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The Northville Downtown Development Authority invites you to join the Movies at the Marquis 2010 Classic Movie Series through March 27, featuring everything from musicals to romance to drama, action and intrigue. The select classic movies for the series are shown every Saturday evening at 7:30 p.m.; doors open at 6:45; ages 5 and older.

Tickets for each show will be available for purchase for \$3/ticket (cash only) exclusively at ticket sponsor locations beginning two weeks prior to the show and until 6:30 p.m. on the



Jimmy Stewart in
'Mr. Smith Goes To
Washington.'

evening of each show, while supplies last. On the evening of the show, any remaining tickets for the current movie (if available) will be sold for \$3/ticket at the theater when doors open at 6:45 p.m.

"Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" (1939) will be shown Friday, Feb. 20. That evening, ticket sponsor Wine Sync will have a wine maker in from Italy as well as a Wine Sync representative in the house to answer questions. A Wine Sync "glass of wine" frequency card with a wine glass charm will be passed out to the first 144 movie attendees. The remaining attendees will receive a Wine Sync "glass of wine" frequency card. Wine Sync is located at 122 W. Main.

Drawings will be held immediately before show time at the theater for the following prizes:

One grand prize - a \$50 Wine Sync Gift Card
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The Movies at the Marquis classic movie series is sponsored by Northville's Urban Optiques Vision and Eyewear and Tom Holzer Ford. Both series sponsors will be in the theater lobby to greet movie goers with product displays and brochures available.

The Marquis Theater is located at 135 E. Main in downtown Northville.

Some residents, developers dislike former prison's look

Township supervisor says it's state's deal

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Some Northville Township residents and area developers don't like the concertina wire that's still up around the now-vacant Scott Correctional Facility at Five Mile and Beck roads.

But Mark Abbo, township supervisor, says the former women's prison is the property and responsibility of the state, and that it doesn't really matter what the local community wants.

The prison was declared surplus several years ago by the state.

It is still under residential, with members of the planning commission electing

to not change the zoning at this time.

The concertina wire makes it a secure facility, according to Trustee Marv Gans.

But Chip Snider, township manager, has had complaints sent to his office from real estate developers.

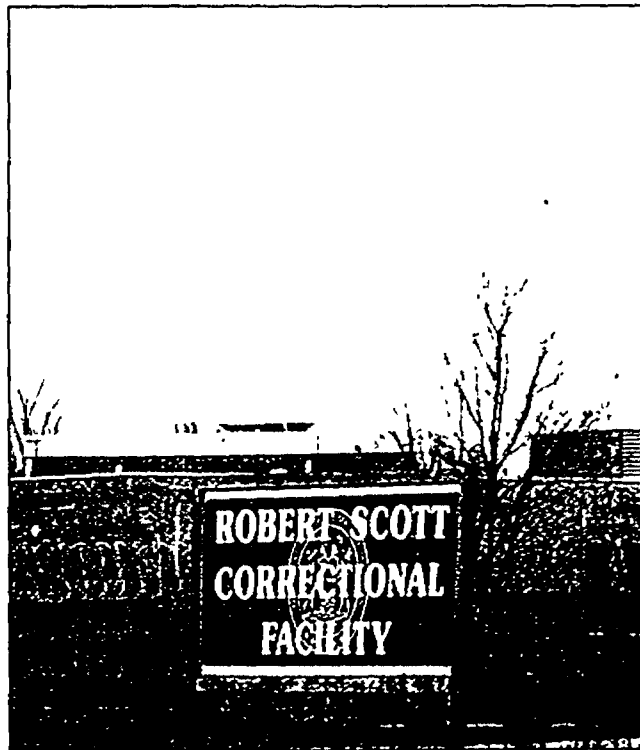
"It looks like a prison," he said. "They thought the razor wire presented a threat."

Trustee Sue Hillebrand said she's had calls from residents who want to have the concertina wire removed so it doesn't look like a prison. She has referred the calls to the state.

TRUSTEE LIKES SECURITY

Gans said he believes the wire needs to

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JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The former Robert Scott Correctional Facility at Five Mile and Beck roads in Northville Township.

Local band to show new music video on Northville High stage

Video shot last summer at local family's house

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Northville residents: Get ready to rock the evening of Feb. 20 at Northville High School.

The local group Woodward will show its recently-released music video of their song "Switch Hit Resistor" at 8 p.m. in the school's auditorium. There is no charge to come to view the video.

The video includes time machines, robots and, of course, rock music.

It's appropriate that the band show their new video at Northville High School, since a local Northville Township family allowed the video to be shot by their pool last summer.

"When Woodward asked a local family in Northville if they could use their backyard to shoot a music video for their song 'Switch Hit Resistor,' they were simply looking for a set," said Jason George, one of the producers. "What they got instead was the support and energy of an entire community."

MORE THAN 100 AT SHOOT

During the two-day shoot in July just behind Northville High School, more than 100 people came out to be in the video or just to help out.

"And the magic just didn't stop," George said. "A neighbor who wandered over to watch the production ended up being cast in a supporting role, a friendly car enthusiast loaned the band his DeLorean for the video's time machine, and a local police department sent a few uniformed officers over for a cameo."



BRETT MOUNTAIN PHOTOGRAPHY

Members of the local band Woodward, from left, J.P. Zammit, Steve Hull, Dave Tilove and Mark Zammit, will premiere the music video of their song "Switch Hit Resistor" at 8 p.m. Feb. 20 at Northville High School.

Turnout was so large that there were even shuttles ferrying people from the high-school parking lot to the video shoot. For a few days this past summer, Northville became a little slice of Hollywood.

The video itself is already being hailed as another example of what the Michigan cinema industry is capable of producing. It was created by an entirely local team formed of writer and director Adam Szykiel (Made of Honor, Columbia, 2008 due date, Warner Brothers, fall release 2010), cinematographers Axis Media, and the production crew of Cort Johns

of Digitelio and George of United Productions. The video was made on an incredibly low budget, but the combined effort of the talented creative team and the local support resulted in just what the band was looking for in their music video.

TO BE FILM FESTIVAL ENTRY

Although the video hasn't been released yet, it has already received significant online buzz. It will be featured in the next issue of Michigan Movie Magazine and will be a competitor in the music video category in film festivals worldwide.

In addition to the premiere screening, this event will also serve as a fund-raiser for the CrowdRise charity (www.crowdrise.com).

"We're really excited about the upcoming release of the much-anticipated 'Switch Hit Resistor' video," George said. "And, we have many exciting projects in the works."

The video will be followed by a live showcase from the band. Following the preview, the video will be available at www.woodwardtheband.com or www.youtube.com/woodwardtheband.

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District deciding what to cut

Finance Subcommittee reviews latest budget proposals

BY NATHAN MENOIAN
CORRESPONDENT

How to make up a \$2.1 million deficit for the remainder of the current school year was the main topic of discussion at last Thursday's Finance Subcommittee meeting for the Northville Public School district.

Northville Supt. Dr. Leonard Rezmierski stated that 88 percent of the school budget is allocated to staffing costs.

"The reality is that people's jobs, their compensation, services provided to families and the opportunities that our students currently have are likely to be impacted," he said.

Dottie Garrity, school board

"In reference to next year's budget, we have heard we can expect that the \$321 per pupil 20(j) funding will not be restored. We are estimating that we'll need to make reductions to the 2010-11 budget of \$7 million."

MITTE GARRITY, Northville school board treasurer

treasurer, said community members would be informed of the final budget cuts once the school board has approved them.

"We (board members) anticipated

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pate making the bulk of those decisions," she said "at the Feb. 16 board meeting." (The Record goes to press at 5 p.m. Tuesdays.)

"It has been the decision of the Northville Board of Education that we keep our students' school schedules intact for this school year. We made the decision that we were not going to lay off classroom teachers and shuffle kids around mid-year," Garrity said.

"However," she added, "in making that decision, we have limited the areas where the administration can make reductions to the 2009-10 budget. We are trying to keep the cuts as far from the classroom as possible, but the cuts will be uncomfortable for all of us. Because we did not receive a final budget from the state until January of this year, our task of reducing this year's budget is even more challenging — there's only a little over four months remaining."

Garrity's understanding of state cuts for the coming school year is that they'll be more drastic. "In reference to next year's budget, we have heard we can expect that the \$321 per pupil 20(j) funding will not be restored. We are estimating that we'll need to make reductions to the 2010-11 budget of \$7 million."

Once this year's adjusted budget has been approved, the administration will present proposed reductions for 2010-11, probably late this March.

Marilyn Price, school board president, said the \$7 million figure is quite staggering.

"As was explained in the Managing our Future forums,

HOW TO BALANCE

Northville Public School District board members reviewed a long list of cuts from the administration that would balance this year's budget:

- Personnel reductions in the custodial staff of one each at the high school and both middle schools, as well as .5 at each elementary
- Reduction of elementary media teachers
- One general maintenance position
- One high school music accompanist for chorale classes
- Reducing teacher extra duty hours for lunch supervision
- Reducing hours in some secretarial positions
- Reassignment for paraprofessionals.

Program reductions include:

- Athletic transportation providing only one-way transportation for team travel (parents will have to pick their child up after the event)
- A reduction of \$17,000 worth of athletic supplies, reduction of tournament expense and coach development.

Consolidated bus stops would begin, if approved, for afternoon high school and middle school routes.

A 2-percent salary reduction is also proposed for all groups, but those are subject to collective bargaining. The Operations and Transportation departments are excluded from the wage reduction since they agreed to similar concessions in their contract two years ago.

there is no one area that can absorb that kind of cut. Our entire transportation budget is less than \$2 million. Athletics is less than \$1 million. Reductions next year will potentially cut further into our programs than we ever thought possible. We do not yet have details as to what those reductions will look like — we expect to see those in the coming weeks," Price said. "It is our goal to work together as a community to find solutions to this financial crisis, which will leave intact our ability to educate our students in the best way possible."

Finance Director John Street said the cuts are very difficult, especially since they're being made halfway through the school year.

"In the governor's message last week, she said she didn't want to cut K-12 funding any further. That's a potentially positive thing, because right now we are projecting a \$268

per-pupil reduction for 2010-11," Street said. "But if this particular budget plan of hers goes through as proposed, that would be a plus for us."

Yet there is a negative issue looming, according to Street. The school personnel retirement rate is expected to increase 2.5 percent statewide by next year.

Northville is currently paying 17 percent times its payroll for retirement to the state, Street said. At a projected 2.5-percent increase in retirement, that's a million-dollar increase for the district's contribution to the state for next year. The district has been paying \$6.5 million for retirement contributions, he said.

As an added incentive, Street said the governor is proposing a very small pay increase for teachers eligible and volunteering to retire over the coming summer. And if they don't retire by the first of October, they would not receive dental or vision insurance in their retirement package.

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



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Beck Road guard tower at the now surplus Scott Correctional Facility in Northville Township.

PRISON

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remain, especially with the township's previous history of incidents at the former Wayne County Child Development Center at Five Mile and Sheldon roads and the former state psychiatric hospital on Seven Mile Road. These two facilities were plagued with trespassers for years after they were closed.

In January 1997, a Farmington teenager died after falling from the top of an

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MARK ABBO, township supervisor

abandoned five-story county building on the Wayne County Child Development Center property but not part of the complex.

The complex was demolished in 1999 and the land was sold.

Gans said since the 9/11 terrorist attacks in New York City, people expect to see secu-

rity measures.

"People have said in airports that they don't object to security if it makes flying safer," Gans said. "They look at it as a deterrent from what we've had in the past."

Abbo said it's not the township's decision to take down any wire or gun posts at the former prison; it would be the state's decision.

"It seems to me that us putting pressure on them (state corrections officials) to remove the wire is to put pressure on them to remove the surplus status (of the prison)," Abbo said. "I would like to resolve its status as surplus and get something done with it. But the property is not under our control or our jurisdiction."

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Mar 6	Charade (1963)	Sincerely Yours, Inc., 110 N. Center	Feb 20
Mar 13	Paris When It Sizzles (1964)	Sizzling Sticks, 144 Mary Alexander Ct.	Feb 27
Mar 20	Vertigo (1958)	Poole's Tavern, 157 E. Main	Mar 6
Mar 27	Easter Parade (1948)	Gardenviews, 202 W. Main	Mar 13

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Township officials OK salvage operation at former state hospital site

Will receive percentage of profits from materials

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Northville Township could become a little richer in the coming months from salvaging materials from the former state psychiatric hospital property.

At a Feb. 4 study session, trustees passed a motion for Midwestern Consulting to begin a salvage operation as soon as possible on the former hospital property owned by the township.

The township will receive 18 percent of the net salvage value of such materials as steel and copper.

NO COST TO TOWNSHIP

Mark Abbo, township supervisor, had recently approached Chip Snider, township manager, and Don Weaver, director of public services, about salvage opportunities on the property.

"We're interested in acquiring any low-hanging fruit (materials that are easy to pull from the property)," Snider said. "There is also no threat of this costing the township any money."

Dick Zanotti of Midwestern Consulting spoke to the trustees, adding that he no longer works for developer REIS, as he was laid off from that company Dec. 31.

Zanotti said some of the material on the site is better than others, and that there is some scrap steel that is lying around that could be acquired without changing the architecture of the buildings. He said there are two 150,000-gallon tanks that were dismantled that would probably yield the township about \$5,000, with steel currently going for about four cents a pound.

PRICE OF STEEL LOW

The price of steel has plummeted in the last year. "A year ago, steel was 12.5 cents a pound," Zanotti said. He said all of the equipment that sits in each of the buildings on the former hospital site is "fair

game" as far as salvage, and that a lot of it can be obtained from outside the buildings.

He believes there is a substantial amount of steel in the water tower on site. "I think that would bring \$8,000-\$10,000," Zanotti said.

Light poles and structures in the power house that are heavy steel are also available.

All the electricity was lost to all of the buildings, so generators would have to be brought in if electricity is needed for the salvage operation.

"I would essentially be working for the township," Zanotti said of the operation. "That's the proposal. I think this would give you a fair pool of money."

Trustee Marv Gans asked Zanotti if he would be salvaging materials from all of the buildings. Zanotti said all of the copper from the eight-story building is gone, but that there is some copper wire left.

"We're staying away from the tunnels because we don't want to go near the asbestos," Zanotti said.

Abbo wants any work that's going to be done to be coordinated with steering committee members.

POWER HOUSE ITEMS

Trustee Marjorie Banner said when officials went through the power house recently, Zanotti indicated that some of the big pieces of equipment from that facility might be able to be removed.

"There's a 10-ton crane and two transformers inside the building," Zanotti said. Boilers in the building were constructed in 1949. The question is, "How much is it going to cost to remove the materials?"

"It all equates to how much it costs to get out and how much it's worth," Zanotti added.

What we don't want to do is exacerbate the environment. There's asbestos in the boilers that you don't want to disturb."

In answering Gans' question about the recreational build-

ing on the site, Zanotti said the only thing worth anything in that building is the bowling alleys.

"They're still in great shape," he said.

Abbo would like to use revenue generated by the salvage project for walking trails or other amenities for the property in the future.

HOW MUCH MONEY?

Trustee Mindy Herrmann asked Zanotti how much money he thought the salvage project could bring the township.

He said he could collect probably \$100,000 worth of materials in about three weeks (of which the township would get 18 percent). To drop the water tower would cost between \$5,000 and \$6,000, and it might bring \$10,000, meaning the township would receive about \$4,000.

Abbo said one way or another, the water tower needs to come down.

The laundry building could be taken down or used for training purposes.

"There are different options," Zanotti said. "I'm certainly willing to work with the steering committee. There might be buildings that you might want to do this to sooner rather than later."

Abbo said the whole site is going to be cleaned up with the brownfield redevelopment plan.

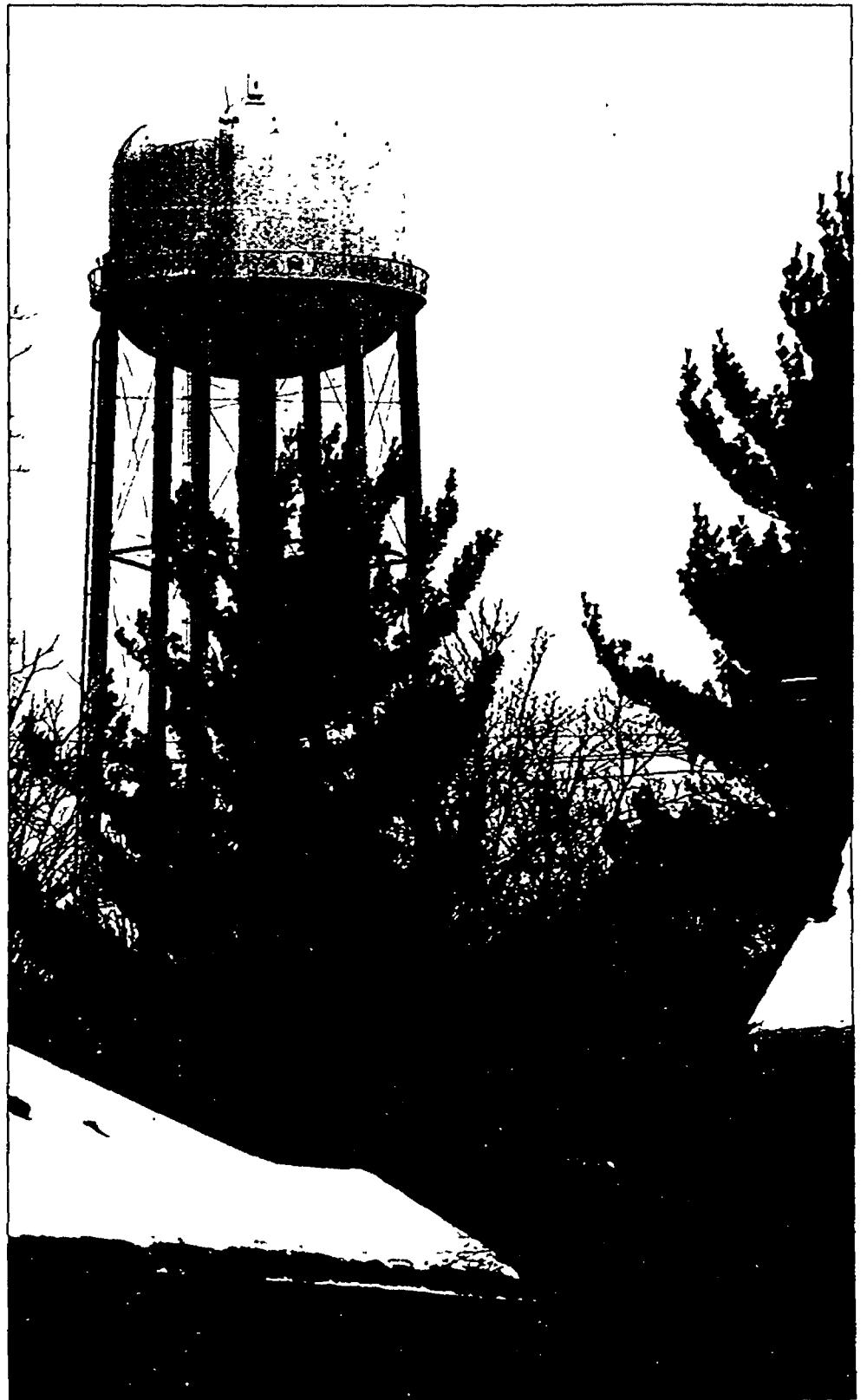
"But the more we can do now, the better," he said.

Zanotti even suggested having a movie crew blow up some of the buildings during a shoot.

"The only problem is they have to have electricity, and they have to be on the first floor," he said. "But there are some interesting scenes you could shoot on the site."

Banner said the steering committee would like to meet with Zanotti.

So far, he's talked to five or six contractors about the salvage project.



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Reflections

The following Northville High School students won local awards in this year's PTA Reflections Art competition (the top four in each category have been submitted for state level competition): Literature Category, first place, Dawson Laabs 'High Adventure,' second place, Maggie Haberstroh 'The Beautiful Earth,' Visual Arts Category, first place, Sonja Prabhu 'An Unexpected Friend,' second place, Rachel Mistak, untitled, third place, Nicole Albrant, untitled, fourth place, Elynn Marmaduke, untitled; Music Composition Category, first place, Maggie Haberstroh 'My Beautiful Melody,' Photography Category, first place, Maggie Haberstroh 'Wide-Eyed Innocence,' second place, Katherine Gears 'Ageless,' third place, Allison Smith, untitled, fourth place, Danielle Winiarski 'Imperfection.' Special thanks to judges: The Northville Arts Council for visual arts and photography, English major Maryann Cotterill for literature, and NHS alumni/bachelor of science in music, Denver Laabs, for music composition.

NORTHVILLE STUDENTS ON CAMPUS

Michigan State University

The following Northville students were named to the Dean's List for the fall semester: Lisa Fishbeck, Jesse Gardocki, Hunter Gartner, Samuel Marino, Paul McCann, Laura Moehle and Andrew Tabaczynski.

The following students are graduates from Northville: Nathan Cort, music education; Avis Dorsey, dietetics; Carly Forsthoefel, marketing; Whitney Forsthoefel, English; Jesse Gardocki, packaging; Mary Griffin, retailing; Jacqueline Larouere, human biology; John McMeekin, integrative management; Karishma Patel, psychology; and Michael Presley, journalism.

Northern Michigan University

The following Northville students were named to the Dean's List for the fall semester: (4.0) Elizabeth Souther; (3.25-3.99) Erin Hietala, Lucy Hough, Amanda Molin and John Mooney.

Northeastern University

Northville's Christa Rocco, majoring in physical therapy, was named to the Dean's List for the fall semester.

Saint Mary's College

Northville's Jenna Hansen was named to the Dean's List for the fall semester.

Olivet College

Northville's Cory Patterson was named to the Dean's List for the fall semester.

University of Montana

Mark Jackson, a 2009 Northville High School graduate, made the 2009 fall semester Dean's List. To qualify, students must be undergraduates, must earn a semester grade average off 3.5 or higher, and receive grades of A or B in at least nine credits.

Lawrence Technological University

The following students from Northville graduated May 17, 2009: Caitlan Allor, bachelor's architecture; Perminder Jhand, master's information systems; Chad Pouget, mechanical engineering technology; John Ignash, master's business administration; Jason Guss, master's information systems; Taya Sapp, graduate certificate in energy and environmental management; and Kimberly Holdaway, master of architecture.

Central Michigan University

The following Northville students graduated in summer 2009: Darryl Delaney; Jennifer Hicks; Katelyn Ketchum; Susan Linsell; and Lisa Moryc.

Hope College

The following Northville students were named to the Dean's List for the first semester of the 2009-2010 school year (to be named, students must have a minimum 3.5 grade point average): Andrea Firlit; Lauren Moak; Sarah Anker; Ashli Brennan; and Emily Kreichelt.

The College of Wooster

Laura Valencia, a graduate of Northville High School, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester. The sophomore achieved a grade point average of 3.65 or above.

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EDUCATION

Northville district principals honored during special week

The Northville Public Schools Board of Education honored school-level leaders from across the district at its Feb. 16 meeting for all these individuals do to ensure students have a safe, challenging and inspiring place to learn and grow. The special recognition comes during Michigan School Principals' Week, Feb. 15-19.

"We are fortunate to have such an outstanding team of educational leaders in our school buildings who work in partnership with the community, district leaders, classroom teachers, students and parents to create a successful learning community across the school district," said Northville Superintendent Dr. Leonard R. Rezmierski. "These are good people who care deeply about their students, teachers, staff and community."

