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The event is free with a Michigan State Park motor vehicle permit. For more information, call (248) 349-8390.

Study session set tonight

A study session will take place at 7 p.m. today at Northville Township Hall to discuss the upcoming millage that residents will pay to purchase a portion of the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital. The meeting is open to the public.

V.F.W. Men's Auxiliary

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Local septic tanks raise concerns

Township would make improvements

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Northville Township trustees are concerned that some septic tanks in the township are presenting an environmental hazard. The township could force residents to tap-in to a sanitary sewer system within two years of such an edict.

Sue Hillebrand, trustee and township clerk, mentioned at the March 18 board meeting that E. coli, bacteria from human waste is seeping into environmental areas such as Johnson Creek. "They have found E. coli in the water at Johnson Creek," said Mark Abbo, township supervisor.

Trustees talked about the fact that many residents are still using septic tanks in certain areas.

The area currently being discussed is north of Seven Mile Road and on either side of Clement Road and also north of Main Street in the Hillcrest Manor and Taft Colony subdivisions.

Properly working septic tanks pose no risk to the community. But any with leaks could be altering the

ecosystem.

Most residents prefer to be on a sanitary sewer. But, there are those who say they save a lot of money by not having to pay for tap-in fees and the use of municipal water by maintaining community water wells and septic tanks.

Trustee Mindy Herrmann said at the meeting she's not sure it's right

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U-M students have town hall planning session



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Carrick Davis, left, University of Michigan urban planning graduate student, directs a group in break-out sessions at last Thursday evening's public input session on the former state hospital property. Pictured with him are Northville Township residents, from left, Gretchen Siewert, Anthony Soss and George Linker.

Residents offer input on former hospital property

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

It was history in the making at Northville Township hall on Thursday night as residents presented ideas on the future of the former state hospital property.

The public input session was directed by University of Michigan Urban Planning students, who are working with the township to develop a

master plan for the site.

A group of about 100 residents divided into eight groups in the lower level training room talked about short-term and long-term visions for the portion of the property owned by the township.

The township purchased a section of the property in December for \$21.5 million, with developer REIS previously donating 100 acres to the township. REIS is a partnership between Real Estate Interests Group and Schostak Brothers &

Company developers.

REIS plans to develop the portion of the property at Seven Mile and Haggerty roads into a commercial development.

Money from this development will be used to fund the brownfield redevelopment plan that will be put in place for any demolition of buildings and clean up of medical waste on the land.

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Substitute bus driver fired after becoming lost

No radio, cell phone contact

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

A substitute Northville Public Schools bus driver was fired last Thursday after he got lost and ended up in Whitmore Lake.

Northville Township Police caught up with the driver at Eight Mile and Napier Roads.

He did not have his radio on or use his cell phone during the time he became lost.

INTERNET NOTIFICATION

A letter went out to parents via

the LISTSERVE communications service at 12:57 p.m. Thursday to the Moraine Elementary School community.

The letter said one of the Moraine buses arrived at school very late the morning of March 25.

"The substitute bus driver made a wrong turn out of a subdivision during the course of the bus run, resulting in the late arrival of students on the bus and no pick up for some students," according to Dave Bolitho, assistant superintendent.

"Unfortunately, our established protocol of remaining in radio contact was not followed, and

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Victorian-era women's clothes no picnic, says seamstress

Expert explains how restrictive items were then

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

For those who think Victorian women must have enjoyed dressing in the beautiful clothing they wore, think again.

The clothing was often uncomfortable and restrictive, according to Juliana Cerra of Northville, who makes Victorian clothing.

She modeled some pieces in her collection at a program on "The Gibson Girl" March 27 at The Race Village's New School Church. The event followed a formal Victorian tea at the Cady Inn.

Everything she presented she has designed and sewn herself, with just a few exceptions.

She said reproductions are more difficult and restrictive for reasons. First of all, authentic Victorian clothing has great historical significance, so one wouldn't want to possibly damage it by wearing it.

Also, Victorian women were much smaller than women today, so not many could fit into the clothes.

THE GIBSON GIRL

The Gibson Girl was the personification of a feminine ideal portrayed in pen and ink illustrated stories by illustrator Charles Dana Gibson during a 20-year period from the late 19th century and to the early 20th century in the U.S. Women of this era were supposed to dress properly at all times.

Tight-fitting sleeves and shoulders in dresses and jackets, as well as tightly fitting corsets, made it difficult to move freely.

"The tighter your clothing, the higher your status since you didn't have to move around much if you had servants to do everything for you," Cerra said. "You could barely move, much less bend over. I can't put a seat belt on when I wear this dress," she said of one of her creations. They even had maternity corsets.

Fashions were quite complex, with animal bones, snaps, hooks and eyes and buttons.

"Usually women wore two petticoats," she said. "But sometimes they'd get away with only wearing one."

LAUNDRY DAY DREAD

Women always work dark clothing in which to do their



A formal Victorian Tea took place in the Cady Inn on March 27 prior to "The Gibson Girl" fashion show. Pictured at the tea, from left, are Judy Stewart, Donna Kenske, Bertie Rice and Michele Fecht.



Juliana Cerra of Northville models one of her Gibson Girl creations that a woman might have worn to go bicycling in the late 19th or early 20th century.

housework, since washing clothes was a chore in and of itself and could take an entire day.

"Doing laundry was one of the most difficult and dreaded tasks of the Victorian household," she said. "Water had to be brought into the house, heated, with clothes washed on washboards, wrung out and hung up to dry." As a consequence, they didn't wash their clothes very often, maybe only once or twice a season.

Big, puffy sleeves were popular in the Victorian era, and they were often filled with horse hair, tissue paper, feath-



Northville Historical Society volunteers served at the Victorian Tea. From left: Pat Allen, Barb Louie and Luci Klinkhamer.

ers or other materials.

As women became more athletic, and it became more accepted that they be so, skirts became a bit shorter.

For a time, however, any clothing that displayed the limbs was considered completely unacceptable," Cerra said. Clothing was made of natural fibers, such as wool and cotton, so shrinkage and fading was a problem.

Cerra's one-woman show is entertaining, with lots of humor. She could show that it wasn't much fun dressing in Victorian clothing.

