of paranormal activity at the Cottage House in the village, but the Ghost Hunters reported smelling perfume and seeing a green light inside the

building. No paranormal activity reports have been made on the Cady Inn.

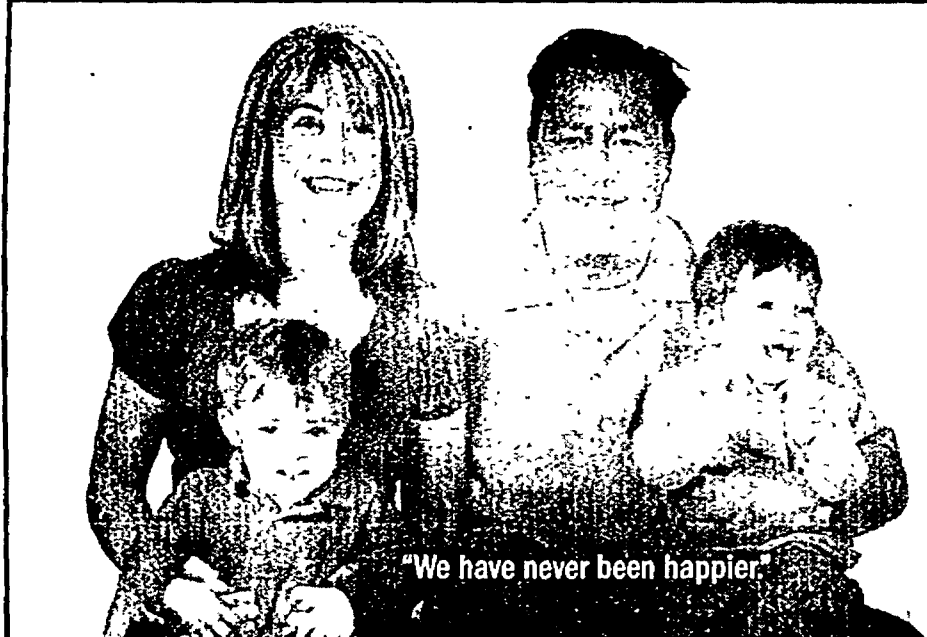
But Mill Race volunteers have said that crosses have moved, mists have been seen

and a plate of cookies was rearranged at the New School Church. Ghost Hunters heard laughing in the church, heard someone in the balcony and recorded footsteps. For more

information about the Ghost Hunters' activities, go to www.motorcityghosthunters.com.

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LOCAL EVENTS

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Details: Taught by Mary Spencer; \$50 per person
French Christmas
Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13
Details: Taught by Mary Spencer; \$50 per person

Guitarist Roy Scoutz
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday
Location: Tirany 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. Visit www.northville.k12.mi.us/parents/council-of-ptas.asp or www.haveaheartforhunger.com.
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NORTHVILLE ANNIVERSARY



John and Virginia Pernak

The Pernaks

John and Virginia (Shovek) Pernak will celebrate their 60th anniversary Nov. 26. They were married in 1949 at St. Peter & Paul Church in Detroit and lived in the Detroit and Redford areas.

They have two children -- Michael (and Jeanna) Pernak of Marco Island, Fla. and Leonard (Leonard) Pernak of Northville -- eight grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

John was a U.S. Postal carrier, retired 30 years, and Virginia was a homemaker. They were active in Knights of Columbus and various retirees and volunteer groups at St. Robert Bellarmine Church.

The couple plan to celebrate their anniversary with their children and grandchildren over dinner at a local restaurant.

NORTHVILLE NEWSMAKERS

Dow named to JA board

Junior Achievement of Southeastern Michigan elected officers and new members of the board of directors at the organization's annual meeting. Elected treasurer of the Board of Directors was Northville resident Lee Dow, owner, Pinnacle Advisors.

Dow will oversee volunteer driven programs to over 30,000 young people in grades kindergarten through 12th grade in southeastern

Michigan this year. JA programs change lives by inspiring and preparing young people to succeed by teaching personal financial responsibility, workforce readiness and entrepreneurial thinking. Junior Achievement serves 10 counties in southeastern Michigan including Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw, Livingston, Monroe, St. Clair, Shiawassee, Lapeer and Genesee. Visit www.jamichigan.org for more information.

Novi actor in PBS film honoring veterans

Steve Swanson in "Voices of a Never Ending Dawn"

Detroit Public Television will be the first PBS station to air the much-anticipated documentary film "Voices of a Never Ending Dawn," the story of Detroit's heroic WWI soldiers known as The Polar Bears, at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 3.

These young Detroit soldiers were sent on a horrific duty of duty, to fight the first Communists in Northern Russia near the Arctic Circle under the midnight sun. In the film, veteran Northville actor Steve Swanson plays Polar Bear hero, Lt. Harry Mead. Mead and his men fought in one of the most frightening battles of the entire North Russian conflict. Swanson's character Harry Mead wakes up out of the snow in white camouflaged smocks storming his small squad of 45 men. The entire battle was re-enacted in the deep snows of Northern Michigan last January and will now be seen by millions on PBS.

Steve Swanson has appeared in films with Cuba Gooding Jr., Aidan Quinn and appeared in over 28 commercials such as Subway, Pepsi and McDonalds. He also has appeared in over 30 stage productions at Schoolcraft College and with the Northridge Players.

"Voices of a Never Ending Dawn" is a story that was nearly forgotten and a story that these soldiers strongly felt should be told. It is not well known in American history that our Detroit soldiers fought and died on Russian soil, trying to defeat the initial ugly grip of Communism (then known as Bolshevism). Award-winning documentary filmmaker Pamela Peak brings this story to life through the haunting words of the books and diaries that these men left behind.

"As the granddaughter of one of these brave soldiers, I felt the story simply had to be told," said Peak. "These heroic Detroit men fought for the principle of freedom eight long months after WWI had ended and all other soldiers from around the world had come home. They fought in 60 degree below zero weather and blizzard conditions, watching their buddies die, knowing that all other soldiers fighting in the World War had already come home."

Senator Carl Levin appears in the docu-



Northville's Steve Swanson in a scene from "Voices of a Never Ending Dawn," which premieres on PBS on Sunday.

mentary film, recalling how the duty of The Polar Bears was known as "the acid test of loyalty to country."

Peak hired Michigan actors for the on-camera scenes would be a fitting honor to these men. In fact, after gaining the part of Lt. Harry Mead and doing some family research, Swanson found out that his own great uncle was actually one of The Polar Bears. Swanson traveled to Northern Michigan last January with Peak and her crew when they shot battle scene re-enactments in sub-zero blizzard conditions that these young Detroit area men were called to face.

Swanson auditioned for Peak early one Saturday morning in a Detroit snowstorm, just prior to the Northern Michigan video shoot.

"I knew from the start that Steve Swanson was right for this major part," said Peak. "He walked into the audition and commanded the stage! I could tell he was an experienced actor and also had a lot of film experience as he became Lt. Harry Mead in the challenging improvisational scenes I asked the actors to carry out during the audition. He is fabulous to work with."



In "Voices of a Never Ending Dawn," veteran Northville actor Steve Swanson plays Polar Bear hero, Lt. Harry Mead. Mead and his men fought in one of the most frightening battles of the entire North Russian conflict.

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NORTHVILLE POLICE REPORT

Female approached

1 The Northville Township Police Department reports that a 13-year-old female was approached on Carriage Way in Northville Ridge Subdivision at Six Mile and Ridge roads at approximately 3:15 p.m. on Oct. 28.

The white male driver, bald and wearing prescription eye glasses was driving a newer crossover silver vehicle. He allegedly asked the girl the name of her dog and then asked her name.

The girl proceeded immediately to her home, and the driver drove off. Police were contacted, but could not locate the vehicle. Police urge local parents to discuss this incident with their children and continue to stress safety measures.

Attempted murder, armed robbery

2 Richard Wayne Boone, 40, of Westland, was arrested for attempted murder and armed robbery after an incident at about 9:45 p.m. on Oct. 21 at Mr. Z's Party Store located at 4106 Five Mile Road.

A man entered the store and brandished a 14-inch kitchen knife at the store owner. After lunging at the store owner, the man stole money from the cash register and fled the store with the store owner in pursuit. The store owner and the suspect were involved in a struggle outside the store.

A citizen who recognized the store owner saw the struggle and assisted the owner in restraining the suspect until officers arrived. The store owner suffered injuries during the crime.

Boone was arraigned before Judge Michael Gerou of the 35th District Court on assault with intent to murder, a felony with up to life in prison; rob-

bery armed, another felony with up to life in prison; assault with intent to do great bodily harm, a 10-year felony; assault with a dangerous weapon, a four-year felony; and his fourth offense as a habitual offender.

Boone was remanded to the Wayne County Sheriff's Department without bond.

Retail fraud at Kohl's

3 A 21-year-old Livonia woman and 19-year-old Canton woman were arrested for shoplifting at 6 p.m. Oct. 6 at Kohl's department store at 20155 Haggerty Road.

The women stole numerous pairs of underwear and bras with a total value of \$426.70. They went into a dressing room with the items, then left without any. A loss prevention officer found the tags in the pocket of a pair of jeans that had been left in the dressing room.

The two then walked out of the store without making a payment, fleeing the scene in a green van.

The women were videotaped leaving the store with full purses.

Repeat shoplifter caught

4 A 17-year-old South Lyon man was arrested for shoplifting at 9 p.m. Oct. 9 at the Meijer store at 20401 Haggerty Road. A loss prevention officer watched as the man walked out of the liquor aisle with two cases of Bud Light beer. The store detective recognized the man from a similar incident on Oct. 3 in which he had selected the same amount of beer and left the store without paying. Loss prevention was unable to stop him at that time.

The man admitted to taking the beer on both occasions. The beer stolen on Oct. 9 was valued at \$38.19.

Meijer shoplifter flees

5 A 53-year-old Wixom man was arrested for shoplifting

at 4 p.m. Oct. 10 at the Meijer store at 20401 Haggerty Road. Police were notified that a loss prevention detective from the store was chasing the man, who ran through the Meijer parking lot, across Haggerty Road and into Trader Joe's parking lot.

He then entered the Hampton Inn's main entrance and was apprehended as he ran out of the motel's north exit and into the parking lot.

Items stolen included four bottles of Burnett's flavored vodka, which he concealed in his jacket, then removed and threw into the grass when he reached Haggerty Road. The liquor was valued at \$35.08.

Sexual assault alleged

6 Northville police issued a "be on the lookout" to area police departments after a male juvenile allegedly assaulted a 10-year-old girl at 4:20 p.m. Oct. 14 near Cooke School at 21200 Taft Road.

Police were asked to look for a 14-to-16-year-old male wearing black sweatpants and a black sweatshirt with a white T-shirt underneath.

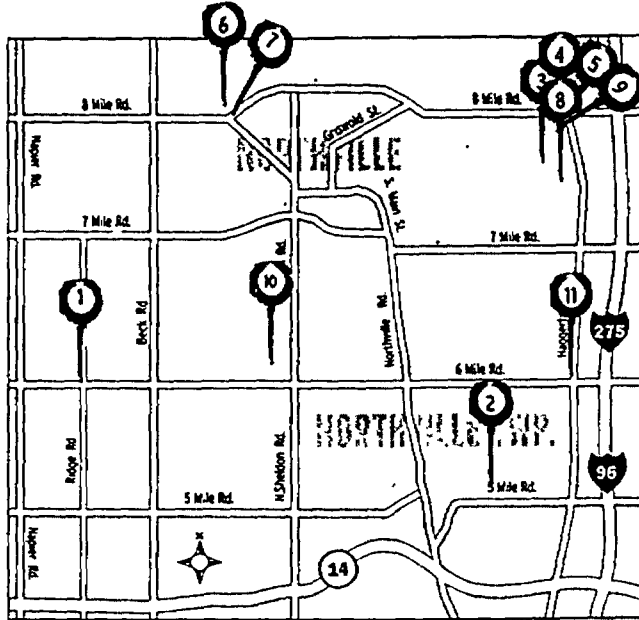
The girl told police that the suspect, who was riding a black and gold BMX bicycle, asked her for directions to Amerman Elementary School while she was standing in front of her house on Jeffrey Street.

The suspect then asked her to go with him to Cooke School and give him directions there. While at the school, he asked her to massage his leg because he hurt it. He then forced her hand on his thigh even when she told him to stop. He told her that he "owed her for giving him directions."

The girl tried to leave, but the suspect held her arm and would not let her leave for about two minutes. She then called the police.

Asleep at the wheel

7 A 51-year-old Allen Park man was arrested for operating while intoxicated and having open intoxicants in his



vehicle at 11:24 p.m. on Oct. 17 at Eight Mile Road and Randolph Street.

An officer was running stationary radar at Eight Mile Road and North Center Street when another officer said he saw a vehicle off the road on the south shoulder of Eight Mile just east of Randolph Street.

The man, who was parked in a no parking zone, was asleep in the driver's seat and smelled of alcohol.

Police also found a half-empty bottle of Bacardi Rum on the passenger seat. The man said that he had consumed two drinks six hours ago.

Misdemeanor warrant arrest

8 A 22-year-old Farmington Hills man was arrested at 5 a.m. on Oct. 21 at Starbucks Coffee House at 20055 Haggerty Road for a misdemeanor warrant out of Farmington Hills for not displaying a valid driver's license.

Police were dispatched to the coffee house about an alarm. Upon arrival, a van was running in front of the business along with employees walking inside to open the store. The man said he and his passenger were cleaning the tile at night for the business, and he had a business contract for Starbucks with him. The man was turned over

to Farmington Hills police in the parking lot of the Meijer store.

Shoplifting at Meijer

9 A 44-year-old Southfield woman was arrested for shoplifting at 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 21 at the Meijer store at 20401 Haggerty Road.

Loss prevention watched as the woman concealed a handful of makeup, a candle and some women's underwear in her purse. When her purse was searched, loss prevention also found a syringe and metal spoon with no handle.

The woman also had a bench warrant for failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge out of Novi. She was then turned over to Novi police. The underwear was valued at \$11.98. The makeup was valued at \$109.51.

Malicious destruction

10 A 43-year-old resident of White Pine Circle reported to police that someone keyed his car between 11 p.m. Oct. 15 and 11 p.m. Oct. 17, damaging all panels.

The damage was valued at \$500.

Drinking and driving

11 A 26-year-old Farmington Hills man was arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol at 2:14 a.m. on Oct. 27 at Six Mile and Haggerty roads.

The man was pulled over for turning right from eastbound Seven Mile Road onto southbound Haggerty Road on a No Turn on Red sign. Police could smell alcohol coming from inside the vehicle. The man at first said he had had nothing to drink, then said he had consumed two beers. However, his blood alcohol level was close to twice the legal limit, according to a preliminary breath test.

Compiled by staff writer Pam Fleming

THE SAFETY ZONE

Flu Awareness

The flu is a highly contagious respiratory illness. Symptoms associated with the flu can be mild to severe, and could possibly lead to death. No person is immune from acquiring the flu virus. Annually approximately 15 percent of the United States population will become infected with the flu. Of those infected, more than 200,000 people will be hospitalized and about 36,000 will die from flu-related complications. It is important to recognize symptoms of the flu, how it spreads, how to prevent the spread, and the difference between the seasonal flu and the H1N1 flu.

SYMPTOMS

Symptoms of the flu include: fever, headache, cough, sore throat, runny nose, muscle aches, nausea, and vomiting.

HOW THE FLU SPREADS

The flu is known to spread from person to person. This is accomplished mostly through coughing or sneezing, from people that have the flu. People can also become infected by touching anything with the flu virus on it and then touching their mouth, nose, eyes, or ears.

PREVENTION

The best way to prevent infection is through vaccination. This is accomplished by obtaining a flu shot. The flu shot (seasonal or H1N1) is not effective until after two weeks of being vaccinated. Besides being vaccinated, you should also cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze, wash your hands often, avoid touching your mouth, eyes, ears, and nose. Also, avoid close contact with known sick people, and if you feel like you are sick stay home from work.

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE SEASONAL FLU AND THE H1N1 FLU

Both types are very serious viruses, and everyone should be vaccinated for the seasonal and the H1N1 flu. People with chronic diseases (heart disease, asthma, diabetes, high blood pressure, etc.) and pregnant women are at greater risk of developing complications associated with both the seasonal and the H1N1 flu. The seasonal flu generally affects people approximately 65 years of age and older, while the H1N1 virus is more prominent among those 25 years of age and younger.

Everyone is at risk of contracting the flu. Please take the appropriate steps to keep you and your family safe.

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Town Hall Meeting on health care reform draws large crowd

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

One thing is clear about health care reform legislation being hashed out in our nation's capital — special interest groups are spending top dollar to try to get what they want.