School principals are responsible for meeting the high educational standards set by the Northville Board of Education, as well as the state and federal governments through Michigan's Education Yes! Initiative and the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

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- Dr. Stephen Anderson, principal, Amerman Elementary School
- Denise Bryan, principal, Moraine Elementary School
- Alicia Parsons, principal, Ridge Wood Elementary School
- Scott Snyder, principal, Silver Springs Elementary School
- Sharon Irvine, principal, Thornton Creek Elementary School
- Patricia Messing, principal, Winchester Elementary School
- Jim Cracraft, principal, Hillside Middle School
- Isaac Cottrell, interim assistant principal, Hillside Middle School
- Dr. Sue Meyer, principal, Meads Mill Middle School
- Ray Balutowicz, assistant principal, Meads Mill Middle School
- Rob Watson, principal, Northville High School
- Diana Hoffman, assistant principal, Northville High School
- Karin Pearson, assistant principal, Northville High School
- Brad O'Neill, interim assistant principal, Northville High School
- Mary Meldrum, principal, Cooke School
- Arthur Fischer, principal, Old Village School
- Eileen Freeman, program coordinator, Early Childhood Center
- Joanne Sawicki, assistant program coordinator, Early Childhood Center
- Bryan Masi, athletic director

"Educators in the 21st Century face many new and unique challenges," Rezmierski added. "These energetic and inspiring leaders are key in our district's ability to continue to ensure success for all students."

Northville school principals and program coordina-

tors oversee the education of some 7,300 students at 12 school buildings including six elementary schools, two middle schools, one high school, two special education center programs (which serve students from throughout Wayne County) and the district's Early Childhood Center program.



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Give 'til it hurts

Winchester Elementary School teacher Jay Hillard took part in last week's school Red Cross blood drive effort on Feb. 3. Hillard gave her 80th pint of blood and signed up 10 friends and faculty to be donors on that day.

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Northville Township historical presentation will review Waterford area

Commissioners have worked for months on event

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Northville Township Historic District Commissioners have been working for months on their upcoming presentation on Waterford Village next week.

With their help, a nearly-forgotten part of Western Wayne County will come alive at 7 p.m. on Feb. 24 with the historic presentation of "Waterford Village - Northville Township's Link to the Past."

The free presentation, which will be about two hours, will take place at the Northville Township Hall at the southwest corner of Six Mile and Sheldon roads.

The village of Waterford, not to be confused with today's community of Waterford near Pontiac, was founded in the early 1800s in the area of Six Mile Road and Northville Road in what is now Northville Township.

The main buildings were a lumber mill and a flour mill with a thriving residential settlement adjacent to the mill sites.

A foundry, making primarily plow shares and later church

bells, was soon added to the community. Barrel manufacturers, a general store, and other supporting businesses made up Waterford, which was once larger than the nearby communities of Plymouth and Northville. It was also an active part of the famed Underground Railroad through which escaped slaves were helped to find freedom in Canada.

FLOUR MILL BURNS

The burgeoning community was shocked in the 1850s when the flour mill burned. Not to be discouraged, the owners had it rebuilt. The replacement was at that time the largest flour mill in Michigan.

However, tragedy struck again a few years later as the new mill also caught on fire and was destroyed. This time there was no rebuilding, and the community's largest draw for area farmers to come to Waterford was gone.

The town slowly dwindled and by 1900, it was gone from the maps.

The site of the flour mill — Mead's Mill — was purchased by Henry Ford in the 1920s and one of Ford's village industries named the



This photo shows the CSX Railroad's bridge over the Rouge River built in 1901. It is east of Northville Road and north of Six Mile Road. Behind the rail bridge is the road bridge into the Cascades subdivision. In the far background is the dam that holds back Waterford pond.

Waterford Plant was built on the spot. The plant, no longer owned by Ford, still houses

active businesses on Northville Road and Mill Street, just south of Six Mile Road.

Waterford, once a vibrant growing community, survives only in the still-existent residential area which once was Waterford at Mill Street and Franklin Road and the Waterford Cemetery nearby on Franklin Road.

Fred Shadko, media consultant on the project, said the group has worked on the project for at least six months. "All of the Historic District Commissioners worked on the presentation," he said. Commissioners include Marjorie Banner, Dan

Schneider, Bill Sivy, Carol Poenisch, John Palmer, John Colling and Dick Allen.

"The entire commission has worked very hard on this one," said Banner, commission chair.

"Fred Shadko, an ad hoc volunteer, did a great job, and Bill Sivy did the bulk of the writing on it," she said. "Everybody contributed, but he and Fred really knocked themselves out. They've done a terrific job, and we've been practicing since the end of July or first of August. We're really excited about it. We think it's a subject that not very many people know about."

"It's the first-ever presentation on the history of the Village of Waterford that we know of," said Poenisch. "It will be illustrative — with photographs, video and enactments."

The commission will give the presentation to Meads Mill Middle School students in March. No registration is required for the Feb. 24 presentation, but seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

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EDWIN DWIGHT ARMSTRONG JR.

Age 82, passed away February 10, 2010. He was born on July 13, 1927, in Detroit, to the late Edwin Sr. and Helen (Novotny) Armstrong. Edwin enjoyed many hobbies including gardening, golfing, hunting and woodworking. Edwin is survived by his beloved wife Marjorie, children David (Jackie) Armstrong, Gary (Darlene) Armstrong, Patricia (Bill) Anderson and daughter-in-law Judy. Armstrong grandchildren: Kristen Pamela, Bryan, Cory, Elise, Jennifer and Kevin; great grandchildren: Matthew and Kaden; and siblings: Marilyn, Lois and Robert G. Armstrong. Services were held on Saturday, February 13, 2010 at Church of the Holy Cross in Novi. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to Church of the Holy Cross Episcopal Church, 40700 W. 10 Mile Rd., Novi, MI 48374 or Alzheimer's Association, 107 April Dr., Suite 1, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

LOUIS JAMES KATZBECK

Dec. 13, 1952 - Feb. 11, 2010. Of New Hudson. Age 57, born to the late Louis and Mary (Wooten) Katzbeck. Survived by his daughter Kelly (Ken) Wakefield of Livonia; grandchildren: Kody, Jamie and Kaitlyn; and brother Michael (Chung) Katzbeck of VA. Neices: Susan (Jamie) Katzbeck-Stone and Lisa Katzbeck also of VA.

BEULAH M. OXFORD

Age 81 of Highland, MI passed January 29, 2010. Surviving are two sisters.



KIM DALE MORRIS

57, of New Hudson, passed away, February 12, 2010. Kim was an educator with the Detroit Public Schools for over 30 years, prior to his retirement. He is survived by: his loving wife Jeanne, his loving daughters, Erica and Tiffany, one brother, one sister, his step-mother, Lee Morris and his mother-in-law, Beverly Laundra. He was preceded in death by his parents Beverly & Dale Morris. Visitation will be held on Monday from 2:00pm-9:00pm at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. Liturgy of the Word funeral service will be conducted on Tuesday at 11:00am at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to his daughter's education fund. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to:

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FERN MARIE RACE

Age 87, passed away Feb. 15, 2010. Memorial gathering Feb. 19, Friday, 6 - 9 p.m. Memorial service, Feb. 20, Saturday, 1:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 West Lake Street (Ten Mile), South Lyon.

CATHERINE "KITTY" ZIMMERMAN

83, longtime resident of Northville, passed away Feb. 11, 2010. Funeral Mass Feb. 15 at OLV and burial at Rural Hill Cemetery. Contributions to OLV Building Fund. Arrangements by Casterline Funeral Home.

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Obituaries received after these deadlines will be placed in the next available issue.

BRENDA SUE COOPER

Age 58, passed away peacefully on February 9, 2010. Brenda was born on June 19, 1951, in Hartan, Kentucky, to Sherman and Agnes (Kinder) Strunk. Brenda is survived by her loving mother Agnes Strunk, beloved siblings Georgia Saylor, Roger Strunk, Angela Johnson, and David Strunk, and many nieces and nephews. Brenda was preceded in death by her father Sherman Strunk and her brother Clarence Strunk. A funeral service was held at 11:00am on Monday, February 15, 2010 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

GEORGE EDWARD PLANKEY

Age 82, of South Lyon, passed away peacefully at home with his family on Thursday Feb. 12, 2010. He fought a courageous battle with heart disease and with a positive attitude, a strong will and a great sense of humor. He was a WWII Army veteran serving in postwar Japan. He enjoyed playing independent basketball, was a semi-pro softball player in Oregon, enjoyed ocean fishing in Florida and he was always there when a friend needed a helping hand. He retired from the Operating Engineers Local 324 after 50 years of faithful service. He always carried a lunch bucket and never missed a day of work. He was commander of Lt. Edmond Gamble Post 4626 in Detroit three times, was 2nd District Commander and devoted his adult life helping the veterans and service organizations. He was a lifetime member and had recently joined VFW post 2502 in South Lyon. He is survived by his loving wife Doris Mae (Antilla) of 61 years. They fell in love the day they met and never stopped loving each other and always will. A classic love story. Surviving are two sisters: Mary (Jerry) Joki, Carol (Jerry) Ekahl of Champion, MI and one brother James of Ishpeming, MI. He was a loving father to his two sons: Gene (Karen) of Republic, MI and James (Judi) of Salem, MI. Grandkids: Jeffrey, Kristopher, Kim, James Jr., and Tammy. Great grandkids: Jessica, Kristen, Jordan, Mya, Kaitlyn, Kayla and Leslie. The kids enjoyed calling him "Pumpkin". George was preceded in death also by a brother John of Champion, MI. A memorial service will be held at VFW post 2502, 125 E. McHattie St., South Lyon, MI 48178, at 6 PM, Friday, Feb. 19. In lieu of flowers please offer any donations to Doris Plankey c/o Phillips Funeral Home, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon, MI 48178. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com



RUTH M. GENOVA

Age 88, longtime resident of South Lyon, passed away February 15, 2010. Ruth was born on July 31, 1921, in Detroit, to the late Ralph V. and Julia C. Thomas. Loving wife of Thomas Arthur Genova Jr., dearest mother of Thomas A., and Gregory J. (Margaret), and the late Kenneth J. and Robert Genova. Beloved grandmother of Nicholas, Christopher and Michael. Ruth was preceded in death by her dear brother Ralph M. (Audrey) Thomas. Visitation Thursday, February 18, 2010 from 2-9 p.m. with a rosary at 8 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, February 19, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. with final visitation beginning at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

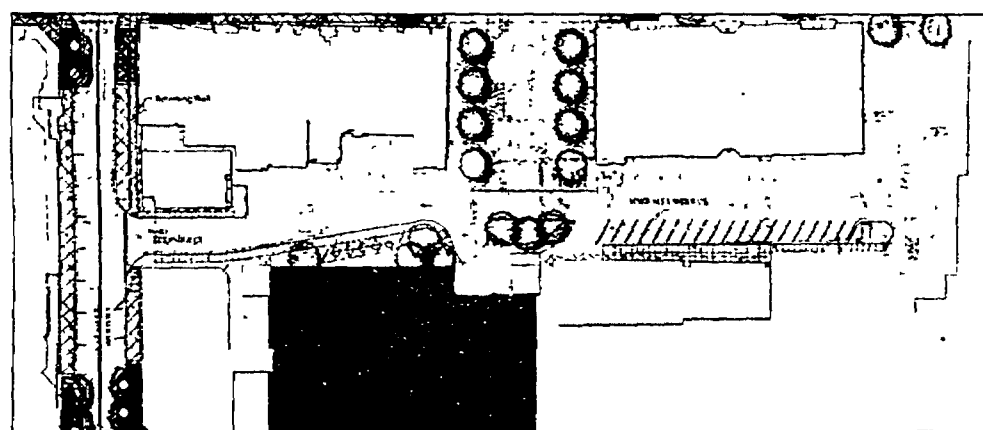


ILLUSTRATION COURTESY JJR

This rendering from JJR landscape architects in Ann Arbor shows the 18 parking spaces that will be available on the east side of Mary Alexander Court south of E. Main Street. The Northville Downtown Development Authority Board is also proposing that the street remain one-way westbound.

Mary Alexander Court should remain one-way street

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Northville Downtown Development Authority Board members have decided to keep Mary Alexander Court as a one-way street after merchants complained about plans to make it two-way.

The revised plan by JJR landscape architects in Ann Arbor was unveiled at Tuesday morning's monthly DDA Board meeting.

Parking spaces were also added rather than subtracted as originally planned, with a total of 18 spaces proposed in the new design. Four spaces will be gained on the east end of the court compared to the previous design.

Two separate Dumpsters and one grease container for restaurants are also planned in the design.

The design will maintain a continuous sidewalk along the street and provide barrier-free access to the parking deck on the south side.

Lori Ward, DDA executive director, said the volunteer Design Committee considered having a sidewalk added next to the driveway into the parking deck, but decided it would be cost prohibitive. This is because the \$17,000 arch would have to be taken down plus the columns on either side of the entry.

WALL AROUND DUMPSTERS

A masonry wall will be constructed by the Dumpsters to

partially conceal those structures, with the board suggesting no doors be placed leading to the receptacles, since they could block the sidewalk if left open.

The revised plan was unanimously supported by the DDA Board, and it will go before city council on March 1. A letter was mailed to merchants affected by the improvements last Friday to inform them that the one-way street heading westbound will remain.

Ward said an MDOT grade inspection is scheduled for Feb. 18, and that the project is proceeding through the grant approval process that will be finalized this spring.

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Comerica Bank officials give input on downtown walkthrough project

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Comerica Bank officials recently met with city staff about the proposed walkthrough project on E. Main Street, with the first two of the four options receiving their approval.

The bank owns the property where the former Girly Daze store used to be and has agreed to allow the city to use the space to construct a walkthrough from the Marquis Parking Lot to E. Main Street. Cooper Design of Ann Arbor has presented four different options to the city.

In the one-story, "tunnel" option, the walkthrough is proposed as a one-story space with the existing second floor

lease space remaining above. In the full, two-story option, the second floor would be removed.

These are the two options bank officials like the best, but no decision has been made yet as to which one the Northville Downtown Development Authority will select.

Lori Ward, DDA executive director, said bank officials would be open to a lease situation with the city on the walkthrough area property, but they are not interested in being landlords to a business.

That's why they prefer the options that do not involve maintaining the second-floor space.

"It was a good meeting," said Pat Sullivan, city manager. "They're open to leasing (the space)."

WANT TO AVOID LIABILITY

Sullivan said one reason bank officials want to avoid maintaining and leasing the second-floor space to a tenant is the issue of liability if they do so.

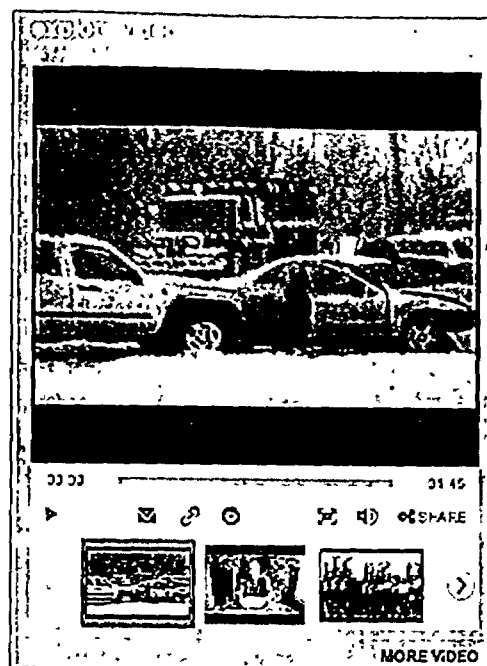
"They're going to run the project through their legal department," Sullivan said.

Sullivan said he likes option No. 2, which features an open second floor, but the DDA has the budget to do either option.

"Everyone thinks we can make either option work," Ward said.

Bank officials will be reviewing the two options internally and provide feedback to city officials in the near future.

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on the right side of the front page of the Northville Record/Novi News. In the last three weeks, we've put videos online about the ice-rescue training that Northville Township firefighters were undergoing, the snowstorm that walloped Northville and one about the Mustang varsity hockey team. In short, a good cross section of Northville's happenings. You can also watch the Ghana drummers during their

visit to Novi schools, the Novi High School pom-pom team performing their routine, and the Cat's Eye TV broadcast by Novi students.

We're also doing a series of high school sports preview videos that feature our sports staff as they chat about local teams and their opponents. They're proving a very popular way for sports lovers to check out their cross-town rivals and what's upcoming as the seasons progress.

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Northville Township historical presentation will review Waterford area

Commissioners have worked for months on event

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Northville Township Historic District Commissioners have been working for months on their upcoming presentation on Waterford Village next week. With their help, a nearly-forgotten part of Western Wayne County will come alive at 7 p.m. on Feb. 24 with the historic presentation of "Waterford Village - Northville Township's Link to the Past."

The free presentation, which will be about two hours, will take place at the Northville Township Hall at the southwest corner of Six Mile and Sheldon roads.

The village of Waterford, not to be confused with today's community of Waterford near Pontiac, was founded in the early 1800s in the area of Six Mile Road and Northville Road in what is now Northville Township.

The main buildings were a lumber mill and a flour mill with a thriving residential settlement adjacent to the mill sites.

A foundry, making primarily plow shares and later church

bells, was soon added to the community. Barrel manufacturers, a general store, and other supporting businesses made up Waterford, which was once larger than the nearby communities of Plymouth and Northville. It was also an active part of the famed Underground Railroad through which escaped slaves were helped to find freedom in Canada.

FLOUR MILL BURNS

The burgeoning community was shocked in the 1850s when the flour mill burned. Not to be discouraged, the owners had it rebuilt. The replacement was at that time the largest flour mill in Michigan.

However, tragedy struck again a few years later as the new mill also caught on fire and was destroyed. This time there was no rebuilding, and the community's largest draw for area farmers to come to Waterford was gone.

The town slowly dwindled and by 1900, it was gone from the maps.

The site of the flour mill - Mead's Mill - was purchased by Henry Ford in the 1920s and one of Ford's village industries named the



This photo shows the CSX Railroad's bridge over the Rouge River built in 1901. It is east of Northville Road and north of Six Mile Road. Behind the rail bridge is the road bridge into the Cascades subdivision. In the far background is the dam that holds back Waterford pond.

Waterford Plant was built on the spot. The plant, no longer owned by Ford, still houses

active businesses on Northville Road and Mill Street, just south of Six Mile Road.

Waterford, once a vibrant growing community, survives only in the still-existent residential area which once was Waterford at Mill Street and Franklin Road and the Waterford Cemetery nearby on Franklin Road.

Fred Shadko, media consultant on the project, said the group has worked on the project for at least six months. "All of the Historic District Commissioners worked on the presentation," he said. Commissioners include Marjorie Banner, Dan

Schneider, John Sivy, Carol Poenisch, Bill Palmer, John Colling and Dick Allen.

"The entire commission has worked very hard on this one," said Banner, commission chair.

"Fred Shadko, an ad hoc volunteer, did a great job, and Bill Sivy did the bulk of the writing on it," she said. "Everybody contributed, but he and Fred really knocked themselves out. They've done a terrific job, and we've been practicing since the end of July or first of August. We're really excited about it. We think it's a subject that not very many people know about."

"It's the first-ever presentation on the history of the Village of Waterford that we know of," said Poenisch. "It will be illustrative - with photographs, video and enactments."

The commission will give the presentation to Meads Mill Middle School students in March. No registration is required for the Feb. 24 presentation, but seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call (248) 348-5800.

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EDWIN DWIGHT ARMSTRONG JR.

Age 82, passed away February 10, 2010. He was born on July 13, 1927, in Detroit, to the late Edwin Sr. and Helen (Novotny) Armstrong. Edwin enjoyed many hobbies including: gardening, golfing, hunting and woodworking. Edwin is survived by his beloved wife Marjorie, children David (Jackie) Armstrong, Gary (Darlene) Armstrong, Patricia (Bill) Anderson, and daughter in law Judy Armstrong; grandchildren: Kristen, Pamela, Bryan, Cory, Elise, Jennifer, and Kevin; great grandchildren: Matthew and Kadin, and siblings Marilyn Foisy and Robert G. Armstrong. Services were held on Saturday, February 13, 2010 at Church of the Holy Cross in Nov. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to: Church of the Holy Cross Episcopal Church, 40700 W. 10 Mile Rd., Novi, MI 48374 or Alzheimer's Association, 107 April Dr., Suite 1, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

LOUIS JAMES KATZBECK

Dec. 13, 1952 - Feb. 11, 2010. Of New Hudson. Age 57, born to the late Louis and Mary (Wootton) Katzbeck. Survived by his daughter Kelly (Ken) Wakefield of Livonia; grandchildren: Kody, Jamie and Katelyn; and brother Michael (Chung) Katzbeck of VA; nieces Susan (Jamie) Katzbeck-Stone and Lisa Katzbeck also of VA.

KIM DALE MORRIS

57, of New Hudson, passed away, February 12, 2010. Kim was an educator with the Detroit Public Schools for over 30 years, prior to his retirement. He is survived by: his loving wife Jeanne, his loving daughters, Erica and Tiffany, one brother, one sister, his step-mother, Lee Morris and his mother-in-law, Beverly Landura. He was preceded in death by his parents Beverly & Dale Morris. Visitation will be held on Monday from 2:00pm-9:00pm at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. Liturgy of the Word funeral service will be conducted on Tuesday at 11:00am at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to his daughter's education fund. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. www.phillipsfuneral.com

BEULAH M. OXFORD

Age 81, of Highland, MI passed January 29, 2010. Surviving are two sisters.



GEORGE EDWARD PLANKEY

Age 82, of South Lyon, passed away peacefully at home with his family on Thursday, Feb. 12, 2010. He fought a courageous battle with heart disease and with a positive attitude, a strong will and a great sense of humor. He was a WWII Army veteran serving in postwar Japan. He enjoyed playing independent basketball, was a semi pro softball player in Oregon, enjoyed ocean fishing in Florida and he was always there when a friend needed a helping hand. He retired from the Operating Engineers Local 324 after 50 years of faithful service. He always carried a lunch bucket and never missed a day of work. He was commander of Lt. Edmond Gamble Post 4626 in Detroit three times, was 2nd District Commander and devoted his adult life helping the veterans and service organizations. He was a lifetime member and had recently joined VFW post 2502 in South Lyon. He is survived by his loving wife Doris Mae (Antilla) of 61 years. They fell in love the day they met and never stopped loving each other and always will. A classic love story. Surviving are two sisters: Mary (Jerry Joki), Carol (Jerry Ekahl) of Champion, MI and one brother James of Ishpeming, MI. He was a loving father to his two sons: Gene (Karen) of Republic, MI and James (Judi) of Salem, MI. Grandkids: Jeffrey, Kristopher, Kim, James Jr., and Tammy. Great grandchildren: Jessica, Kristen, Jordan, Mya, Kaitlyn, Kayla and Leslie. The kids enjoyed calling him "Pumpkin". George was preceded in death also by a brother John of Champion, MI. A memorial service will be held at VFW post 2502, 125 E. McHattie St., South Lyon, MI 48178, at 6 p.m., Friday, Feb. 19. In lieu of flowers, please offer any donations to Doris Plankey c/o Phillips Funeral Home, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon, MI 48178. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

BRENDA SUE COOPER

Age 58, passed away peacefully on February 9, 2010. Brenda was born on June 19, 1951, in Harlan, Kentucky, to Sherman and Agnes (Kinder) Strunk. Brenda is survived by her loving mother Agnes Strunk, beloved siblings Georgia Saylor, Roger Strunk, Angela Johnson, and David Strunk; and many nieces and nephews. Brenda was preceded in death by her father Sherman Strunk and her brother Clarence Strunk. A funeral service was held at 11:00am on Monday, February 15, 2010 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com



RUTH M. GENOVA

Age 88, longtime resident of South Lyon, passed away February 15, 2010. Ruth was born on July 31, 1921, in Detroit, to the late Ralph V. and Julia C. Thomas. Loving wife of Thomas Arthur Genova Jr.; dearest mother of Thomas A., and Gregory J. (Margaret), and the late Kenneth J. and Robert Genova. Beloved grandmother of Nicholas, Christopher and Michael. Ruth was preceded in death by her dear brother Ralph M. (Audrey) Thomas. Visitation Thursday, February 18, 2010 from 2-9 p.m. with a rosary at 8 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, February 19, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. with final visitation beginning at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

FERN MARIE RACE

Age 87, passed away Feb. 15, 2010. Memorial gathering Feb. 19, Friday, 6 - 9 p.m. Memorial service, Feb. 20, Saturday, 1:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 West Lake Street (Ten Mile), South Lyon.