Hats were very popular, too, with no outfit being complete without one. Even bathing suits came with matching hats. Kid gloves were also all the rage, and it was very fashion-

able to have tiny hands, so the gloves were worn very tight.

"They would put their gloves on and then place their hands in water, so the gloves would shrink to fit their hands," Cerra said. Parasols were also essential to protect women's skin from the harmful effects of the sun.

If a woman spent a lot of money on a skirt, she might have a few bodices to go with it to extend its wearability.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS?

"When seeing beautiful Victorian dresses in movies or museums, people grow nostalgic for the good old days of vintage fashion," Cerra said.

"It's easy to understand the romance but difficult to imagine the reality of wearing such



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Juliana Cerra in one of her Gibson Girl outfits that would have been worn for formal occasions.

complicated clothing."

Modeling accurate reproductions of historic costume, she reveals the underpinnings of both fashion and society.

Cerra learned to sew as a child, inspired by her grandmother and heroines of 19th century literature. Following degrees in English literature and art history from Indiana University, she studied textile

design at Adrian College and decorative arts in England.

Wearing many hats as a fiber artist, professional gardener and beekeeper, Cerra speaks on a variety of topics.

A Northville resident since 1998, she has a husband, Robert, and son, Peter.

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First Friday to feature Mesko baseball exhibit

Exhibit named Mudville USA

As blue skies and sunshine signal the arrival of spring, Metro Detroiters eagerly await the start of another tradition — baseball season. With the Detroit Tigers' Opening Day just around the corner on April 9, Detroit artist Eric Mesko takes us on a whimsical yet evocative trip into the past of America's favorite warm-weather sport at a new Northville Art House Exhibit.



E. Mesko

Mesko's grandfather, Francis Lynch, played amateur baseball with a Pennsylvania coal mining team in 1908 and continued playing for the next three decades with various coal mining and steel mill teams.

Mudville USA offers homage to that history and to the innocent joy the sport offered in its earlier days, hinting that we might do well to remember where we came from and cherish certain aspects of that past.

Mesko is a longtime Detroit resident who has a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in fine art from Wayne State University. A former Marine, he is known for his social and political activism. He has shown his work at The Detroit Institute of Arts and has had one-person shows at Oakland University, Willis Gallery, Zeitgeist Gallery, Marygrove College, and the Michigan Gallery among others. The show will open with a reception from 6-9 p.m. tomorrow, with Mesko giving a brief talk at 8 p.m.

The show will continue through April 24 during the Art House Gallery hours (1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday). In addition, the Friends of the Library will also hold a used sports book sale in the lower gallery of the Art House from 6-9 p.m. tomorrow.

Proceeds will benefit the Friends of the Northville District Library and the Northville Art House.

For more information, call (248) 344-0497 or go to www.northvillearts.org. The Art House, at 215 W. Cady Street, is a facility of the Northville Arts Commission. Admission to the facility's shows is always free and open to the public.

STARRING, "THE GALLERY"

Starring, "The Gallery," at 118 W. Main Street, will present work from the

The Birmingham Society of Women Painters during the First Friday Art & Fashion Walk tomorrow. A special bonus will be music provided by Sheila Landis.

The event will take place during the regular First Friday hours of 6-9 p.m. For more information, call (248) 347-1642 or go to www.starringthegallery.com.



"Joe Morgan" by Eric Mesko

ART HOUSE CALL FOR ENTRIES

The Northville Art House releases a Call for Entries for the second annual "West of Center" All Media Show. The "West of Center" show will take place June 4-27 and is an effort to showcase talented artists selected by a highly-regarded juror, Jay Holland, a master sculptor and former director of the sculpting department at the College for Creative Studies. Last year's "West of Center" show attracted a wide range of eclectic works from more than 50 artists from Michigan and beyond. Call for Entries application and CD must be hand-delivered or shipped to arrive by April 23. Questions? Send an e-mail to ArtHouseExhibits@northvillearts.org. The entry form can be downloaded from the Web site, www.northvillearts.org.



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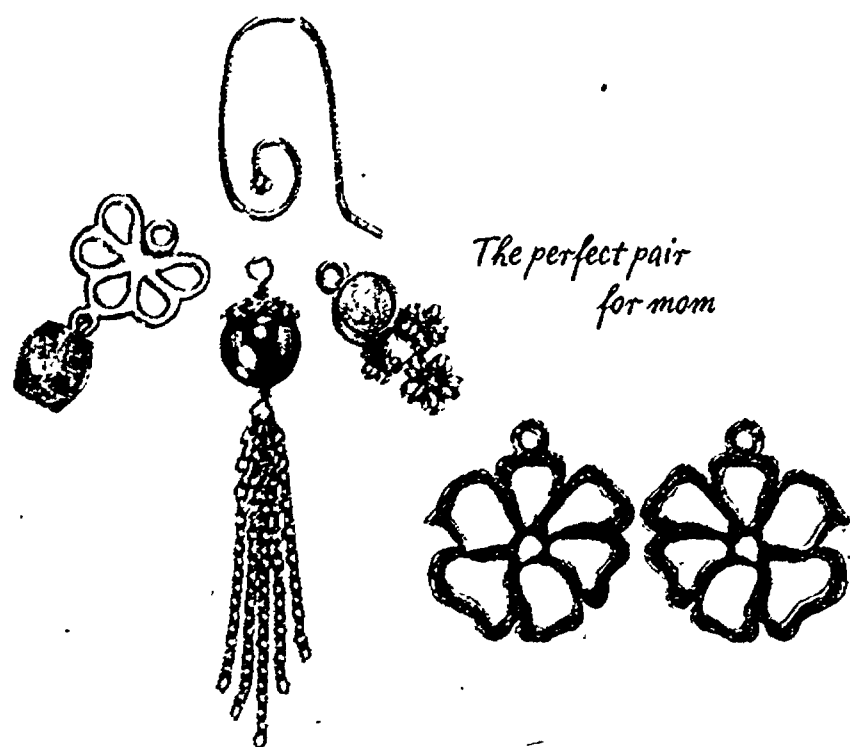
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Transportation service changes finalized for middle, high schools

New plan takes effect April 12

Changes in bus transportation services impacting Northville Public Schools middle and high school students have been finalized and will take effect Monday, April 12, the first day back from spring break.