"There are six lobbyists for every House and Senate member," according to Dr. Herbert Smitherman of President Barack Obama's National Health Care Committee. He said health insurance providers are spending about \$300 million on lobbying efforts, with the pharmaceutical industry spending about \$150 million.

This was just one aspect of health care reform discussed at an Oct. 26 Town Hall Meeting, "Health Care Reform: Which Plan Is Right For America?" presented by the Northville Democratic Club.

About 75 people attended the event at Hillside Middle School.

"I don't think there's any issue that's on the front burner with the American public more than health care reform," said Scott Craig, club president. "And, I'm getting a really good feeling about what's going on in Washington right now."

Speakers included Smitherman; State Representative Marc Corriveau, chair, Health Policy Committee; and Dr. Matthew Davis, associate professor of public policy at University of Michigan.

Corriveau said he's been looking at what can be done at the state level to make sure as many people can be insured as possible.

FIVE BILLS ON THE TABLE

Davis said the debate in Washington is mostly about health insurance coverage.

"That's what's on the table right now," he said. He added that there are five health care reform bills being reviewed. Obama wants a bill on his desk by December.

The 47 million uninsured Americans are what's driving the cost of health care up, Davis said.

"That's what's pushed us to this point," he said. "Congress recognized there was a need. The government acts when the market doesn't work right. Public policy works best when it steps in to help people in need."

Davis said many Americans say they're against socialized medicine, but, "We already have some tremendously successful forms of socialized medicine



PHOTO BY PAM FLEMING, NORTHVILLE RECORD

Speakers at the Oct. 26 Northville Democratic Club Town Hall Meeting on "Health Care Reform: Which Plan Is Right For America?" at Hillside Middle School included, from left, Dr. Matthew Davis, associate professor of public policy at University of Michigan; Rep. Marc Corriveau (D-Northville); and Dr. Herbert Smitherman, member, President Obama's National Health Care Committee. On the far right is Susan Nichols, vice president of the club, who organized the event.

in America — Medicare, Medicaid and the VA (Veterans Administration) system."

"The roots of anti-socialized medicine were set a long time ago because the health care providers didn't think it was a good idea in America," he said. "In recent years they've been more on board."

Davis said the concept of socialized medicine strikes fear in some because they think it means a lack of choice, a lack of access and too much government involvement.

"But, without socialized medicine, there would be over 60 million people without health insurance coverage today," Davis said.

He said one way to help our health care system is to encourage more physicians to become primary care doctors.

"We are discouraging people from going into primary care because it's seen as something that's not valued," he said.

AT THE STATE LEVEL

Corriveau said there are 1.2 mil-

lion people without health insurance in Michigan. And, a person can be rejected from receiving insurance if they have a pre-existing condition. "We tried to spread some of the risk (among insurance companies), but we didn't get done what we wanted," he said.

Corriveau said another ugly practice in Michigan is where someone's health care insurance goes up once they're sick and their plan comes up for renewal. He said there's a lot of cost shifting going on in the health insurance industry and that doctors, hospitals, insurance carriers, patients and pharmaceutical companies are all part of the mix. Another practice hurting the system is what he termed "cherry picking," where private insurance companies select only healthy people to insure, leaving companies like Blue Cross/Blue Shield to provide coverage for sicker people.

"The states are going to have a huge role in health insurance reform," Corriveau said. "We have to

make some changes. We need to get rid of the re-underwriting and rejecting of people." He does believe that the U.S. is getting close to having some national health care reform.

DR. SMITHERMAN SPEAKS

Dr. Smitherman said he works on building health care for underserved populations in Michigan.

"This is a very exciting time for me," he said. "What we're doing in Detroit has national implications." He has also written a book about health care reform. He said Americans need to realize how deep a hole we have actually dug.

"From 2001-2008, we had increases of 34 percent in unemployment, 13 percent in poverty, 11 percent in the uninsured, a 500 percent increase in the deficit and a 100 percent increase in debt," Smitherman said. "The public sector helped pay for the private sector, and there was deregulation within the private sector."

He sees the major problem in the U.S. as deficit spending.

"Health care raises the deficit. We've got to fix that."

Smitherman said the U.S. also has a chronic disease epidemic, and we don't know how to change it.

"In 2009, \$2.5 trillion was spent on health care," he said, representing 17.6 percent of the Gross Domestic Product. Yet, about 47 million people don't have health insurance.

ISSUE IS AFFORDABILITY

To insure those 47 million, however, the issue is affordability, Smitherman said. "If we add 47 million people to the system, we don't have the infrastructure or the doctors to see them." Annually, health care insurance is rising by 14 percent, earnings by 3 percent and inflation by 2 percent on the average, he said.

"Companies are not giving raises and laying people off because of health care costs," he said. "I don't know what could have more effect on the economy."

It's estimated that 61 Americans will be uninsured by 2020, and in Michigan the number doubles every 20 years. The problem is that those who are uninsured often end up in emergency rooms, the most expensive way to receive health care. Smitherman said half of ER visits are non-urgent, with only 12 percent resulting in admission.

The Obama Health Plan builds on the current system, leaving Medicare intact and covers all Americans. It expands Medicaid and covers all children. It leaves the 170 million who already have employer health insurance plans alone and establishes a new public insurance plan and national health insurance.

Smitherman said recent polls have shown that 61 percent of Americans want the public insurance plan, and four of the five bills have one.

The bill limits people who would have some subsidized health care to those who make between \$20,000 a year and \$88,000 a year for a family of four.

"With no public option, the bill is junk," Smitherman said.

States that decide to opt out of the national plan will have to show that they can cover their people. HR3200, the bill getting the most attention right now, also has a loan forgiveness for doctors who go into primary care to increase their numbers.

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NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Stone House starts monthly events

Stone House Coffee & Tea invites the community to attend upcoming events in November. The first event is the Nov. 4 Study Break from 7-9 p.m. Students and businesspeople alike are welcome to take advantage of beverages (such as November's special "Nutty Harvest Latte") and free WI-FI to accomplish whatever tasks they have been postponing. Northville musician Sueann Shiah will be playing mood-appropriate tunes on her guitar.

The second confirmed event is a Children's Storytime, which will take place on Nov. 14 at 11 a.m., with the reading of "Where the Wild Things Are" to celebrate the release of the new movie of the same title. Small treats will be provided.

Stone House Coffee & Tea is located in the Ridgewood Plaza, corner of Ridge and Six Mile roads in Northville Township. Call (248) 449-2669 or stone.house.coffee.tea@gmail.com for more information.

Christmas Walk at Mill Race Village

Take a journey in time as you visit Mill Race Village from 1-4 p.m. on Nov. 22, all dressed up for Christmas. You'll be captivated by artisans as they create their craft as it was done a hundred years ago. Enjoy holiday music at the Cady Inn.

A Family Sing-a-long is a new feature this year from 2-3 p.m. in the New School Church. Admission free - reservations required. Father Christmas will make a special appearance.

Mill Race Village is located at 215 Griswold Street, Northville. Admission is free. To register for Family Sing-a-long, call (248) 348-1845. Deadline is Nov. 18. Visit www.millracenorthville.org.

Jingle Bell Run/Walk

Get the Santa hats out, the 22nd annual Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis is fast approaching! Be sure to mark calendars for Saturday, Dec. 5 in Northville and Saturday, Dec. 12 in Bloomfield Hills. The Northville race will start on Cady Rd and end, traditionally, at The Northville Downs Race Track. The Bloomfield Hills race will start and end at Covington School in Birmingham. Both races are 5k and begin promptly at 9 a.m. with festivities and celebration afterward until noon.

The Snowman Shuffle, a 1/4 mile fun run for kids 12 and under, begins at 8:45 a.m., making this family-run event great for all ages.

Participants can enjoy holiday costume contests, awards for biggest team, first through third place finishers in 14 different age categories and a post-race chili party. First place winners in each category can even win a Dick's Sporting Goods gift card.

People interested in registering can go to www.arthritis.org, keyword Jingle Bell Run/Walk. Registration is \$25 and includes a goody bag, T-shirt, race chip and post-race chili party. There is also day-of registration available, which is \$30. To register children for the Snowman Shuffle, also visit www.arthritis.org; the fee is \$10.

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MEETINGS

Northville Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
DATE: Second and fourth Tuesday of the month
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Old Village School

City of Northville
CITY COUNCIL
DATE: First and third Monday of the month
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: City Hall, 215 W. Main St.
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING
DATE: Third Tuesday of each month
Time: 8 a.m.
Location: City Hall Meeting Room A, on lower level, 215 W. Main St.

Contact: downtownnorthville.com
PLANNING COMMISSION
DATE: First and third Tuesday of month
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: City Hall
HOUSING COMMISSION
DATE: Second Wednesday of every month
Time: 3 p.m.
Location: Allen Terrace, 401 High St.
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
DATE: Third Wednesday of month
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: City Hall

ARTS COMMISSION
DATE: Second Wednesday of every month
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.
BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
DATE: First Monday of every month
Time: 8 a.m.
Details: Individuals and organizations invited to attend.
Location: Northville City Hall, Meeting Room B

Northville Township
PLANNING COMMISSION
DATE: Last Tuesday of month
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Township Hall, 44405 West Six Mile
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DATE: Third Thursday of month
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Township Hall

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
DATE: Third Wednesday of month
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Township Hall
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YOUTH ASSISTANCE
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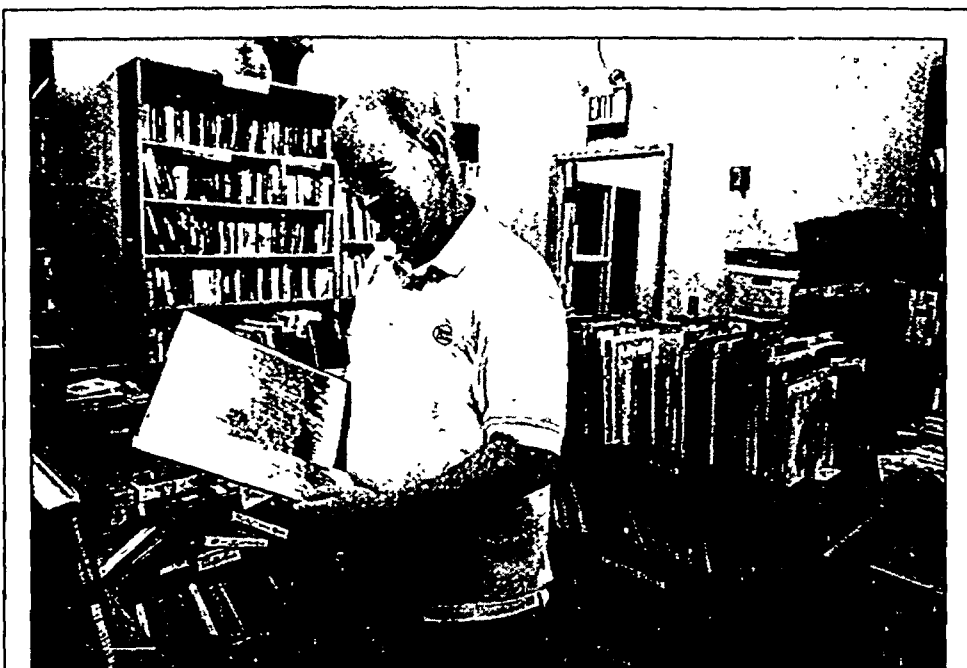
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Picks and Sticks String Band
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National Gaming Day
Time/Date: Saturday, Nov. 14 from noon-5 p.m.
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Thanksgiving Crafts for Kids
Time/Date: Tuesday, Nov. 17 from 4-5 p.m.
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Evening Family Storytime
Time/Date: Wednesday, Nov. 11 from 7-7:30 p.m.
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Contact: (248) 349-3020 or northvillelibrary.org for information regarding programs and library materials

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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 and Counseling Services, Northville Counseling Center**ANXIETY/AGORAPHOBIA/PANIC ATTACK SUPPORT GROUP**

Time/Date: Second Wednesday of each month

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

CO-DEPENDENCY CLASS

Time/Date: 6 p.m. every Tuesday

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

Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center

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

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

DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP

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

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

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

Space for Changing Families

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

Divorce Support Group

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

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

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

Widowed Friends Support Group

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

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

Young Adults

Time/Date: 7 p.m. every Thursday

Details: Susan McKenna, a life coach, author and motivational speaker, is hosting a support group exclusively for young adults (high school through 20's). The major issues that this age group deals with are issues with parents; anxiety and/or depression; lack of motivation or low self esteem; relationship problems. A group support system



JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Halloween fun

Cooke School teacher Kelly Johnson greets student Alex Schechter as his mom Elana, left, looks on. They were at the school's Oct. 30 Halloween party which featured music, food, lots of decorations and, of course, costumes.

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 AND GROUPS**AAUW, Northville/Novi Branch**

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

Beautiful Singles Hiking

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

Location: Maybury State Park

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

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

Camera Club

DATE: Second Tuesday of every month

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

Gardeners Of Northville and 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: Marcia (248) 349-2352 or visit gardenersnorthville-novi.org

Great Books Discussion Group

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

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

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

Contact: (248) 349-3121

Northville Book Club

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

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

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

Contact: northvillebookclub@gmail.com

Northville Democrats Club

Contact: www.northvilledems.com

FUNDRAISER

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7

Location: 22125 York Mills Circle, Novi, MI

Details: Come and enjoy a few snacks, a glass of wine, and get acquainted with Arbonne International. Products include aromatherapy, vitamins, nutrition, weight control, make-up, skin and sun care, and baby products. Twenty percent of the gross sales will go to the Dems of West Oakland County to support candidates in the 2010 election cycle. Hosted by Karen Zyczynski.

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.**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

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.

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://roots-web.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

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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

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 and 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 and Education Building

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

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

LYMPHEDEMA CLINIC

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

Details: A comprehensive lymphedema clinic in conjunction with 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 or 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 below. Cost of flu vaccine is \$15. Pneumonia vaccine is offered for \$35. Medicare (Part B) and Medicaid are accepted.

Contact: (734) 727-7000

Strength Training Classes

Location: American Legion Hall, 100 Dunlap, corner of Center Street

DATE: Mondays and Fridays

Details: Diane DiVita offers Strength Training classes (light weights with a little yoga stretching) for adults.

Contact: For more information, call Diane at (248) 344-0928 or visit trianglesix@sbcglobal.net.

Psychotherapy and Counseling Services

Location: Northville Counseling Center

Contact: (248) 348-1100 or (734) 420-8175 to register.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital

Location: 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia

Contact: (734) 655-4800 or stmarymercy.org

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Time/Date: 3-4:30 p.m. first Thursday of each month

Location: Classroom 1

Details: No fee or registration required. For more information call Audra Frye, Alzheimer's Association (248) 426-7055.

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. second Tuesday of each month

Location: Classroom 10

Details: The group offers a place for patients and survivors to gather and share experiences, learn coping techniques and find support and strength. For more information, contact (734) 655-1162

FREE SEMINARS-MICHIGAN BARIATRIC INSTITUTE

Details: MBI offers three laparoscopic surgical weight loss options. Learn about Gastric Bypass, Adjustable Gastric Banding and Sleeve Gastrectomy at a free monthly seminar in the St. Mary Mercy hospital Auditorium. To register call (734) 655-2693, (877) Why-Weight or visit hospital Web site.

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OUR VIEWS

Let veterans know you care

According to the U.S. Department of Defense, as of Oct. 30, 2009, 4,356 U.S. soldiers have died and 31,545 have been wounded in Iraq. The numbers for the fighting in Afghanistan are far less - 911 dead and 4,398 wounded - but are on the increase with stepped up attacks by Taliban and Al Qaeda fighters.

It's November, the month when we pause to give thanks - thanks to the Pilgrims who first settled here and to our veterans who have served our country with honor. We list the days not in chronological order, but in their significance to most Americans. We pay lip service to the latter while we focus on getting ready for the former.

But Veterans Day should come first. After all, if it weren't for soldiers dating back to the Revolutionary War, the United States would not be the land of the free and home of the brave.

Since 1919, Americans have observed Nov. 11 as a day to honor the sacrifices of those who have fought for freedom. Originally called Armistice Day, President Woodrow Wilson first declared Nov. 11 a day of remembrance following the end of hostilities between the Allied nations and Germany in World War I on Nov. 11, 1918.

President Wilson set the tone of observance with the following words, "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations."

What originally started as a day dedicated to the cause of world peace and to honor World War I veterans, is now a day to honor the sacrifices and contributions of all veterans during peacetime or wartime.

Today our war is a war on terror. We are fighting an enemy that cares not who is killed or injured, only that we are destroyed. Many of our brave young men and women have lost their lives in this war, many more have suffered devastating injuries.

Our military personnel are our final line of defense against tyranny. We cannot forget their sacrifices. So this Veterans Day, we urge you to pause and remember our veterans. Let them know you care. And if you know the family of a soldier serving in Iraq or Afghanistan, call them. Let them know you're there to help.