CATHERINE "KITTY" ZIMMERMAN

83, longtime resident of Northville, passed away Feb. 11, 2010. Funeral Mass Feb. 15 at OLV and burial at Rural Hill Cemetery. Contributions to OLV Building Fund. Arrangements by Casterline Funeral Home.

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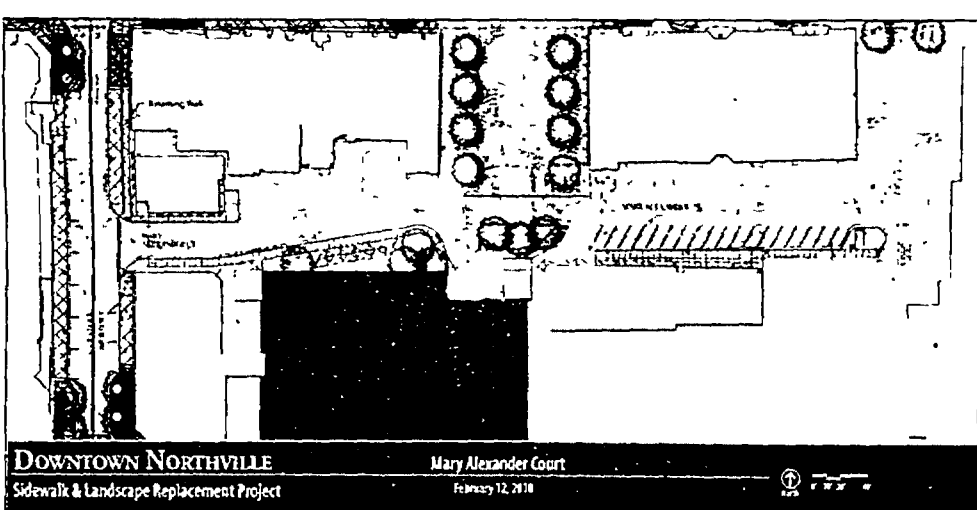
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This rendering from JJR landscape architects in Ann Arbor shows the 18 parking spaces that will be available on the east side of Mary Alexander Court south of E. Main Street. The Northville Downtown Development Authority Board is also proposing that the street remain one-way westbound.

Mary Alexander Court should remain one-way street

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Northville Downtown Development Authority Board members have decided to keep Mary Alexander Court as a one-way street after merchants complained about plans to make it two-way.

The revised plan by JJR landscape architects in Ann Arbor was unveiled at Tuesday morning's monthly DDA Board meeting.

Parking spaces were also added rather than subtracted as originally planned, with a total of 18 spaces proposed in the new design. Four spaces will be gained on the east end of the court compared to the previous design.

Two separate Dumpsters and one grease container for restaurants are also planned in the design.

The design will maintain a continuous sidewalk along the street and provide barrier-free access to the parking deck on the south side.

Lori Ward, DDA executive director, said the volunteer Design Committee considered having a sidewalk added next to the driveway into the parking deck, but decided it would be cost prohibitive. This is because the \$17,000 arch would have to be taken down plus the columns on either side of the entry.

WALL AROUND DUMPSTERS

A masonry wall will be constructed by the Dumpsters to

partially conceal those structures, with the board suggesting no doors be placed leading to the receptacles, since they could block the sidewalk if left open.

The revised plan was unanimously supported by the DDA Board, and it will go before city council on March 1. A letter was mailed to merchants affected by the improvements last Friday to inform them that the one-way street heading westbound will remain.

Ward said an MDOT grade inspection is scheduled for Feb. 18, and that the project is proceeding through the grant approval process that will be finalized this spring.

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Comerica Bank officials give input on downtown walkthrough project

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Comerica Bank officials recently met with city staff about the proposed walkthrough project on E. Main Street, with the first two of the four options receiving their approval.

The bank owns the property where the former Girly Daze store used to be and has agreed to allow the city to use the space to construct a walkthrough from the Marquis Parking Lot to E. Main Street. Cooper Design of Ann Arbor has presented four different options to the city.

In the one-story, "tunnel" option, the walkthrough is proposed as a one-story space with the existing second floor

leave space remaining above. In the full, two-story option, the second floor would be removed.

These are the two options bank officials like the best, but no decision has been made yet as to which one the Northville Downtown Development Authority will select.

Lori Ward, DDA executive director, said bank officials would be open to a lease situation with the city on the walkthrough area property, but they are not interested in being landlords to a business.

That's why they prefer the options that do not involve maintaining the second-floor space.

"It was a good meeting," said Pat Sullivan, city manager. "They're open to leasing (the space)."

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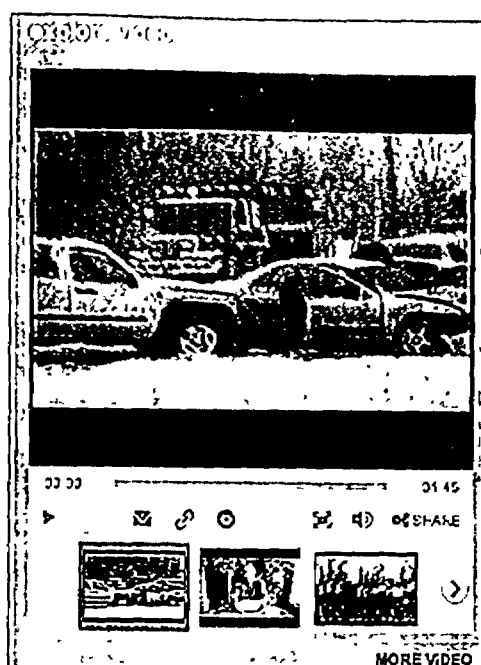
Sullivan said one reason bank officials want to avoid maintaining and leasing the second-floor space to a tenant is the issue of liability if they do so.

"They're going to run the project through their legal department," Sullivan said.

Sullivan said he likes option No. 2, which features an open second floor, but the DDA has the budget to do either option.

"Everyone thinks we can make either option work," Ward said.

Bank officials will be reviewing the two options internally and provide feedback to city officials in the near future.



Videos: Newspaper isn't just printed word any more

Oh! Hello there, you reader of words. Say, did you know that the Northville Record offers news stories, features and sports - in moving pictures? Moving pictures with sound? Well, we do. They're called videos and they're found online at <http://www.hometownlife.com/section/NEWS12>.

We've been doing videos for awhile now, covering our community and its news-worthy happenings that we put online. They're accessible 24 hours a day and can be linked and email-forwarded if you wish. The video player window is located about halfway down



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on the right side of the front page of the Northville Record/Novi News. In the last three weeks, we've put videos online about the ice-rescue training that Northville Township firefighters were undergoing, the snowstorm that walloped Northville and one about the Mustang varsity hockey team. In short, a good cross section of Northville's happenings. You can also watch the Ghana drummers during their

visit to Novi schools, the Novi High School pom-pom team performing their routine, and the Cat's Eye TV broadcast by Novi students.

We're also doing a series of high school sports preview videos that feature our sports staff as they chat about local teams and their opponents. They're proving a very popular way for sports lovers to check out their cross-town rivals and what's upcoming as the seasons progress.

So, if you have a minute, check out the Northville Record's/Novi News online video offerings at www.hometownlife.com/section/NEWS12.

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Holy Day, 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.; First Saturday 9 a.m.
Confessions - Saturdays 11 a.m. & 6:15 p.m.
or by appointment

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Services held at:
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4805 Highland Rd. between Boyce Ln & Grand Rd. I
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620 General Motors Rd., Milford
Church office: (248) 684-0895
Regular Sunday Service: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
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1250 South Hill Rd. Just south of downtown Milford
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11166 S. Hickory Ridge Rd., Milford, MI 48380
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248-374-7400
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Rev. James P. Russell, Associate Pastor
www.fpcnorthville.org

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- Memorial Synod
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(248) 887-4300
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Sunday School & Bible Class: 11:00 a.m.
Chapel: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
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www.seniorlutheran.org

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Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

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Youth 6:30 p.m.
Rev. David Brown, Pastor
248-437-2222 • www.fellowshippepc.org

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21860 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon, MI 48178
248-437-3585 • www.southlyoncc.org
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10:30 a.m. Praise and Worship
Wednesday Midweek Ministries 7 p.m.
Rob Callicott, Pastor

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Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.

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Kickin' it around

'Coach' Dave East helps Steven Valice, 4, learn how to punt a football during a Tuesday afternoon session of his Kiddie Sports and Games at the Recreation Center at Hillside. East has been coaching little kids through Northville Parks and Recreation for more than a decade now. For more information on parks and recreation classes, call: (248) 349-0203.

Taxable value and SEV – what does it mean?

All of us know that property values have plummeted over the last few years. Have your property taxes gone down accordingly?

All owners of real property will receive a notice from the city, village or township in which the property is located called notice of assessment, taxable valuation and property classification. This notice is typically sent in the second or third week of February. As indicated on the notice, it is not a tax bill. However, it does provide important information regarding the value of the property for tax purposes. In about the middle of the page there is a numbered list. This article will help you understand item 1, state equalized value, and item 4, taxable value.

The state equalized value (or SEV) is defined by law as 50 percent of a property's true cash value (or fair market value). Although property taxes are not ultimately based on SEV, it is useful to understand the concept. Two times a property's SEV is the assessor's opinion of the fair market value of a property.

For example, if a property currently has a fair market value of \$30,000, then the 2010 SEV should be \$15,000.



Bob Langan

If the 2010 SEV is \$20,000, then the property is over assessed, and the owner should consider appealing the assessment.

In 1994, Michigan passed a law (Proposal A) that 'capped' tax increases on real property. The 'cap' means that each year, property taxes can only go up by the lesser of 5 percent or the Consumer Price Index for that year, rather than going up along with the value of the property. Taxable value can never be higher than SEV, but it can be lower. Historically, property values have risen faster than the 'cap'.

For most of the 15 years since Proposal A was passed, the yearly 'capped' increase has been lower than the actual increase in value of most properties. When that happens, SEV (50 percent of true cash value) increases faster than taxable value ('capped' value). This year the 'cap' number is 0.997, meaning that taxable value will go down by 0.3 percent. The cap applies every year until a property is sold or transferred. The taxable

NORTHVILLE DETAILS

City of Northville assessment notices will be mailed on Feb. 24. Property owners who do not receive their assessment notice by March 1 should call the Tax Department at (248) 449-9901, Monday through Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) or e-mail tax@ci.northville.mi.us. After reviewing their 2010 assessment, taxpayer's wishing to appeal that assessment may schedule an appointment by calling (248) 449-9901. The encourages petitioners to call early in March for the best choice of appointment times. Assessment information will be available after Feb. 25 at www.ci.northville.mi.us/Services/TaxAndAssessing. Northville Township will begin mailing assessments Feb. 22. Board of Review meetings begin March 3.

value will automatically re-set to equal the SEV any time a property is sold or transferred.

To expand on the above example, let's say the current owner bought the property for \$20,000 in the year 2000 and has continuously owned it since then. The 2010 taxable value would be approximately \$12,900, which is the 'capped' tax increase for each of the 10 years of ownership.

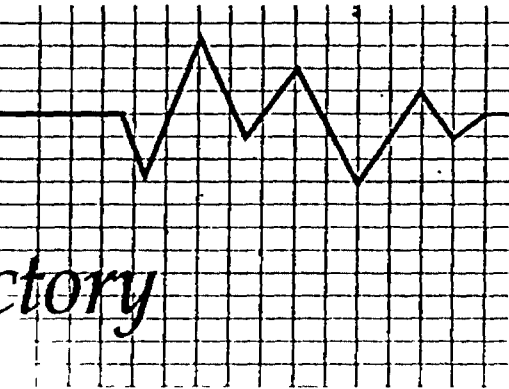
In this instance, the taxable value (\$12,900) is not only less than the SEV (\$20,000) but also less than the 'hypothetical' SEV (\$15,000). In this case, a successful appeal would not likely result in any immediate savings. Remember, you pay taxes based on the taxable value of your property.

If you think that your SEV


and taxable value is too high you can appeal only if you make it to the Board of Review on time. The Board of Review is appointed to hear property tax appeals at the local municipal level. The notice explains how to start your appeal to the local Board of Review. You can appeal in writing or in person. The assessment notice also indicates the deadline for making an appeal. Local Boards of Review typically start meeting in the second week in March.

Bob Langan, an attorney with the firm of Bagley & Langan, P.L.L.C., specializes in real estate law, including property tax appeals. He can be reached at his Novi location by calling (248) 344-1880 or via email at blangan@bagleylangan.com.

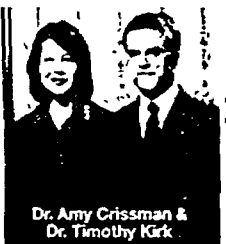
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Check us out on the Web every day at hometownlife.com

More: For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Northville Calendar online at www.hometownlife.com.
Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@gannett.com; by fax to (248) 685-2892; or by mail to Northville Record, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

LOCAL EVENTS

Northville Women's Club

Time/Date: 1:30 P.M. Friday, Feb. 19.
Location: First Presbyterian Church
Details: A discussion of "Lincoln Assassination with guest speaker Jerry Maxeril
Contact: Virginia Martin (248) 348-6430

Gardeners Of Northville & Novi Club Meeting

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, March 8
Location: Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady St. Northville
Details: Social Time & Garden Lecture on Winter Seed Sowing. Our guest will be Monic Milla. The public is welcome, so come join us for an informative and fun-filled evening.
Contact: gardenersnorthville-novi.org or Renee (248) 231-2334

Guitarist Roy Scoutz

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday
Location: Tiramì Su, 146 Centermain (248) 735-0101

Tour of Hope

Time/Date: 5:30 p.m. March 17; 9 a.m. April 22; 9 a.m. May 20
Location: 315 Griswold, Northville
Details: New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering a tour of Hope of Hope in their new home. This tour will give insight into how New Hope was started, the types of grief support services they offer, testimonials from people who have been helped, and the vision of the future from the founder and CEO, Cathy Clough.
Contact: To attend one of the tours, please RSVP to New Hope at 248.348.0115 or email griefhelp@newhopecenter.net.

Early Learning Series

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. March 16
Location: Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main Street
Details: Information series for parents with children ages birth to 5 years returns with Nora Thompson, educational consultant, presenting "What Comes Next? A Dialogue About School Readiness." Free child care for children 33 months and toilet trained (preregister).
Contact: (248) 344-8465

Northville Newcomers & Neighbors

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



IN THE KITCHEN BY LUCIA DANE

Member exhibition

The Northville Art House is proud to present its fourth annual exhibition showcasing the varied styles and mediums of over 50 artist members. This exhibition was developed to say "Thank You" to everyone who has supported the growth and creativity of the arts in Northville. The show will continue through February 26 during the Art House Gallery hours (Wednesdays-Saturdays, 1-5 p.m.) For additional information, call (248) 344-0497 or visit www.northvillearts.org. The Art House is located at 215 W. Cady Street and is a facility of the Northville Arts Commission. Admission to Art House exhibits are always free and open to the public.

Location: Member's homes or other venues
Details: We welcome all our members from Northville and surrounding communities and invite them to come meet new friends and neighbors. This applies whether you have been here a month or have been raised here. Please come and see what Northville Newcomers and Neighbors has to offer you.
Contact: Paula Lund at (734) 404-5120

Mill Race Historical Village

Location: 215 Griswold Ave., north of Main Street near Ford Field
Details: Open 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday-Friday, Village buildings open 1-4 p.m., Sundays, mid-June to mid-Oct.
Contact: (248) 348-1845
(*Grounds closed to public)
Thursday: 9 a.m. Archives Open; 7 p.m. Northville Historical Society Board Meeting.
Friday: 9 a.m. Archives Open; 4:15 p.m. Girl Scouts #1368
Sunday: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Kings 8th
Monday: 10 a.m. Heirloom Rug Hookers; 7 p.m. Lions Club
Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang; 6 p.m. Girl Scouts #834 in Church; 6:30 p.m. Northville Democrats
Wednesday: 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation Group
Solid Grounds CoffeeHouse
Location: 133 W. Main St.

OPEN MIC NIGHT

Time/Date: 6-9 p.m. every Tuesday
ROGER PONDER & DELL SMITH (blues and folk singer/songwriters)

Time/Date: 7 p.m. every Thursday
CAROL SMALLWOOD (classical guitarist)

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-noon every Saturday
SINGLES MINGLE (socialize with local singles in a relaxing environment)

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. every second Wednesday of the month
Contact: (248) 348-9737

Northville Sports Den

Location: Northville Town Square, West Main Street
Contact: (248) 347-5993 or www.northvillesportsden.com

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Time: 7:30 p.m. Mondays

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Time: 9 p.m. Wednesdays

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Time: 10 p.m. Saturdays

CHURCH PROGRAM

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

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

The Art House

Visit our Store and Gallery

Wednesdays - Saturdays, 1-5

p.m.; 1-9 p.m. on "First Fridays"
Location: 215 W. Cady St., Northville

Details: Admission to Art House exhibits are always free and open to the public.

Contact: Northville Art House (248) 344-0497 or www.northvillearts.org for on-going art classes, lectures, events, rentals, volunteering

Maybury State Park

Location: Eight Mile Road (between Beck and Napier roads) State Park motor vehicle permit required for park entry; \$6 daily, \$24 annually (\$6 annually for seniors 65 and older).
Contact: (248) 349-8390, Friends of Maybury (248) 349-3858 or FriendsOfMaybury.org

Genitti's Little Theater

Location: 108 E. Main St.
Contact: Call for reservations (248) 349-0522 or genittis.com
ACTING WORKSHOPS
DATE: We will open any date for 10 or more.

Northville Chamber of Commerce

Learn & Learn

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 25

Location: Genitti's, 108 E. Main, Northville

Details: Sue Dillon from Graphic Visions will speak on "Redefining, restructuring and repositioning your marketing message". Cost is \$20, includes seminar and lunch (must be paid in advance no later than Feb. 23). Open to all members; guests welcome.

Taste of Northville Business

Showcase

Date: Saturday, March 20

Contact: (248) 349-7640 or visit www.northville.org

REGIONAL EVENTS

Suburban Republican Women's Club

General meeting

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25

Location: Pick-A-Bone Restaurant, 30325 Six Mile Rd., Livonia

Details: The speaker will be Cameron Brown, candidate for Secretary of State. Cost is \$10; visitors and guests welcome

Contact: For reservations and menu choice, please call (313) 532-3932.

BaseLine Folk Society Open Mic

Location: JWH Center for the Arts/Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth

Matt Allen & Friends

Time/Date: Performance begins Saturday, Feb. 20 at 7 p.m.; open mic sign-up from 6:15-6:45 p.m. Open mic evenings are every third Saturday of the month through May 2010

Details: Acoustical folk music with open mic for up to eight performers. Admission is \$5. Memberships are \$25 for individuals; \$50 for families; good for the entire Sept.-May season.

Contact: Mike Mullen, founder, BaseLine Folk Society, at (248) 347-6881 or mjmmullen@yahoo.com

Moondusters Ballroom Dance Club

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. lessons, 8:30-11:30 p.m. dance every Saturday

Location: Livonia Senior Center, Five Mile and Farmington roads, Livonia

Details: Lessons are \$6, dance with live music is \$6, cost for both is \$10.
Contact: Joe Castrodale (248) 968-5197

Rock Festival Showplace

Location: 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi

Contact: (248) 348-5600

Giant Motorcycle Swap Meet

Time/Date: Feb. 21, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Details: Thousands of bikers will be buying, selling, and swapping: bikes, frames, motors, touring accessories, seats, wheels, tires, front ends, tanks, shocks, fenders, gauges, MX stuff, basket cases and take-offs.

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Outdoorama & Cottage Lakefront Living Show

Time/Date: Feb. 25-28; weekdays 2-9:30 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Details: Free crossover admission from the Outdoorama Show to the Cottage & Lakefront Living Show. This 37th year tradition of Outdoorama is taking on a fresh new look! Favorite features "Wildlife Encounters" and "Big Buck Night" along with others will be joined by many new outdoor related activities, seminars and features! Here in the Great Lakes State, the handed down from one generation to the next. Whether you own a cottage, are looking to purchase, or rent, or your primary home is on the water, this show is for you.

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

MEETINGS

Northville Public Schools BOARD OF EDUCATION

Date: Second and fourth Tuesday of the month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Old Village School

City of Northville CITY COUNCIL

Date: First and third Monday of the month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: City Hall, 215 W. Main St.

DOWNTOWN Development AUTHORITY MEETING

Date: Third Tuesday of each month

Time: 8 a.m.

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

Contact: downtownnorthville.com

PLANNING COMMISSION

Date: First and third Tuesday of month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: City Hall

HOUSING COMMISSION

Date: Second Wednesday of every month

Time: 3 p.m.

Location: Allen Terrace, 401 High St.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Date: Third Wednesday of month

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: City Hall

ARTS COMMISSION

Date: Second Wednesday of every month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Date: First Monday of every month

Time: 8 a.m.

Details: Individuals and organizations invited to attend.

Location: Northville City Hall, Meeting Room B

Northville Township PLANNING COMMISSION

Date: Last Tuesday of month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Township Hall, 44405 West Six Mile

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date: Third Thursday of month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Township Hall

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Date: Third Wednesday of month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Township Hall

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Date: Third Monday of month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Township Hall

YOUTH ASSISTANCE

Date: Second Tuesday of every month

Time: 8 a.m.

Location: Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road

Contact: Sue Campbell (248) 344-1618

SENIOR EVENTS

Senior Community Center

Location: 303 W. Main St.