The changes include providing morning pick-up and afternoon drop-off of high school students at seven satellite bus stops. Meads Mill and Hillside middle school students also will have morning pick-up at satellite bus stops, with afternoon drop-off at consolidated neighborhood bus stops.

These transportation service reductions are one of several cost-cutting measures implemented by the Northville Public Schools Board of Education to offset a \$2.1 million budget shortfall for the current 2009-10 school year, that is the result of severe state funding cuts. An additional \$7 million budget shortfall is expected for the school district for 2010-11.

District officials will monitor the new transportation plan closely over the first several weeks to ensure efficient and safe pick-up and drop-off of students, and adjustments will be made as needed, said Northville Superintendent Dr. Leonard R. Rezmierski.

"We understand that these changes in transportation services for middle and high schools students will present challenges and inconveniences for some families, and we appreciate the patience and understanding of our school families and students as we fine-tune the plan over the first few weeks," Rezmierski said. "It is important to remember that this plan represents a cost saving alternative to a previous option that would have completely eliminated morning bus transportation for middle and high school students and significantly increased traffic congestion at the three schools."

**NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
MORNING DROP-OFF AND
AFTERNOON PICK-UP**

• Morning buses for high school pick-up will arrive at each of the district's six elementary schools and at ITC Community Sports Park (Eight Mile and Napier roads) at 6:45 a.m., depart for Northville High School at 6:55 a.m., and arrive between 7 a.m. and 7:05 a.m.

• Afternoon high school buses for drop-off at the elementary schools and ITC Sports Park satellite bus stops will depart Northville High School at the regular time.

It also is important to note the following:

• Parking is already constrained at the elementary schools, therefore students will not be allowed to park cars at the elementary schools.

• Bike rack space is limited to elementary student use. High school students must find other means of securing their bicycles.

• The subdivision easements around Northville High School are for the use of those residents. Parking and stopping restrictions are posted and will be enforced.

• The Northville High School cafeteria will serve breakfast items for purchase by students who arrive early for school, as long as it is cost effective to do so.

**MEADS MILL MIDDLE SCHOOL
MORNING SATELLITE BUS STOP
PICK-UP**

Morning buses will arrive at the following locations at 7:40 a.m. and depart for Meads Mill at 7:50 a.m.:

• Silver Springs Elementary School
• Ridge Wood Elementary School
• Millennium Park (behind the Northville Township Fire Station on 6 Mile Road)
• Northville High School (in the west lot adjacent to the soccer stadium)
• Northville Trails area as follows:

7:47 a.m. Eagle Trace and

Country Knoll
7:50 a.m. 16925 Abbey Circle
7:53 a.m. 40470 Northville Trail
7:54 a.m. Coachwood Circle and East Northville Trail

It also is important to note the following:

• Meads Mill will open at 7 a.m. and all students are to report to the cafeteria upon arrival.

• Supervision in the cafeteria will be provided.

• Food Service will provide breakfast items for purchase by students arriving early for school as long as it is cost effective to do so.

• Bicycle rack space at the elementary schools is limited to elementary student use only. Middle school students must find other means to secure their bicycles.

• The west Northville High School parking lot (adjacent to the soccer stadium) is reserved for buses only until 7:40 a.m.

**HILLSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL
MORNING SATELLITE BUS STOP
PICK-UP**

Morning buses will arrive at the following locations at 7:40 a.m. and depart for Hillside at 7:50 a.m.:

• Thornton Creek Elementary School
• Moraine Elementary School
• Ridge Wood Elementary School (for Waterstone and Steeple Chase families)
• ITC Community Sports Park (Eight Mile and Napier roads)

It also is important to note the following:

• Hillside will open at 7 a.m. and all students are to report to the cafeteria upon arrival.

• Supervision in the cafeteria will be provided.

• Food Service will provide breakfast items for purchase by students arriving early for school as long as it is cost effective to do so.

• Bicycle rack space at the elementary schools is limited to elementary student use only. Middle school students must find other means to secure their bicycles.

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SEPTIC

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in these difficult economic times to require residents to pay for sanitary sewer tap in.

But Hillebrand says any environmental issues with septic tanks outweigh residents' wishes.

"Johnson Creek impacts the entire community and people south of us," Hillebrand said. Margie Banner agreed that environmental safety is important in the environment.

Wayne County has a policy is to get everybody connected to a sewer system rather than using septic tank systems, according to Abbo.

"That's a long-term goal of the county," he said. "What the township is trying to do is balance the environmental issues with the economic issues with our residents, especial-

ly under the current economic conditions."

A township board committee has been formed to meet with Don Weaver, director of public services, to evaluate these issues and bring a recommendation or giving some ideas to the board.

"We're making application to the state for a low-interest loan for sanitary sewer installation," Weaver said.

"We'll be looking at the total cost of putting in sanitary sewers as well as the tap-in costs," Hillebrand said. "There's no question that there are problems. Although, we don't know which homes have failing septic tank, environmental studies show that it's coming from this area (Clement Road/Seven Mile Road/Main Street)."

"Somehow we have to deal with this," Abbo.

"We can't ignore it."

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DRIVER

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therefore, the driver did not get back on course as quickly as would have been possible otherwise."

Because the bus was late and out of radio contact, the Northville Township Police Department was contacted and provided assistance in locating and escorting the bus to Moraine. Upon arrival of the bus at Moraine, Denise Bryan, principal and Bolitho met with the students to ensure that everyone felt safe and secure and ready to go to class.

"We apologize for the concern caused by this situation," Bolitho said. "The driver's actions were unacceptable, and appropriate disciplinary action has been taken. Additionally, bus safety and radio protocols are being reviewed with all drivers and substitute drivers."

John Werth, director of public safety, said

Northville Township police spotted the bus at Eight Mile and Napier roads and escorted it back to Moraine.

Bolitho said the bus driver became confused on the route and deviated significantly off course.

"He ended up at Whitmore Lake Road and U.S. 23," Bolitho said. "He didn't have his radio on, and he had a cell phone but didn't use it to call dispatch."

Bolitho said there were 14 students picked up, and some of the students on the bus run were not picked up.

The investigation is ongoing.

"I called the parents of each of the 14 students," Bolitho said. "I will be making a full report of the incident as more information becomes available. What happened was unacceptable and unbelievable."