We are all in this war together and we must all share the burden of defending our rights. We can start by honoring our veterans.

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

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

School funds slashed \$4.3M; Rezmierski testifies in Lansing

"We're not the wealthy district people think." Uh, actually you are, Len. Very wealthy.

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I believe Dr. Rezmierski was referring to the fact that we receive only \$8,000 per student vs. the \$12,000/year received by Birmingham. Even Novi receives much more per pupil money than Northville. He was not referring to the individual wealth within the district which has no impact on state funding whatsoever.

Parks

I'm a student at a Northville middle school. I read your article in the Northville newspaper about the school cuts, and I wanted to tell you how I feel about the situation. I'm 14 years old, and I am shocked at how the government of Michigan can afford all these new bailouts for the car companies but they can't afford to give the kids an education. The main reason I am shocked here is because I want to become a lawyer when I grow up. But there's now a problem with my dream. That is the fact that I can't get a good education to compete with the kids in other schools for the college positions. If I can't get into a good college then I won't be able to get a good enough job to support a family. Then all my dreams are now crushed. I want to know why the Michigan government can't afford to give the kids of this time a good education so we can someday take the state to the next level, so our kids and families can do the same for us.

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COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you think it's too early for Christmas decorations?



Yes, absolutely. I guess it's just the way I was raised. We celebrated Halloween, then Thanksgiving, then Christmas, then New Year's.

Henry Casinelli
Northville Township



I think you should wait until the day after Thanksgiving. A lot of people have that day off, and you can put your decorations up before you go shopping.

Abby Gonzales
Northville



I think it's absolutely too early because it's Thanksgiving time, and Thanksgiving is very important to me, so it shouldn't have to compete.

Gena Lodolo
Northville



It's not too early at all. I just love this time of year, and I don't mind having a little Christmas music even before Thanksgiving. It just puts you in a happy mood.

Sandy O'Brien
Northville

LETTERS

Book sale kudos

I would like to thank the Northville residents for their support of the recent Friends of the Library Used Book Sale.

I would also like to thank the following volunteers who helped to make this event possible:

John Alexander, Anne Bourque, Elaine Brennan, Marilyn Breuhan, Jay Cardinal, Grace Colter, Marcie Colling, Joyce Conklin, Betty Cushman, Eileen Dunn, JoAnne Dalziel, Ellison Franklin, Marcia Herschoren, Ellen Johnston, Laura Lockhart, Fran Mattison, Jeannine Meade, Erin McDermott, Regina Mingela, Terri Morris, Gail Mroz, Chuck Murdock. Doris Oltersdorf, MJ Pine, Dave Randall, Marian Rowlette, Betty Slazinski, Paul Snyder, Denise Stacer, Joan Sellen, Joe Thomas, Laura Tillman, Judy Tremonti, Sandy Walts, Pat Wright, Marty Walters, Christa Williams, Dorothy Youmans.

The following Northville High School honor students were instrumental in moving and setting up books for this sale:

Ria Barad, Chris Chou, Matthew Ciric, Steven Chesney, Carian Dagher, Kevin Curtis, Erin Donohoe, Bridget Dunn, Ashwin Easow, Kathleen Evans, Jillian Gray, Robert Hsu, Chelsea Ciampa, Renee Gideon, Jaclyn Konopka, Andrew Kowalski, Morgan Malloy, Maahin Mahmood, Angela Park, Laura Mifsud, Sevan Misirilyn, Paige Sauter, Donald Slominski, Marisa Sources, Allison Ulmer, Kristen Wines, Danielle Wescolowicz, Jennifer Woodard, Lucille Zhao, Eric Zwierzchowski, and Eryn Smith, coordinator.

Dr. James T. Morche
Used Book Sale Coordinator,
Friends of the Library

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Reform of state government at all levels needed

COMMENTARY

The governor cannot fix what is wrong with our schools by forcing a tax increase. What is required, and has been avoided and ignored for far too long, is sensible reform of government at every level - and specifically in our system of public education.

Our schools are increasingly unstable, unbalanced and ultimately unsustainable unless bold changes are made to alter the present course. Putting money into a dysfunctional system will not fix the problem.

The governor and Legislature have ignored the numerous reports calling for sensible reforms in Michigan schools for at least the past five years.

We cannot simply cut or tax our way out of this crisis that our leaders' inaction has let fester.

The foundation on which this great state was built, the auto industry, has been eroding for decades and has imploded in the last year. The sooner we accept the new economic reality, the sooner we can begin the rebuilding process necessary to get Michigan working again.

As state schools superintendent in 2004 I issued a report: Structural Issues, Surrounding Michigan Schools in the 21st Century (www.michigan.gov/documents/michigan-schoolfunding_110803_7.pdf). The report demonstrated that

Michigan's system of public education was unsustainable back then.

The report asked that we reimagine our system of public education - or start from scratch - taking all the money we could possibly spend on education, setting priorities and then figuring out how to invest it to help prepare our children and state for the disruptive, hyper-competitive, transformational, global knowledge economy.

The state's toss aside the present 550 local school boundaries and recast them to be more efficient, eliminating tiny districts to remove administrative redundancies. The rising cost of health care and pensions for educators is absorbing nearly every dollar the governor and Legislature invest in schools. The state would need to invest nearly \$300 per student, per year into the foreseeable future (approximately \$500 million/yr) just to cover health care and pension costs. This figure is as unrealistic as it is unsustainable. If we continue down this path, we should change the name of the department of education to the department of health care and pensions - because that is where the money is going.

PRETEND AND SPEND

Watching the angst of the governor and Legislature as they talk about the plight of our schools remind me of the kid

who killed his parents - and threw himself on the mercy of the courts because he was an orphan! Like they had nothing to do with creating this mess!

The governor's and Legislature's failure to act on sensible reforms have created the crisis facing us today.

In 1993, the Kalkaska public school system closed 45 days early for lack of funds and their inability to provide a high-quality education with resources available. The school superintendent and school board took the drastic action after the tax weary citizens rejected a millage needed to overcome a \$1.5 million shortfall in a \$10.3 million budget. This action spurred the then governor and Legislature into action to fix Michigan's school funding system with the passage of Proposal A in 1994.

Fast forward to 2009 and the question today is similar: Who will flinch? The choices are to hold firm for sensible changes in health care, pensions, shared services and consolidations of intermediate and local school districts. Or, they could blink and raise taxes, which will be the equivalent of 'fixing' General Motors' problems by getting a guarantee that they can just charge more for their cars - without addressing the fundamental structural problems growing in their system.

If reforms were initiated when brought to light years ago, all or much of the crisis of today could have been avoided. Sadly, they were not.

A PLAN OF ACTION

Agree to raise taxes only as a bridge to reform/restructuring. The tax increase should sunset in 2 to 3 years, being phased out and replaced with redirected money saved through:

- A health care reform plan, which pools insurance for public employees thereby saving significant resources to be redirected to the classroom.

- Creating a process for closing or consolidating school districts and municipalities.

- Changes in pension plans from defined benefits to defined contribution - for new hired school as well as local government employees - and other sensible reforms.

- Creating a tier pay/benefit system for state, teachers and local government new hires. If the reforms are not in place - the cuts happen and the schools, education establishment, Legislature and governor have no one to blame but themselves.

If you have a hole in your roof, you have to fix it or suffer the consequences. Michigan has been avoiding fixing the hole in school funding for years. Because of inaction the entire roof is set to collapse.

Inaction has consequences.

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Roman Gribbs: Local once ruled Detroit

■ He says in tough times you've got to bite the bullet

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

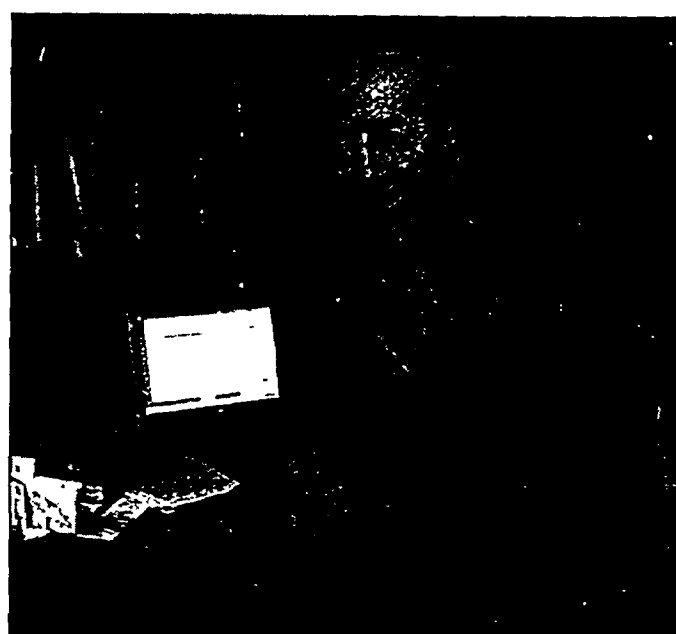
Former Detroit Mayor Roman S. Gribbs may be out of office, but he's certainly not out of touch.

The Northville Township resident reads several newspapers a day and often meets with young law students.

As a former elected official himself, he believes leaders need to "bite the bullet" when it comes to finances. And if that means layoffs and programs cuts, so be it.

A native of Detroit, Gribbs, 83, served as mayor of Detroit from 1970-74, right before Coleman Young and not long after the devastating race riots of 1967.

"It was a fickle time," he said. "The problem was that the riots were still on everybody's mind," Gribbs said.



Mayor of the City of Detroit from 1970-74 - Roman Gribbs poses in the office of his Northville Township home.

GREW UP ON A FARM

Gribbs' parents immigrated from Poland and met and married in Detroit. They bought two farms when he was a young boy. His dad worked for Ford Motor Company, and his mother worked downtown. They lost the first farm during the Depression, when his father was laid off, but later bought another one near Capac, Mich.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Gribbs graduated from Capac High School and earned his undergraduate degree from University of Detroit, graduating magna cum laude. He received his law degree from University of Detroit School of Law in 1954, graduating third in his class. He and his wife, Lee, members of Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, have five children and have lived in the township for about 15 years. He was an instructor at U

of D from 1964-66, an assistant Wayne County prosecutor from 1956-64, was in private practice with the firm Shaheen, Gribbs and Shaheen from 1964-66 and was presiding Court Referee for the city of Detroit from 1966-68. He also served as sheriff of Wayne County from 1968-69 after the previous sheriff resigned.

After serving as mayor, he was a partner in the firm of Fenton, Nederlander, Dodge, Barris & Gribbs from 1974-75. A judge for 26 years, he served the Third Judicial Circuit in Wayne County from 1975 through 1982. He was elected to the Michigan Court of Appeals in 1982 and served in that position until his retirement in 2001.

"I loved being a trial attorney, spent a lot of time in the courtroom and always had the ambition to be a judge," Gribbs said.

REFLECTING ON DETROIT

Gribbs calls the current state of the city of Detroit tragic.

"I spent four of my best years as Mayor of Detroit," he said. "I'm very positive about that effort, with the caveat that I was able to pull together some very outstanding people."

At that time, Detroit had about 1.2 million people. Now, there are about 900,000. "In addition, I had about 25,000 employees," Gribbs said. "Now, they have about 13,000."

He believes the key to a good administration is good department heads. "You need people with honesty and integrity who have the ability to do their responsibilities. I was fortunate to persuade some very competent people to join me," Gribbs said. "We ran a good city, and we took on about a \$30-million deficit from Jerry Cavanaugh."

In fact, Gribbs said they broke even the first year and had a surplus in later years.

"I spent four of my best years as Mayor of Detroit."

ROMAN S. GRIBBS

But, it wasn't easy.

"The headlines read that these were the first layoffs since the Depression," Gribbs recalled.

He also thinks the educational system in Detroit should be under the mayor's control.

"Over the last 10 years, in a number of large cities the mayor was given the appointed authority as the superintendent of education," Gribbs said. "It made all the difference in the world."

Gribbs said his major concern as mayor of Detroit in the early 1970s was to bring the black community into the governmental responsibilities of the city.

"I wanted to give them an opportunity to exemplify leadership and responsibility, and I did that," he said.

"The first thing I did was appoint a black deputy mayor. He was an outstanding guy named Walter Greene and was head of the state's Civil Rights Commission. I met him when I was sheriff, and I was impressed with him."

WHY ONLY ONE TERM?

So, why didn't Gribbs run for re-election as mayor?

"I figured four years was enough. But, if I had it to do over, I might have run for another term," he said. "We put a lot of good things into motion. If the city had just kept them up, it'd be in better shape."

Gribbs said one of his greatest thrills as mayor of Detroit was meeting President Richard Nixon.

"For a little farm boy, that's pretty good," he said.

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Movies at the Marquis returns to start Nov. 21

■ First one free; rest to cost \$3

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Movies at the Marquis will return to downtown Northville for a second year, with the first in the series starting Nov. 21.

"White Christmas" will be shown free at the Marquis Theatre at 135 East Main Street across from Town Square to kick off the 12-movie series, with the remainder of the movies costing \$3 per ticket.

"The classics are back on the Marquis Theatre's big screen," said Lori Ward, executive director of the Northville Downtown Development Authority, which is presenting the returning series. "Hopefully, the series will be as well-received as last year."

From musicals to romance, drama, action and intrigue, classic movie lovers can enjoy some timeless films this year and next, featuring many of the most beloved movie stars of all time. The films will include such greats as Audrey Hepburn, Cary Grant, James Stewart, Katharine Hepburn, Doris Day and Bing Crosby.

Each movie will start at 7:30 p.m., and tickets for the Jan. 16-March 27 events can only be purchased from the Northville merchant sponsoring the movie the week before the date of the particular movie. Ticket locations will be announced soon. The Movies at the Marquis series is open to theater-goers age 5 and older.

WHAT'S ON THE SCHEDULE

The 2009-2010 schedule includes:

Nov. 21: "White Christmas" (free)
Jan. 16: "North by Northwest"
Jan. 23: "My Fair Lady"
Jan. 30: "The Thomas Crown Affair" (1968)
Feb. 6: "The Philadelphia Story"
Feb. 13: "Roman Holiday"
Feb. 20: "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington"
March 6: "That Touch of Mink"
March 13: "Charade" (1963)
March 20: "Vertigo"
March 27: "Easter Parade"

The DDA is seeking sponsors for the individual movies. The businesses will be responsible for collecting the money for the tickets. The Marquis Theatre seats about 450 people. For more information about how to become a sponsor and updates on Movies at the Marquis, go to www.downtownnorthville.com or call (248) 349-0345.

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Wednesday, November 18, 2009

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Church of the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit holysfamily-novi.org
Mass Schedule
TIME/DATE: 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 5 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday
Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.
Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment
ADOPTIVE PARENT NETWORKING MEETING
Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. last Wednesday of each month
Details: Free, informational meeting open to all adoptive families in Oakland County. Child care is available. Registration is required.

Crosspointe Meadows Church

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of I-3 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointe-meadows.org
Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.
Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages
Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene

Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road
Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org
Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service
Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:30-11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with child-care available for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study; 7 p.m. Men's Evening Bible Study
Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7 p.m.

Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast
Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do
Women of the Word
Time/Date: 9:25-11:15 a.m.
Details: The W.O.W. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study welcomes you to their study of the Book of Exodus. There is a \$15 registration fee, which includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare will be available in the morning for children through age 5.

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 427-1175 or churchoftheholycross.com
Sunday Worship: 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m.
Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m.
Worship Service
ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP
Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month

Faith Community Presbyterian

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit faithcommunity-novi.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Northville

Location: 217 N. Wing
Contact: (248) 348-1020
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays
Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

First Baptist Church of Novi-Family Integrated Church

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

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

Location: 200 E. Main St.
Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpres-nville.org
SUNDAY WORSHIP
Time: 9:30, 11 a.m.
WALKING IN THE PARK
Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. every Saturday

Location: Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park (Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads)
Details: Group meets for lunch afterwards.
Contact: Sue (734) 459-0016
SINGLE PLACE MINISTRIES
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program, every Thursday.
Details: Informative and entertaining programs of interest to singles; \$5 per person. Check Web site for details singleplace.org.

First United Methodist of Northville

A Stephen Ministry church
Location: 777 W. Eight Mile Road
Contact: (248) 349-1144 or fumcnorthville.org
SUNDAY WORSHIP
Time: 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m.
Details: Rev. Dr. Steve Buck
Coffee hour at 10:15 a.m.
HEALING SERVICE
Time/Date: 4 p.m. first Monday of every month
RADICAL JOY
Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. first and third Thursday of every month.
Details: All women seeking to strengthen their faith and connect with other women are invited to attend, irrespective of church affiliation. Crafters and Vendors are needed

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi
Contact: (248) 349-0565
SUNDAY SCHEDULE
Time: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship

Livonia Church of Christ

Location: 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia
Contact: For further information, please contact NSO Douglas K. Wells at (313) 964-6595.
Veterans Information Seminar
Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Nov. 19
Details: So many veterans feel confused about benefits and services they've earned. There's so much to know...and so many changes from one year to the next. That's why local members of the nonprofit D-A-V will present a veterans information seminar. Like all D-A-V services, this seminar is free to all veterans and members of their families.