Contact: (248) 349-4140

THURSDAY

8 a.m.: Walking Club

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

10:30 a.m.: Yoga

11 a.m.: Cribbage

Noon: Walking Club

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle

FRIDAY

8 a.m.: Walking Club

11 a.m.: Poker

11:30 a.m.: Walking Club

Noon: Walking Club

1 p.m.: Movie

MONDAY

8 a.m.: Walking Club

9:30 a.m.: Mah Jongg

10 a.m.: Beginning Line Dance, Oxyrise

11 a.m.: Adv. Line Dance

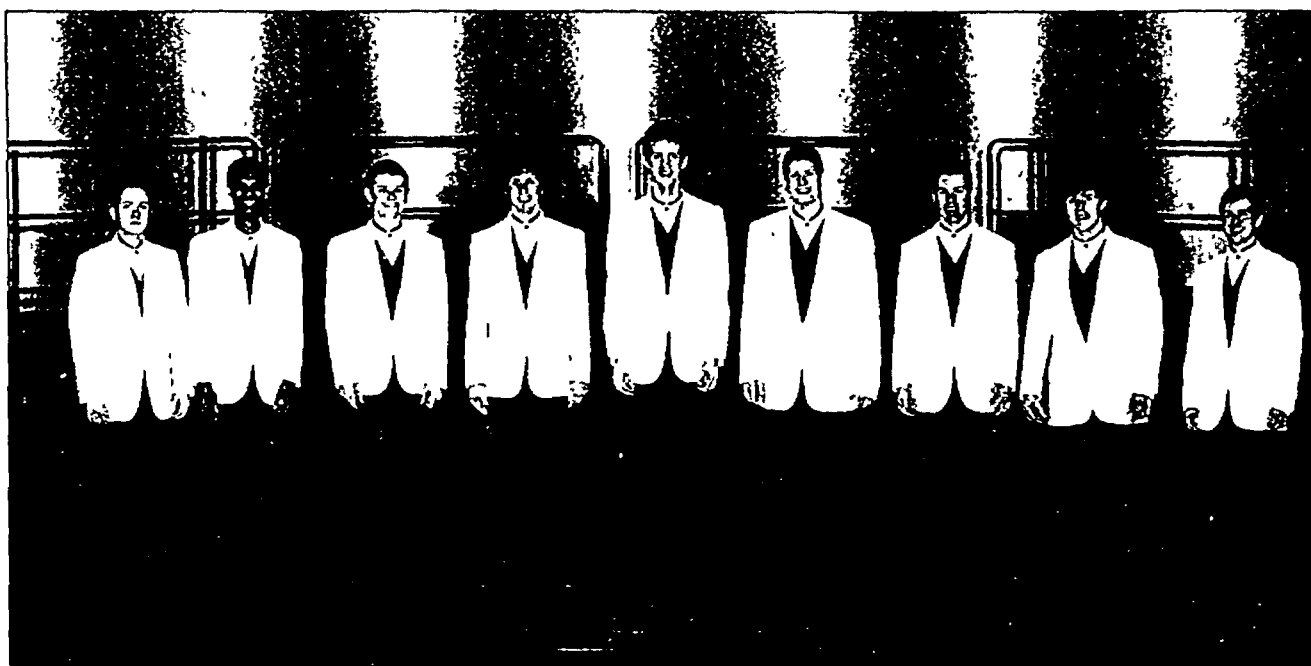
Noon: Walking Club

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle/Euchre

7:15 p.m.: Tai Chi

TUESDAY

8 a.m.: Walking Club



Choral concert

St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon Road in Plymouth, announces the fourth event in the 2009-2010 season of its concert series, Resounding Art in a Sacred Space. The concert, which is on Sunday, Feb. 21 at 4:30 p.m., will feature the a cappella choral groups BackBeat and TrebleMakers from Northville High School. The two groups, which are directed by Mary Kay Pryce, are among the most prestigious of Northville High School's 11 choral ensembles. The concert, which will last approximately one hour, will include a family-friendly mix of sacred, classical, pop, and barbershop styles of music. Admission is free, although a free-will offering will be accepted. For more information on this program, the concert series, or the parish, please telephone (734) 453-0190, ext. 16, or visit the church website at www.stjohnsplymouth.org.



11:30 a.m.: Yoga
11:30 a.m.: Walking Club
Noon: Walking Club
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle
WEDNESDAY
8 a.m.: Walking Club
9 a.m.: Foot Reflexology by appt.
10 a.m.: Oxyrise
11 a.m.: Strength Training
11:30 a.m.: Walking Club
Noon: Bridge, Walking Club
1 p.m.: Cribbage
7 p.m.: Bridge
CO-ED ADULT 50+ OPEN VOLLEYBALL
TIME/DAYS: 10 a.m.-noon Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Location: Recreation Center at Hillside
Details: All levels of play welcome; bring your friends; \$1.
Contact: Northville Parks and Recreation (248) 449-9947
ADULT 50+ FUN CO-ED VOLLEYBALL
TIME/DAYS: 1-3 p.m. every Tuesday
Location: Recreation Center at Hillside
Details: Games scored to 15 points with creative team rotation; \$1 per session; all skill levels welcome.
Contact: Northville Parks and Recreation (248) 449-9947
CO-ED ADULT 50+ OPEN BASKETBALL
TIME/DAYS: 10 a.m.-noon each Thursday
Location: Senior Community Center
Details: All levels of play welcome; bring your friends; \$1.
Contact: Northville Parks and Recreation (248) 449-9947
HEALTH WALKING
Date: Monday-Friday
Time: 8-10 a.m.
Location: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

PILATES CLASS
Time/Date: 6 p.m. each Tuesday
BUNCO
Time/Date: 12:30 p.m. second Thursday of each month
Details: Call Senior Community Center 24 hours in advance to register; \$1 per person.
FRIDAY FLICKS
Time: 1 p.m. every Friday
Details: Cost is \$1

LIBRARY LINES

Northville District Library

Location: 212 W. Cady St., near Northville City Hall

Time/Day: 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday-Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

Contact: (248) 349-3020 or northvillelibrary.org for information

regarding programs and library materials.

Successful Interviewing

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22

Details: Tips and techniques for making a good impression at your interview. Presented by Career Development Professional Martha Adamson. Call 248-349-3020 to register.

R.E.A.L. Research @ Your Library

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 24

Details: Don't trust your research to the free web! This is an excellent class for students, teachers and parents! Gain tips on searching the Library's free databases for answers that really matter for student reports, research papers, health issues and more. Call to register at 248-349-3020.

Teen Books, Chat & Choe

Time/Date: 4 p.m., Monday, Feb. 22

Details: Teens in grades 6-12 will enjoy a fun discussion of Pete Hautman's "Rash."

Join us for an informal discussion and treats. Call to register at 248-349-3020.

Drop In Morning Storytime

Time/Date: 10:15 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, 25

Details: Storytime fun for toddlers and preschoolers! All ages welcome! Caregivers must accompany children age 3 and younger. No registration. just drop in. This series runs for 6 weeks each Thursday at 10:15 am from Jan. 28-March 4.

PARKS AND REC

Northville Parks and Recreation

Location: 775 N. Center St. (back entrance of Hillside Middle School)

Contact: For registration and information on camps, classes and activities call (248) 349-0203 or visit northvilleparksandrec.org

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

DATE/Time: 7 p.m. second Wednesday, every other month beginning in Jan

Location: Northville Township Hall, 44405 W. Six Mile Road

OPEN FAMILY BASKETBALL

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. every Sunday Sept.-April

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

Details: \$2 Per person

OPEN 40+ BASKETBALL

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

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

Details: \$3 Per person

OPEN ADULT VOLLEYBALL

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. every Thursday 9 a.m. noon every Saturday Sept.-April

Location: Recreation Center at Hillside

Details: \$4 Per person

OPEN BADMINTON

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

Location: Recreation Center at Hillside

Details: \$9 Per person, includes birds. Competitive style Badminton, all skill levels welcome, 8 Courts

OPEN PICKLEBALL

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

Location: Recreation Center at Hillside

Details: \$3 Per person Monday

\$4 Per person Saturday

OPEN TABLE TENNIS

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

Location: Recreation Center at Hillside

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

OPEN CO-ED 50+ VOLLEYBALL

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

Location: Recreation Center at Hillside

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

OPEN 50+ PICKLEBALL

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

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

Details: \$2 Per person, Paddles and balls available

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

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Board members attend a monthly meeting and serve on a committee.

If interested, send a letter to Paul Snyder, president of the Friends, c/o Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St., Northville, 48167.

Heartland Hospice Volunteers Needed

Time: Day and evening training classes

Location: 28588 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 475, Southfield

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

Contact: Mary, (800) 770-9859

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FROM PAGE A10

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. on first and third Thursdays

Location: First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville

Details: Ongoing support group for those who have lost a loved one to suicide. No registration is necessary for this monthly drop-in support group. For further information about this group or about the many other free, age and loss specific groups offered for children, teens, and adults, please call.

CIRCLES OF HOPE

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

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

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

NEW HOPE FOR KIDZ AND TEENS SUPPORT GROUP

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

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

STARTING AGAIN

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

Location: Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road

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

WAYFARERS

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

Location: Ward Presbyterian Church, Room A107

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

THE LUNCH BUNCH

Time/Date: Noon third Wednesday of each month

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

PARENTS OF HOPE

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

LIVINGSTON COUNTY PARENTS OF HOPE

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

Location: Cornerstone Presbyterian Church, 9455 Hilton Road, Brighton

OAKLAND COUNTY PARENTS OF HOPE

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

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

FROM GRIEF TO NEW HOPE

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

Location: Ward Presbyterian Church, Six Mile and Haggerty roads, Northville

Details: This free workshop is open to the community and will be presented by Cathy Clough, Director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. Each session will begin with a presentation about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. Attendees will be placed in groups with others who have had similar losses.

Contact: Barb at (248) 374-5943

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



Northville Township Firefighters



Seven Mile roads

Contact: For more information, and to register, call (734) 462-4443, e-mail wrc@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

Widowed Men

Meet for Breakfast

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursdays

Location: Steve's Family Restaurant, 15800 Middlebelt Road, Livonia (1/4 mile north of Five Mile Road)

Details: This is an informal peer group where men have an opportunity to meet with other widowed men who are ready to help you cope or become involved in the other activities planned by Widowed Friends of AOD.

Contact: Dick (313) 534-0399.

Young Adults

Time/Date: 7 p.m. every Thursday

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

Meeting

Time/Date: 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 23

Location: Cady Inn in Mill Race Village in downtown Northville.

Northville Genealogical Society RESEARCH HELP

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

Location: Northville District Library, Local History Room

Details: Individual help on genealogy is offered by society members. **Contact:** Tille Van Sickle (734) 595-7806 or <http://rootsweb.com/~mings>

MONTHLY MEETING

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

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

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

Northville Newcomers

Pewabic Pottery and Lunch Tour

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. April 21

Contact: Colleen Nametz (248) 596-1940

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.

FREE Health Awareness Seminar

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

Location: Health for Life Chiropractic, Highland Lakes Plaza,

43059 7 mile Rd., Northville

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

CONTACT: (248) 449-1630 or RyanCooper@gmail.com or www.hfchiro.net Please RSVP

Flu Shots

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

Location: Wayne, 33030 Van Born Road, at Venoy, (734) 727-7100. Walk-in days are Mondays and Thursdays.

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 stmary-mercy.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.

Prostate Screening/Men's Health Fair

Time/Date: 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, March 6

Details: For men ages 40 - 70. Prostate cancer is the second most prevalent cancer among men—early screening and early detection can save lives.

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

Winners!

The Northville Township Fire Department topped the city's firefighters in the annual Firehouse Chili Challenge during the Chili-E Cookoff on Jan. 30 at the Northville Senior Center. Shown are township firemen Jesse Marcotte and Adam Burton. The People's Choice award for salsa went to Edward's Cafe and Caterers while Rocky's of Northville won for its chili. The Judge's Choice awards for salsa went to Independence Village of Plymouth and Rocky's won for its chili. Here's the firefighters' winning chili recipe: (This should make approximately 3 to 3.5 gallons)

- * 4 lbs ground beef
- * 2 lbs ground pork sausage (ex. Bob Evans, other breakfast sausage)
- * (1) whole onion
- * (1) green bell peppers
- * (1) red/ yellow bell pepper
- * (2) cans tomato paste
- * (2) cans diced tomatoes
- * (2) bottles of Spicy V8 (approx. 1 gallon)
- * (3) cans northern white beans
- * (3) cans of black beans
- * (3) cans of red beans (ex. Kidney)
- * Fresh Jalapeño pepper
- * Fresh Habanero pepper

The spices are flavored to taste.

- * chili powder
- * ground mustard
- * ground red pepper
- * ground cumin
- * fresh garlic

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.

HELEN PALMER IMAGE RECOVER CENTER

Details: Offering a spa-like atmosphere with image-enhancement services to help cancer patients heal from the inside out and regain their self-confidence in a supportive and caring environment. Services include: Free consultation and assessment, skin care, hand and nail care, massage therapy, reflexology, hair replacements, haircuts and styling of hair and wigs, prosthetics and bras, lymphedema compression products and educational resources. Services offered to patients from any hospital and the general public. **Contact:** (734) 655-8810

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. second Wednesday of each month

Location: Auditorium

Details: All are welcome.

Ladies Night Out - Heart to Heart

Time/Date: 5:30 p.m. Feb. 24

Location: hospital auditorium

Details: Bone density screening, blood pressure screening and massage offered from 5:30-7 p.m. and lecture from 7-8:30. Speaker is St. Mary Mercy Hospital Cardiologist, Roy Misirliyan, MD. Dr. Misirliyan will discuss heart health issues specific to women and include symptoms, diagnosis, treatment and prevention. Registration for this event is required. There is no charge, but a \$5 goodwill donation is requested to benefit Marian Women's Center Programs.

Contact: The Marian Women's Center at (734) 655-1182 to register, or register online at stmarymercy.org and click on "classes and events".

Peace of Mind and Body through Hatha Yoga

Time/Date: 5:15-6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays through March 16

Location: Classrooms 1 and 2

Details: Hatha Yoga increases flexibility, energy level and strength at your own pace in a non-competitive setting. Class participants need to be able to move between a standing position to a hands and knees position with ease. The purpose of yoga is integration, purification and discipline of the mind, body and heart, which will lead all to liberation from the circle of pain, distress and anxiety. There is a fee of \$55 for the six-week session.

Contact: (734) 655-1162 or register online at stmarymercy.org and click on "classes and events".

CPR/AED and First Aid Classes

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

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

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

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OUR VIEWS

Certain issues can't cloud constitution question in Michigan

This November, Michigan voters will decide — as they do every 16 years — whether it is time to convene a convention to draft a new state constitution.

There are legitimate concerns as to whether an entire rewrite of the constitution is necessary, or whether it is better to surgically make changes one at a time. It is also true that a new constitution isn't a panacea for the problems facing Michigan that must be addressed immediately.

While these are legitimate issues to debate over the next eight or nine months, there are a number of objections to calling a new convention that should be quickly dismissed.

For instance, some would argue that at a projected cost of \$45 million, it is too expensive to call a new convention. Really? This would be an

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odd time for lawmakers to suddenly worry about unnecessary costs. Lawmakers easily allocate triple that amount annually for taxpayer subsidies of filmmaking, even though they are forbidden to take even a cursory view of how that money is spent.

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Some argue that there is no need to rewrite a constitution when the document can be amended by a public vote. But the two methods for proposed amendments to reach the ballot — two-thirds vote by both chambers of the state Legislature or a citizen petition drive — are unwieldy.

Lawmakers can't always get the majority votes needed for sensible budget reform, much less a two-thirds vote for meaningful constitutional change. Far from grassroots efforts, most petition drives are funded by special interest and out-of-state groups.

Look at it this way. Most lawmakers say they think that term limits should be changed. But they haven't been able to muster an amendment to do so.

Third, there is understandable but misplaced fear that a convention would draw extreme supporters of narrowly focused social issues, such as gay rights and abortion. Maybe so. But if the convention drafts a constitution that is dominated by unacceptable changes, then the public can be trusted to vote it down.

Finally, among the strangest of the objections is the fear that Michigan's next governor will be frozen into inaction by the knowledge that just down the street a convention is meeting that might radically change the state's constitution.

Such a concern presumes that the state government has been aggressively tackling budget and unemployment issues in the absence of such a distraction. If so, we haven't seen the results. If the next governor is going to be sidetracked by a constitutional convention, then he or she shouldn't have run for the job in the first place.

This is not to say that a new constitution is a good idea. The process is hampered by two factors: the partisan nature of the way that convention delegates will be elected and the fact that those elections will be held shortly after the November vote.

Delegates who are elected as Republicans or Democrats representing current state House and Senate districts could produce a convention that is every bit as partisan and nonproductive as the current Legislature. The fact that convention primary candidates must file within weeks of the November vote could limit qualified contenders.

If a convention does come to pass, voters will need to pay close attention to the type of change delegate candidates are proposing. Then they need to get out and vote, so that a small February turnout doesn't determine the architects of the new document.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What are you looking forward to doing the most at the Daddy/Daughter Dance at Silver Springs?



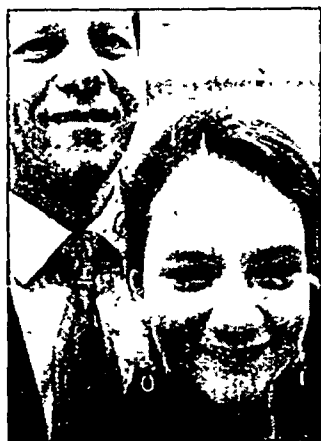
Dancing with my dad because he knows all the good moves.

Samantha Cantie
(with her dad Joe)
Northville



Having fun. No real specifics, just having fun.

Lena Nishanian
(with dad Ara)
Northville



Dancing, having fun with my friends and spending time with my dad.

Megan Swart
(with her father Johan)
Northville



I don't know - probably dancing and enjoying the food.

Sierra Dunca
(with her father Alvin)
Northville

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acterizations.

Palin is a bright light to the national stage, a unique woman faith-filled enough to walk a high road in birthing a child with Down syndrome. America's nurturing and gentler set, the providers of life, remain conflicted on abortion. Many with lesser grips on belief systems and tightly attached to a monolithic political persuasion revel in attacks on Palin.

Leaders are measured by results. Palin, as Alaskan Republican governor, acted against her party. Indictments flowed in Alaska. Using congressional committees as screens, many elected now identified as corrupt in Washington are ignored. A successful leader in Alaska, Palin removed herself as governor and left detractors empty.

Are women leaders a tough chew for coastal elites? Some don't fully trust frontier female competence, dismissing them for vain pretenders with eastern uplifted noses. The trash pushed toward Palin by a vacant and slavish media confirms the astounding fear of this lady by the liberal left. Like Reagan, she presents what the angry, fuming and feckless opponents desperately lack — a touch of class.

Jim Nowka
Northville

Questions Cassis' film industry views

I read the article ("Local leaders react to governor's State of the State address"), and here some of my comments:

One of Gov. ... The budget process is broken; it's a last-minute crisis driven disaster."

Wait! Wasn't the process OK for 44 years since the last constitution was adopted? What changed in the last few years? Maybe the participants?

It just brings us back to the accountability factor, including Sen. Cassis and her colleagues. Government holds us accountable to pay our taxes but it doesn't hold itself accountable on how taxes are spent and if they are spending according to the budget. It's always easier to point fingers at tax incentives, governors and who knows-who than to be accountable.

With all due respect to Sen. Cassis, instead of her comments sidelining the film industry there should be an apology since she is also part of the budget problem. It is not the taxpayers of Michigan on the brink (again) of not meeting their state budget; it's the participants. As one

of Nancy's constituents, I would like to see her put as much effort into balancing the budget as she does bashing a new industry that is trying to take roots in Michigan. After all, the film industry and incentives have been around less than two years and the budget problem has been here for the last seven years.

It really doesn't matter how many tax incentives you give or who you give them to or who you don't give them to. The bottom line is, if you can't live within your means (budget) and you overspend (Michigan's current government participants), the outcome will always be the same.

By the way, her figures are grossly inaccurate as to how much refunding the state is giving the film industry. If you go online to the Michigan Film Office you will find the state-audited figures for April 2008 to April 2009 to be rounded to \$32 million with approx a 32-percent return out of the possible 42 percent. That's a far cry from Nancy's figures of \$100 million. The April 2010 to April 2011 figures haven't been audited yet. Just a thought — received 100 percent and returned 32 percent. Hmm ... is that really that bad?

Edie Derusha
Walled Lake

Fireman's Ball thanks

On Saturday, Feb. 6, your Northville Township Firefighters held a charity event at the Novi Sheraton -- the Fireman's Ball, a formal event which includes dinner, dancing and auctions to raise money for local charities. The Fireman's Ball is in its seventh year and has raised over \$50,000 for charity; this year alone the event raised over \$10,000.

The funds raised have gone to the following organizations throughout the years: Fallen or injured Firefighters/Police Officers and their families; Muscular Dystrophy Association; Northville Civic Concern; University of Michigan Trauma Burn Center; Michigan Chapter of Multiple Sclerosis Society; Salvation Army; Leukemia & Lymphoma Society; and Make a Wish Foundation.

Your Northville Township Firefighters would like to thank all that attended or contributed to this event. Charitable events would not be possible without the generosity and contributions of local businesses and people. You can rest assured that if you gave money, donations or just volunteered your time, your efforts did not go unnoticed. Thank you again for giving and helping change the lives of others in need.

Jason Raschke
Northville Township firefighter

Health insurance idea

I know a little bit about a lot of things, but I don't know why government employees, both state and federal, don't pay for their own and their family's health insurance. There's no doubt this would help create more revenue for the many financially-hurting Americans coping with mutually-shared financial austerities. Would this not be one way to boost the economy?

Why has this been an exception to the law for so many years? I'm sure having their health insurance paid for is taken for granted. And who is paying for it? You and I. Not fair.

Beverly Horvath
Northville

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Wadsworth wants Corriveau's state House seat

Bringing with her 16 years of experience as a community activist and volunteer, Joan Wadsworth announced Tuesday that she will seek to represent the 20th District in the Michigan House of Representatives in the upcoming Nov. 2 election.

"In my many years of public service, I have worked hard to earn the confidence of citizens in the Northville school district, and I look forward to gaining the trust of voters in Canton, Northville, Plymouth, and Wayne," Wadsworth said. "These are challenging times for the State of Michigan. Everyone recognizes that we need to create jobs and diversify the



Wadsworth

wisely and working together to solve the problems facing our state."

The 20th District comprises the City and Township of Plymouth, Northville Township and the City of Northville south of Eight Mile/Baseline Road, a portion of Canton Township and the City of Wayne. Representative Marc Corriveau, who

economy. Strengthening education must be a key part of the state's game plan. We need to focus on using our limited resources

announced recently that he will run for the State Senate, currently holds the seat.

"I was thrilled when I learned that Joan has decided to run for the House of Representatives," Corriveau said. "Her willingness to share her talent and public service experience in Lansing during these very troubling times says volumes. Our schools, our families and our state would be well served."

Chris Johnson, mayor of Northville, said it is time to elect people to the Legislature who will work on solving problems rather than looking to blame someone across the aisle.

"An ability to tackle tough

issues with an open mind is needed to get us out of the mess we see in Lansing," he added. "I think Joan has the ability to solve problems. Her track record on the Northville Board of Education is excellent."

Wadsworth, a Democrat, has long been active in civic life. In addition to her 16 years of service on the Northville Public Schools Board of Education, she is a board member for the Northville Chamber of Commerce and an active volunteer for the Bridgepointe and Kids Against Hunger non-profit organizations. Wadsworth also has served on the City of Northville

Downtown Development Authority, the Northville Parks and Recreation Commission, the Friends of Northville District Library Board, the Northville Senior Citizen's Council, and the Northville Council of PTAs. She chairs the City of Northville Downtown Steering Committee; was a member of Mothers' Club of Northville; and has served as a volunteer for Odyssey of the Mind, the Northville Coop Preschool, and many school groups and programs. Wadsworth also served on the endowment committee for the First Presbyterian Church in Northville and is currently a board member of the Ann

Arbor Campus Ministry Foundation.

Wadsworth was named Northville's Citizen of the Year in 2003 and received the Exemplary Achievement Award from the Novi-Northville Optimist Club in 2007. She is a graduate of Wells College, in upstate New York, and has a master's degree in business administration from the University of Michigan. Joan and her husband, Steve Calkins, moved to Northville in 1985, where they raised their three children. He is the associate vice president for Academic Personnel and a professor of Law at Wayne State University.

Estate taxes and the New Year – what you need to know

As the crystal ball fell in Times Square, several hundred provisions in the Internal Revenue Code lapsed as well; the "sunset provisions" on many sections of the tax law expired. While many were reveling in the festivities of a new year on December 31, many tax professionals wondered what Congress had on tap for 2010. Included in the expiration were the federal estate tax, the generation-skipping transfer tax, several income tax credit and deduction incentives, as well as many specific provisions tailored to certain taxpayers.

The biggest "hole" in this sunset was the elimination of the estate tax. Although many individuals were not directly affected by the estate tax, most estate plans prepared in the past 25 years (specifically those with revocable living trusts) planned for an estate tax of some sort. Whether this meant maximizing the credit from the estate tax (from \$600,000



Dan Hoops

to \$3,500,000), the unlimited marital deduction, or retaining highly-appreciated property to take advantage of the step-up in basis.