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Age 81. Beloved wife of John J. Bonkowski. Loving mother of Randal (Jacklyn), Jane Ann (James), Nancy (Russell), John M. (Debi). Devoted grandmother of Randal Jr., David, Jeremy, David, John R. (Cynthia and family), Candace (Tim), Cynthia (Nick).



ARNOLD E. HIX

Age 96, long time resident of Northville, passed away peacefully at home March 24, 2010. He was born May 8, 1913 in Redford Township, Michigan to George H. and Mary O. (Parrish) Hix. He was united in marriage to Helen G. (Fleischman) on September 29, 1934 and they spent 75 loving years together until his death. Arnold, a graduate of Plymouth High School, retired from Burroughs. His family was very important to him. He enjoyed traveling all over Michigan with them; especially to watch harness racing with his daughter. He was an avid sportsman and a great carpenter. Arnold, a musician, played drums in a band; once while he was dating Helen they serenaded her with the song "It's Only a Paper Moon." He is survived by his beloved wife Helen G. Hix, his children Gary (Peggy) Hix, Patricia (Hank) Kilgore, and Charles (Bob Dahlin) Hix; his grandchildren Douglas McCowan, Pamela Matthews, Stephen Hix, Julia Hanagan, and Michael Hix; three great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and eight brothers and sisters. A funeral service was held Saturday, March 27, 2010 at Castleline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville. Rev. Dr. Steven J. Cadillac, Memorial Gardens West in Westland, Michigan. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Great Lakes Hospice, 900 Cooper St., Jackson, MI 49202.

NANCY L. MUNSON

Age 68 of Grand Blanc, formerly of Holly died Sat. March 20, 2010. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Mrs. Munson was born in Cincinnati, OH on July 28, 1941 the daughter of Alex and Eileen (Smith) Martin. She was a dedicated LPN who loved her work giving hearing and vision tests to children. She was a former employee of Clinton Valley Hospital. She is survived by her sister Marlene Chapman of Pontiac and her husband of over 40 years Dennis Munson. She was preceded in death by her parents and her nephew Clifford Chapman.
www.dryertuneralhomeholly.com

H. ROBERT TERRY

Longtime resident of Northville, died March 27, 2010 at the age of 87. Bob was born on December 11, 1922 in Lansing, MI, where he was also raised. He enlisted in the Marines on December 12, 1942 and served in the Central Pacific during WWII and was honorably discharged on December 10, 1945. Bob graduated from Michigan State College (MSU) with a degree in Forestry in 1947. He married Marie Ramsdell on September 5, 1947 in Lansing. They had two children Carole (Paul) Kobe and Kristine (Brad) Fralich. Bob, the proud grandfather of Karie & Ryan Kobe and Chelsea Fralich, served as Superintendent of Grounds at Northville Psychiatric Hospital for 35 years. He took great pride in planting hundreds of beautiful trees that have grown tall and strong; they are his legacy. Bob was a family man and an avid reader. He sang bass in Barber Shop for twenty years. He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Northville since 1958. He and Marie were married for 50 years. She preceded him in death on January 13, 1998. He married Mary Ellen Donahue on November 29, 2003 at First United Methodist Church of Northville and inherited more family members who love him dearly: son The Rev. William (Nancy) Donahue and grandchildren Ryan (Lindsey), Scott, Kim, and Jennie (John) MacArthur. Mary Ellen survives him. A Christian Farewell was held at First UMC of Northville on Wednesday, March 31, after which the deceased was laid to rest at Northville Rural Hill Cemetery. Please leave a Message of Comfort to Bob's family by calling 877-231-7900 or visit his guestbook at www.borekennings.com.



VERLENE W. POWELL

Age 85, passed away March 27, 2010. She was born on January 2, 1925, in Kennett, MO, to the late Walter and Ethel (Morgan) Wayne. On October 18, 1941 in Fulton City, OH, she married Sterling H. Powell, who passed away Sept. 29, 1997. She was a member of the First Baptist Church for 55 years. Verlene was a wonderful mother and will be sadly missed. Verlene is survived by her children: Alden (Loretta) Powell, Stephen (Gail) Powell, Marsha Kovach; grandchildren: Stephanie, Greg, Bryan and Kelly Powell, Chad Kovach; nine great-grandchildren; two sisters: Deronda (Peter) Stefoni of CA, and Thelma (Fred) Hoskins of New Hudson. A funeral service was held on March 31, 2010 at First Baptist Church of South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

FLOYD C. CALDWELL

ST. HELEN, MICHIGAN

Formerly of Brighton, Michigan, age 82 died Thursday March 18, 2010 at home. Floyd was born in Clarenceville, Michigan on December 27, 1927 to the late James and Helen (Griffin) Caldwell. He married the former Jean Marie Button 62 years ago. Floyd retired from American Aggregate Corp of Brighton in 1987. Mr. Caldwell is survived by his wife Jean Marie, their children: Sheila (William) Green of South Lyon, and Jack C. Caldwell of St. Helen. Also surviving are 2 grandchildren: Jesse A. Caldwell of Owosso, and Khelen M. Caldwell of Owosso, 2 sisters Emma (James) Segar of Howell, and Mary (Al) Gruda of Howell, sisters in law: Amy Caldwell of Missouri, Doris Caldwell of Howell, Ida Caldwell of Howell, brother in law Chuck Hartman of Dodge City. He was preceded in death by 3 brothers and a sister: James, Arthur, Walter Caldwell, and Ann Hartman. No memorial service is planned. Arrangements by Cremation Society of Mid-Michigan, 1-888-273-3553. To sign online guest book and leave words of sympathy go to: www.cremationsocietymidmi.com



DONALD EUGENE CHARLICK

A resident of Zephyr Hills, FL passed away on Monday, March 22, 2010 in Florida. He was 84 years old. Preceded in death by his beloved wife, Joan Charlick. Survived by his loving daughter, Linda (Robert) Sobieray and son, Donald (Christine) Charlick, four stepchildren; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Also survived by his five siblings, extended family members and many loving friends. Mr. Charlick served in the United States Army and was a proud WWII Veteran. Committal Services and Military Honors will be held at Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belford Road, Holly, MI on Friday, April 2nd at 2:30 PM.