Meadowbrook Congregational

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads
Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior

Minister: (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Sermon: Having a Plan
Church School: 10-11 a.m.
Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.
YOGAFIT CLASSES
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. every Monday
Details: Eight weeks, \$55 continuous or \$8 per drop in session.
MERRY WIDOWS LUNCHEON
Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month
PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
Time/Date: 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Nov. 7
ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES
Time/Date: 10 a.m. Tuesdays
Northville Christian Assembly
Location: 41355 Six Mile Road
Contact: (248) 348-9030

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE
9-10 a.m. Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children
9 a.m. Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium
10:15 a.m. Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210)
TUESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY
8:45-10:30 a.m. (café)
WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT
7 p.m. Adult elective classes; Jr. and sr. high student ministries; children's programs (M-Pact Girls Club & Royal Rangers Boys Club)
Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays
Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade)
- contact (248) 348-9031

Novi-Northville Center for Jewish Life

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

Novi United Methodist

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com
SUNDAY WORSHIP
Time: 9:45 a.m.
Healing Service and Holy Communion

Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month
PEACE VIGIL
Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of every month
Location: In front of the church
Details: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.
ADVENT SERVICE
Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. Sunday
ANNUAL DINNER & DANCE
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7

Oak Pointe Church

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org
WORSHIP SERVICES
Time: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday
RENEW LIFE MINISTRIES
Time/Date: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday
Details: Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning and change from a Christian perspective.
Contact: For more information or to register call (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org.
CHARMED INFLUENCE
Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday
Details: Studying the book "Surviving a Spiritual Mismatch in Marriage".
Contact: Joy Ruby at joy@oakpointe.org or call the church.

Orchard Hills Baptist Church

Location: 23455 Novi Road
Contact: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665
PRESCHOOL/KIDS CHOIR
Time/Date: 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday
Details: For ages three to six; ongoing event; no need to pre-register; all are welcome.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth
Contact: (734) 453-0326, ext. 221
FROM GRIEF TO NEW HOPE
Time/Date: 7-8:45 p.m. Mondays beginning Oct. 19
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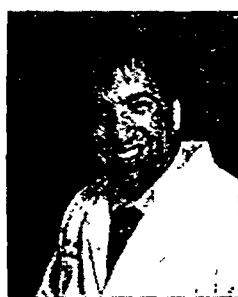
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Good reasons to stay in – and leave – Michigan

Last week I spoke to a class former U.S. Rep. Joe Schwarz teaches these days at the University of Michigan. And it was an eye-opening experience — at least if you care about the future of our state.

Schwarz, by the way, is running a class about politics in our state and nation at the U-M's Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy. Few men know the subject better; he has been mayor of Battle Creek, served 16 years in the state senate and a term in Congress and has been appointed to top-level commissions.

Toward the end of my class, one young woman stood up and threw me a curve ball. "I'm going to graduate next year," she said. "And I wish you'd tell me why I shouldn't just leave Michigan. I live here and love it, but there's just nothing here for me."

That student is far from alone. I can't count how many people have said essentially the



Phil Power

people right now.

We're likely to lose even more, once they manage to get out from mortgages that keep them here.

So ... what did I say to her? "I know it's counterintuitive," I began. "But I believe the best time to stay in a place — even move in — is when it is in trouble. There are at least three reasons for that:

"First, if everybody's moving out, the competition for good jobs and a career is less. In the kingdom of the blind, the one-eyed man is king. You're smart, and you'll stand out when you apply for a job.

"Second, in a state that's in

same thing to me over the past couple of years. And they aren't all young, either. The demographers say they are sure Michigan is losing gobs of

trouble, the competition for good jobs and a career is less. What the economists call 'barriers to entry' — the things that make it hard to get started, whether in a business or a career — are lower here than elsewhere. You have a disproportionate chance to make it big here in Michigan, if only because there is so much room to maneuver.

"Third, it seems to me there are two kinds of people. The first — the majority by far, I fear — are risk-averse, willing to follow the crowd and prepare for an ordinary, humdrum life. The second are the risk-takers, there's no better place to make a mark than a state in crisis."

I don't know whether I persuaded her, though I sure hope I did. Then I read a piece called "It Takes a Village to Open a Bistro," by Toby Barlow in the *New York Times*. It's about a guy named Charlie Sorel who opened a creperie called La

Petit Zinc in Detroit, not far from the old Tiger Stadium. Sorel told the writer, "I can't imagine opening a business anywhere but Detroit."

When he was struggling to open, neighboring restaurants went out of the way to help. The owner of Slow's, a popular rib joint, helped Charlie get the needed permits. The owner of the nearby Café con Leche coffee shop hooked him up with his coffee supplier.

"They want their neighbor to make it. It's different from anywhere I've been," Charlie marveled. "Here, your success is their success." The *Times* writer concludes, "Maybe it's the adage that nothing brings a community closer than having a common enemy."

"For the restaurateurs, the residents, the urban farmers and the community activists now working to reshape the city, the enemy is Detroit's own reputation. They know they will succeed only if they are a part of a larger, collective success."

That made me feel pretty good ...

Until I opened an e-mail from a guy with three graduate degrees and a certificate in computer systems technology. He has a quarter of a century experience in developing and discovering pharmaceuticals ... and feels he has to leave the state.

"So here we are in 2009," he wrote, "unable to find a decent paying job, with a mortgage and a 21-year-old child who cannot find a job anywhere in Michigan."

But the real reason he feels he has to leave: Lansing.

"The state of the state is the equivalent of a train wreck. Never have I seen more incompetence and lack of cooperation at all levels of government. Never have I seen so many Band-aids applied to problems where major surgery is required. In addition, special interests, many controlled by trade unions, are destroying this state.

"We plan to go where intelligence, education and experience are valued, the government is not being strangled by special interests, and at least some employment opportunities exist."

"Good luck resurrecting a dead horse."

So much depends on where you stand. The guy trying to scrape by, with a mortgage and no job, does not have the time to wait for things to get better. The young woman in Joe Schwarz's class can wait a bit to make up her mind and see if reforms catch hold.

Both are desperate for just a bit of informed hope that things can and will get better, and hope that when they do, a rising tide will lift everyone's boats.

So are you listening, Lansing?

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placed in a group with others who have had similar losses.

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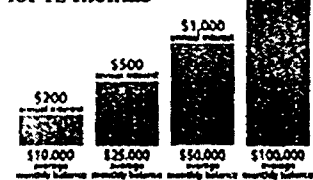
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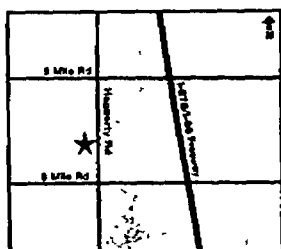


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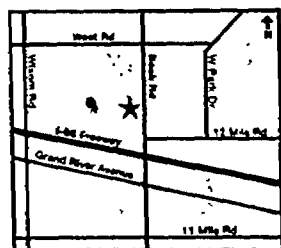
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First Friday to include Holiday Art Market

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

The 5th Annual Holiday Art Market at the Northville Art House will be the featured event for tomorrow's First Friday Art & Fashion Walk.

The event takes place from 6-9 p.m. with downtown galleries, boutiques and other stores open late.

The Holiday Art Market will run through Dec. 12 at the Art House at 215 W. Cady Street.

If you are looking for something unique for your gift giving this holiday season, the market will offer hand-crafted artwork in pottery, fiber, jewelry and painting will for sale by well-known local artists.

Artists will include Jan Sadowski, Marilyn Grinnell, Katherine Wickersham, Shadia Zayed, Beth Jones and Jan Robb. These top-notch artists have been asked to supply unique items especially priced for holiday gift giving. Author Steve Fahdi will be present during the Art House's First Friday event to sign his inspirational book "Words to the Rescue."

The Art House will also have special activities from 6-9 p.m. on Dec. 4 during Northville's Candlelight Walk. On this first Friday in December, Art House staff will hold 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 tomorrow, and the lucky winners will be chosen the evening of Dec. 4. Come for refreshments, shopping and surprises.

Peggy Kerwan of Novi will be one of the artists who will have paintings at the Art House's Holiday Art Market.

Kerwan will have a dozen 5-inch by 7-inch mixed-media paintings for sale at \$30 each.

"I have an additional piece, 'Raspberry Swirl,' donated to the Art House's raffle this



IMAGE COURTESY STARRING "THE GALLERY"

This carousel horse was done by artists Joe and Jennifer Rutherford, whose work will be at Starring "The Gallery" this month.

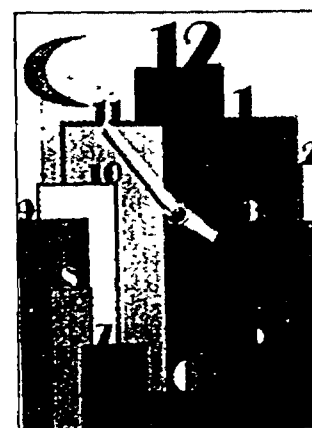


IMAGE COURTESY NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

"Nexttime Clocks" by artist Donald Magder is one of the items for sale at the Art House's Holiday Art Market

month," Kerwan said.

Don't forget that Northville's Girls' Night Out will take from 6-9 p.m. on Nov. 13, with beverages and treats provided at the Art House and other downtown locations.

STARRING "THE GALLERY"

At Starring "The Gallery," 118 W. Main Street, this month's featured First Friday artists are making a return visit to the gallery.

Joe and Jennifer Rutherford will have their fused glass pieces on display. "There will be new items as well as old

favorites," said Mary Starring, owner.

Along with the fused-glass artists, the gallery will also feature the music of jazz artist Shelia Landis from 6-9 p.m. For more

information about what's going on in downtown Northville, go to www.downtownnorthville.com.

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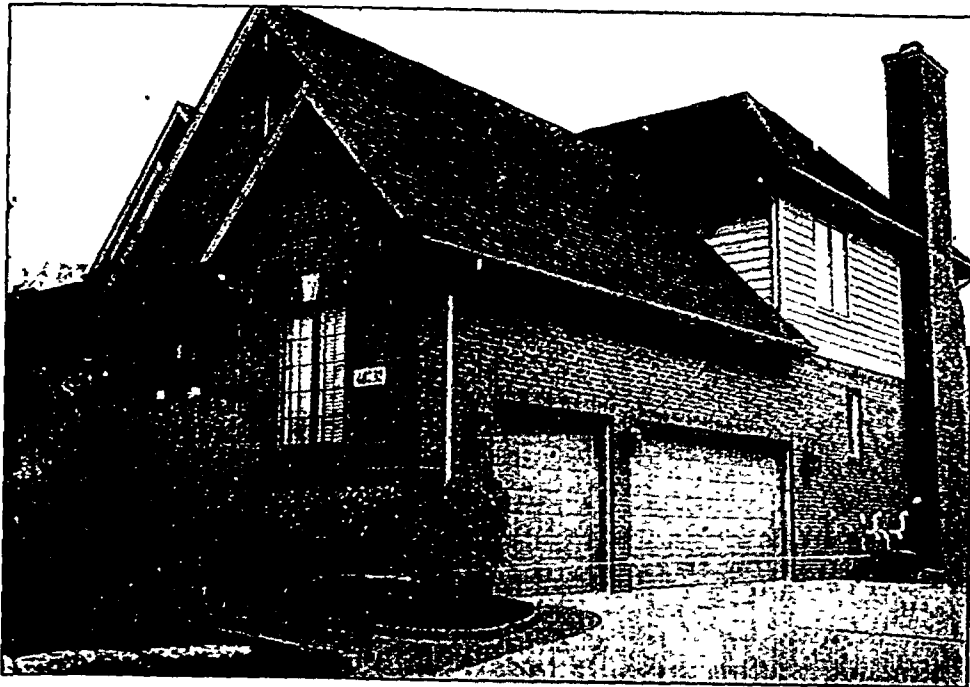
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Stonewater subdivision residents are concerned that the owners of this foreclosed home on Binghamton Court are removing the home's contents including built-in appliances and furnishings.

Stripping of foreclosed homes drives residents' property values down

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Neighbors in Northville's toney Stonewater subdivision watched, appalled as kitchen cabinets and more were being carried out of a home just down the street.

It's called "stripping," and it's affecting even ritzy subdivisions like this one south of Seven Mile Road and west of Beck Road.

It happens when an owner suffers a foreclosure and starts moving cabinets, appliances and even plumbing out of the home.

There's actually good news and bad news about the practice.

The good news is that it means a lower selling price for the next buyer making an offer on a "stripped" property.

The bad news is that it lowers property values for the neighbors, who feel they're the victims in this real-estate-gone-haywire game.

Although she did not want to use her name, a Stonewater resident said she and her neighbors called the Northville Township police recently when they saw items being removed from a home on Binghamton Court.

"The police came out twice, but they said they couldn't do anything because the people had keys to the property," she said.

PROPERTY VALUES AFFECTED

"Any foreclosure in the neighborhood will have a negative effect on property value," said Mike Williams of Northville, a Realtor with National Realty Centers in Livonia.

"What happens is that these are angry people, so they're taking items out of the home that they think they may be able to use or sell. This definitely affects the value of the home. As far as the police getting involved, it's private property.

"Until the bank officially takes over the property, the owner has a six-month redemption period during which they can live in the home and try to buy it back. It's an ongoing problem, especially in this day and age."

Chris Roosen, township trustee, said the resident in Stonewater told him that the entire house was stripped at 48232 Binghamton Court. "Ironically, the owner is or was a mortgage or realty guy," Roosen said.

"Another house at 48282 Binghamton that sold for \$999,000 brand new, got foreclosed, and then resold for \$420,000. Somebody got scammed there."

Roosen said still another family at 48225 Binghamton suffered a foreclosure on an

\$810,000 house at 48675 Stoneridge, stripped the house of everything, including the bathtub, then moved into their new home around the block. The home later sold for \$470,000.

The Stonewater resident said she is disgusted by the stripping action going on in her neighborhood.

"Imagine watching a house get literally gutted by two men with two trucks," she said.

"They were taking everything, including cabinets, counter tops and appliances. This is unbelievable. Our home values are plummeting, and we have this sort of stuff happening every few months in our neighborhood. Who can end this madness?"

WHAT'S LEGAL, WHAT'S NOT

Personal property isn't real estate, but fixtures are real estate because they are not personal property, which mean they stay with a home, according to real estate expert Elizabeth Weintraub in an article on www.about.com.

However, that doesn't stop some people from turning their foreclosed homes into a nightmare for the next owner. Weintraub says the following should not be removed from a home in foreclosure: cabinets and counter tops; appliances; furnaces and air conditioning units; plumbing and copper pipes; electrical wiring; light fixtures and ceiling fans; doors and hardware; flooring, ceilings and walls; windows and vents; medicine cabinets, sinks, tubs, toilets and showers; sink drains and faucets; built-in shelving, bookcases; landscaping, fencing, built-in pools and spas.

Items that can be removed include: all personal items brought into the home by the owner such as furniture, clothing, dishes, pans and silverware; mirrors, artwork and photographs from walls; stationary lamps; dog houses, aquariums, bird cages; removable window coverings such as drapes or curtains; refrigerators, televisions, computers and stereo equipment; rugs, plants, portable fans and heaters.

Weintraub says according to a representative from Downey Savings and Loan, the homeowner's insurance company can prosecute sellers who strip their homes while in foreclosure. When the bank receives the title to the home, it can submit an insurance claim to the existing insurance company to cover damage and missing items considered part of the home.