As it currently stands with Congress, there is no estate tax. In the event Congress does not reinstate some form of estate tax, individuals can pass all of their property to their loved ones free of estate tax. That's great if you have a gross estate in excess of \$3.5 million (or \$7 million if you are married).

However, the beneficial step-up in basis is not available to individuals who receive property from a decedent. The basis is simply the starting point for determining the amount of a taxable gain when property is sold, exchanged or transferred. A step-up in basis means that this starting

point is the fair market value of the property, rather than the basis in the hands of the original owner. This is a huge problem and will result in many people having to pay a capital gains tax.

The following is an illustration of what this means: Mr. A owned a building in 1979 for \$100,000. The property appreciated in value over time and upon Mr. A's death, he had a fair market value of \$2 million. If Mr. A sold the property during his life, his original cost basis (\$100,000) would be used to determine how much capital gain he would pay if he were to sell his building. So, if Mr. A held on to his building and bequeathed it to his daughter, the step-up in basis would mean the daughter has a \$2 million basis. These are the tax consequences under the previous and current tax law if Mr. A's daughter sells the building for its \$2 million fair market value.

	With step-up in basis	Without step-up in basis
Sale Price	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Basis	<2,000,000>	<100,000>
Gain Recognized	\$0	\$1,900,000
Capital Gain Tax (15%)	\$0	\$285,000

Although Mr. A's estate would not be taxable under the estate tax (even if we used the 2009 \$3.5 million threshold), his daughter finds herself in a worse position under the current scenario. Anyone inheriting property under the current law will not be entitled to the stepped up basis, resulting in many more people paying a capital gains tax than an estate tax.

So the question on many minds is: what is going to happen? Will the estate tax become a retroactive tax? Meaning if it is re-enacted – lets say -- on February 25, 2010, would it still affect individuals who died between January 1, 2010 and February 24, 2010?

Proposed bills have been bantered about in the House of Representatives for almost a year now. Some believe that the estate tax will be revised somewhat (on gross estates in excess of \$5 million), while others believe it will be completely eliminated (with the above capital gain scenario being the revenue replacement). However Congress acts will be interesting, as people die with each passing day.

Daniel S. Hoops is an associate professor at Walsh Business College teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in the Business Law and Taxation Department. Hoops holds a master of laws degree in estate planning from the University of Miami School of Law, a juris doctor degree from the Michigan State University Detroit College of Law and a bachelor of musical arts degree from the University of Michigan. Hoops is a 1987 graduate of Novi High School. He can be reached at Walsh College at (248) 823-1334 or dhoops@walsh.edu

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Church of the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road

Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit holymfamilynovi.org

Mass Schedule

TIME/DAY: 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday; 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

Crosspointe Meadows Church

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org

Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.

Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages

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

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 childcare 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 first-baptistchurchofnovi.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 firstpresnville.org

Sunday Worship

Time: 9:30, 11 a.m.

Walking In the Park

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. every Saturday

Location: Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park (Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads)

Details: Group meets for lunch afterwards.

Contact: Sue (734) 459-0016

Single Place Ministries

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program, every Thursday.

Details: Informative and entertaining programs of interest to singles; \$5 per person. Check Web site for details singleplace.org.

First United Methodist Church of Northville

A Stephen Ministry Church

Location: 777 W. 8 Mile Road at Taft Rd.

Contact: (248) 349-1144 or www.funorthville.org

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Times: (September-June) 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m.; (July and August) 8:30 and 10 a.m.

Pastors: Rev. Dr. Steven J. Buck, Rev. Jeff Sturgeon

Coffee Hour: Sunday at 10:15 a.m.

Healing Service: 4 p.m. First Monday of every month

Logo Youth Club: 5 p.m. Wednesday for fourth-12th grades.

Radical Joy: 6-8 p.m. first and third Thursday for all women

Men's Club: 8 a.m. the second Saturday

Career Ministry: 7 p.m. first and third Monday

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi

Contact: (248) 349-0565

Sundays

Time: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship

Livonia Church of Christ

Location: 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia

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

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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 first-baptistchurchofnovi.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 firstpresnville.org

Sunday Worship

Time: 9:30, 11 a.m.

Walking In the Park

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. every Saturday

Location: Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park (Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads)

Details: Group meets for lunch afterwards.

Contact: Sue (734) 459-0016

Single Place Ministries

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program, every Thursday.

Details: Informative and entertaining programs of interest to singles; \$5 per person. Check Web site for details singleplace.org.

First United Methodist Church of Northville

A Stephen Ministry Church

Location: 777 W. 8 Mile Road at Taft Rd.

Contact: (248) 349-1144 or www.funorthville.org

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Times: (September-June) 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m.; (July and August) 8:30 and 10 a.m.

Pastors: Rev. Dr. Steven J. Buck, Rev. Jeff Sturgeon

Coffee Hour: Sunday at 10:15 a.m.

Healing Service: 4 p.m. First Monday of every month

Logo Youth Club: 5 p.m. Wednesday for fourth-12th grades.

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Men's Club: 8 a.m. the second Saturday

Career Ministry: 7 p.m. first and third Monday

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi

Contact: (248) 349-0565

Sundays

Time: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship

Livonia Church of Christ

Location: 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia

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

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Contact: (248) 427-1175 or churchoftheholycross.com

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ENGAGEMENTS

Ringler-Zielinski

Ashley Marie Ringler and Kyle Joseph Zielinski announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Bonnie and Edward Ringler of Canton, is a 2004 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and a 2008 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn, with a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering. She is employed at General Motors.

Her fiancé, son of Kerry and Jennie Zielinski of Northville, is a 2004 graduate of Northville High School and a 2009 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn, with a Bachelor of Science degree in industrial and manufacturing engineering. He is employed at Lockheed Martin in Ocala, Fla.

An April 2010 wedding is planned in The Inn at St. John's, Plymouth.



Fuller-Skynar

Sarah Fuller and Joseph Skynar, both of Canton, announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Anita and Steven McAfee of Fort Wayne, Ind., received a degree in elementary education from Washtenaw Community College. She is employed at Just Us Club, a nonprofit special needs daycare.

Her fiancé, son of Kathie and Larry Skynar of Northville, received a degree in mechanical engineering from Lawrence Technical University and is employed by Ford Motor Company.

A May 2010 wedding is planned in Northville.



In celebration of its 20th anniversary season, the Emmy Award-winning JUMP RHYTHM JAZZ PROJECT will present two world premieres -- "You Do Not Have To Be Good" and "Why Gershwin?" -- which will include Northville native Lindsay Fischer.



Fischer

Performances are set for Thursday, Feb. 18, through Saturday, Feb. 20, at 8 p.m. at The Dance Center of Columbia College Chicago.

For ticket reservations and information, phone (312) 369-8330 or visit www.colum.edu/dancecenter. The Dance Center is located at 1306 South Michigan Avenue in Chicago.

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with nearby parking lots and is also easily accessible by public transportation.

John Farrar, a 1994 graduate of Northville High School, was named Hillsdale College's GOLD Award recipient as Graduate of the Last Decade.

Farrar is vice president of the Consumer Package Goods Sales Division of Valassis National Sales, located in Livonia, a position he has held since May 2008. He is the youngest employee in the company history to be named vice president.

Farrar began his career as a sales management associate for General Mills, where he worked for two years following his Hillsdale graduation. He joined the Chicago office of Valassis as a division sales representative in 2000. A few years later, he was promoted to regional manager. About that same time,

Farrar developed the Chicago Internship program at Valassis. The program prepares college students for sales and marketing careers, and many participants have been hired and promoted within the company.

Farrar majored in marketing and Spanish at Hillsdale. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity, service as vice president, and played for two years on the golf team. He studied at the University of Salamanca in Spain and had an internship at General Motors. In 2006, he received an MBA degree from the University of Notre Dame, graduating cum laude.

Farrar served as a mentor to several pre-teen youth at the Northwestern Community House upon moving to Chicago. This year, his team at Valassis will volunteer their time with the Give Kids the World organization.

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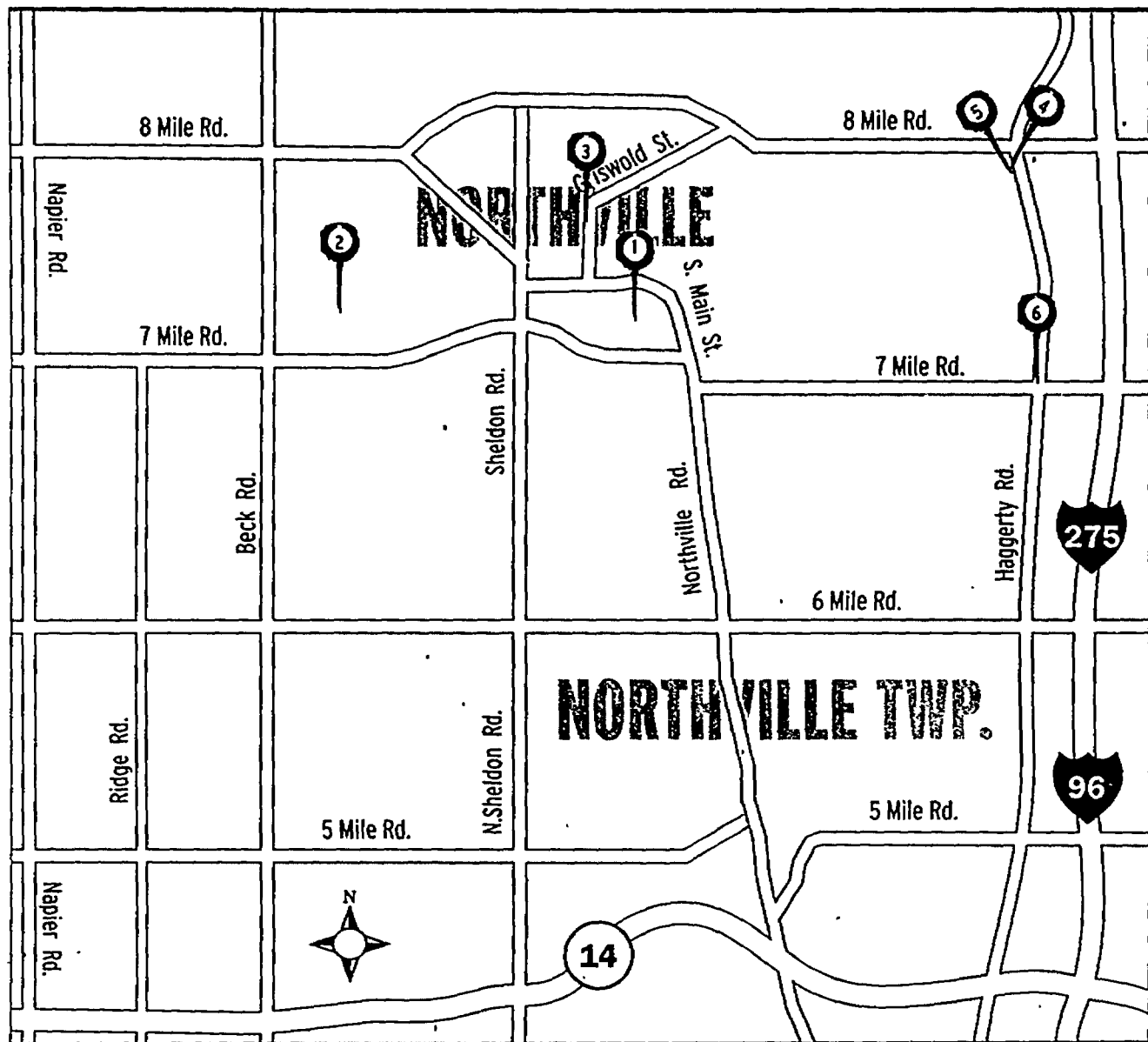
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NORTHVILLE POLICE REPORT



Trustees approve advanced training for firefighters

Trainees would receive stipend

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Northville Township trustees are moving forward on training firefighters to provide advanced life support to residents despite the fact that union contract negotiations are ongoing.

At a Feb. 4 study session, they voted to approve the start of advanced life support training this month and to maintain the hiring freeze in the department. So, the new EMS coordinator position that was requested as part of the training will have to wait.

Trustees hope the firefighters' union contract can be signed by May 1.

FINANCE DIRECTOR LEERY

Thelma Kubitskey, assistant township manager and finance director who is negotiating the contract on behalf of the township, expressed some concern that initiating the new training program might have some effect on the negotiations.

"I don't think it will help," Kubitskey said. Once firefighters receive the training in advanced life support, the township will be able to provide ambulance service to residents, which will bring added revenue to the township.

Currently, the township is under contract with Community Emergency Medical Services for ambulance service.

Firefighters trained in advanced life support would also receive a stipend, according to John Werth, director of public safety.

Chip Snider, township manager, said the department has been through two major revisions since 1995. One was going from a paid-on-call staff to having full-time firefighters.

Next, a strategic building plan was developed, with a new fire station being built on Six Mile Road west of Sheldon Road.

COLLABORATION IS FUTURE

Snider said combining fire, police and dispatch services is going to become more common in municipalities in the future, with dispatch services and booking already being shared by Northville Township and the city of Northville.

"Collaboration is important," Snider said. "And, he believes fire departments providing advanced life support services are going to become part of the continuum of care in community medical service."

IMPORTANT TO COMMUNITY

Werth believes this higher level of service is important to the community. And, he doesn't want to wait to provide the training, because the cost will then increase.

He said Richard Marinucci, deputy director of fire service, has done a good job of minimizing the cost of the training. Marinucci also said he could

make the training work without having an EMS coordinator right away.

"Everybody is talking about collaborative efforts, and this puts us on a level playing field with our surrounding neighbors," Werth said. "I'm very confident that our revenues would offset the expenditures."

Trustee Mindy Herrmann said she would prefer that the firefighters settle their contract before moving forward with the advanced life support training.

SEPARATE ACCOUNTING

Trustee Marjorie Banner wanted to know if there was a way to take the revenue derived from fire-department's ambulance runs and save it for a rainy day.

Snider suggested separate accounting for the revenue for that reason. Mark Abbo, township supervisor, wants the training and service implemented as soon as possible.

Werth said six meetings have taken place on contract negotiations with firefighters.

"I think we're close," he said, noting that a new contract could be resolved by May 1.

POTENTIAL FOR THE FUTURE

"I'm very excited about the potential for the revenue (with the township providing ambulance service)," said Trustee Sue Hillebrand. Most residents are employed and have health insurance. She said currently only 2.3 percent of township residents are unemployed.

"I would love to offer this service to our community," she said. "It's a valuable service." Training would need to start now to be completed by December, according to Marinucci.

Werth disagrees that the training would affect contract negotiations. In fact, he thinks it would be the carrot that will lead firefighters to signing a contract.

"We do have people who are eager to do this," he said. "And, I'm very confident that we're going to bring home a contract. I've been with the department for 22 years."

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Malicious destruction

1 An 11-year-old Northville Township boy, 12-year-old Northville boy and 12-year-old Novi boy were caught throwing rocks at a building at 456 E. Cady Street a 2:35 p.m. on Feb. 6.

Police received a call about the incident.

The boys told police they thought the building they were throwing rocks at was abandoned. They admitted to breaking three windows and that they had thrown rocks at the location three other times.

The owner of the building, who said he did want to press charges against the juveniles, reported that 18 windows had been broken.

He believes the boys may be responsible for other damage to the building in the past, such as kicking in fan vents and breaking doors.

The owner said if the boys or their parents agreed to pay for the damage that he would not

prosecute.

Breaking and entering

2 Police responded to a breaking and entering at a residence on Spring Drive that occurred between 8:30 a.m. Feb. 10 and 11:25 p.m. Feb. 11.

The suspect tore a window screen and broke a window. The only item found missing was a partially used checkbook containing personal checks.

Assault and battery

3 A 54-year-old Plymouth Township man was arrested for nonaggravated assault and battery, disorderly conduct and resisting an officer after police were dispatched to the Northville Downs race track at 301 S. Center Street about at 12:40 a.m. Feb. 12 following an incident in the poker room.

The man was obviously intoxicated, given his slurred speech, unsteady demeanor and strong odor of alcohol on his breath.

Race track management said the man had been causing a disturbance and had possibly assaulted another player in the poker room. The poker room manager told police that he wished to sign a trespass notice against the man. He would still be allowed at the track, just not in the poker room.

Retail fraud at Meijer

4 A 20-year-old Detroit woman and 19-year-old Southfield woman were arrested for retail fraud at 1:05 a.m. Feb. 3 at the Meijer store at 20401 Haggerty Road.

The Detroit woman stole \$69.93 in assorted women's clothing, and the Southfield woman stole \$89.89 in assorted women's clothing.

The Detroit woman also had three outstanding warrants — two for failure to appear out of Southfield and one for a civil infraction out of the Farmington Hills Police Department.

Car theft arrest

5 A 31-year-old Detroit man was arrested for driving a stolen vehicle at 12:47 a.m. on Feb. 6 in the Meijer store parking lot at 20401 Haggerty Road.

The vehicle was discovered stolen when police on patrol ran the man's license plate in the parking lot.

The man was also charged with possession of narcotics paraphernalia for having a crack pipe in the vehicle.

Suspended license driver

6 A 43-year-old Detroit man was arrested for driving on a suspended driver's license at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 8 at Seven Mile and Haggerty roads.

The man was pulled over when he turned right on a posted No Turn on Red sign. The man had multiple license suspensions according to the police report.

— Compiled by staff writer Pam Fleming

THE SAFETY ZONE

Imagine being involved in an emergency and not being able to contact your loved ones. The Fire Department routinely runs into this problem. Many times, people are unconscious or unresponsive and therefore are not able to communicate. When this occurs, emergency personnel look for ways to contact loved ones to let them know what the problem is and the hospital that the patient will

be transported to.

The best way for emergency personnel to contact someone is through ICE or In Case of an Emergency. Your cell phone may come preset with an ICE contact. If so, it is simple to do and only takes a minute to enter the required information. If you do not have a current phone that has the ICE function, the Fire Department recommends that you put the word

"ICE" before the contact name (for example, ICE Mom-Joyce). This way, the emergency service personnel contacting your loved one will know that they are calling your mother, and that her name is Joyce. It is a good idea to have at least two ICE contacts.

Remember, In Case of an Emergency is just that. Public Safety personnel will only use those phone numbers as a last resort to get

a hold of your emergency contact. The Northville Township Fire Department hopes that these numbers will never have to be used. However, if you are involved in an emergency and can not communicate, ICE is an invaluable resource to have.

Jason Raschke is a firefighter with Northville Township. He can be contacted at jraschke@twp.northville.mi.us.

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The Northville Township 2010 Board of Review will conduct hearings on the following dates for appeals from citizens, regarding the 2010 assessment, at the Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road. All appeals are by appointment. Beginning Friday, February 19th, 2010 you may call (248) 348-5810 to schedule an appointment. Letters of appeal must be received by March 13, 2010. Postmarks are not accepted.

Date	Time	Meeting
Tuesday March 02, 2010	1:00 pm	Organizational Meeting

Appointment Dates:	9:00 am	1:00 pm	2:00 pm	Appointments
Wednesday March 03, 2010	9:00 am	1:00 pm	2:00 pm	Appointments
Thursday March 04, 2010	9:00 am	1:00 pm	2:00 pm	Appointments
Saturday March 06, 2010	9:00 am	1:00 pm	2:00 pm	Appointments
Monday March 08, 2010	9:00 am	1:00 pm	2:00 pm	Appointments
Tuesday March 09, 2010	9:00 am	1:00 pm	2:00 pm	Appointments
Wednesday March 10, 2010	9:00 am	1:00 pm	2:00 pm	Appointments
Thursday March 11, 2010	9:00 am	1:00 pm	2:00 pm	Appointments
Saturday March 13, 2010	9:00 am	1:00 pm	2:00 pm	Appointments

All persons protesting their assessment must complete a petition (form L-4035) which can be obtained at Northville Township Hall or at www.michigan.gov/treasury. Click on Forms, then click Property Tax, Board of Review (L-4035)

Sue A. Hillebrand, C.M.C.
Clerk

Published: February 11, 18 & 25, 2010

Haiti fund-rasier at Genittis

Genittis Hole In The Wall Theatre continues its tradition of year-round fundraising events, in presenting Performance Benefit for Haiti Relief on Friday, Feb. 19 at 7 p.m., in an effort to prove that local artists can make an international difference.

Please join Performance Benefit for Haiti Relief, an evening of local actors, musicians, dancers, poets and artists devoting two hours of both their time and talent to help the people of Haiti rebuild a nation and a people.

Genittis Hole In The Wall Theatre is located at 108 East Main Street, Northville. Suggested donation is \$5. For more information please call (248) 767-2339.

'Mimi' author signing books

Northville educator Sue Beth Balash will appear at Barnes & Noble for a special storytime and signing of her new children's picture book, "Mimi the Inchworm" at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 20. The store is located on the northwest corner of Six Mile and Haggerty in Northville Township. "Mimi the Inchworm" is the charming story of how the smallest creatures can have a large positive influence on the world around them. Following a reading of her story, the author will sign copies of her book as well as facilitate a craft with the children.

Looking for Great Homes

American Association of University Women Northville-Novis is looking for a few great Northville homes to feature in its 15th annual AAUW Home Tour. A highlight of the Northville Victorian Festival, the tour will be held for 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sept. 18.

Typically homes featured are widely different in architecture and interior design, span three centuries of construction and reflect how families have adapted to 21st century living in a community with a



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Tasty cause

The Silver Springs Pack 712 cub scouts held their 3rd annual cake bake on January 21. The cakes are created by the dads and sons and auctioned off. The event raised more than \$700.00 for Northville Civic Concern.

Victorian village at its heart. Joe Gagnon, the Appliance Doctor, will be answering questions at one home this year.

The home tour is a signature fund-raising event of AAUW which directs its support to advance education in the local, national and international community. One of the ongoing local commitments is annual scholarship contributions to Schoolcraft and Oakland County Community College in addition to established endowments.

If you would like to discuss having your home on the AAUW Home Tour 2010 or would like to be a Home Tour volunteer, please contact event Chair Dianne McCulloch at dimccul@comcast.net.

Life on the Vine

The First Presbyterian Church in Northville will host a two-day seminar, Life on the Vine: Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit among Christian Men.

Guest speaker will be Robert L. Hunter (Bob), a pastor, author, counselor and consultant with extensive experi-

ence in guiding congregations and leaders in their faith journey. He is currently serving as director of Stewardship and Endowment at Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, Ind.

The seminar will begin with registration at 6:15 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 26, followed by a steak dinner and Rev. Hunter. Feb. 27 starts with breakfast at 7:45 a.m. followed by a morning session and small group discussions; lunch at noon; an afternoon session; worship and adjournment at 3 p.m.

For more information, contact the church (200 E. Main) at (248) 349-0911.

Preschool auction

Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool, located at 30330 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, will be hosting their annual auction event on Friday, March 5, at Genittis' Hole in the Wall, Northville. Tickets are \$35 per person or \$50 per couple. Tickets include a seven-course family-style dinner with dessert, silent auction, cash bar

and murder mystery dinner theater. Go to www.academicpathwayspreschool.com for more information or call (734) 546-5246.

Victorian Tea

On March 27, the Northville Historical Society is hosting a Victorian Tea from 2-4 p.m. at Cady Inn, followed by a Gibson Girl Fashion Show at the Village Church.

Advance reservations for the tea (\$25) are required, and it includes the fashion show. Separate tickets (\$10) for the program only can be purchased at the show. For more details about the tea fundraiser, contact Heidi Nielsen at (248) 767-7280.

Food drive

Keller Williams Realty

will be doing a food drive for Civic Concern for the month of February. Agents will be at the Center Street Hiller's Market on Thursday, Feb. 18 from 10:30 a.m.-noon to accept non-perishable items which will be then delivered to Northville Civic Concern for distribution to families within the community in need.