PEGGY FUSON

Age 68, passed away March 16, 2010. She was born on May 10, 1941, in Brighton, to the late Thomas and Ruby (Purdy) Fear. Peggy is survived by her loving children: DeWayne (Donna), Donald (Sheila) and Daniel Mallett, Cecil Jr. and Danny Fuson, Linda McAndrews, Darryl Fuson, Lorretta Putnam, John, and Mike Fuson; three grandchildren: DeAnna (Eric) Stephens, Trevor and Shannon Mallett; 13 step-grandchildren, one great-grandchild: Trenton Stephens; 16 step-great-grandchildren; and siblings: William, Robert (Beverly), and Terry (Sheryl) Fear, and Beverly (Jesse) Mack. She was preceded in death by her husband Cecil Fuson in 2005 and brother Thomas Fear. Visitation was held Thursday, March 18, from 2-9 p.m. A Funeral Service was held Friday, March 19, at 11 a.m., at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to the family of Peggy Fuson. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

JOSEPH MASTRO

Age 87, passed away March 23, 2010. A Funeral Mass was held on March 26, Friday, at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon



DOROTHY M. MUELLER

Loving and devoted (Melissa) and (Julie) and Andrew (Melissa) and grandmother of Toni and Mary. Survived by her sister, Marjorie. Preceded in death by her beloved husband, Jan, sister, Nancy, and brother, George. She leaves behind nieces, nephews, and many cousins in the United States, Scotland, and Australia. Born in Redford in 1926, Dorothy graduated from Redford High School and Wayne University before becoming a teacher in the Highland Park Schools. In 1963, she retired from teaching to make a home for her husband and sons in Northville. During their years together, Dorothy and Jan travelled extensively throughout Great Britain and Europe. She was particularly proud of her Scottish heritage. She was the first in her family to be born in the United States, but always maintained close ties to the "Old Country". Besides her family, Dorothy's greatest loves were children, her gardens, and the Red Wings. Her gardens were always admired by friends and neighbors, and during the warm months she could usually be found outside tending her flower beds. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Dorothy's favorite charity, the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org.

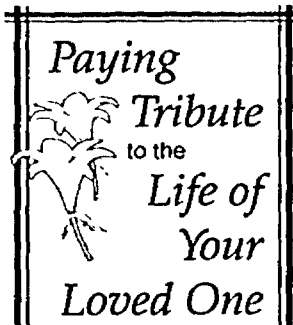


BETTY J. SUMMERS

Age 78, of Highland, Michigan, formerly of Mount Vernon, Illinois, passed away at 1:05 A.M. on Saturday, March 27, 2010 at Genesis Hospice Care Center in Goodrich, Michigan. She was born on Monday, September 21, 1931 in West Frankfort, Illinois, a daughter to the late Arthur Max & Verda Irene (Jones) Brown. She married Norman R. Summers on April 3, 1948 in Mount Vernon, Illinois and he preceded her in death on March 25, 2005. Her Surviving Family Members include Son: Gary Summers of Highland, Michigan; Daughter: Debbie Kish and husband Gabe of Highland, Michigan; Four Grandchildren: Jessie Summers and wife Keri of Yakima, Washington, Tracy Summers and husband Jim, James and Greg Summers all of Michigan; Six Great Grandchildren: Nicholas, Zachary, Zepherah, Gavin and Connor Summers and Jenna Liberty; Brother: Max Brown and wife Julie of Bradenton, Florida and Sister: Marjorie Ross of Sherbrook, Michigan. Several Nieces and Nephews also Survive. Her parents & husband preceded her death. Betty was a nurse at the State Hospital in Pontiac, Michigan for 31 years and was a member of Church of God. VISITATION will be from 12:00 to Service Time 1:30 P.M. Thursday, April 1, 2010 at Hughey Funeral Home in Mount Vernon, Illinois FUNERAL SERVICE will follow at 1:30 P.M. Thursday, April 1, 2010 at Hughey Funeral Home in Mount Vernon, with Reverend Chuck Ellis officiating. INTERMENT will be at Wolfe Prairie Cemetery in Jefferson County, Illinois.

JESSE J. WINTERS

Age 69, passed away March 23, 2010. A private family service was held at South Lyon Cemetery on March 30. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

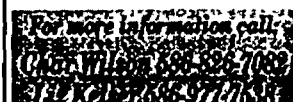


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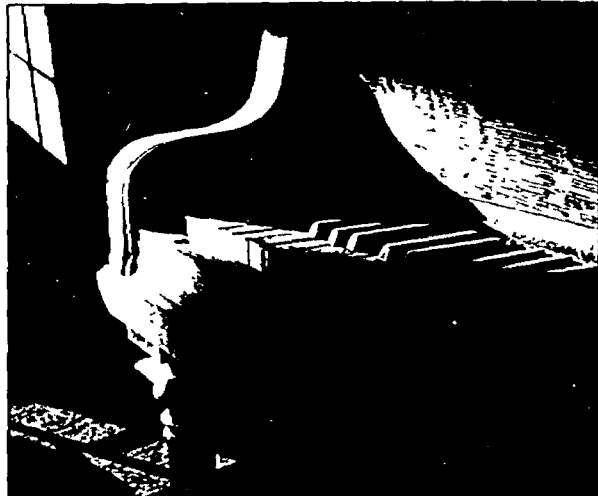
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Obituaries received after these deadlines will be placed in the next available issue.



"Silent Player - Bodie, California"

Gold Award

This photo, by Northville photographer James C. Ritchie, was selected for a Gold Award in the Still Life/Objects category in the 2010 COLOR Magazine Single Image Contest. Only 15 Gold Awards winners were selected out of 324 entries comprising 2,030 images. COLOR Magazine is distributed world-wide and each issue contains articles about recognized/established photographers, and showcases new work by upcoming photographers who are less well known. Ritchie's photo appears on page 71 in the May, 2010 special issue (#7), which is on newsstands now. More of his work may be seen at Northville's Art House, Starring: The Gallery, and at Art-in-Market in Livonia's Laurel Park Place Mall. He also exhibits in local summer art fairs including Northville's Art In The Sun. Visit his web site at www.JCRitchie.com and his blog at www.JCRitchie.blogspot.com.