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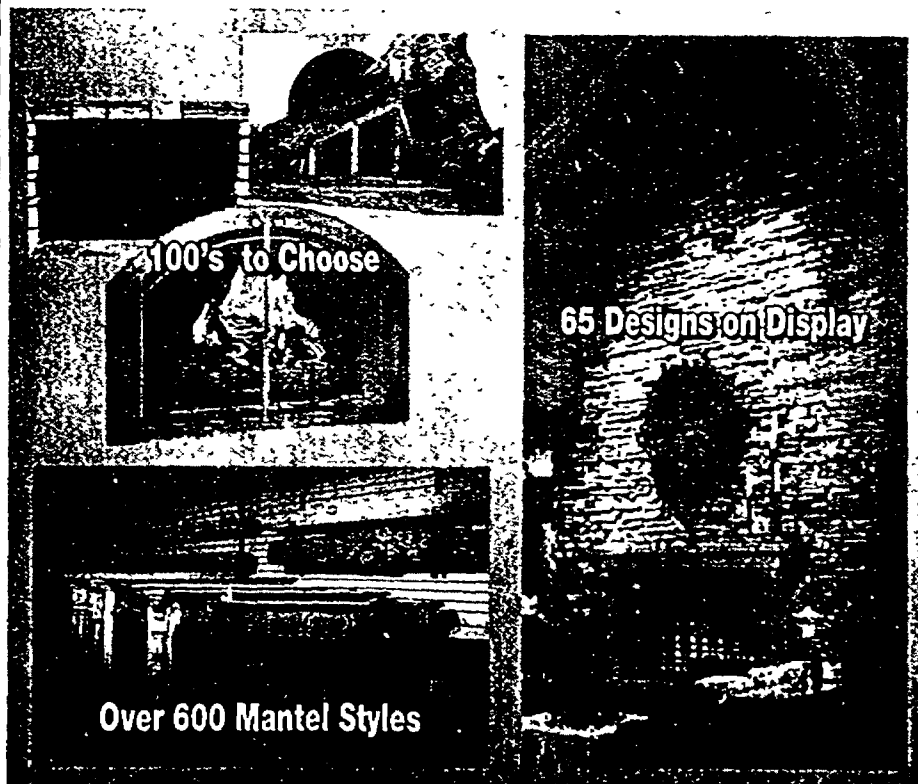


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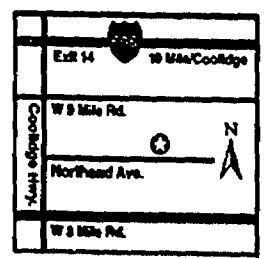
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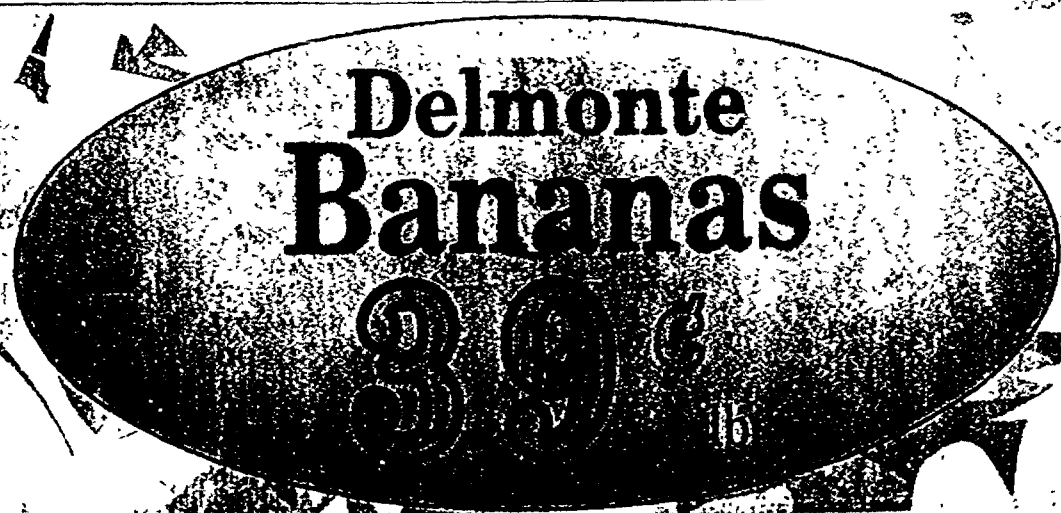
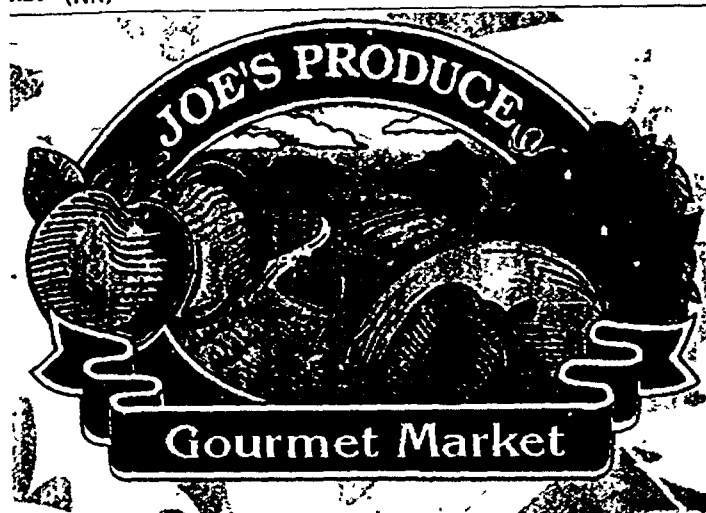
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Northville girls qualify for cross country finals, B3



Northville's Brett Smith clutches the ball in the Mustangs' loss to Livonia Stevenson last week.

Mustangs look to next season

■ 14 starters expected to return in 2010

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs football team may have bowed out of the state playoffs with a loss to Livonia Stevenson last Friday, but they're not about to dwell on it.

The squad, coached by Matt Ladach, have already started considering what next season could bring.

The Northville football team is expected to return 14 starters next year—a massive difference from returning just one this year. Those numbers create lofty goals from Ladach and the rest of the coaching staff.

"As far as next season—we expect to win the Central Division and we expect to make

a strong run in the state playoffs," Ladach said. "There is no question (that) we are headed in the right direction. However, we have to continue to improve. I am very proud of our players, but we are not satisfied with a second-place finish in the division, nor are we happy with a first-round exit in the state playoffs."

Ladach takes nothing away from this year's team, which stepped up and met several goals—one of which was a berth into the state playoffs for the first time since 2004.

"Making the state playoffs was one of our team goals this season, and we worked to achieve that goal," Ladach said. "Our coaching staff demands a great deal from our players, and

they work very hard for us. I am proud of what we have accomplished, but we are trying to win championships."

Ladach noted that his past two years as head coach of Northville—his fourth total leading a program after two years at Romulus—have taught him many things. One is the work ethic that is needed in order to get a team where he wants it to be.

"I will say this: There are coaches out there that have more knowledge than I do," he said. "There are coaches out there with more experience. There are coaches out there with

greater resources. However, no coach is going to outwork me."

That attitude has transferred to the players at Northville as well. Ladach said it is visible in their game play and their pride in what they do.

"We may be outplayed, but we will not be outworked," Ladach stated. "Our players made that evident this season and I am extremely proud of them for that."

Northville's varsity program will be looking to continue the newly adopted attitude when training and practices begin again next season. The members of the junior varsity

team—which finished 6-3 this year—will fill in the gaps vacated by seniors who will graduate in the spring.

Ladach, who coached the varsity squad to a 6-4 record this year, will be looking to make some tweaks to his program. His motto, "little things make big differences," will be enforced fully during the off-season.

"You can count on me fixing the little things so that we can get positive results for our program," Ladach said.

The Mustangs in 2010 have some large shoes to fill, especially if they hope to reclaim the honor of a playoff run.

This year's team made it by earning the six wins needed to automatically qualify for the post-season according to Michigan High School Athletic Association guidelines. That should be a driving force next year, said Ladach.

"It should push them, and I am sure they will embrace the challenge," he said. "Making the playoffs is in no way a detriment. Making the playoffs is no longer a goal—it has become an expectation."

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



PHOTO COURTESY OF MIKE KOLBOW

Northville's Frank Griffiths (in black Mustangs top, on left) races to fourth place in the regional tournament against some of the state's best harriers. Griffiths will compete in the state finals Saturday as Northville boys cross country's lone representative.

Frank Griffiths qualifies for state finals

■ Lone harrier will compete against state's best

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

There's an old saying in life that pertains to what the Northville Mustangs boys cross country team experienced last Friday: Close, but no cigar.

The squad, coached by Chris Cronin, finished fifth in a regional tournament that could likely produce this year's state championship team. The Mustangs collected 105 points while Pinckney took first with 39, Detroit Catholic Central

took second with 41 and Novi was third with 91. Brighton finished fourth in the regional with 94 points. In total, there were 14 teams competing.

The top three finishing teams are currently ranked second, third and sixth, respectively, in the state for Division I.

"We knew what Novi had done to us at MSU, in our dual meet, and at the KLAAs," said Cronin. "They were the better team, but I have to credit my guys, they never lost hope. We knew we were going to be good at the end of the season, in spite of our slow start. We had talked all year about needing to be great in late October."

The Northville harriers did just that. The competi-

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Frank Griffiths, a member of the Northville Mustangs boys cross country team, will compete in the state finals for the third time in his career come Saturday. Griffiths was the lone qualifier from his team this year.

tion, however, was stifling.

"We came here today to make it to the state finals," Cronin said. "I am disappointed in the outcome, but I'm not disappointed in our effort. This team ran with true heart today. We had a lot of alumni out for the race today and they all commented on how hard the guys ran."

Leading the pack for the

Mustangs was none other than senior Frank Griffiths, who qualified for his third consecutive state finals with an impressive fourth-place finish. He ran a 16:00 over the five-kilometer course.

"Frank was Frank today," Cronin said. "I have never coached a runner who shines more in big races than Frank. He knows when the spotlight is on, and he responds."

Griffiths ran in the top 15 through the first 800 meters and then began to work his way to the lead group. He ran with Catholic Central's Ricardo Galindo and Pinckney's Tanner Pesonen, as well as conference rival Mike Blaszczyk of Novi.

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Northville takes third in division

■ Mustangs swimming and diving squad cutting down times

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The Mustangs knew heading into the Kensington Lakes Activities Association Central Division championship meet that their focus couldn't be on a title but rather on team improvement and quicker times.

That focus helped the Mustangs to a third place finish in the Central Division and found several swimmers drop their times down. Novi won the Central Division while Livonia Stevenson took second.

"We swam really well," said Northville coach Brian McNeff. "The swimmers that were tapered for the meet dropped a ton of time and ended their season on a high note. We were also able to see how the rest of the division will be swimming, so we can prepare for next weekend's conference meet."

Northville took third in the 200 medley relay with a team of Shannon Lohman, Catherine Cui, Faith Miller and Becca Myers getting a time of 1:56.21. The team of Maddy Kipke, Kelly Burford, Riley Bruen and Sarah Garrity took sixth in 2:00.62.

In the 200 free, Michelle Song swam a 2:09.59 for seventh while Maeve Nichols swam a 2:13.59 for 10th and Megan Truran took 12th in 2:15.02. Leah Erlandson swam a 2:24.19 in the 200 individual medley for fifth place while Lia Nagata took 10th and Leann Dimitroff took 13th in 2:26.47 and 2:28.95, respectively.



A Northville Mustang diver in action Oct. 30.

Myers led the way in the 50 free, swimming to ninth in 27.07 seconds while Susan Morris took 10th in 27.19. Bruen was 13th in 27.29 and Laura Cheaney was 15th in 27.56. Turning in a 1:01.67 in the 100 butterfly was Miller, who took third, while Lohman swam to fifth in 1:02.81. Briana Schoenek was seventh in 1:05.06. Rachel Brown was 10th in 1:06.58 and Bruen was 15th in 1:07.77.

In the 100 freestyle, Kipke took fifth with a time of 57.31 seconds while Schoenek swam a 58.2 for eighth, Morris took 10th in 59.72,

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs will be swimming in the KLAAC Conference meet this week with hopes of continuing to trim their times down and prepare for post-season competition.

Tori Hilmer was 12th in 1:00.53 and Nichols recorded a time of 1:01.40 for 16th.

The Mustangs took 11th and 12th in the grueling 500 free with Dimitroff swimming a 5:43.85 and Song swam a 5:45.18. In the 200 free relay, the team of Lohman, Cui, Myers and Miller swam to second in 1:45.87 while the team of Garrity, Bruen, Schoenek and Kipke swam a 1:48.83 for fourth. Northville also had a strong showing in the 100 backstroke with Brown taking third in 1:04.03, Erlandson recording a 1:05.42 for fifth, Garrity taking sixth with a 1:05.58 and Ashley Filipowicz taking 13th with a time of 1:09.58.

In the 100 breaststroke, Cui took second with a 1:12.72, while Burford swam to fifth in 1:14.40. The Mustangs finished off the meet with the 400 free relay, taking fifth with the team of Miller, Myers, Kipke and Lohman in 3:53.91 while the team of Schoenek, Cui, Nagata and Garrity took sixth in 3:58.46.

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A Northville Mustang diver heads to the pool during a regional diving competition at Novi High on Oct. 30.

Northville Mustangs fall to Walled Lake Western

■ Tough cross-over volleyball match goes five games

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs volleyball team knows what it means to be in a tough fight. Unfortunately for the girls, they are still ending up on the wrong side of those scraps.

The Mustangs, coached by Amanda Yalkin in her first season at the Northville helm, fell to the Walled

Lake Western Warriors in five games. The squad won the first two games, 25-23 and 25-21, but couldn't hold on as the Warriors escaped in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association cross-over game with the final three wins, 25-19, 25-15 and 15-13.

"Several players improved their individual statistics, (there were) just a few too many serve and defensive

errors," said Yaklin of the tough loss. "Special note to seniors Kelly Maise and Ellie Mindick on an all-around leadership effort. Both had season-high kills and high serve-receive percentages."

Maise had a strong night, collecting six aces, 24 kills, a .381 hitting percentage, 27 digs and a 2.16-out-of-3.0 serve receive percentage. Mindick was indeed impres-

sive as well, collecting five aces, two blocks, 14 kills, a .500 hitting percentage along with eight digs and a 2.25 serve receive percentage.

The Mustangs also had a good showing from Rachel Zinkosky, who collected 31 assists, five aces and nine digs. Lindsey Fox added two blocks, seven digs, three kills and a 2.0 serve receive percentage.

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The Northville Mustangs were slated to play in the Michigan High School Athletic Association district tournament this week. Scores were not available at press time.

Another strong night came from Rebecca Martin, who had 16 assists, six blocks, 14 digs and four kills while Madison Owen added a single ace and 19 digs. Adding to the stat book was Christy

Mueller with one ace, eight digs and a 2.14 serve receive percentage, while Lauren Colasanti added an assist, Melanie Mullet had one block and two kills and Ariana Drury had two digs.

Northville also received help from Rachel Huang's three blocks and three kills, Casey Waldo's one block and one kill, Emma Brick's one block and Megan Gertley's one block and one kill.

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Northville girls qualify for finals with shocking regional showing

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The last time the Northville Mustangs girls cross country team made the state finals it was 2006. Don't tell the girls on this year's team, though—they're running like they're perennial favorites.

The squad, coached by Nancy Smith, once again shocked the competition by not listening to their critics and racing to a second-place finish to earn a berth to the state finals, which will be held Saturday.

Northville finished with 71 points, behind Pinckney's winning total of 54 points and ahead of Brighton's 81 points for third place.

"This was a total team effort and we couldn't have done it without all of them running the way they did," said Smith. "But I am most impressed with (Katie) Vandervoort, (Alex) Rodriguez and (Claire) Courtney who have run past their own expectations this season. Katie, Claire and Alex are just naturally gifted and talented runners. I still don't think they really know how good they are and how good they can become."

The Mustangs knew heading into the race that each harrier would have to live up to—and exceed—expectations if they hoped to make the state finals. Leading the way was sophomore Gina McNamara, who ran to fifth place in 19:03, a time that is 33 seconds better than her showing in the same race last year.

Next in were four of the five talented freshmen that have packed a wallop all season long. Vandervoort ran a season-best time of 19:21 to finish ninth while Rodriguez ran a season-best time of 19:40 for 15th.

The top 15 runners in the regional were given All-Regional honors for their performances.

Erin Dunne just missed the



PHOTO COURTESY OF NANCY GRIFFITHS

The Northville girls cross country team poses after the regional race last Saturday. The squad, coached by Nancy Smith, will compete in the state finals Saturday after a second-place showing in the qualifying race.

All-Regional cut, running a 19:40 for 16th place. Dunne, who has been nursing a tight quad, ran almost a season-best despite her nagging injury.

Courtney ran a career-best time of 20:11 for 26th place—40 seconds better than her previous career-best time—to give

Northville the edge in the race, while junior Emily Sklar ran to 29th in 20:26 and Alexandra Drayback was 34th in 20:35.

While Northville may have surprised the field of competition, Smith said her team didn't know it was supposed to be intimidated by the course and

the outcome of the race.

"The advantage for us at the race was that this team is so young and did not feel the pressure that more experienced teams do," she said. "They just went out and ran and gave it their all."

The leadership on the team

has made all the difference, too, said Smith. McNamara and Sklar were the only harriers on the team with regional experience.

"Gina said after last week's conference final that they could beat Brighton and they did just that," Smith noted. "Sklar, who

has had a sore knee the past two weeks and feeling a little under the weather, gave her all knowing what was on the line which really helped us."