Non-perishable food items may also be dropped off in the big red box in the Keller Williams Northville Business Center at 200 N. Center Street throughout the month of February.

Call (248) 767-4198 or (248) 735-5427 for more information.

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Answering 10 simple questions on Census Day, April 1 can create a better future for you, your family and your township.

In March, more than 130 million addresses in the United States will receive a U.S. Census 2010 questionnaire form either by mail or from a census worker. One of the shortest census forms created since the census was first conducted in 1790, this year's form should take only 10 minutes to complete. The form will ask for name, gender, age, race, ethnicity, relationship and whether the householder is an owner or renter. People with more than one residence should be counted only at the residence where they spend the largest part of the year. By filling out your census form accurately and returning it by the deadline, you and the members of your household will be counted in the national census, which is used to determine representation in the U.S. House of Representatives, allocate seats in the state Legislature, and influence how the federal government allocates more than \$400 billion to states

and communities.

Census data is also used to:

- guide planning for new hospitals, roads, job training centers, schools and more;
- determine the need for additional social services, block grants and other grant programs essential to many communities;
- provide information to ascertain the need for local initiatives, such as after-school programs or community action projects; and,
- help businesses identify where to locate factories, shopping centers, banks and offices, which often can lead to new jobs.

The U.S. Constitution requires a national census be conducted once every 10 years. In accordance with law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's questionnaire responses with anyone.

For more information about Census 2010, contact Sue Hillebrand, Clerk at 248-662-0491, email: shillebrand@twp.northville.mi.us. Visit the Census website for employment or other information at www.michigan.gov/census2010.

Toddle Time

Bring your toddlers and preschoolers to their own special drop-in play time from 10 a.m.-noon on Tuesdays through April 27 (except Dec. 29) at the Northville Community Senior Center.

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Former Northville High School swimmer Joe Lunn is now a first lieutenant serving on a dive team with the U.S. Army in the Middle East. Page B3

Girls bowling wins Central Division title



A member of the Northville varsity bowling team participates in a league meet at Novi Bowl on Jan. 5.

Mustangs lock in championship with win over John Glenn

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs girls bowling team will have to ask the athletics department to make a little room in the trophy case thanks to their second-straight Central Division title.

The girls, coached by Patrick Ramsey, notched a win over John Glenn last week to secure their untouchable status atop the Kensington Lakes Athletics Association Central Division.

Northville's record stands at an impressive 11-0 and John Glenn fell to 9-2. Both teams still have one division meet remaining on their schedule.

Northville came out strong in this match, averaging 180 per bowler in the first individual game after winning both Baker games. Marie Samson shot a 196 in the first game and a 268 in the

second—including strikes in each of the first eight frames. Samson is averaging a 190 on the season, which ranks her second overall in the division. Her 268 and two-game series of 477 ranks first in the division so far this season.

Northville also had a 192 turned in by Shelby Curlew, while Kristen Muzillo added a 186. Jessie Sammut showed her marksmanship, hitting a clutch 6-7-10 split in the first game to help secure the victory.

The victory marks Northville's 19th consecutive division victory, dating back to December 2008. The girls won the division title last year as well, though bowed by one pin in the conference championship.

Ramsey said that his team is focused and have made the most of the season.

"Keeping the girls on track is easy, as they are a very even-keel

group," he said. "They are very coachable; they listen well and are very proactive about seeking help when they are struggling. Most importantly, they have fun when they bowl, and do a great job of supporting their teammates and maintaining team focus and energy in tough matches, and do it without getting stressed out."

Northville, which is ranked second in the state for Division I schools, are led by Samson and Sammut, who leads the KLAA Central Division in match points. Curlew and Brittney Browers are also among the league leaders in match points this year. Northville also has Lindsey Funfgeld, Muzillo and Rachel Beger who have been key in victories this year.

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



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A Northville varsity bowling team member bowls during a Jan. 5. meet at Novi Bowl.

Mustangs show off at Trenton Showcase

Squad beats P.H. Northern, falls to Grand Rapids CC

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs fought through injuries all last week but didn't let it affect their play as they split their games at the Trenton Showcase.

The squad earned a huge 4-1 victory over the Port Huron Northern Huskies to open the tournament, but allowed themselves to relax too much and ran out of gas in their second contest and fell to Grand Rapids Catholic Central, 5-1.

"Our lack of a cohesive off-ice pre-game dynamic warmup hurt our performance in the first period," said coach Jeff Hatley of the Grand Rapids game. "The guys were not ready to play."

At the Trenton Showcase, said Hatley, teams get a shortened on ice pre-game warm-up. In addition, the bus arrived late and the Mustangs had even more of a reduced time.

Unfortunately, the squad didn't head right to the locker room, instead choosing to visit the pro shop and watch the Novi versus Detroit Catholic Central game.

"Justin Abdelkader from the Red Wings talked to our guys about the importance of a good dynamic off-ice pre-game warm-up," said Hatley. "He warms up off-ice for 20 to 30 minutes before the on ice warm-up. Our guys warmed up for about two minutes and said they were good to go. I will not make that mistake again and I hope this is a lesson learned for all of us. Come this Thursday's game versus South Lyon the message will be simple—no warm-up, no play."

The end result against Grand Rapids Catholic



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mustang Michael Comben brings the puck up ice.

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Mustang Andrew Baldwin gets a shot away during their Feb. 11th home game against South Lyon East.

NORTHVILLE HIGH ROUNDUP

Four Mustangs advance to individual wrestling regional

Josh Wright, Nick Mudar, Jon Nelson and Bobby Lahiff all earned positions in the top-three at the individual district tournament last week at Plymouth High School to earn admittance to the individual regional tournament this Saturday.

Mudar, a 171-pound force this year, earned the individual championship for his weight class to lead the Mustangs. Wright, a 145-pounder, and Nelson, at 152 pounds, took second in their respective divisions to advance, while Lahiff, at 189 pounds, took third place to advance.

Ian Stirton and Trevor Maresh missed the cut by a single loss.

The Northville Mustangs also competed in the team district and fell to Canton in the final. They defeated Plymouth in the opening round.

Bowling bows to John Glenn

The Northville Mustangs boys bowling team didn't have the numbers to take down top-ranked John Glenn last week and ended up falling in the Central Division match-up.

The Mustangs did, however, have some impressive scores in the losing effort. Garret Baughman turned in a 212 in the first individual game and then a 191 in the second. Ryan Benoit turned in a 194 on the day.

On the junior varsity side, the girls team lost a close match to Glenn and the boys fell to the Rockets as well. Lisa Rice and Esha

Bedi led the attack for the girls and Emmet Zimmer led the boys against the top-ranked Rockets.

Boys basketball misses KLAA tourney

The Northville Mustangs boys basketball team had to win two games last week in order to make the KLAA tournament for a shot at the title.

That didn't happen, though the team came close. Northville beat South Lyon East, 60-28, but fell to Salem, 67-53.

Against Salem, Northville fell behind by 10 early in the second quarter and just couldn't fight their way back. Northville cut the lead to just five points off a three-point shot by Drew Baldwin just before the half, but Salem came back and fired off a three of their own just before the buzzer to put the Rockets up 29-21 heading into the locker room.

"I thought Salem's three at the end of the half killed some of our momentum," admitted coach Todd Sander.

Salem took advantage of several Northville mistakes for easy points and used their size to put rebounds back for more points.

The loss made Northville fifth in the Central Division and kept them out of the KLAA championship tourney this week.

Baldwin had 28 points to lead all scorers. Against South Lyon East, Northville didn't have much competition. They blew

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The Northville High School varsity pom team hoisted the state championship for the first time since 2005.

Northville pom wins state title

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

So how much does a state championship trophy weigh? Well, it's not too light and it's not too heavy. In fact, most of the girls on the Northville pom team would likely say that it's just perfect.

And they would know. The girls, last Saturday, hoisted the state championship for the first time since 2005 -- a feat all of the team's seniors and their coach, Kelli Hay, have been chopping at the bit for.

"The awards ceremony was very intense," admitted Hay, who coached the team with assistants Amy Mnich and Sarah Brown. "They started announcing from the bottom up and when they said 'North' for North Farmington at third place our hearts sank."

Third place, this team thought, was not what they had come out for. A state title was all they had wanted after qualifying for the tournament three weeks ago. They had done everything they could, including extended practices for six days a week—even on

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The seniors have one more event to showcase the Second Annual Variety Show, titled "Rocking with NHS." The event, which will feature the varsity and junior varsity pom teams showcasing their competitive routines and will also include "fun" pom routines with guests and musical and dance numbers performed by various Northville students.

The event will be Feb. 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the Northville High School auditorium and the cost is \$5 for students and \$6 for adults with advance purchase and \$7 and \$8 at the door, respectively.

The team will also hold a food drive that night, collecting non-perishable goods to be donated to Civic Concern.

snow days -- and increased difficulty in their routine as compared to the one they performed at the regional tournament.

Once third place was announced, and then Northville wasn't announced at second, the team began to overflow with excitement.

And then the word "Northville" escaped the announcer's lips and boomed over the loudspeakers. It wasn't as though anyone needed to hear the whole name because the Mustangs were already on their feet screaming and jumping.

"Getting announced as state champs is something the seniors and I have been dreaming of for the last four years," Hay said.

All the hard work for the team paid off with dividends. Captains Grace Ackerman, Shelby Canon and Katy Williams led their team to a first place victory—10.5 points ahead of the competition, which Hay said "in pom is huge."

Northville knew heading into the state finals that they weren't the pundits' pick for the title. Despite that Stevenson, which won

last year, had moved up to Division I this season, the favorites were expected to be Farmington Harrison and Okemos. Both teams had recently been competitors in Division I and both had won the Division II state championship in the past.

So the Mustangs went to work right after the regional. Extended practice hours were needed to perfect their routine, especially with an added extra stunt.

"It really helped set us apart from the rest," Hay said. "All choreography is done by team members, assistant coaches and myself."

Hay said that the routine was likely the most difficult the Northville pom team has attempted in the past four years.

"This team—this season—is special because the seniors and I have been together for four years and we are ending our pom careers together this year," Hay said.

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Northville girls head to KLAA tournament

Basketball team takes fourth in Central Division

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville girls basketball team has shown all season that they won't go down without a fight in any contest.

They proved that again last week when they split their games, beating South Lyon East, 62-49, and losing to Salem, 44-42.

Against Salem, the squad wrapped up their Central Division play with a back-and-forth bout that found each team turning in impressive defensive games and a drive to win.

"I'm proud of our effort," said second-year coach Todd Gudith. "Our kids played their hearts out. Even though we fell short, this was probably our best performance so far."

The Mustangs found themselves trailing by just one at the end of the first quarter, 10-9, and fought back to take the lead heading into the locker room, 21-19. By the end of the third, Salem held a one-point advantage, 34-33.

The Mustangs fell down by five points in the final stanza, but leapt back into contention on a three-point field goal by junior Beth Road to cut the Rocks' lead to two late in the game. A few free throws by Salem increased their lead again and Katie Giacomini hit a three from the corner to slash the Rocks' lead to two again with just second left in the game.

Salem missed their shots following a Northville foul and the Mustangs raced up the court with just eight second left and no time outs remaining. Meredith Williams passed the ball down the hardwood court to an open Sarah Tuohy, who fired a last-second shot that fell off the rim to end the game.

"Our girls fought to the end and made some good decisions down the stretch to give us a chance," Gudith said.

Julia Ramey led Northville with nine points while Tori Wright, Tuohy and Giacomini had eight each. Northville held Salem's Sara Stone to just eight points, as compared to her 20-point game the first time the two teams met this season.

Northville started the year with a 1-4 mark in the Central division and then went 3-2 in the division from that point on for their 4-6 division mark and 8-8 overall record. The Central Division standing left Northville fourth overall and gave them a berth to the KLAA tournament this week. They were slated to play Canton Tuesday night in the tournament. Canton is ranked first in the South Division and second in the state for Division I schools.

The Mustangs also played South Lyon East last week and came away with a convincing 62-49 victory thanks to a very strong second-half performance.

Northville led by just one point, 25-24, in the first half thanks to some difficulty controlling the ball and the 15 turnovers they committed. South Lyon East put in seven three-point baskets to stay in the game despite not making a single two-point field goal in the first half.

Northville settled down in the second half, however, and controlled the ball with just four turnovers. Tuohy lit up the scoreboard with 12 of her game-leading 17 points being scored in the second half. Giacomini had 11 in the game.

"We were like Jeckle and Hyde," said Gudith of his team. "When we broke the press everything clicked, but when we didn't it looked bad."

South Lyon East scored 30 points from beyond the three-point arc.

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SCHEDULE

Novi High School Boys Basketball

All games are at 7 p.m.

Fri 02/19 @ KLAA Playoff
Tue 02/23 @ KLAA Playoff
Fri 02/26 @ KLAA Playoff

Girls Basketball

All games are at 7 p.m.

Thu 02/18 KLAA Playoff
Mon 02/22 @ KLAA Playoff
Wed 02/24 @ KLAA

Crossover

Ice Hockey

Home games at Novi Ice Arena

Thu 02/18 @ KLAA
Conference Crossover
Thu 02/25 @ KLAA

Association Crossover

Boys Swim and Dive

Fri 02/19 5 p.m. @ KLAA

Division Diving
Sat 02/20 12 p.m. @ KLAA

Division Meet
Fri 02/26 5 p.m. @ KLAA

Conference Diving
Sat 02/27 12 p.m. @ KLAA

Conference Meet

Boys and Girls Bowling

All meets are at 3:30 p.m. unless noted

Tue 02/23 @ KLAA

Conference Tournament (Town &

Country)

Competitive Cheer

Sat 02/20 @ MHSAA

Districts

Sat 02/27 @ MHSAA

Regional

Wrestling

Sat 02/20 @ MHSAA

Individual Regional
Fri/Sat 02/26-27 @ MHSAA Team

Final

Boys and Girls Skiing

All meets are at 4 p.m.

Thu 02/18 MHS Round-Up

Invitational

Northville High School

Boys Basketball

All Games at 7 p.m.

Fri 02/19 @ KLAA Playoff

Tue 02/23 KLAA Playoff

Fri 02/26 @ KLAA Playoff

Girls Basketball

All games at 7 p.m.

Thu 02/18 KLAA Playoff

Mon 02/22 @ KLAA Playoff

Wed 02/24 @ KLAA Crossover

Boys and Girls Bowling

Tue 02/23 @ Conference Finals TBA

Cheerleading

Sat 02/20 @ MHSAA Districts TBA

Gymnastics

Thu 02/18 @ WL Central 6:30 p.m.

Sat 02/20 @ Conference Meet 9:30 a.m.

Boys Hockey

Tue 02/23 @ KLAA Crossover TBA

Thu 02/25 @ KLAA Crossover TBA

Boys swimming and diving

Fri 02/19 @ Division Diving TBA

Sat 02/20 @ Division Meet TBA

Fri 02/26 @ Conference Meet TBA

Sat 02/27 @ Conference Meet TBA

Wrestling

Sat 02/20 @ MHSAA Regionals TBA

Catholic Central High School

Basketball

All games at 7:30 p.m.

Fri 02/19 CHSL

Sat 02/20 CHSL

Tues 02/23 CHSL

Wed 02/24 CHSL

Sun 02/24 CHSL Championships

Hockey

Thur 02/18 @ Port Huron Northern

6 p.m.

Sun 02/21 @ CHSL Championship TBA

Sat 02/27 Grosse Pointe North 7 p.m.

Wrestling

Sat 02/20 @ Individual Regional TBA

Fri 02/26 @ Team State Finals TBA

Sat 02/27 @ Team State Finals TBA

Shamrocks grapplers win team district, send 14 individuals to regional

The Catholic Central Shamrocks will be very well represented in the next level of the post-season tournament after winning their team district and qualifying 14 wrestlers for individual regional.

In the team district tournament, the Shamrocks defeated Novi, 61-9, and Farmington, 69-3, to advance to the team regional this week at Canton.

In the individual district tournament, the Shamrocks advanced all 14 of their wrestlers to the individual regional, to be held Saturday at Saline High School.

"I'm very proud of our guys and the way they wrestled," said coach Mitch Hancock on the team's website. "These guys are tough, hard-nosed, battle tested individuals. They like competition and putting it all on the line. They work extremely hard to accomplish their goals and they're on a mission to be the best."

Out of the 14 who qualified, seven were champions and six were second place and one took fourth.

Winning the top spots were Charlie Joseph, Ken Bade, Todd Melick, Alec Mooradian, Justin Melick, Doug Eldridge and Mike Kinville while TJ Fagan, Matt Thompson, Nick Mason, Mikes Trealout and Andrew Johnson all took second in the tournament. Taking fourth was Gerid Gee.

Swim team falls despite winning eight events

Sometimes, first-place finishes just aren't enough to earn an overall victory. Just ask the

Catholic Central Shamrocks swim team, which won eight out of 12 events against Detroit Jesuit last week and still lost, 92-91.

Catholic Central earned first place in two-thirds of the events, but the Cubs' depth proved too much.

The Shamrocks notched wins from Brady Small, who earned Division I state qualifying times in both the 200 freestyle and the 100 free. Also winning two events was Joe Brinkman, who notched first in the always-grueling 500 freestyle and in the 200 individual medley.

Nick Baldus earned a first-place finish in the 100 butterfly, while teammate Dan Burton took the top spot in the 100 backstroke.

Also earning wins were the relay teams in the 200 medley relay and the 400 freestyle relay.

Basketball bows to DeLaSalle

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks basketball team was on the wrong end of a Catholic High School League match-up and bowed to DeLaSalle, 54-46.

DeLaSalle's James Novak led all scorers as he poured in 15 points while teammate Sterling Jackson added 14 in the victory. Vaughn Abecilla had 12 points for DeLaSalle. The Shamrocks, unsurprisingly, were led by Shea Kettner, who continued his impressive play this year by putting in 16 points.

Catholic Central fell to 7-5 overall and 3-4 in the Catholic Central Division. DeLaSalle climbed to 12-3 overall and 4-3 in the Central Division.

- By Sam Eggleston

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Former Northville swimmer diving in Iraq, Afghanistan

Joe Lunn is commanding officer for the 86th Engineer Dive Team

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

Joe Lunn has always been a natural leader.

The former Northville Mustangs swimmer was a part of a team that struggled to even get members on the team, let alone win meets. But Lunn didn't give up. Each and every time he swam, he pushed himself to be the best, and pushed his teammates to do the same. He was a natural leader who didn't know the meaning of quit.

That's why it was no surprise when Lunn announced that he hoped to go to West Point and become an officer in the United States Army. It was even less of a surprise when he made it and eventually joined the swimming and diving team and then the water polo team.

But no one, including Lunn, could have ever imagined that he'd take his swimming ability and his leadership qualities so far. In fact, it's taken him to Iraq, Afghanistan and beyond.

Lunn, who currently holds the rank of First Lieutenant, is currently the commanding officer for the 86th Engineer Dive Team, a crew of 23 highly-trained soldiers who are operating in the United States Army Central Command Area of Responsibility. This dive detachment is the only engineer dive team currently assigned to that theater of operations, which includes all areas within the Middle East—Iraq, Afghanistan and all countries bordering the Persian Gulf. Their battle space is defined as all inland waterways from a depth of 200 feet of sea water and above.

Currently, the 86th Engineer Dive Team is responsible for providing engineer diving support throughout the area of responsibility, which includes underwater construction, cutting and welding, salvage, search and recovery, ships husbandry, engineer reconnaissance, hydrographic survey, side-scan sonar, harbor clearance, underwater and surface demolition, diagnosis and treatment of hyperbaric illness and responding to personnel missions.

In short, Lunn has been extremely busy since his graduation from West Point and his following training at Fort Leonard Wood and his underwater training in Florida.

"Since we hit Florida, we have been extremely active in all diving operations that are ongoing in the Middle East," said Lunn, who is in his 10th month of a 12-month deployment. "We have worked extensively with bridging units in Iraq to move and relocate theater critical military float bridges. We support all Army vessels in transporting all equipment into and out of the theater of operations. This mission has increased significantly since our first arrival due to the transition of forces from Iraq to Afghanistan."

And it's not just the Army the 86th Engineer Dive Team is busy working with. The team also works on ship husbandry and repair on Navy and Coast Guard vessels and operate the only US military recompression chamber in Iraq and Kuwait that provides treatment of hyperbaric illnesses to all services and foreign militaries.

The list goes on for Lunn and his team: underwater surveys and searches, underwater imagery, inspections and more.

"All underwater operations in our battle space have kept us extremely active; these are just a few examples of the types of missions we have been on," Lunn said.

Like any soldier involved in Operation Enduring Freedom, Lunn's deployment has frequently put him in harm's way. It has, understandably, caused worry to his family and friends.

"The deployment has been exceptionally difficult on my family," Lunn noted. "I do stay in contact with them thanks to the advances in modern technology. I am able to write



Sergeant Craig and First Lieutenant Joe Lunn prepare for a port security swim supporting military vessel movements into an unsecured port.



Lt. Lunn (far right) shakes hands with an Iraqi sergeant major next to the Tigris River.

e-mails and letters and occasionally find time to Skype with them. To tell you the truth nothing beats getting a letter or package in the mail; though with such a high mission and operation tempo it is difficult to keep in touch as much as I would like to."

The contact with home sometimes finds Lunn closing his eyes and remembering all of the Victorian homes that Northville has become known for. He thinks about being an athlete at Northville High School, and of all his friends and memories of growing up in the area.

"I have great memories of growing up in such a great town among great people," he said. "I feel very lucky to have gone to such a great high school and play sports and develop great friendships. Going back home is very special to me, you know when you are home because every street you drive down and every

place you visit brings back memories of when you were growing up."

Lunn doesn't have to look far to remember why he signed up for the US Army in the first place—he just starts thinking of everyone who he grew up with, and his family, and the countless towns and villages like Northville across the country.

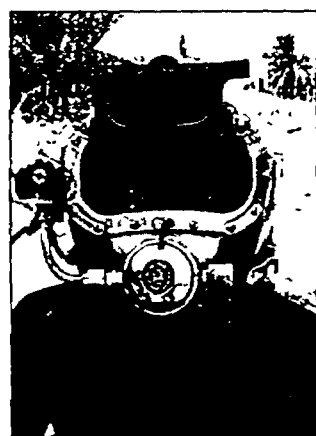
"I am over here so those back in the States can live in the safety of their own home, that they may live their lives in peace, some with only knowing of the conflict over here by watching the news," he said. "At times my role may seem miniscule, though we all continue to keep focus on why we are all over here. We are continually striving towards a future that holds peace and prosperity for generations to come, so that future generations will not have to live in fear nor will they have to face the difficulties of war and

modern conflict."

Each and every day that Lunn wakes up, he focuses on the job at hand and, just as importantly, making sure everyone who serves with him comes home.

"The men whom I serve with (the serving) worthwhile," he said. "I am leading these men in a combat environment which continually has the potential to become very hostile very fast. The divers I serve with are the best this Nation has to offer, and they deserve the best from their commanding officer."

The 23 men on his dive team have become Lunn's family. They are the best at what they do and Lunn makes no qualms about stating that.



First Lieutenant Lunn prior to entering the water in the SI-37K surface supplied diving helmet. A welding shield is attached for conducting under water cutting using Broco, underwater ultrathermic cutting.

"I am honored to be serving with the nation's most elite diving team currently forward deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom," he said. "The military life is exceptionally demanding—it calls upon nothing but your best all the time. Though, when I am surrounded by the professionals that I work with it makes my job easier. I cannot speak highly enough about the men I serve with on this team—it truly is an honor."