INPUT

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The former state-owned psychiatric building opened in 1952 and closed in 2003.

U-M STUDENTS

The University of Michigan students working on the project include Koben Calhoun, Carrick Davis, Kenneth Dunn, Hans Fruechtmeyer, Sarah Nowaczky and Peter Southerland. Other students involved include Kristin Baja, Oana Druata and Jonathan Tarr. Instructors in the urban planning class are Paul Cosco and Megan Masson-Minock.

The students have been working with Jennifer Frey, the township's director of community development, on developing the master plan for the property.

"We feel very fortunate to have the six students assisting us in this semester-long project," Frey said Thursday night. "We are getting high-quality work without paying a high price."

Dunn, who presented opening comments about the project, said the students went into surrounding neighborhoods, such as Hines Park, to get a feel for the area.

He mentioned that the buildings are supposed to be demolished in eight years on the property, pending ground-breaking of the REIS commercial development.

During the break-out sessions, residents were asked what they would like to preserve on the property and what site attributes they would like to change.

Next they focused what they would like to see as far as future uses of the land.

PUBLIC ACCESS NEEDED

Dunn said that because of the condition of the property right now, public access is not allowed on the property.

"We want to resolve this as quickly as possible because the residents want to start using this property as a community members," he said. "We want to get you out there as soon as possible."

He said that according to the terms of the bond, that the township's portion of the land is to be used for public open space recreation for 20 years. "After that, options will be available."

Members of the steering committee were present at the planning session as well.

The students' final recommendations for the property will be presented at 9:30 a.m. on April 22.

A written report will also be available.

SAFETY CONCERNS

Many residents expressed concerns about the hazardous buildings on the site and such structures as the oil well, the power house and medical waste.

The water tower is scheduled to come down on the site next week as part of the salvage project.

One resident mentioned that there is broken glass and standing water in some of the buildings. Soil toxicity was also discussed.

Children have also been seen on motorbikes at the southern end of the property, and one resident said this could be a liability to the township.

WHAT THE RESIDENTS WANT

Some of the ideas for the property expressed during the break-out sessions included walking/hiking trails, bike paths, nature trails, a nature center, camping areas, cabins for Scouts, picnic tables, an amphitheater, performing arts center, arboretum, soccer fields, a community center, kite field, retirement village, lofts, a hotel and restaurant, recreation center, dog park, water park, dirt bike track, fitness course, cross country skiing, swimming pool, aquarium, band shell, botanical garden and community garden.

Group three suggested converting the power house to a brewery/restaurant like German Park in Ann Arbor.

One group talked about the fact that it might be important to not duplicate what is currently at Maybury State Park on the western edge of the township.

PARKING AN ISSUE

Parking was also mentioned as a huge issue on the property, as there is currently no place to park, which drastically limits access to the site. One suggestion was to offer a shuttle service to the area on the weekends from nearby parking lots, such as at Schoolcraft College. Group four said the land is sort of divided into two areas, with green space on either side of the abandoned buildings.

"How to do link those two areas without going through the hazardous buildings area?" asked resident Steve Lonske.

Group eight suggested the formation of a nonprofit organization to raise money for making improvements to the land.

This group considered the group having income-generating activities for the property, such as a farmer's market or flea market.

"It's a process not a product," Frey said of the master planning session. "This is just the beginning."

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NORTHVILLE / NOVI CHURCH EVENTS

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

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: 10:15 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
Easter Sunday
Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. April 4
Details: Easter breakfast at 9:30; egg hunt at 10:30 a.m.; all are welcome.

Please see CHURCH, A13

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Worship

Brighton

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

HOLY SPIRIT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL
www.harc.net
at the corner of Winans Lake & Musch Rd.
810-231-9199
Fr. John Rocus, Pastor
Weekend Liturgies Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 & 11:00 a.m.
Please visit our Shrine of the Holy Spirit and Book & Gift Shop

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ST. JOHN LUTHERAN, ELCA
Farmington Hills • 2225 Gull Rd. • 248-474-0684
Between Grand River & Freedom
Saturday Worship 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Worship & Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Traditional/Choral
11:15 a.m. Contemporary
Sunday School - all ages 10:15 a.m.

Highland

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

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

HIGHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
680 W. Livingston Rd. • Highland, MI 48357
248.887.1311 • www.myhmc.org
Sunday Worship 8:00, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.
Kids Church 8:45 & 10:30 a.m.
Youth Night - Wed. 6:45 - 8:00 p.m.
Plus Young Adults, Recovery, Divorce & Kids, Grief & more

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3700 Harvey Lake Rd., Highland (248) 887-5364
Rev. Leo T. Luko, Pastor
Mass Schedule: Saturday 5 p.m.
Sunday, 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.; M-F 7-8 a.m.
Holy Day, 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.; First Saturday 9 a.m.
Confessions - Saturdays 11 a.m. & 6:15 p.m.
or by appointment

Livonia

FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Services held at:
Saint Andrews Episcopal Church
16360 Hubbard Road - Livonia
South of Six Mile Road
Adult Sunday School 9:30-11:15 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m.
Children's Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
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4305 Highland Rd. (between Bogle Lk & Ormond Rd.)
(248) 887-4654 Deborah V. Kerr, Pastor
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Children Church School 10:00 a.m.
Child Care Provided
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Milford

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PRESCHOOL & KIDS - Mo. Synod
620 General Motors Rd., Milford
Church office: (248) 684-0895
Regular Sunday Service: 8:00 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Sun-Wed - Sunday Service: 9:30 a.m.
Monday Evening 7:00 p.m.
The Rev. Richard E. Pope, Pastor

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Middle School Group

SOUTH HILL CHURCH, S.B.C.
1250 South Hill Rd. Just south of downtown Milford
(248) 685-3560 www.AboutSouthHill.com
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
KIDS' Worship 10:15 a.m.
Contemporary Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Children and Youth Groups Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.
Call about our current small group studies.