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RUNNERS

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This coming Saturday, Griffiths will have the chance to take on all three of these runners again—and many more. His goals are high, as they should be.

"My goal at the state finals is to run sub-16 minutes, and achieve the title of an All-State runner," said Griffiths, who would need to finish in the top 30 to reach the All-State goal. "To achieve these goals, I plan on training this week with a few members of the team and having a pre-race dinner on Friday night with my teammates. Later that night, we also plan on making a visit to Taco Bell. I also plan on getting more rest this week."

Griffiths is no stranger to the state finals course, having run it as a sophomore and a junior.

"Since I have ran this race twice before, I mentally plan on visualizing the course and will listen to music right before the race," he said. "I am looking to get a fast start, stay with

the top runners and have a strong kick during the last 800 meters."

Cronin said he looks forward to seeing what Griffiths can do.

"I'm looking forward to watching Frank run in his final high school cross country race next Saturday," said Cronin. "He ranks among the best runners I have ever coached, and he has firmly entrenched himself as one of the best distance runners to ever wear the orange and black."

The Northville Mustangs cross country team will be in attendance to cheer Griffiths on. They, too, had impressive performances at the regional race, but couldn't overcome the outstanding capabilities of the other teams.

Matt Sierra finished 19th for the Mustangs with a time of 16:36—a career best.

"Matt has emerged as one of the top sophomores in the area," said Cronin. "It's too bad he won't be able to show his skills at the state finals. Anyone who knows Matt realizes that not running at the state finals will only be his fuel."

Chad Cini was 20th overall in the race, running a 16:40, while Christian Guenther ran a 16:51 for 29th. Jason Lerner was 33rd overall with a 17:04 and Ed Clifton was 35th in 17:08. Trent Johnson rounded out the Mustangs competitors with a 17:33 for 52nd.

In addition to running the state regional last week, the Mustangs also competed in the Franklin Invitational and won both the Freshman/Sophomore and Junior/Senior divisions.

Jacob Strom finished third overall in the underclassmen race, while Neson Nesmith took sixth and Nathan Tager ran to eighth.

In the upperclassmen race, Northville finished with a sweep with the top five places. Leading the way was Alex Kanya in first, while Robert Singletary took second, Kevin Lerner took third and Teja Ravipati ran to fourth. Taking fifth to finish the sweep for Northville was Colin Riley.

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NORTHVILLE STALLIONS WRAP-UP

Varsity Stallions finish the season as winners

The Northville Stallions varsity football team closed out its 2009 campaign with a 18-12 win against the Rochester Ravens.

The offense got the Stallions on board less than four minutes in when quarterback Jake Cheslik hooked up with Chris Komorous on a touchdown pass.

The defense got into the act in the second quarter when Matthew Pirone intercepted a pass at the Stallions' 20-yard line and took it the distance to put the team up 12-0.

That lead was short-lived when, despite the Stallions recovering an on side kick at the 50-yard line, the Ravens slowly and steadily pushed their way down field and scored their first touchdown with four minutes left in the first half.

Northville tried to answer when Cheslik returned the kick off 30 yards and the offense moved the ball to the 1-yard line, but they were unable to score before time ran out. The score at the half was 12-6.

The Ravens tied the score early in the second half on a 1-yard run by the quarterback.

After that, the Stallions defense responded with an interception by Gregory Stewart and solid plays by Dominick Tripoli.

The Stallions had a scare in the second half when Connor Keady took a shot to the head, straining his neck and forcing him to leave the field on a stretcher. He was later released from the hospital with a slight concussion.

After the delay, Northville responded when Cheslik appeared to fake a run for the end zone before stopping short and firing a quick pass to Jack Meacham for the 18-12 lead.

The defense kept the Braves out of the end zone for the final eight minutes to preserve the win.

By David Schled

Freshman Stallions defeat Colts in crosstown rivalry rematch

What a difference a week can make.

The Northville Stallions freshman team rebounded from last week's regular season finale loss to the Colts to handily beat them in the



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Fresh Stallions "Orange Crush" running back Alex Karam carries the ball with blocking from Michael Williams and Grant Hood.

season ending playoff game 19-6.

The game was a hard fought battle and very close at halftime with the Stallions leading 6-0. The Stallions ultimately came away with the victory due to tough defense, good tackling and key offensive plays.

In the first quarter, the Orange Crush opened the game by receiving the ball. After a couple of short run and pass plays, the Stallions turned the ball over to the Colts on downs.

The next defensive series saw the Orange Crush defense play very well with outstanding tackles by Grant Hood, Michael Williams and Alex Karam. A key fourth down defensive tackle by Brandon Grizer gave the ball back to the Stallions on offense.

The Stallions offense took over and mounted a strong running attack to help chew up most of the remaining time in the first quarter. After a positive run by Shane Rankin, Michael Williams gained a first down on a nice quarterback sweep for a 10-yard gain.

Behind strong offensive line blocking, running back Brandon Grizer ran consecutive plays for 20- and 15-yard gains to take the ball down to the Colts 15-yard line. The next two run plays gained positive yards down to the Colts 1-yard line with third down and goal awaiting the offense to start the second quarter.

On the third down play, the Stallions fumbled, keeping them off the scoreboard.

The Colts regained possession on their own 20-yard line. Good defense plays by Bryce Marmaduke and Mathew Stinebiser set up a third down and long for the Colts. On third down, the Colts fumbled and the ball was recovered by Shane Rankin at the Colts 25-yard line. After an incomplete pass attempt, the Stallions fumbled the ball to give it right back to the Colts.

Again, the defense dug in and on fourth down, Shane Rankin sacked the Colts quarterback to give the ball back to the Stallions offense with excellent field possession.

The Stallions offense took over and began to move the ball toward the goal line. Mathew Stinebiser connected with Jonathon Michalak for a 15-yard pass play to the Colts 2-yard line. On the next play, Rankin ran the ball for a Stallions touchdown for the first score of the day. The extra point was unsuccessful and the Stallions led 6-0.

The Colts drove down the field on the ensuing possession but defensive stops by Evan Treibor and Ben Schmidt turned the ball back over to the Stallions.

The Stallions offense took over and began to march down the field with time running out on the clock. Rankin had a 30-yard run to take the ball to the Colts

45-yard line, and Mathew Stinebiser connected with Jonathon Michalak for a 15-yard pass play to the Colts 35-yard line with seconds left in the quarter.

As time expired, Stinebiser connected on a 20-yard pass play to Schmidt taking the ball to the Colts 10, but time expired before another play could be run.

The third quarter started with a long touchdown run by the Colts to tie the score at 6, but the Orange Crush quickly responded.

On the ensuing kickoff, Williams returned the ball 45 yards to the 16-yard line and on second and goal from the seven, Williams capped off what he started, scoring on a quarterback sweep to give the Stallions a 12-6 lead.

The Colts were pinned deep in their own territory on the next possession and lineman Will Barrot recovered a fumble inside the 25-yard line to give the Orange Crush the ball back.

Strong running plays by Karam and Grant Hood took the ball down to the Colts 5-yard line, and wingback Jackson Van Arnam scored on a reverse to put the game out of reach.

After the kick off, the Stallions defense stopped the Colts offense on four consecutive plays highlighted by tackles by Nathan Page. The Stallions took over on offense and began to move the ball behind the strong running of Brandon Grizer

with runs of 25 and 10 yards. The offense stalled after two first downs and turned the ball back to the Colts on downs.

The next Stallions defensive series saw Williams make a good tackle and strip the ball from the Colts to turn the ball back over to the Stallions offense.

The fourth quarter began with the Stallions on offense. After a pass completion to Michalak, the Stallions fumbled the ball back to the Colts. The Colts began to march down the field when the Stallions defense again rose to the occasion to stop the Colts from scoring. This defensive stance was highlighted by tackles by Cameron Dixon, Schmidt, and a key fourth down quarterback sack by Rankin.

The Stallions offense took over and began to chew up the clock. A reverse by Schmidt gained 15 yards, and running plays by Rankin resulted in the Stallions taking the ball to the Colts 1-yard line. However, a fumble on the next play turned the ball back over to the Colts.

The Colts could not mount much of an offensive attack again the Stallions defense. Excellent defensive play by Evan Treibor, Schmidt, and Cameron Dixon resulted in the Colts turning the ball back over to the Stallions on downs.

The Stallions offensive took over and methodically ran out the clock.

By Fred Karam

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NORTHVILLE COLTS WRAP-UP

Varsity Colts fall short to Braves, 19-16

The Northville Colts varsity football team ended its season by losing 19-16 to the Walled Lake Braves.

It was the second time the Braves beat the Colts this season, overcoming a 16-8 halftime deficit to record the win.

Walled Lake scored first, taking an 8-0 lead, before the Colts answered on a 19-yard touchdown pass from Joey Hewlett to Nicky Stegmeyer.

The defense helped slow the Braves' offense, highlighted by an interception by Joel Booth. Seth Conway and Hewlett marched the team down the field, with Hewlett once again hooking up with Stegmeyer to get the Colts down to the 3-yard line. Hewlett punched it in from there to give the Colts a 16-8 lead at the half.

Walled Lake won the field position game in the second half, driving deep in Colts territory and scoring a touchdown to tie the game. A circus catch by a Braves wide receiver gained 15 yards to the 3-yard line and a 21-yard field goal in the fourth quarter capped the comeback for the Braves.

The Colts are proud of what this team accomplished throughout the season led by the coaching staff of Eric Stegmeyer, Mark Garder, Rich Hewlett, Jon Kipke, Russ Gregory, Anthony Redmond and Mike Weber. The players worked hard all season and had great work in the trenches by Zach Wilds, Andrew Sarokin, Zach Zimbo, Nick Baldini, Brandon Batarse, Paul Lindow, Jack Johnson, Ben Weber, Mark Kaminski, Chris Koumariotis and Michael Vallespir. The defensive backfield was manned all year by the blanket coverage team of Owen Kipke, P.J. Schnepf, Joel Booth, Shane Gregory, Elijah Thomas, Tyler Kwasny, Elijah Bentley and Nolan Landis. The linebacking core patrolled the field and made running difficult and was led by Joey Hewlett, Ryan Gardner, Robby Parks and Sean Conway.

Although this season has come to an end, many of these players will be seen in Mustang colors next year and will be staying on the NHS team for the next four years. These young men have made the coaches and parents proud and have filled our scrapbooks and memories with lasting mementos for years to come.

By John Zimbo

Livonia Falcons offense run down JV Colts

The Livonia Falcons junior varsity team, with their reputation as an offensive powerhouse, met the Northville Colts Sunday at Churchill High School in the first round of playoffs in the Western Lakes Youth Football League.

The Colts, known for aggressive defense and fast ball carriers, certainly gave the undefeated Falcons a run for their money. The Colts had scored 44 points against the Falcons, 12 more than the Falcons had given up in eight total games, but it was still not enough as Livonia scored 68 in the win.

The Colts' team was ready, with all of their injured players back in uniform, including Connor Gibaratz, Nicholas



JV Colt Alec Coppock blocks for quarterback David Dillon.

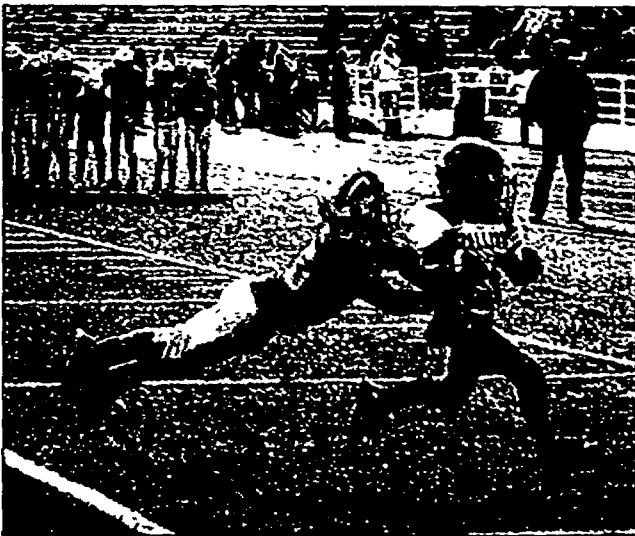


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Freshman Colt Jeffrey Varner goes airborne for a tackle.

Wilds, Alec Coppock and Sam McMeekin. The Colts kicked to the Falcons, who scored three quick touchdowns for an early lead of 20-0.

The Colts regained their balance and recovered a fumble and began to make progress down the field, with a carry by David Dillon to the 25-yard line, and then a carry by Cole Gingell. With 15 yards to go, the Colts made a lateral pass to Dillon, who brought scored the Colts' first touchdown. Gingell's kick attempt was short, making the score 20-6.

The Colts kicked to the Falcons, and a tackle by Chase Haller stopped the ball on the 50-yard line. The Falcons were not deterred and quickly scored another touchdown, to boost the lead to 28-6. The Colts enjoyed a brief possession but a fumble put the ball back in the Falcons' hands. The Colts effective defense held them back. Michael Minick interrupted a pass attempt, and then tackles by Redding Haines, Jeremiah Dunne, Alec Coppock and Justin Zimbo the Falcons to turn it over on downs.

On the ensuing possession, tailback Zachary Prystash carried the ball 65 yards, avoiding Falcons tacklers, for a touchdown. Gingell's kick was good, and the score was 28-14. The Falcons' offense responded with a 10 play drive capped off by another touchdown to make the score 35-14.

A great kick return and then a series of carries to another Colts touchdown, but the

Falcons received the kick and scored again to make the halftime score 43-20.

The second half followed a similar pattern. The Colts kick returners, Benjamin Cracraft and Sean Smith, started off an impressive offensive run which unfortunately ended with a loss of possession on downs. The Colts soon regained the ball and scored, but the touchdown was called back on a penalty. Dillon, Zimbo and Prystash brought the ball down the field and scored again, protected by linesmen Feisel, Dunne and Mason Pitt. A kick by Gingell, which bounced over the bar, made the score 43-28.

The Falcons unstoppable offense was able to score again, but the Colts didn't quit, scoring to cut the lead to 13. Livonia scored immediately to push the lead back to 19 at 55-36. The Colts scored on another touchdown run by Dillon to bring the score to 55-42. In a game which was dominated by offensive plays, the Falcons scored twice more, to make the final 68-44. The Colts ended their season with an impressive stand against a team that literally ran circles around all others in the league. Go Colts!

By Kristina Dunne

Freshman Colts drop playoff game to Stallions 19-6

The Northville Stallions rebounded from loss one week

ago to upend the Northville Colts 19-6 in the first round of the playoffs.

The Colts struggled offensively and finished the 2009 season with a 5-3 record.

The first quarter featured a defensive battle as the Stallions took the ball at their own 38-yard line to open the game and were unable to advance the ball. Auston Zayti, Jeffrey Varner, Andrew Lack and Alex Seba led the way with tackles.

The Colts were able to move the ball after exchange of possessions with runs from Lack and Jake Khoury, but the Stallions defense stood tall and took over on downs at their own 29-yard line. Both teams found it hard to move the ball. The Colts' Abe Khoury, Jake Khoury, Joseph Bennett, Elijah Gash and Evan Carson led the way with tackles.

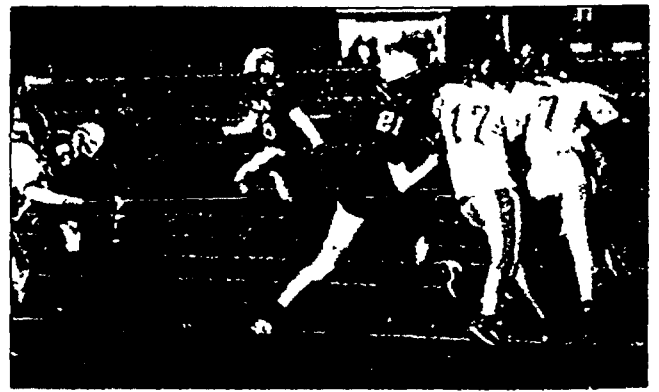
The Stallions threatened late in the quarter, moving the ball inside the Colts' 10-yard line, but on third-and-goal Andrew Lack stuffed the Stallions quarterback at the 1-yard line, keeping the game scoreless. The quarter ended 0-0 with the Stallions threatening with a 4th and goal from the 1-yard line.

On the ensuing play to open the second quarter, the Colts' Colin Gardner recovered a fumble in the end zone and the Colts took over on their own 20-yard line.

The Stallions defense stepped up and recovered a fumble of their own and they found themselves deep in Colts territory. Once again the Colts defense came up big with Elijah Gash recovering a Stallions fumble to stall the drive. The momentum for the Colts was short lived as the Stallions held the Colts on downs and once again started their drive deep inside Colts territory.

Shane Rankin punched it in from 1-yard out and the Stallions led 6-0. The Colts were unable to move the ball and on the last play of the first half, and Ben Brady made a touchdown saving shoestring tackle on a Stallions receiver at the 10-yard line to keep the deficit at six.