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Six Shamrocks sign letters of intent

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks were well represented on national signing day two weeks ago when high school athletes were given the opportunity to sign letters of intent to the colleges that pursued them.

The Shamrocks had five players from their state championship football team sign letters and one of the very talented soccer stars that Catholic Central fielded this year.

From the soccer team, Giovanni Sturla earned a scholarship to play at Spring Arbor University.

"Gio was one of our hardest workers this past season," said Catholic Central coach Joe Nora. "He dominates the flanks and uses his speed and field vision to make himself a very dangerous player. I have no doubt he will continue to excel and improve his game at the college level. Simply put he just keeps getting better every day. We are very proud of Gio and Spring Arbor is getting a player that works hard, improves the players around him, and has a ton of skill."

From the football team, the Shamrocks are sending five players to the collegiate



Principal Fr. Richard Ranalletti with CC students (l to r) Giovanni Sturla (Spring Arbor College-soccer), Butch Herzog (Hillsdale College-football), Mike Kinville (Central Michigan University-football), Niko Palazeti (Michigan State University-football), Joe Snyder (Hillsdale College-football) and Nick Bolig (Northwood University-football).

level. Butch Herzog, who is a multi-talented player who made his mark both on offense and defense, will be heading to play for the Hillsdale Chargers.

Mike Kinville, considered one of the best linebackers in the state this year and an extremely talented wrestler, will be heading to the Mid-American Conference to play for the Chippewa of Central Michigan University.

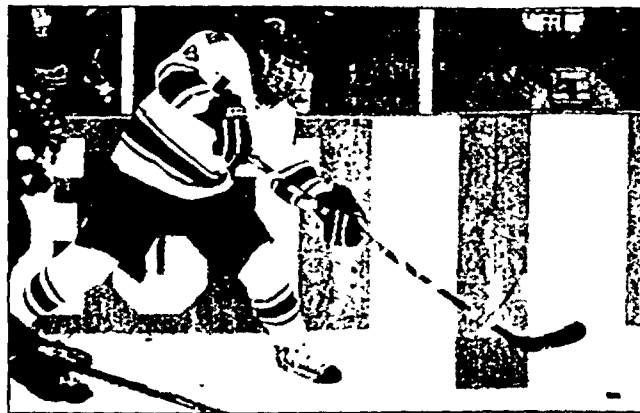
Niko Palazeti had to wait until just three days before he

signed to find out where he was going to be headed off to next year. The star running back and defensive lineman, who was critical in Catholic Central's undefeated season, got a call from Michigan State University just days before the national signing event with a scholarship offer. Palazeti inked his name to his letter to play this fall for the Spartans. "He's one of the best I've ever coached," noted football coach Tom Mach during the football season.

Joe Snyder, a two-time All-State lineman, will head to Hillsdale to play for the Chargers in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Nick Bolig, another outstanding offensive lineman for the Catholic Central squad, will be playing for the Northwood University football team come fall.

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



Northville's Kyle Sargent flicks a pass from the boards.

HOCKEY

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Central was enough for Hatley to introduce the edict. His squad scored a goal in the third period after trailing 3-0 after two periods.

On the positive side, the Mustangs are staying out of the penalty box this season. So far, according to Hatley, the squad has taken 25 less penalties on the season than their opponents.

Against Port Huron Northern, despite injuries, the Mustangs used their well-rested and well-warmed-up squad to punch out a 4-1 victory.

The squad started things off with a goal by Matt Rosiar. Cole Brown, Kyle Sargent and Scott Vandenburg then went on to finish the job and crush

the Huskies.

Hatley noted that freshman Matt Evasic, who came up from the prep team to make his varsity debut, "played well."

Six Mustangs were playing through injuries in the game, though it was hardly noticeable in the output.

"That happens in hockey and that is why you carry a 4th line," said Hatley. "The captains did a great job all night. Matt Rosiar played one of his best games. Tyler Marotta was solid on the back end. Mike Scorzo and Mike Mclean battled hard even though they were not 100 percent. Hockey players are tough like that."

David Kettelhut got the win in net for Northville.

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Catholic Central notches two hockey wins

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The Catholic Central Shamrocks rebounded nicely from their loss to Trenton two weeks ago, coming back in the Trenton Showcase to win two big games.

The squad, coached by Todd Carlson, notched an overtime win against Howell, 3-2, in the closing game after dominating Novi, 6-2, in a cross-town match-up to open the tournament.

Despite just one loss on the season thus far, Carlson said there is still work to be done.

"In terms of the team, I think our effort and structure has been good, but we are not putting away our quality chances and, thus, the games are all very close," he said.

The loss to Trenton was a good lesson for the team to learn, said Carlson—especially with the post-season on the horizon. He said that his team got beat by a team that was playing extremely passionate on their home ice.

"What it does help our players realize is that all our opponents play with that kind of effort, and we must at least match that or exceed it for any

chance of success," he said.

The Shamrocks managed to do both last week, matching Howell's drive for victory and then exceeding the passion the Novi Wildcats were able to produce.

Against Howell, the Shamrocks escaped with an overtime victory, 3-2.

Ryan Keller got the Shamrocks on the board first in the contest, scoring at the 5:27 mark in the first period with assistance from Davey Middleton for the 1-0 advantage.

That edge lasted for about a full period before the

Highlanders were able to get their own score off the stick of Jordan Simmonds, who took a pass from Matt Meisel and found the back of the net past Catholic Central goalie Zack Cisek.

With the game knotted up, 1-1, the Shamrocks pushed their offense hard in the third period. The work paid off at the 6:57 mark as Eric Winkler scored on a pass from Ian Jacobs to put his team up, 2-1.

In overtime, it was the Shamrocks who proved to have the most stamina. With just 3:09 off the clock, Catholic Central's Brad Wilhelm took a pass from Sean Gaffney and snuck it past Howell goalie Zakk Olvin to secure the victory.

ROUNDUP

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past the Cougars, 60-28, despite being in a tied game at the half.

"We got back to playing our way in the second half," noted Sander.

Northville scored 21 in the third quarter and 23 in the fourth quarter. They held South Lyon East to just five and seven points, respectively.

Bryce Groshek scored 17 points in the victory—14 in the second half—and Tim Hasse had 14 points, of which 12 came off four three-point shots.



Mustang Tim Hasse launches a long-range shot from the top of the key.

— By Sam Eggleston

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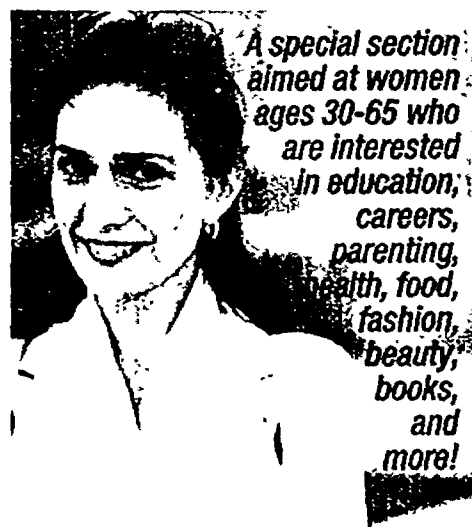
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Forever Fitness offers personal, unique training methods



Jeremy Daum uses his military training experience to get Forever Fitness participants in shape.

How did your personal training company start and when?

I went into the military at 19 years old and received special operations training, para-rescue and combat control training. They nearly laughed me out of the place in the beginning because they thought that I was not cut out for the vigorous training and endurance it would take to pass the tests involved. But out of the 260 people who applied, I was one of 20 who made it, and surprisingly, the top scorer out of everyone. I became known as the "Dauminator." After I left the military, I was a fitness trainer at the YMCA and then became a Chrysler Wellness Center trainer for nine years, with my eye on the prospect of having my own personal fitness company at some point. Forever Fit Personal Training came about after a Northville physical therapist, Dennis Engerer, learned about me and thought my personal training company would be a good fit at his rehabilitation center. What makes your variety of personal training unique?

I utilize hundreds of exercises and endurance-building techniques to continually make it interesting for the client. From ages 10 to 92, my clients can increase their longevity and quality of life, through my unique methods. I also have a detailed nutrition program, which is a 10-session program for those who want to get a jumpstart on obtaining their health and fitness goals, like getting stronger, losing weight, etc. Doesn't one of your niches include couples training together?

Yes, couples and friends like training together because

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having a buddy spurs them on to do more.

What's the MOST original part of your program?

Two things are quite exciting to me. I am on cable every day, hosting my own fitness show called Maximum Fitness. If you cannot find me on the local On-Demand channel, check out my website for fitness tips. Another class I have put in place is called Athletes' Boot Camp. This is for the person who wants PHA, or Peripheral Heart Action. The class utilizes stations, where they go around the circuit doing push-ups, squats, stability ball crunches and other endurance and cardio exercises. This kind of workout stimulates the upper body, lower body and core. My optimal performance training methods help them learn to be multi-dimensional in the planes of motion. Clients will increase balance, stabilization, strength-endurance, muscle and power.

How has the recent economic downturn affected your business?

People have continued to seek out exercise. Whether it is group training or individual personal training, business is excellent. I feel I provide an excellent value for the money.

Give us a picture of what people can expect when they sign up with you.

From the moment a new client walks in, I look at their gait, symmetry and posture to see if there are any discrepancies that we will need to address. I begin with a body assessment to help them set goals for themselves. For those who want to build muscle and/or lose weight, I use a metabolic analyzer for body fat testing, similar to the one used at Beaumont Hospital to measure body fat. I also conduct a Kinetic Chain Assessment to determine how much their body can do. Then we get down to business and begin with some simple exercises to determine their endurance and strength baseline. Some clients will combine the individual appointment with a group practice during the week. Any specials going on?

A special I have running right now is a free boot camp day. It's a great opportunity to see if Boot Camp is for you. My other special is a complimentary body fat test. Just call me and I can schedule you in for an appointment or class. What's the future hold for your business?

I am working with Riffel's Restaurant in Northville to provide a few healthy meals on the menu called the Forever Fit Healthy Choices; more details, later. I also plan to increase the number of Boot Camp classes. My website will advertise what's coming. This spring I will be holding mountain bike training classes to teach the fundamentals of smart mountain biking. I am also in the process of developing more television shows and webcast shows.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Building customer loyalty

Gerald W. Bricker, managing principal and founder of the Northville-based business consultancy Aadvise Consulting, will conduct a seminar on the importance of building a customer loyalty strategy to grow sales, improve profitability and enhance employee relations.

The seminar will be held on Wednesday, March 3, from 10-11:30 a.m., at the Double Tree Hotel, 42100 Crescent Blvd., Novi.

Bricker is a 30-year professional in general and sales management, having served most recently as vice president and general sales manager of a major global automotive electronics firm. He will present the strategic value of building customer loyalty in helping grow revenue by more than 10 percent and profitability by more than 25 percent, all with a minimal amount of investment.

To register for the seminar, go to www.novichamber.com and click on the Events button; or call (248) 974-1537.

Women: Create Your New Economy

Women's Business Network will host "Create Your New Economy!" business and networking expo on March 20 at Baker's of Milford, 2025 S. Milford Road, Milford.

The all-day event will include eight dynamic women presenting pertinent information on the legal, financial, marketing and other important aspects of running a business. Pointers for success and how to make an excellent personal impression on prospective clients will also be presented. Several example makeovers will be completed. There will be numerous opportunities for networking with other local women professionals throughout the day. The organization expects 100 attendees. The cost of attendance is

\$45 per person, or \$120 for three tickets, if registered by March 1. Thereafter, tickets will be \$55 per person. Lunch provided by Baker's of Milford is included in the ticket price.

Vendor space is available to promote your business to attendees. The cost for an eight-foot table display is \$30, plus the cost of admission. Vendors may choose to share their space and the rental cost among multiple businesses if desired. Each vendor in attendance will be responsible for the cost of admission.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Debra Downing at (248) 252-2952 or downingddd@aol.com.

Oakland offers business workshops

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars offered at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford. For location specifics and pre-registration, visit www.oakgov.com/peds/calendar or call (248) 858-0783. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months.

Pre-Business Research - Thursday, March 4, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Are you thinking of starting your own business and want to research your business idea? Are you a business owner who wants to understand which research sources to use for your business plan and where to find the information you need? Presented by The Oakland County Business Center, The Entrepreneur's Source, Oakland County Market Research Department, and a Business Reference Librarian. This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required.

Fiscal Fitness for the Growing Business - Fiscal Management Tools for the

Non-financial Manager - Wednesday, March 10, 8 a.m.-noon

This workshop provides the business owner an in-depth look at the essentials of using financial information to make effective decisions about improving their business performance. Topics include Ways to improve your company's cash flow, How to use the balance sheet and income statement to diagnose business problems and opportunities, how breakeven analysis helps you make better pricing and business decisions and How to insure you have enough working capital to support growth. The fee is \$50. No refunds.

Fundamentals of Starting a Business - Thursday, March 11, 9 a.m.-noon

This is a seminar for anyone thinking about going into business. Participants examine their entrepreneurial skills, learn how to implement their ideas and receive a list of pitfalls to avoid when starting a business. The fee is \$30. No refunds.

Sales I: Effective Networking - Wednesday, March 17, 9 a.m.-noon

You're up and running, right? And still busting your butt, but not getting the results you want? You're asking yourself, "Is this it? What am I missing? Learn the secrets and skills that will give you a tremendous competitive edge and dramatically improve your income! Learn how to give an effective 60 second elevator pitch, learn valuable networking tips and how to network effectively and get Invited In! Presented by Denise Roberts, Sales Partners-Troy. The fee is \$40, which includes all materials. No refunds.

Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan - Thursday, March 18, 9 a.m.-noon

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There's always something going on in downtown Northville.

Unique restaurants, clothing and art shops, Mill Race Village activities, a seasonal farmers market, parades and more make Main Street a happening location for families and shoppers.

With access peaceful parks and sidewalks of endless shops, Northville is the perfect place West Oakland County's newest senior living community, Northville Senior Living.

"Northville is looking for more people to live downtown," said co-owner Rodger Barton. "Our residents will be part of the real world, not just a nursing home. We are going to have the most affordable housing in the area."

The 7,000-square-foot center is located at 311 Main St. on the second floor above Dr. Phillip Mayer's office and adjacent to Northville Physical Rehabilitation, which will be offering free fitness memberships to all Northville Senior Living residents.

"The residents will have access to free fitness membership with us and will be able to stroll into town for coffee, the nearby Marquis Theatre, other doctors and more," said Dennis Engerer, Director of Rehab at Northville Physical Rehabilitation.

An intimate setting with curb appeal

Comfort, convenience and a scenic view of downtown Northville make Northville Senior Living an attractive place to live. The facility will host living arrangements for 17 interactive seniors looking forward to meeting new friends and building lasting relationships.

"Residents can feel at home with their personal belongings in their private bedrooms while



sharing multiple warm family living spaces including a dining area, two sundecks and a private library," Barton said. "Everyone will know everyone in an intimate setting. It's like a big family."

Floor plans include nine private bedrooms with individual bathrooms, and eight private bedrooms with shared bathrooms.



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Northville Senior Living, located on the second floor of 311 Main St., opens January 2010.

"The elderly congregate where they can feel the most comfortable, and that is where the sunshine is," Barton said. "All of the outside windows fall into the hallways, and most of the bedrooms have windows. We've maximized wall space to let natural light into the rooms."

Personalized, affordable care

The smaller number of residents at Northville Senior Living allows extremely personal one-on-one care and assistance.

Onsite services include three nutritionally balanced meals, laundry, medication management, shower services and housekeeping — all at a flat rate.

"There are no extra charges for personal service," Barton said. "Everything is included in one

price across the board."

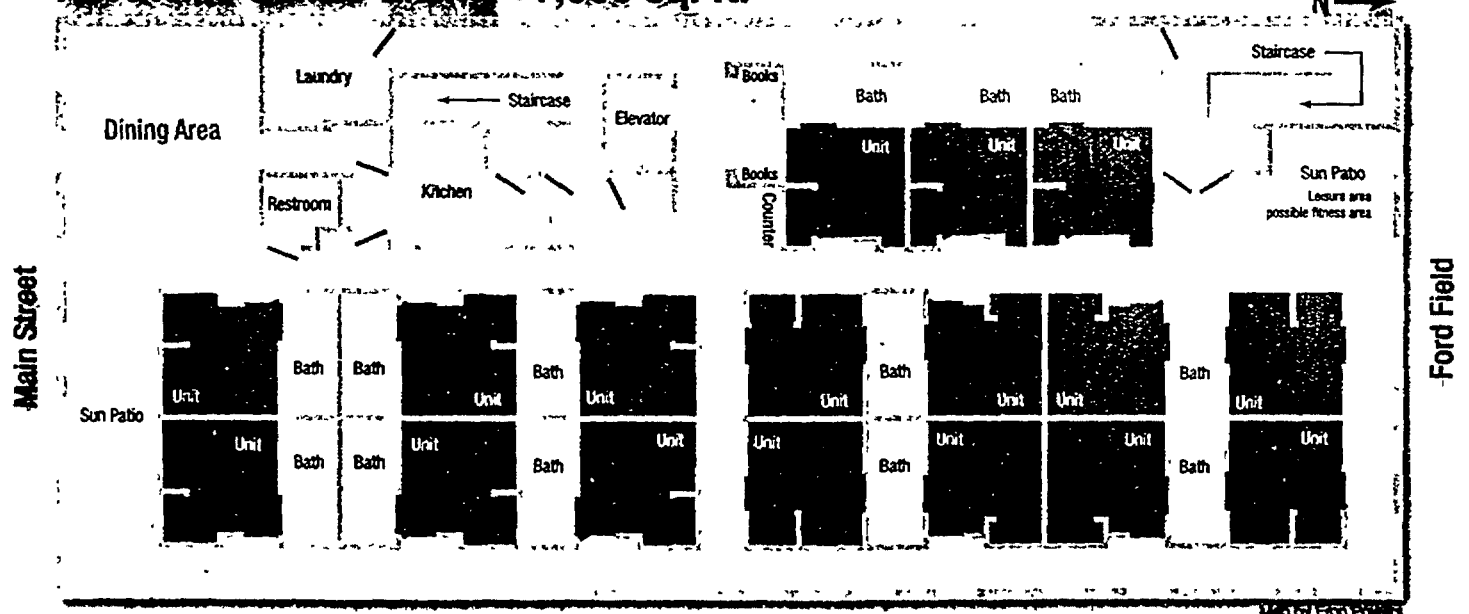
Visiting nutritionists, physical therapists, podiatrists, medical doctors and nurses will visit the facility on a regular schedule.

"We have a full kitchen that can cook anything from scrambled eggs in the morning to a full Thanksgiving dinner," Barton said. "We can meet any special diet needs. It comes down to finding out what the residents want, and we'll get it, as long as it's nutritionally balanced."

Senior transportation will be scheduled on a regular and semi-regular basis, depending on the needs of residents.

"We're already getting applications and a few new residents," Barton said. "We look forward to welcoming our seniors to downtown Northville and offering a family-friendly, scenic place to live."

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Hiring Managers Speak Out: 9 Things That Seal the Deal

Rachel Zupek,
CareerBuilder.com writer

One thing about the hiring process is true: it leaves much room for speculation. Whether you got the job -- or you didn't -- most job seekers want to know why. Why were you chosen over the next guy? Or, better yet, why weren't you? Was it your experience, your attitude, your interview answers, your outfit?

While you can speculate for days about all the different things that may or may not have gone your way, we decided to ask hiring managers directly: What seals the deal when you choose to hire a candidate? Why do you choose one person over another? All of their answers will give you some insight as to what you should pay attention to the next time you're up for a job.

Here's what hiring managers had to say:

"One of the big things for me is [following] up. If I'm on the fence about a candidate but they take the time to e-mail me and thank me for having them come in, it shows me that they are motivated, tactful and professional. On the other side of the coin, if I interview someone and they are using lots of banal business <http://www.careerbuilder.com/jobs/keyword/business> speak and don't give me any impression of what their personality is like, I will usually pass. I hate when I ask a candidate what their favorite thing to work on is and they say 'everything' -- it leaves me with the impression that they either have no personality or won't speak their mind." -- Keith Baumwald, interactive marketing http://www.careerbuilder.com/jobs/keyword/interactive_marketing analyst, Shoplet.com

"I know I have a good candidate for hire when they come in prepared with as many questions about the job and company as I have for the candidate -- especially when their questions go beyond just the pay rate and benefits. By showing interest in learning more about what the job opportunity actually involves, it shows that the candidate is just as concerned about this job being the right fit for them as I am." -- Angie Nelson, marketing coordinator <http://www.careerbuilder.com/jobs/keyword/marketing>

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"A quick deal-killer for me is people who are trying to answer questions the way they think I want them answered. Honesty in the interview is refreshing. I appreciate applicants who tell the

truth without trying to sugarcoat things. I am not as concerned with bad things that have happened in their past as much as how they dealt with those issues. That shows their true character." -- Phil Wrzesinski, owner, Toy House and Baby Too



"Confidence is important, but there is a fine line between that and arrogance. I once had a candidate state numerous times he was the one and that no way anyone else could be better. This is not only arrogant, but demonstrates ignorance on the part of the candidate. One does not always know who they are competing with or all of their qualifications." -- Thomasina Tafur, president, Thomasina Tafur Consulting

"When interviewing candidates to join our firm, two things can be deal breakers: attitude and core values. You can't teach attitude, but you can teach skill. A positive attitude, strong work ethic and strong values should trump more experience and skill. I also make sure the candidate demonstrates our company's core values. I ask them to tell me

Wyman

"When a candidate is displaying a true desire to come work for your company, they are often the one you want to hire once you are looking at the finalist pool. The fastest way to end up with a short interview and ruling yourself out from being considered is to arrive to an interview to only lack energy, give short answers and show no excitement to be there." -- James Thompson, vice president of business development http://www.careerbuilder.com/jobs/keyword/business_development, JMJ Phillip

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http://www.careerbuilder.com/jobs/california/orange_county/. I didn't hire the people with the longest résumés and the most degrees. I hired the people who were passionate about the 'green' cause and had demonstrated that in some way in their personal life. What we ended up with were employees who were willing to do whatever it took to make the enterprise successful because they were driven by an inner belief, not by a paycheck. They were engaged at an extremely high level from the first day they walked in the door. I hire for passion, and then train for skills, if necessary." -- Barbara Farfan, management and retail <http://www.careerbuilder.com/jobs/keyword/retail> consultant, Authentic Communications

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Expert: Gen Y key factor in housing's future

Kathleen Rembacki, 26, of Livonia is bucking a trend found in a recent study on homeownership.

"I think it's definitely in the plan for the future," she said of buying a home. "Certainly not within the next few years."

The study found younger adults will be less likely to buy homes than their parents did, and also that they like "walkable" communities.

Rembacki's boyfriend lives in Detroit's Greektown. "Going down to visit him I do like the atmosphere," she said. "It is nice to walk around the neighborhood. I definitely would agree with that" that Gen Yers like walkable areas.

She enjoys visiting Eastern Market, and Comerica Park for Tigers games in warmer weather. When Rembacki, who works for the Sisters of Mercy in Farmington Hills, goes out with friends there, there aren't worries about parking or driving.

"A neighborhood where you can walk is desirable," she said, citing Royal Oak, Birmingham and Ferndale as well. "Those are probably the kinds of areas I would look for."

She's a graduate of Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, and had an apartment there. "There was always a long commute driving to work every day." Nightlife in Los Angeles was a distance away as well.

"It was more spread out. The weather was pretty hard to beat," she added with a chuckle.

"Gas prices are still higher," Rembacki said of here and now. "The less we have to drive a car the better."

As the U.S. economy recovers, emerging trends in demographics and consumer behavior will become major drivers of new housing opportunities, resulting in a residential market vastly different from the one that existed prior to the recession, according to Housing in America: The Next Decade, a new research paper authored by John K. McIlwain, senior resident fellow, Urban Land Institute/J. Ronald Terwilliger chair for Housing.