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

MILFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
238 N. Main Street, Milford MI (248) 684-2805
Sunday Worship: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School age 3 thru 5th grade 8:10:00 a.m.
Nursery care available 8:10:00 a.m.
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Phone 248-474-9108
Sunday Celebration of Life Service 10:30 a.m.
Rev. Suzanne Paul, Minister
Website: <http://www.newhopeuu.org>

Northville

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Sunday Worship - 9:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.
Sunday School and Children's Programs
www.ncall.org
41355 Sox Mile Road
248-348-9030

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(248) 349-1144
8 Mile & Taft Roads
Worship:
8:00, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.
Rev. Dr. Steve Buck
www.fumnorthville.org

WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
40000 Sox Mile Rd., Northville
248-374-7400
Sunday Worship:
Traditional: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Contemporary 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Nursery & Kinder School during the 9:30 & 11 a.m. services
www.wardchurch.org
Services available Sunday 11 a.m.
WDRF-AM 560, The WMAZ World Station.

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133 Orchard Dr., Northville
WEEKEND LITURGIES Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, 7:30, 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.
Church 349-2621, School 349-3610
Religious Education 349-2559
Rev. Denis Thoroux, Pastor

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200 E. Main St. at Hudson • (248) 349-0811
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Children Available at All Services
Youth League Prog. - Wed. 4:15 to 5:15; 6:00 M.S.S. M.
Singles Place Ministry - Thurs. 7:30 p.m.
Rev. W. Karl Olson, Senior Pastor
Rev. James P. Russell, Associate Pastor
www.fpcnorthville.org

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9 Mile & Meadowbrook
Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
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Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m., Monday 7:00 p.m.
Thomas E. Schroeder, Pastor • 349-0565

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Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.
Reverend George Chamley, Pastor
Parish Office: 347-7778

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

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21355 Meadowbrook Rd. in Novi at 8 1/2 Mile
248-348-7757 • www.mbcc.org
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
Rev. Arthur Ritter, Senior Minister

NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m.
Rev. June M. Smith, Pastor
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Fr. Timothy Hogan, Pastor
Rev. Peter Mendes
Parish Office: 349-8847 • www.holyfamilynovi.org

HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL
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Sunday Worship 7:45 am & 10 am
Healing Service Wednesday 11:45 am
Rev. Ann Webber, Rector
holycrossnovi@gmail.com

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50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi
Saturday Worship 5:15 pm.,
Sunday 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.
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South Lyon

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Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

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22200 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon south of 9 Mile Road
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
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Everyone's a winner in Battle of the Books

Flying Circus Readers grab top honors

BY DANETTE TAYLOR
CORRESPONDENT

Take 163 middle-school students from Northville; add seven books and 56 questions about those books. Sprinkle liberally with creativity and enthusiasm. Then mix in several librarians, some assistance from the Friends of the Northville District Library and one gong. The result is the wildly successful 2010 edition of the Battle of the Books, held on March 24 in the cafeteria of the Northville High School.

The winning team for 2010 was the Flying Circus Readers (and yes, they chose the name based on their admiration for Monty Python's Flying Circus), scoring 276 points. The group included Heather Brevard, Annelie Herrmann, Emma Meister, Max Paul and Jacob Taylor. In second place was Night of the Living Characters with 264 points. Third place honors, with 260 points, went to Reading with the Stars. The Cat Stars and the Shooting Stars each scored 252 points, tying for fourth place.

This is the fourth year that the Northville District Library has held the competition, which is open to sixth, seventh and eighth graders who live or go to school in Northville. Suzanne Schimanski-Gross, Teen Services Librarian, and her team begin work on the

DETAILS

Books used in the competition:
 • Al Capone Does My Shirts by Jennifer Choldenko
 • Fablehaven by Brandon Mull
 • Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life by Wendy Mass
 • Scepter of the Ancients, Volume 1 of Skulduggery Pleasant Series by Derek Landy
 • Shackleton's Stowaway by Victoria McKernan
 • Shakespeare's Secret by Elise Broach

Winning Teams

First Place
276 points
Flying Circus Readers: Heather Brevard, Annelie Herrmann, Emma Meister, Andrea Meister, Max Paul, Jacob Taylor

Second Place
264 points
Night of the Living Characters: Christoph Barschat, Jonathan Li, Ashley Peper, Sangini Toia

Third Place
260 points
Reading with the Stars: Erin Kim, Riya Malhotra, Sneha Rath, Nicole Saez, Alyssa Schmidt, Victoria Zarembo

event several months before students are notified that it's time to begin signing up. Preparations include selecting the books and writing the questions, as well as registering all of the teams and circulating the information

Fourth Place

252 points (tie)
Cat Stars: Veronica Glaser, Lydia Wang
Shooting Stars: Pranavi Aradyula, Vaishnavi Aradyula, Sanjana Joshi, Lakshmi Pala, Murali Pala, Nirmita Palakodaty

COSTUME CONTEST

Most Creative
Fantasy Friends: Haley Clifton, Mitchell Morrell, Sauron Sargent, Julian Stacer, Troy Stacer, Jonathan Zarembo

Literary Characters

The Lovely Ladies of Literature: Rachel Mazzara, Rachel McVaine, Jaclyn Sabourin, Rachel Seylarth, Rebecca Shoup

Best Fit with Team Name

The Excellent Explorers of the Early Epic Expedition of the Earth: Christopher Boerema, Jonathan Mertz, Priyank Patel, Brian Olan, Andrew Schafer, Tommy Tsuchiya

Honorable Mention

Book Fairies: Molly Bis, Madeline Chen, Maria Kuznetsova, Emma Langschied

the teams need to succeed. Ms. Schimanski-Gross credits Julie Ramsden, Laura Curtsinger, Karen Fehl and Martha Reed, among others, as those who have been of invaluable help in writing questions and helping with the



JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Heather Brevard, right, and Annelie Herrmann - teammates of "The Flying Circus Readers" compete in Dr. Seuss' characters' costumes during the March 24 Battle of the Books at Northville High School. The competition was sponsored by the Northville District Library.

program. Michael McEvoy has prepared the power-point presentation of the questions each year to date. The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Northville District Library, and many from that group served as judges for the costume contest.

There were seven books chosen for the Battle. As in prior years, the books were selected to include a variety of genres, including mystery, historical fiction, adventure and fantasy, in an effort to appeal to many different students. One of the books chosen, Scepter of the Ancients, Volume 1 of Skulduggery Pleasant Series, by Derek Landy, was based upon a student's suggestion. Fifty-six questions regarding the books were asked during seven rounds. Each question was

worth five possible points - four points for answering the question correctly, and one point for the author's name. In a change from prior competitions, during the first two rounds participants had twenty seconds to answer the questions and in subsequent rounds this was decreased to fifteen seconds. A digital clock counted down the time after each question was asked and a gong sounded the end of each question. Emma Herrmann, a sixth-grader on the winning Flying Circus Readers, denied feeling any pressure despite the limited amount of time.