The Colts took the ball on their own 34-yard line to open the second half, and on the second play of the half, running back Andrew Lack took a handoff from quarterback



DUANE KILAR

JV Colt Nick Wilds makes a block for kicker Cole Gingell, who makes the extra two points.

Blake Evans and dashed past Stallions defenders around the right sideline for a 66-yard touchdown, putting the Colts on the scoreboard and tying the score 6-6. Key blocks by David Moore, Alex Schoenberger, Alex Seba, Jacob Weiskopf, Jackson Baligian, Zachary Zaas, and Jeffrey Varner opened the hole.

On the kickoff that followed, the Stallions returned the ball deep inside Colts territory.

The Stallions punched it in from 7 yards out and found themselves in the lead once again, 12-6.

After Drew Lemke received the kickoff for the Colts, the offense sputtered with another fumble that was recovered by the Stallions at the Colts 25-yard line.

A few plays later, Jackson Van Arnam scored from 2 yards out and the Stallions quickly took control of the game, 19-6.

Both teams played good defense throughout the rest of the third quarter with Evan Carson, Jackson Stegmeyer, Marcello Gonzalez, Patrick

Walker, Bradley Lewis, Spencer Gonda and Dylan Sandhu playing well defensively.

The fourth quarter opened with a fumble recovery by the Colts' Elijah Gash. However, the Stallions thwarted any comeback effort with a big stop on fourth down in Colts territory.

The Stallions threatened again after moving the ball with steady runs and a crisp passing game to the Colts 8-yard line. Marcello Gonzalez stopped the drive midway through the fourth quarter with a fumble recovery for the Colts. The Colts were unable to move the ball the rest of the game and the Stallions claimed the playoff victory 19-6.

Khoury ran for 23 yards and had four tackles. Gardner ran for 17 yards and Gash added 70 more on the ground. Lack ran for 75 yards and a touchdown and added five tackles on defense. Joseph Bennett and Auston Zayti were credited with four tackles each.

By Joseph Lack

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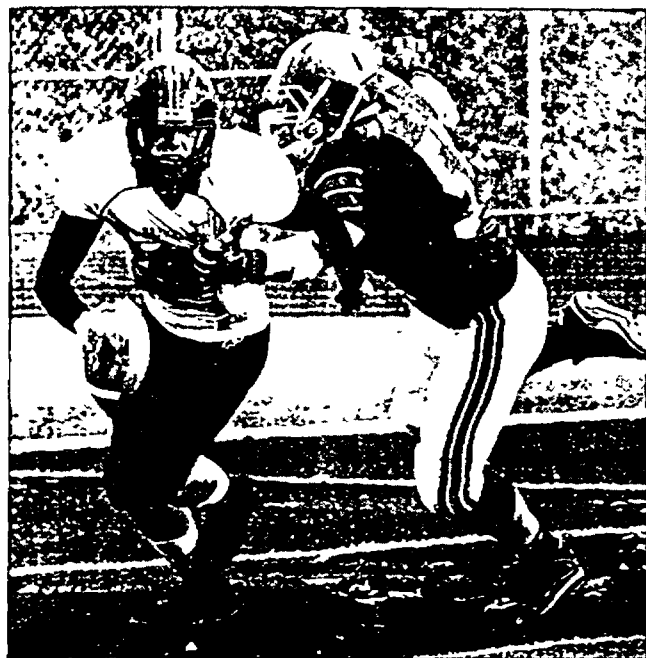
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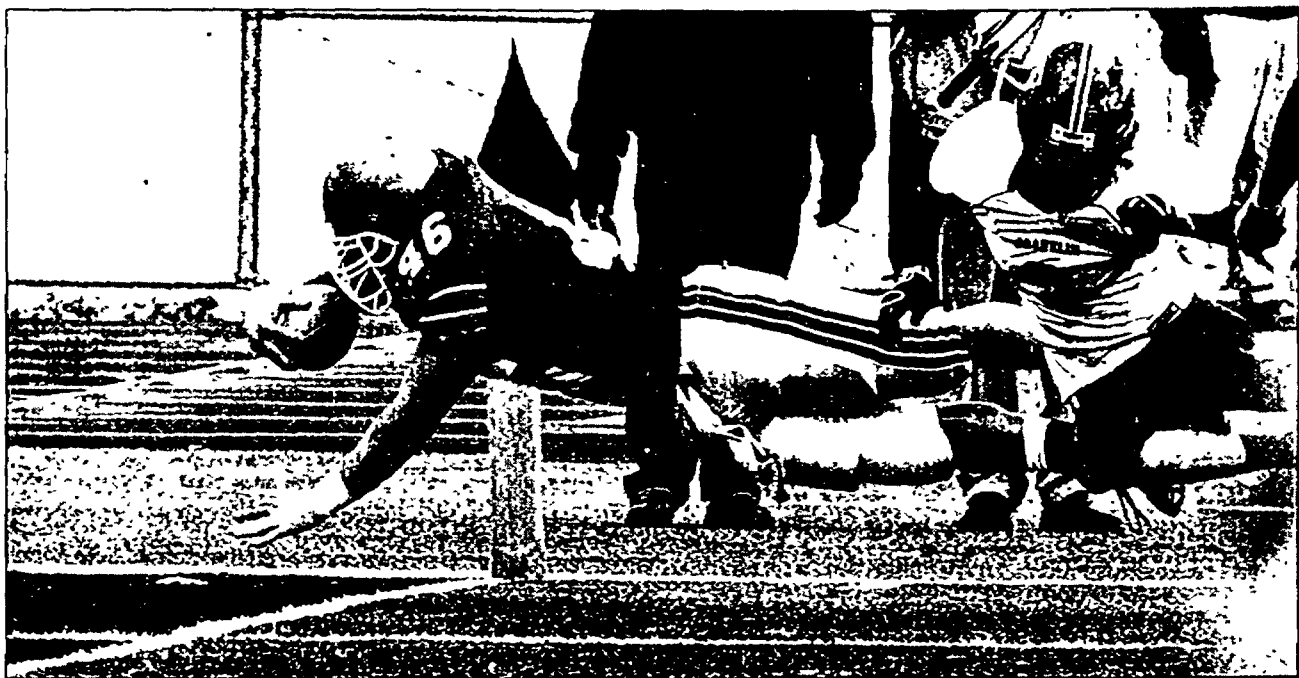
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Catholic Central crushes Franklin, 42-7



CC defensive end Junior Brandon Tammaro (51) closes in on Franklin's quarterback for a near-touchback, leading to a Butch Herzog interception for a touchdown near the end of the first half.



Senior Niko Palazeti dives for CC's first touchdown.

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BY SCOTT SHEPHERD
SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Livonia Franklin came out swinging Saturday in its Region 2-District 2 football playoff game against host Novi-Detroit Catholic Central. But in the end, the Patriots proved to be no match as the undefeated Shamrocks cruised to a 42-7 victory.

The upset-minded Patriots stole the momentum early as senior Nate Robinson recovered a fumble on a botched handoff and returned it 95 yards for a touchdown, giving Franklin a 7-0 lead with 3:40 left to play in the first quarter.

The Shamrocks would go on to turn the ball over twice more before the halfway point of the second quarter, but Franklin was unable to capitalize.

"We made a lot of mistakes in the first half," CC coach Tom Mach said. "That's not really like us, but I thought we did a good job of not getting down on ourselves."

The Shamrocks finally got on the scoreboard with 6:55 remaining in the second quarter thanks to a 19-yard TD run by senior Niko Palazeti, but the

Patriots blocked the extra point to maintain a 7-6 advantage. And, despite no first downs in the first half and just four yards of total offense, the Patriots had a chance to take the lead into halftime.

But backed up deep in his own territory, Franklin's senior quarterback Mike Beasley was intercepted by Butch Herzog, who returned it 10 yards for the go-ahead touchdown with 1:20 remaining in the half.

The Shamrocks converted the two-point conversion to take a 14-7 lead into halftime and never looked back.

"I think that interception at the end of the half put some doubts in our players' minds heading into halftime," Patriots coach Chris Kelbert said.

Herzog's pick-off was a momentum swing for CC.

"That play certainly changed the mood of the game," Mach said. "Our guys were very upbeat at halftime, and we carried that into the second half."

In the second half, the Shamrocks' running attack proved to be too much for the Franklin defense to handle.

CC totaled 231 yards of offense over the final two

quarters without attempting a single pass and scored on their first four possessions.

Palazeti, a senior who finished with 134 yards on 16 carries and two TDs, scored on a 1-yard run with 5:01 left in the third quarter.

And less than two minutes later, senior Anthony Capatina (17-for-215 yards) broke a 42-yard run for a score to break the game wide open and give the Shamrocks a 28-7 cushion.

Mach, meanwhile, was quick to praise his thunder-and-lightning style running backs after the game.

"Capatina is one of the best backs in the state, and has been for two years," the CC coach said. "He's tough to bring down once he gets going. Niko was able to wear down their defense, and between the two of them, we were pretty tough to stop."

Junior Justin Messner scored on a 32-yard end around with 1:19 left in the third quarter and junior fullback Andrew Erickson punched in a 1-yard run with 9:18 left in the game to push the score to 42-7.

And not that the Catholic Central defense needed much



CC's Enzo Stante (73) blocks for QB Sam Landry, with the ball.

insurance.

Franklin totaled just 74 yards in the second half, advancing the ball across mid-field only once, and committed two turnovers.

"Their defense has no weakness," Kelbert said of the 10-0 Shamrocks. "We tried to find one all week on film, but as you saw today, they just don't have one."

Despite the disappointing

loss on Saturday, Kelbert said the season was a successful one for the 5-5 Patriots.

"Making the playoffs was a goal for us coming into the season," he said. "Our job is to get Franklin football back to where it should be. Our program definitely took a step in the right direction this year."

As for CC, longtime coach Tom Mach knows that they still have a lot of work to do entering Saturday's Division 1 district final against 8-2 Livonia Stevenson. (Game time is 1 p.m. at CC.)

"We played great today in the second half, but you can't make so many early mistakes and expect to win playoff games," he said. "We've got a lot of work to do in practice this week, but we'll be ready."

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Catholic Central prepares for Livonia Stevenson

■ Spartans knocked Shamrocks out of playoffs last year

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

Rematches. They're always big when it comes to high school football.

Coaches, players and fans all have long memories, but none have to look too far back to count the reasons why the Catholic Central Shamrocks will be looking to earn a win over the Livonia Stevenson Spartans at 7 p.m. Saturday at Detroit Catholic Central's Wixom Road campus.

The Shamrocks are 10-0 this season and just have to look back at this time last year when they took on and fell to the Livonia Stevenson Spartans. It was the second round of the playoffs and Catholic Central had just earned a victory over the Novi Wildcats to advance. Livonia Stevenson beat West Bloomfield to go to the district finals. It was there the Spartans marched away with a 24-13 victory.

The Shamrocks have kept this in mind throughout the off season and this year. Many of last year's players are back from last year's loss and will be looking to assert their defensive pressure to shut down the Spartans while the Catholic Central offense will be expected to pound the ball up the middle while falling back on their very effective passing game when needed.

The Spartans' main weapon is Austin White, a speedy running back that averages well over 100 yards per game this year and has over 20 touchdowns. He is committed to play at the University of Michigan.

The Shamrock don't have one player they rely so heavily upon. They spread their offensive pressure out between several backs including Niko Palazetti and Anthony Capatina. Sam Landry, the senior quarterback, has several receivers to choose from.

The defense, however, is the name of their game this year. In total, the Shamrocks have allowed just 30 points all season long. Livonia Stevenson, however, has allowed 127 points.

The Shamrocks have faced several tough teams this year, including Brother Rice, which is in the district finals; Divine Child, which lost in the playoffs; Orchard Lake St. Mary's, which is in the district finals; DeLaSalle, which is in the district finals; and Livonia Franklin, which fell to the Shamrocks last week in the playoffs.

The winner of the Catholic Central Shamrocks (10-0) and Livonia Stevenson (8-2) will play the winner of the Ann Arbor Pioneer (7-2) and Canton (8-1) contest, which will be played Friday at 7 p.m.

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

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The Chamber Board of Directors and Staff wish to congratulate Carol Poenisch on receiving the community's top honor, Citizen of the Year. As a resident of Northville for 17 years with husband, Volker, and two children, Kevin and Lisa, Carol has been active in many areas in Northville. Carol initiated the "Citizens to Stop Annexation" campaign in 2008 to convince Livonia residents to vote "no" on annexation of the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital Property. She served on Parks and Recreation and Northville Historical Commissions, was active at the Northville District Library as former President, ran semi-annual book sale for 4 years, and created the Book Cellar. Carol also connected with community's youth - as member of Mother's Club, member of the PTA for several years, was District Chair of the Legislative Action Network, and served as Junior Enrichment Chair. Carol also takes a stand on our "green" treasures by organizing fun runs for Johnson Creek and creating a team in 2009 to convince the Township to purchase a portion of 7 Mile property. Thank you, Carol, for your

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Community Financial one of the 'best and brightest' companies

Community Financial has been named for the fourth consecutive year as one of "Metropolitan Detroit's 101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For." The credit union was one of the top companies selected, from more than 1,000 nominations and over 400 applications submitted. The annual award and program is presented by the Michigan Business and Professional Association (MBPA).

Community Financial is open to anyone who lives, works, worships, volunteers or attends school in the Michigan cities, townships or counties of Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi, Alpena, Otsego and Montmorency.

"We are proud to acknowledge the commitment, mutual respect and superior member service of all our team members who made this award possible," said Bill Lawton, Community Financial's president and CEO. "Also our ongoing training programs, leadership development and decision making processes help us maintain a talented and dedicated team."

The award program was established to honor companies that recognize employees as their greatest asset. Participants are required to fill out an extensive survey and winners are selected based on independent research that evaluates each entry on a variety of best practices in human resource

management.

"Community Financial's goal is to provide team members and their families with the resources they need to protect and enhance their financial security and to balance the priorities of work and personal life," added Lawton. "At the same time, Community Financial and its team are committed to enhancing the financial well-being of our members. I feel fortunate to work for a great company and with great people-focused entirely on helping others!"

Fantastic Sam celebrates one year

The Fantastic Sam's shop at 16959 Ridge Road in Northville will be celebrating its one-year anniversary Nov. 12-14 will special pricing on every service provided.

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Consultant raises forecast for 2010 sales

An automotive consulting firm is raising its forecast for 2010 U.S. auto sales, saying improved employment and auto lending numbers should translate to higher sales.

CSM Worldwide raised its forecast Wednesday to 11.8 million vehicles from 11.2 million vehicles. Sales at that rate would represent the first year-over-year increase in U.S. vehicle sales since 2005, when automakers sold 16.9 million vehicles.

CSM said it expects unemployment to peak in the first quarter of next year, then

slowly improve throughout the year. Consumer confidence will grow as household finances and auto lending show improvement by the third quarter, the Northville-based company said.

By the fourth quarter, CSM forecasts the annualized vehicle selling rate will be 13.6 million vehicles. That rate shows what sales would be if they continued at the same pace for a full year.

CSM's U.S. sales forecast for 2009 remains unchanged at 10.1 million units, down 23% from 2008.

- Detroit Free Press

Toastmasters International turns 85

Eighty-five years ago (on Oct. 22), Dr. Ralph C. Smedley held the first official Toastmasters meeting in the basement of a YMCA in Santa Ana, Calif. Not even Dr. Smedley could have envisioned the history he was making on that day. The organization that started as a small group of people dedicated to teaching after-dinner speeches to young men has evolved into a worldwide leader in communication and leadership development. Since that first meeting in 1924, more than 4 million people have benefited from the Toastmasters experience.

Locally, Toastmasters Club at Walsh Novi, meets at Walsh College Novi Campus on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 8 a.m. The general public is invited to visit a meeting and learn more about what Toastmasters has to offer. Contact Mary Anne Britton at (810) 231-9447 for more information.