In a presentation of the research to Urban Land Institute trustees during the Institute's Midwinter Meeting in Washington, McIlwain discussed the implications of the rising numbers of foreclosures, re-establishing a private-market residential finance system, as well as shifts in housing demand triggered by baby boomers, their children, and by immigrant households. "The old 'normal' will not return," McIlwain predicted. "Over time, a new mode of metropolitan development will emerge, presenting opportunities and stiff challenges. Those who fail to understand these new trends will find themselves building what is no longer in demand."

Despite the housing stabiliza-



tion that has begun in the nation's strongest employment markets, overall home prices will likely decline an additional 10 percent this year, contributing to what is already an unprecedented number of foreclosures and "underwater" mortgages (loan amounts that are higher than the current value of the homes), McIlwain said. The growing number of consumers who are choosing to walk away from those mortgages suggests a fundamental change from the long-held notion of homeownership as the ultimate American Dream, he explained. This disillusionment over homeownership as a way to build wealth could persist for decades to come, as those entering the housing market will be more apt to rent longer, and to place more emphasis on buying for shelter rather than investment purposes.

Two key predictions from Housing in America for the decade ahead: home appreciation will slow considerably, to about 1 percent to 2 percent annually; and the current U.S. homeownership rate, now at 67 percent (a decline from the record high of 69 percent at the height of the housing boom) will fall further, to about 62 percent.

According to McIlwain, the lasting stability of the U.S. housing market depends on how, and when, the private home mortgage finance system is revived and how such a system might be structured. The federal government now supplies virtually all new mortgage funds through mortgage purchases or securitization. Reducing this massive support, he said, will entail revamping or replac-

ing mortgage suppliers Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and tightening risk requirements for mortgage issuers to restore investor confidence in mortgage-backed securities.

"Re-establishing a robust private mortgage market will require both strong market fundamentals and a reformed mortgage securitization structure that eliminates past abuses," McIlwain said.

Such reform will influence the flow of capital, affecting the volume of debt, its cost and to whom it will be available, he noted. While reform efforts are still sketchy, the end result "will have a fundamental impact on housing markets for years to come."

The report cites four major U.S. demographic waves to watch in the new decade:

•Aging baby boomers (55 to 64 years old) - Although they are nearing retirement age, many will keep working out of necessity or by choice. Some will be forced to stay in their suburban homes until values recover. Those who are able to move will not choose traditional retirement locations or senior housing, opting instead for more mixed-age living environments that cater to their active lifestyles. Suburban town centers with a walkable urban "feel" will appeal to this group.

•Younger baby boomers (46 to 54 years old), now in or entering their prime earning years - This group will also face a tough time selling suburban homes, hampering the ability of these boomers to move. Because the recession has left many younger boomers with flat incomes and less home equity, their ability

to buy second homes will be greatly diminished, curbing prospects in general for the second home market. However, like their older counterparts, they will be drawn to more connected, compactly designed communities when they are able to switch houses.

•Generation Y - This tech-savvy generation has a population of about 86 million, more than the baby boomers. Gen Yers place high value on community; on places (either virtual or actual) to gather and share information, ideas and opinions. As they enter the housing market, they will be far less interested in homeownership than their parents were when they were young adults. (The recession, said McIlwain, has "tempered the interest of Gen Yers in buying their own homes and they will be renters by necessity or choice for years ahead.") Despite having small incomes, Gen Y will gravitate toward walkable, close-in communities, choosing isolated housing on outer edges only as a last resort because it is the most affordable. Green, "net zero" homes powered exclusively by alternative energy will have strong appeal to this group.

•Immigrants - Already 40 million strong, the total population of legal and illegal immigrants in the U.S. has an even greater impact when the children and grandchildren are included as a factor. The tendency of immigrants to cluster, and to live in multigenerational households, suggests that they would prefer larger homes if they could afford them and if the homes were in neighborhoods with a strong sense of community.

All of these groups have some characteristics that reflect a desire to live in more pedestrian-friendly, transit-oriented, mixed-use environments that de-emphasize auto dependency, whether the location is urban or suburban, McIlwain noted. Among the major factors driving urbanization: 1) growth of two-person households and single households without children (among both baby boomers and Generation Y); 2) a halt to baby boomer migration to the suburbs; 3) the likelihood of Generation Y to rent rather than own; and 4) public policies encouraging compact development.

Economic and land constraints make it impossible for urban infill development to accommodate all the housing demand represented by all the demographic groups, McIlwain said. As a result, suburban development "must adapt or it will be obsolete," he concluded. "The suburban century is over. This is the urban century."

To request a copy of Housing in America: The Next Decade, contact Trish Riggs at (202) 624-7086; priggs@uli.org.

Translators decipher cultural differences

Q: We have a number of diverse nationalities in our condominium, including many people from foreign countries. Do you have any suggestions on how we should deal with the potential language barrier?

A: The U.S. Fair Housing Act



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is considered the default law barring discrimination against protected classes, including people from foreign countries.

However, its guarantees of "reasonable accommodation" in housing are generally for people with disabilities. It may be necessary, therefore, to have translators and otherwise adapt to the various nationalities and/or cultures which exist in the community so that there is effective communication between the board and the members to avoid cultural misunderstandings, etc. It is also important to learn about what certain cultures require and what may be offensive to them so as to avoid unnecessary conflict.

Q: I am interested in buying a condominium high-rise on the beach in Naples and I have two dogs. Do you have any suggestions, and, what has happened with the higher end units?

A: The higher end units in the Parkshore and Pelican Bay areas have not been hit as hard as the lower-priced units, i.e. units over a million dollars. However, there are some bargains to be obtained depending upon the circumstances of the sale but you should be careful in checking the bylaws of the condominium association as many, if not most, of the Condominiums on the beach have restrictions prohibiting dogs. A few Associations allow one dog and even fewer allow two dogs with size limitations. As in any case, you should thoroughly review the condominium documents before your purchase agreement becomes binding to ensure that you will be entitled to all of the benefits that you wish to have.

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 2-6, 2009, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

2959 Edna Jane Dr	\$99,000	30990 Westwood Rd	\$151,000
2530 Walnut Rd	\$70,000	25198 Witherspoon St	\$240,000
15991 Lauderdale Ave	\$220,000	2243 Willow Beach St	\$190,000
17360 Locherbie Ave	\$234,000		
20360 Village Dr	\$400,000		
512 Landon St	\$305,000		
1259 Ruffner Ave	\$67,000		
1792 S Eton St	\$162,000		
764 W Lincoln St	\$268,000		
641 E Long Lake Rd	\$90,000		
218 Guilford Rd	\$260,000		
3855 Burning Tree Dr	\$350,000		
6785 Hayard Rd	\$247,000		
1866 Hunters Ridge Dr	\$149,000		
1464 Lakewood Dr	\$164,000		
2499 Parcels Cir	\$177,000		
5771 Peabody Rd	\$200,000		
920 Sandhurst Rd	\$499,000		
2627 Sequoia Ct	\$615,000		
1808 Carriage Pl	\$38,000		
2285 Fairgrove Ct	\$200,000		
8256 Hummingbird	\$244,000		
2597 Ivy Hill Dr	\$225,000		
8080 Mario St	\$53,000		
243 Vinona Ter	\$20,000		
12415 Buggy Whip Ct	\$154,000		
3340 Wildberry Ln	\$170,000		
35558 Clark Harbor Ct	\$97,000		
37132 Brentwood Cir	\$73,000		
25279 Broadleaf Ln	\$268,000		
20833 Deerfield	\$80,000		
33950 Edna St	\$30,000		
28955 Glenarden St	\$164,000		
24822 Lakeland St	\$158,000		
29243 Laurel Dr	\$69,000		
29694 Mayfair Dr	\$118,000		
29223 Marbrook Rd	\$180,000		
29420 Pendleton Club Dr	\$53,000		
33657 Rhinewood St	\$59,000		
26500 Rose Hill Dr	\$175,000		
29630 Sugar Spring Rd	\$254,000		
27701 W 12 Mile Rd	\$54,000		
149 Camilla Blvd	\$125,000		
1223 Ekhorn Road	\$85,000		
3559 Hidden Forest Ct	\$247,000		
28040 Hopkins Rd	\$233,000		
1180 Iyca Trl	\$232,000		
3092 Lalon Circle	\$128,000		
718 Friar Dr	\$106,000		
22566 Cypress Dr	\$148,000		
31704 E Meadowhill Dr	\$229,000		
22024 N Center St	\$198,000		
23003 Balmombe	\$225,000		
28247 Carlton Way Dr	\$148,000		
42890 Clay Ct	\$265,000		
44620 Gurnett Loop	\$59,000		
24650 Hopkins Rd	\$125,000		
23700 Maude Lea St	\$197,000		
24601 Olde Orchard St	\$57,000		
22815 Renford St	\$75,000		
28610 Summit Ct	\$370,000		
46066 W Park Dr	\$43,000		
21203 Wheaton Ln	\$330,000		
45837 Wingham Dr	\$409,000		
24441 Woodham Rd	\$258,000		
5521 Ideal Pl	\$80,000		
370 Golf Vista Dr	\$220,000		
410 Harwood Ct	\$181,000		
780 Island Lake Dr	\$180,000		
505 Sandhurst St	\$170,000		
901 First St	\$157,000		
3471 Grace St	\$160,000		
13441 Welland Dr	\$310,000		
3681 Alida Ave	\$175,000		
2089 Alsdorf Ave	\$181,000		
2196 Chippendale Chase	\$265,000		
1411 Deerhurst Ct	\$170,000		
3801 Everett Dr	\$280,000		
3267 Fantail Dr	\$245,000		
969 Greenview Ct	\$92,000		
3205 Greenwood Dr	\$76,000		
1060 Hickory Hill Dr	\$223,000		
2465 Hattendale Dr	\$180,000		
3059 Honor Dr	\$269,000		
917 Lalayette Ct	\$53,000		
313 Lake Forest Rd	\$230,000		
803 Lion St	\$150,000		
1109 Maple Leaf Dr	\$222,000		
1666 Morningstar Ln	\$162,000		
2407 Rochelle Park Dr	\$162,000		
2841 Tallahassee Dr	\$130,000		
317 Hampton Ct	\$95,000		

256 Lyon Blvd	\$110,000
344 Stanford Ave	\$130,000
29750 Aberdeen Ln	\$179,000
27740 Devonshire St	\$95,000
25775 Farmbrook Rd	\$170,000
17478 Gateway Cir	\$65,000
15685 Jeanette St	\$58,000
17381 Madison St	\$120,000
28064 Pierce St	\$23,000
28335 Stuart Ave	\$35,000
25100 Woodvale Dr S	\$52,000

1381 Autumn Dr	\$170,000
3924 Bristol Dr	\$155,000
2180 Columbia Dr	\$165,000
1800 Fleetwood Dr	\$173,000
1977 French Creek Dr	\$300,000
4679 Heatherbrook Dr	\$180,000
6679 Jonathan Dr	\$245,000
67 Miracle Dr	\$201,000
4708 Rambling Ct	\$378,000
2876 Stoneridge Dr	\$168,000
1674 Van Courtland Dr	\$245,000

356 Wellsboro St	\$78,000
3039 Barkman Dr	\$175,000
5525 Clinton Ridge	\$87,000
1874 Colonial Village Way	\$31,000
4910 Crescent Rd	\$78,000
2636 Dixie Hwy	\$150,000
3005 Edgewater Dr	\$140,000
152 Garland Way	\$155,000
1395 Genetta St	\$175,000
5722 King James Ln	\$177,000
196 Lorbetta Ln	\$44,000
2218 Ostrum Ln	\$173,000
3112 Pine Tree Ct	\$375,000
8333 Savoy Dr	\$60,000
830 Scott Lake Rd	\$120,000
2877 Voorhes Dr	\$130,000

7396 Camelot Dr	\$195,000
6691 Carlyle Ct	\$530,000
6040 Charles Dr	\$370,000
5267 Goldspring Cir	\$183,000
7309 Green View Cir	\$118,000
5550 Inletter Dr	\$275,000
1470 Kendlewood	\$121,000
3674 Orchard Lake Rd	\$656,000
4700 Parsley Ct	\$333,000
4794 Sheffield	\$199,000
4811 Sheffield	\$405,000
6458 Wood Pond Rd	\$190,000

551 Hilltop Dr	\$475,000
111 Mill St	\$160,000
2704 Wabash Rd	\$190,000
1676 Meadowlark St	\$175,000

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Plymouth Career Seminar

Keller Williams Realty will host a Career Seminar 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth. Candidates would benefit from previous experience or successes in: service industries, account management, retail sales, small business operations, marketing or event planning. Seminar includes: cost vs. income potential, available training, company profit share, commission structures. Call (734) 459-4700 to reserve a free seat.

Buying a home

There will be a free Homebuyers Educational Seminar in Livonia 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, at the Civic Center Library and in Novi 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, at the Novi Civic Center. This is an informational meeting for those interested in understanding the homebuying process. Register online at www.MiHomeBuyer.info or call (248) 747-8653.

Tax appeals

Kelly Sweeney, CEO of Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel, will conduct three complimentary educational tax appeal seminars for the public. Topics will include:

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- Breaking down the appeal process at local and state levels
- How to read and interpret Property Assessment Notices for 2010

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- 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23: The

Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham

- 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24. VisiTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia
- 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25. University Center - 1 of Macomb Community College - Center for Executive & Professional Development, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. For more information, call (248) 644-6300

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1056 Ashton Woods Dr	\$183,000
49901 Courtyard Dr	\$206,000
1800 Crestview Dr	\$195,000
46727 Glenarry Blvd	\$297,000
48595 Greenwich Ln	\$270,000
48175 Manhattan Cir	\$352,000
561 Roosevelt St	\$385,000
41724 Wayside Dr	\$125,000
44431 Windmill Dr	\$171,000
43575 Yorkville Dr	\$90,000
28811 Birchlawn St	\$66,000
5860 Gilman St	\$32,000
32482 Kathryn St	\$112,000
16836 Canterbury St	\$278,000
30056 Deering St	\$105,000
15878 Deering St	\$58,000
17545 Dolores St	\$107,000
34420 Fargo St	\$370,000
11804 Farmington Rd	\$90,000
12836 Hees St	\$120,000
29257 Meadowlark St	\$95,000
33561 Norfolk St	\$215,000
29705 Nottingham Cir	\$116,000
38743 Richland St	\$125,000

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18237 Shady's de St	\$160,000
42430 Bracher Rd	\$240,000
16339 Brock Trout Ln	\$135,000
39525 Champagne Ct	\$167,000
18353 Devonshire Ct	\$370,000
16900 Landhaven Dr	\$395,000
16012 Morningstar	\$120,000
19959 Schoolhouse Ct	\$80,000
625 Blunk St	\$100,000
698 Herald St	\$167,000
12375 Landers Ave	\$293,000
17667 Morgan Ave	\$195,000
18879 Beech Dale Rd	\$20,000
16672 Central Ave	\$78,000
13561 Crosley	\$60,000
18657 Denby	\$59,000
15080 Garfield	\$21,000
11450 Hemingway	\$50,000
25242 Lyndon	\$90,000
14361 Mercedes	\$55,000
20508 Porcia Ave	\$90,000
9071 San Jose	\$80,000
15718 Sembole	\$82,000
36143 Aronde's St	\$68,000
38111 Carolyn Blvd	\$33,000
6843 Cherraw St	\$124,000
1462 Lillian St	\$27,000
963 Mitchell Dr	\$175,000
8200 N. Henry Ruff Rd	\$170,000
30635 Nelson Cir	\$175,000
8261 Roselawn St	\$16,000
34134 Sandhill St	\$104,000
1560 Susan St	\$91,000
8485 Terri Dr	\$17,000

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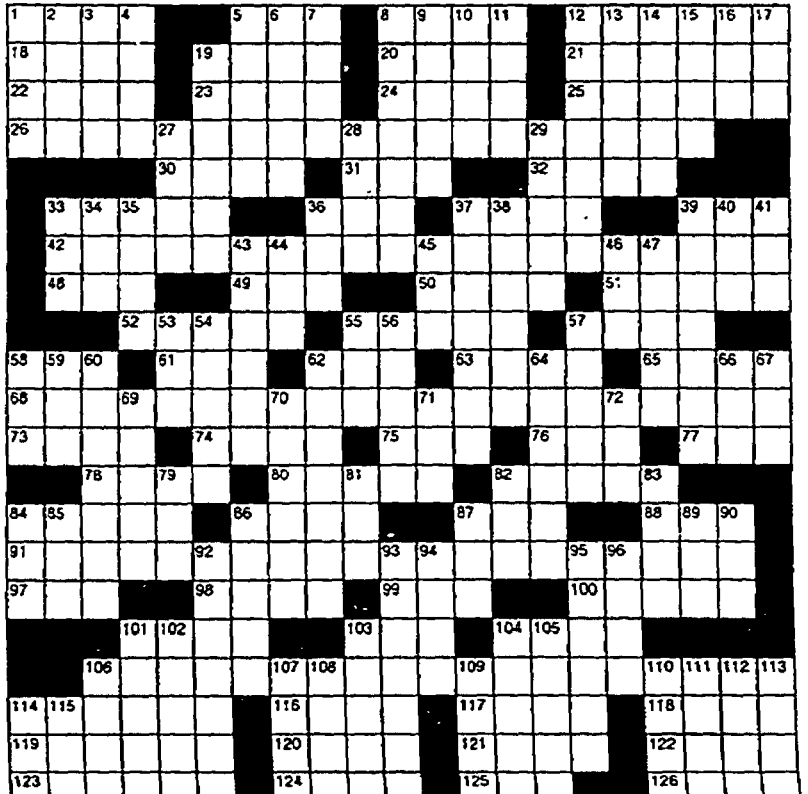
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19 Actor Auberon
20 Beringer setting
21 "Electric" (83 hr)
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23 TV's "The" — of
24 Toast topper
25 Elastic band
26 My doctor told me ...
30 Chip's chum
31 Made one's mark
32 Cry of disgust
33 Salvage
36 Stangy sb
37 Bum
39 AAA handout
42 My dentist told me ...
48 Ending for "Auden"
49 Patch in \$9 Wrath

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2 It's out of this world
5 Clouds a cad
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58 Arthur or Pookit fig.
62 Stephen of "The Crying Game"
63 Bishop of Rome
65 Summer top
68 My mechanic told me ...
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74 Jeremy Fisher, for one
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76 — Tome
77 Giovanni or Rockies
78 Rousseau part
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84 Shun
86 Quick snack
87 Hold the title
88 — Gotta Be Me" (69 hr)
91 My accountant told me ...
97 Switchboard abbr.
98 Smidgen
99 Med test
100 Bald bird
101 Cold-war accord
103 Pub order
104 Comic Sahi Game
106 My son's teacher told me ...
114 Pestor
116 Dickens villan
117 Turgenev's birthplace
118 Screenwriter James
119 Verdi opera
120 Ages
121 "Good gracious"
122 Liberate
123 "Children should"
124 Bump
125 Dover's st.
126 Semester
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1 Shopping center
2 Actor Epps
3 Roman historian
4 Correct a text
5 Olympic award
6 Harmon or Dickinson
7 Rock hound?
8 Claim
9 Snaggled
10 From the top
11 Bow part
12 Southwest sticker
13 — garde
14 "Revenge of the —" (84 film)
15 Middle Earth denizens
16 Author Grafton
17 Dist.
18 Entertain lavishly
19 Bouquet
28 Geometry term
29 Spout like Cicero
33 Turn blue?
34 Carat
35 Yours and mine
36 Turf
37 Food fish
38 Urges
39 Sandwich spread
40 Sleeve contents?
41 Third degree?



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ARE AUTO MAKERS COOLING TO MARKETING THEIR 'GREENNESS'?

Advertising Feature

CAReport



By Dale Buss

Don't look now, but as I first reported in Edmunds.com's Green Car Advisor blog, automotive marketers may have begun tapping into a nascent "green backlash" among the American public -- or at least playing to a waning urgency among consumers about the environmental credentials of the industry and its products.

Consider car brands' TV advertisements on Super Bowl Sunday: --Audi's hilarious "Green Police" spot ridiculed nanny-state environmentalism even as it effectively promoted the company's TDI Diesel technology.

--Chrysler chose to return to the Super Bowl after a five-year absence by touting its Dodge Charger muscle car rather than anything faintly green about its products.

--Hyundai spent millions of dollars spotlighting its new Sonata midsize sedan in a handful of spots, veering away from the company's previously announced plans to highlight its pursuit of the green mantle. Its sibling Kia brand introduced the new Sorento crossover by animating stuffed animals instead of singing the praises of sustainability.

--Rather than green vehicles or credentials, Honda touted its new CrossTour, and Acura promoted the ZDX, a four-door coupe concept that consumers can't even purchase yet.

--Volkswagen's solo spot was a humorous message about the growing variety of its product portfolio in the U.S. market.

Nobody's saying that OEMs have shelved their environmental messaging or that they believe American consumers are sick of it. Green will remain a mainstream theme for many reasons, including the billions of dollars the companies have invested in models and technologies designed to reduce environmental impact, growing government regulations and incentives to do still more of that, and the fact that many consumers strongly factor green credentials into their purchase decisions.

But there's no denying that the mad rush to wear green on their sleeves, as it were, has disappeared from much of the OEMs' marketing and positioning. And there are sound reasons for the noticeable difference from even a year ago.

"When it comes to the environment," said Scott Keogh, chief marketing officer for Audi of America, "people didn't want another sermon or the advertising preacher coming from on high. They're worn out with that stuff, and most of it is a little disingenuous."

Joel Ewanick, CMO of Hyundai USA, said that the brand departed from its original plan for a green-themed Super Bowl because "we weren't ready" to



Audi's hilarious "Green Police" ad on Super Bowl Sunday highlighted its Q7 TDI Diesel.

Hyundai focused on its new Sonata in Super Bowl advertising.



emphasize environmental messages.

Audi of America executives were delighted with reviews of their "Green Police" spot because, in addition to providing a comic highlight of the telecast, it effectively communicated to viewers that TDI clean-diesel technology provides a fun and sensible way for them to escape green guilt.

"Literally around 86 percent to 87 percent of people viewing the rough cut of the ad beforehand recognized that TDI is a good solution for their needs," Keogh said. And the Super Bowl spot fed Audi's growing success in making clean diesel an "emotional" choice of American consumers rather than one only based on a rational calculation of fuel-economy and other considerations.

Since Audi began advertising clean diesel in general and its growing fleet of diesel-option vehicles less than a year ago, American luxury buyers have agreed with the company's messaging in a big way. About half of U.S. buyers of the Audi Q7 SUV -- the model featured on Sunday -- now opt for the TDI Diesel version, and almost 60 percent of buyers

of the A3 sedan do so. In early 2009, Keogh said, Audi forecasted internally that fewer than 20 percent of Americans would be choosing diesel in those models by now.

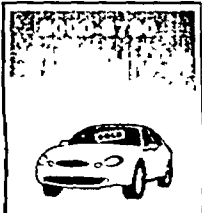
Yet, Keogh noted, while diesel arguably is a "green" choice because it offers up to 40 percent better mileage than gasoline, consumers are picking the powertrain option for old-fashioned reasons of practicality and performance as well as the environmental benefits of improved fuel economy.

Hyundai chose to focus on its new Sonata with its Super Bowl spots rather than announce corporate green gambits that still aren't finalized, Ewanick said. Yet it's notable that, while each TV spot isolated a different attribute of Sonata, characteristics such as low price and high quality took star turns -- but environmental credentials did not.

"There are five to seven things that people look for in a midsize sedan, and we went out to try to talk about and highlight those things in what we thought was an interesting way," Ewanick explained.

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