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5 Vno
9 Hydro-therapy site
12 Advanced dog
15 "The Screwtape Letters" monogram
18 Concept
19 An Every brother
20 Shape
22 Chou En-
23 "The King and I" setting
24 Bakery display
25 Supermodel
26 Panty pest
27 Camper's comment
31 Munch on a mango
32 Born
33 Tyrant
35 She got an A in literature
39 Slip on
41 Seafood selection
45 81 Across river
46 — breve
47 Ventana's nation
49 German philosopher

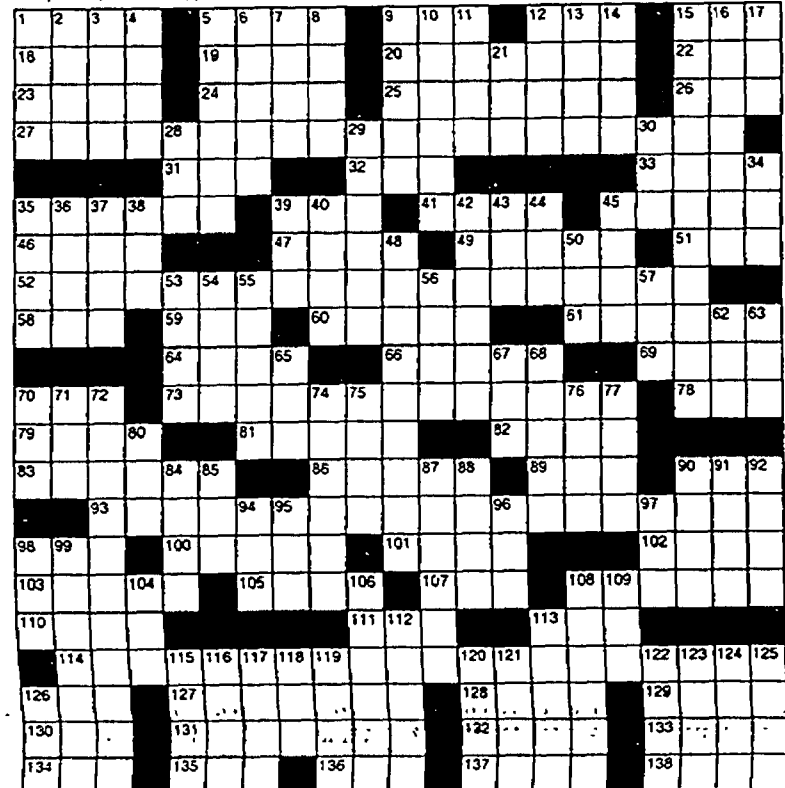
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51 Transm electronically
52 Camper's comment
58 Serling or Steiger
59 Troop grp.
60 "There —" atheists in the fox-holes
61 Way up
64 "Man bites dog," e.g.
66 "You can —" horse lo...
69 Hardware item
70 70 Jackson
73 Camper's comment
78 "— whiz!"
79 Baby bovine
81 Joan of Arc site
82 Perry's creator
83 Beethoven symphony
86 Delibes opera
89 — de la Cite
90 Mimic
93 Camper's comment
98 Honest name
100 Lucifer
101 Learning method
102 Well's opposite

103 Remora's host
105 Musical symbol
107 Word form for "equal"
108 Amontillado, e.g.
110 Table d'—
111 — Cruces, NV
113 Cry of satisfaction
114 Camper's comment
126 Herd word
127 Esteemed
128 Gerant's lady
129 Praise passionately
130 Caravan-sary
131 Venezuelan river
132 "Heavens to Betsy!"
133 Congrega-tional comeback
134 Order
135 Clerical abbr.
136 — diem
137 Say it isn't so
138 Ebb

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1 Actress Vima
2 Touch up the text
3 Disaccus-
4 Knight's wife



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Realtors help seniors cope with moving challenges

BY JULIE BROWN
GSE STAFF WRITER

Realtor Nancy Austin, of Keller Williams Realty in Plymouth, recalls her dad being 92 and concerned about his home.

"He was worried about selling his house," said Austin, a Canton resident who's been in real estate full time since 1984.

That helped to motivate her to get her Seniors Real Estate Specialists designation, given through the National Association of Realtors. She's held that since about 1998, when NAR picked it up, but did that kind of work for years before.

A Seniors Real Estate Specialist is an agent who has special qualifications and training to work with seniors who wish to sell their houses to either downsize, buy a condo, sell a condo, move to assisted living or just a senior retirement center.

Austin concentrates on western Wayne and south Oakland, including Plymouth, Canton, Livonia and Westland. She has found seniors will do major updates on their homes, like furnaces, but put off updating cabinets and other smaller things.

"I really felt they could use my help in preparing houses for sale," she said. Even replacing light fixtures or painting will help a home sell.

"I do a walk-through all the time," Austin said. She agreed the need to help seniors is great, and will grow as baby boomers age.

"It can be challenging, it's very rewarding." A Realtor must be trustworthy and very patient, she said. Often, adult children are involved.

"There are a lot of times you must go the extra mile." The adult children may be living in other states, and some are estranged from the parent or parents.

Seniors may have faulty memory issues, Austin said, and some adult children lack patience to work with them. "Patience is just huge."

She shows properties to seniors who often need longer to see them due to physical challenges like using a cane or walker. Seniors often don't know what's best for them; most of the time, the move will be their final one.

She spoke glowingly of the Botsford Commons Senior Community in Farmington Hills, where a couple she knows was able to stay together when one became more ill. The spouse could



visit for meals and at other times, staying nearby.

Austin can be reached at Keller Williams, (734) 718-8900. She doesn't offer seniors tax or mortgage advice, but has access to professionals who help in those areas. She recommends the SRES members/consumers Web site at www.seniorsrealestate.com/sarec.

Austin also praises Bryan Neal, who owns a local company, Assisted Moving, at (734) 751-5026. He moves people into senior facilities. "He will dispose of the furniture that's left behind," Austin said. He has a consignment store in Plymouth, and also takes furniture to homes of adult children or to charities like the Salvation Army.

"He's very good, a very pleasant person," Austin said.

Michelle Michael, associate broker with RE/MAX

Classic in Novi, also holds the SRES designation, for about nine years. She'd worked with seniors before that, having gotten referrals from Henry Ford Village in Dearborn.

"I just found I really enjoyed working with seniors and helping them sell their homes," the Novi resident said.

A difference is that seniors have typically been in the home 25 or more years, Michael said. "A big issue is decluttering the home to prepare it for showings."

She finds seniors don't want to be taken advantage of: "They are a very smart group of people and they want to know what's going on. I think they want to feel more of a human connection with the person they're working with. They want to be as informed as possible upfront."

Seniors need to know how the market's changed, Michael

said, such things as increased use of the Internet to sell homes and interior pictures being important.

Seniors are some 95 percent of her business, and she spends a lot of face to face time. Michael, who can be reached at (248) 348-3000, also does seminars at retirement communities and community centers.

She noted this area had huge growth in the 1970s and 1980s. "Now they're looking for alternative housing. They just don't need or want the big house anymore," Michael said.

Mary Rettig, associate broker with Century 21 Today in Farmington Hills, has held the SRES designation for at least four-five years.

Rettig, a Berkley resident, realized she knew the market and enjoys educational opportunities. "I needed to work on this designation so I can work

with these folks a little better," she said.

"You're dealing with family members, too." Some seniors are healthy and active, while others face health issues, Rettig said.

Rettig, who can be reached at (248) 538-2818, noted inheritance issues may arise. For seniors moving into assisted livings, costs are high and they need a trustworthy source of information.

"It just depends on the family mix," said Rettig, who finds work with seniors rewarding. Her dad was almost 91 when he died and her mom is 81.

"There's the trust factor, too," she said. "It's nice helping families out."

The current market is trying, Rettig added, and seniors benefit from having someone who can explain it in a lower gear.

Check out condo 'specialist' claim

Q: What is a "condominium specialist"? Some law firms indicate that they have a "condominium specialist" assisting attorneys in collecting monies due and owing to a community association. Then what is a condominium specialist? Is it someone who is trained in community association law? Is it a licensed legal assistant? Is it a secretary or file clerk who has assumed the role of being a so-called community association specialist?

A: The law does not ethically categorize someone as a



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specialist until they are trained in a particular area and receive a certificate or other certification from a duly designated licensing body. At the

minimum, we would hope that a condominium specialist is a trained legal assistant from an accredited legal assistant school. One of the questions you should ask your attorney is who, in fact, is assisting him or her in collections and is that person qualified and experienced, and, does that person have the right training to hold themselves out as a "condominium specialist" in collections?

Q: I am having a problem with our neighbor whose dog barks continuously and the association won't do anything about it nor will the owner of the dog do anything either. There is no end in sight and it is affecting my ability to sell the unit. What can we do?

A: If you have prevailed upon the association and the dog owner with no success, your only recourse is to seek legal action on your own behalf presumably under your community association documents. You are best advised to hire an attorney experienced in condominium law to seek an injunction against the dog making unreasonably loud noises. Other than that, you may have to grin and bear it.

Robert M. Weisner 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 rweisner@weisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD - WAYNE

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 20-24, 2009, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton	
879 Ashton Woods Dr	\$225,000
4203 Berkeley Ave	\$89,000
762 Buchanan St	\$193,000
1352 Colonade Ct	\$373,000
39887 Edmuntson St	\$128,000
45000 Patrick Dr	\$200,000
6430 Runnymede Dr	\$175,000
43896 Shiloh Ct	\$113,000
Garden City	
32201 Chester St	\$103,000
29549 Dover St	\$42,000
6644 Henry Ruff Rd	\$72,000
31932 Maplewood St	\$55,000
29424 Roslyn Ave	\$89,000
32701 Roslyn Ave	\$100,000
Livonia	
36016 Ann Arbor Trl	\$54,000
15518 Comstock St	\$147,000
31532 Haldane St	\$115,000
17505 Hizmet St	\$93,000
37200 Joy Rd	\$113,000
30329 Minton St	\$118,000
37916 N Laurel Park Dr	\$150,000
14143 Riverside St	\$143,000
16244 Southampton St	\$154,000
15612 Sunset St	\$137,000
19235 Sunset St	\$145,000
14766 Taylor Blvd	\$208,000
18382 University Park Dr	\$41,000
20027 Wayne Rd	\$315,000

Northville	
44987 Broadmoor Cir S	\$319,000
44993 Broadmoor Cir S	\$310,000
16088 Morningside	\$134,000
16092 Morningside	\$130,000
19552 Northridge Dr	\$68,000
16436 Ridgewood Ct	\$267,000
41630 Sutters Ln	\$228,000
50409 Teton Ridge Rd	\$704,000
44456 White Pine Cir W	\$446,000
17560 White Pine Ct	\$420,000
Plymouth	
550 Adams St	\$270,000
11388 Cedar Ln	\$130,000
47100 Tania Ct	\$382,000
12357 Wendover Dr	\$358,000
Redford	
9944 Berwyn	\$45,000
13973 Brady	\$33,000
26440 Kenneth	\$96,000
19190 Kinloch	\$44,000
12076 Nathaline	\$73,000
9138 Seminole	\$79,000
Westland	
8659 Alper St	\$125,000
7444 August Ave	\$104,000
7636 Gary Ave	\$90,000
39255 Huron Pkwy	\$159,000
7494 Manor Cir	\$58,000
1032 Mitchell Dr	\$167,000
8429 N Henry Ruff Rd	\$73,000
825 Patricia Place Dr	\$169,000
1761 Regene St	\$28,000
8335 Rickie Ln	\$90,000
35748 Roll St	\$82,000
38537 Sycamore Pl	\$90,000
38991 Willow Creek Pkwy	\$154,000

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Beverly Hills	
17212 Kirkshire Ave	\$135,000
16121 Lauderdale Ave	\$195,000
32657 Old Post Rd	\$341,000
Bingham Farms	
23780 Ravineview Ct	\$285,000
Birmingham	
484 Bennaville Ave	\$109,000
1699 Maryland Blvd	\$163,000
499 N Elton St # A2	\$72,000
Bloomfield Hills	
1400 Pembroke Dr	\$1,300,000
12 Vaughan Xing	\$560,000
Bloomfield Township	
4792 Apple Grove Ct	\$348,000
5916 Blandford Rd	\$155,000
5275 Brookdale Rd	\$950,000
1963 E Hammond Lake Dr	\$150,000
5168 Forest Way	\$385,000
3792 Peabody Dr	\$480,000
3550 Rayburn Rd	\$245,000
2562 Sequoia Ct	\$575,000
1619 Spotswood Dr	\$280,000
6487 Sunningdale Dr	\$215,000
2375 Tisbury Pl	\$400,000
Clarkston	
7130 Deer Lake Rd	\$564,000
5665 Dvorak St	\$100,000
5305 Ridge Trl N	\$256,000
5390 Whipple Lake Rd	\$142,000
Commerce Township	
2841 Commerce Xing	\$367,000

HOMES SOLD - OAKLAND

1467 Knob Hill	\$165,000
3303 Newton Rd	\$185,000
6042 Strawberry Cir	\$150,000
8624 War Bonnet Dr	\$138,000
Davidsburg	
5106 Birch Dr	\$209,000
10026 King Rd	\$130,000
Farmington	
34032 Moore Dr	\$135,000
34020 Oakland St	\$265,000
Farmington Hills	
37813 Avon Ln	\$140,000
34905 Bridgeman St	\$109,000
32481 Cedar Island Road	\$171,000
28385 Golf Pointe Blvd	\$295,000
39200 Heatherbrook Dr	\$220,000
20972 Marshview Dr	\$190,000
30151 Northwick Ct	\$268,000
30973 Oak Valley Ct	\$246,000
32988 Thorndyke Ct	\$205,000
Lake Orion	
3112 Cedar Key Dr	\$150,000
3611 Forest Spring Dr	\$220,000
2658 Shadow Lake Dr	\$220,000
110 Shorewood Ct	\$120,000
Lathrup Village	
18130 Redwood Ave	\$74,000
18833 Sunnybrook Ave	\$155,000
Northville	
22219 Roberts Dr	\$65,000
43562 Serenity Dr	\$365,000
Novi	
43050 12 Oaks Crescent Dr	\$125,000
45530 Emerald Forest Dr	\$260,000
24018 Lynwood Dr	\$100,000
27388 Sloan St	\$45,000
27612 Sloan St	\$335,000
49947 Streamwood Dr	\$203,000
24290 Terra Del Mar Dr	\$533,000
30197 Viewcrest Ct	\$240,000

Oakland Township	
320 E Gunn Rd	\$308,000
493 Kingstone Ct	\$606,000
2850 Royal View Dr	\$500,000
Oxford	
1070 Cross St	\$198,000
40 Dennison St	\$92,000
772 Glenmoor Dr	\$190,000
Rochester	
1606 Boulder Ct	\$275,000
1574 Stony Creek Dr	\$625,000
Rochester Hills	
3470 Connors Dr	\$50,000
3177 Crooks Rd	\$130,000
1836 E Hamlin Rd	\$210,000
3380 Grant Rd	\$27,000
3332 Henley Ct	\$125,000
1664 Hillside Ln	\$138,000
155 Michelson Rd	\$127,000
688 Millstone Dr	\$150,000
1637 Ridgecrest	\$185,000
3349 Rocky Crest Dr	\$281,000
618 Shellbourne Dr	\$170,000
2630 W Tienken Rd	\$130,000
1303 Wagon Wheel Ln	\$100,000
South Lyon	
868 Challenging Trl	\$115,000
26800 Daria Cir E	\$285,000
1053 Equestrian Dr	\$188,000
29059 Pontiac Trl	\$150,000
1030 Vassar	\$135,000
52859 Willowbrook Dr	\$61,000
Southfield	
27565 Berkshire Dr	\$100,000
16910 New Hampshire Dr	\$95,000
27426 Pierce St	\$69,000
28819 W Kalong Cir	\$136,000
Troy	
935 Banmoor Dr	\$262,000
6376 Brookings Dr	\$205,000
3039 Camden Dr	\$170,000

5768 Firwood Dr	\$211,000
6952 Granger Dr	\$267,000
794 Hidden Ridge Dr	\$180,000
6786 Jasmine Dr	\$240,000
120 Melanie Ln	\$393,000
6249 Riverton Dr	\$210,000
Waterford	
347 Cove View Dr	\$260,000
940 Elira Rd	\$75,000
150 Exmoor Rd	\$156,000
7296 Feather Ln	\$137,000
3903 Florine Ave	\$169,000
2164 Georgeland Dr	\$212,000
5058 Harbor Oak Dr	\$45,000
356 Pine Creek Ct	\$147,000
453 Pineland Trl	\$163,000
6065 Southward Ave	\$82,000
628 Woodingham Ave	\$122,000
West Bloomfield	
4234 Barn Meadow Ln	\$342,000
6885 Brookshire Dr	\$258,000
5620 Carol Run N	\$94,000
2780 Elizabeth Ln	\$367,000
5547 Hampshire Dr	\$450,000
1848 Heron View Dr	\$235,000
7194 Huntcliff	\$89,000
2630 Mandale Ln	\$270,000
3823 Normanwood	\$300,000
7427 Radcliff Ct	\$89,000
6600 Ridgefield Cir	\$170,000
6619 Ridgefield Cir	\$68,000
5265 S Pebblecreek Rd	\$145,000
7254 Silver Leaf Ln	\$195,000
7450 Vinewood	\$150,000
3180 Woodland Ridge Dr	\$325,000
White Lake	
10278 Cedar Island Rd	\$186,000
9301 Gale Rd	\$163,000
8945 Huron Bluffs Dr	\$230,000

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