To get the word out to the potential participants, Ms. Schimanski-Gross and Ms. Ramsden travel to the local middle school and present the information in an

assembly-type setting to the students. They also worked with the librarians at the public and private schools in Northville to help distribute information to students interested in participating.

While the books are the focus of the night's activities, many teams express their creativity through the costumes they choose to wear during the competition. Winning costume categories included the Most Creative, won by the Fantasy Friends; Literary Characters, won by the Lovely Ladies of Literature; Best Fit with Team Name, expressed by the Excellent Explorers of the Early Epic Expedition of the Earth; and an Honorable Mention going to the Book Fairies.

Annelie Herrmann, one of the members of the Flying Circus Readers, said that spending time with friends while talking about the books was one of the most enjoyable parts of the event. Annelie, in eighth grade, has participated in the Battle of the Books for the past three years. In addition to winning this year's Battle, she was on the 2008 winning team along with two of her current teammates, Max Paul and Jacob Taylor (both also in eighth grade).

When questioned about the secret to success, Max said, "We practiced asking each other questions from the books. But I think that having fun with friends was the most important point."

Jacob Taylor said, "The books that are selected are always really good. I might not choose to read some of them on my own, but they've all been really interesting."

And Emma, who has observed the event from the sidelines for the past two years, added "Participating is way more fun than watching!"

To view a complete list of the teams involved and pictures of the event, please visit the Northville District Library web site at <http://www.northvillelibrary.org>.

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The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

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Speakers say school funding needs to have higher priority

Three opinions expressed at Dems meeting

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Education funding is still being heavily debated in the Michigan legislature, with many parents and candidates puzzled by what's going on and seeking solutions.

Members of the Northville Democratic Club had a Town Hall Meeting March 9 at the Northville Public Library, inviting three education experts to speak on this hot topic.

Speakers included Joan Wadsworth of Northville, former president and longtime member of the Northville Public Schools Board of Education and candidate for state senate; Anne Randall of Northville, representative, Legislative Action Network, Northville Parent Teacher Student Association; and Rep. Alma Wheeler Smith, of Salem Township, a state representative for the 54th district and candidate for governor.

Scott Craig, president of the Northville Democratic Club, who teaches in Birmingham, said, "Our schools are really in trouble right

now, and it's not just a Northville problem, it's a statewide problem." He said 21 teachers were recently laid off in Birmingham.

Wadsworth gave a snapshot of the last year in school funding for Northville. She said each student received \$8,539, and there are about 7,000 students with a total budget of \$65 million.

RECENT CUTS DRASTIC

Recent cuts dropped funding by \$165 million, leaving Northville's students with \$486 less per student, totaling a cut of \$3.4 million out of a \$65-million local school budget.

This led to local cuts in food service and the early childhood program.

"We have not finished solving the (budget) problem for this year," she said.

The next year's school funding is expected to drop \$260 per student, representing \$7 million statewide, that equates to about a 10 percent cut.

"That is not good public policy period," she said. "Companies (that might want to relocate to Northville) are looking at the quality of life and the quality of our schools. We've been cutting our (school) budget for a decade. It's really sad."

Wadsworth believes the state

doesn't set its budget in a timely fashion, leaving school districts guessing at how much they will receive.

"An on-time budget would be great," she said.

She also said that the school board has talked about pooling employee health insurance costs, and that the state needs to help with a pension program for district employees.

"We have employees who are counting on health insurance, and we need a stable source of school funding," Wadsworth said.

She believes spending so much time to balance the budget locally wastes time that could be used to solve other issues.

THE PRICE OF IGNORANCE

Randall, an attorney with a 17-year-old son at Northville High School, asked the audience, "What can parents do?" She said they need to talk to their legislators, saying how wrong it is to continually cut school funding. Groups of parents occasionally travel to Lansing to stage protests of school funding cuts, with such a group just making the trip on March 10.

She believes not educating children properly often leads them into a life of crime.

"Seventy-five percent of pris-



Speakers at the March 9 Northville Democratic Club Town Hall Meeting, from left: Joan Wadsworth, Rep. Alma Wheeler Smith and Anne Randall. The three discussed the current crisis in education funding in the state of Michigan.

oners are functionally illiterate," Randall said. She said it costs a lot more to house people in prison than to fund a proper education.

Smith, who served on the South Lyon school board for eight years, said, "We have been cutting (school funding) since 2001. The state of Michigan is in bad shape. We're not funding what we need to be funding. We've lost \$2 million from the general fund in the last five years."

She has a three-prong approach to fixing the budget:

reduce the tax rate from 6 percent to 5.5 percent but expand it to services, which would collect about \$1.5 billion for the state; use a graduated income tax, which would result in a tax reduction for 80 percent of Michigan taxpayers and bring in about \$2 billion to the state; and close tax loopholes, which would add about \$3 billion to Michigan.

"We are providing about \$34 billion dollars a year in tax incentives," she said. "We are giving away almost as much revenue as we raise."

She said many businesses, in turn, aren't following through on their side of the deal, such as failing to meet employment requirements.

Smith said we would need to have a constitutional amendment to have a graduated income tax, but that Michigan is one of only seven states that has a "flat" income tax rate. With a graduated income tax, only the top 15 percent of wage earners would see a tax increase.

She also believes in the elimination of the business tax surcharge; the Michigan Promise program, which would provide financial aid to preschool and post-secondary students; and the creation of a School Aid Fund.

She complimented the Kalamazoo Promise program, a scholarship program open to all public school students in this Michigan city that pays 100 percent of tuition and mandatory fees for students who maintain a certain grade point average.

Smith said her overall tax plan would generate \$6.5 billion a year for the state.

"We need to restructure our taxes," Smith said. "It's a proposal that will get Michigan moving again. We need a revenue structure in place that will provide the services that Michigan residents expect and deserve."

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OUR VIEWS

Lawmakers on pay cuts

On March 15, a poll sponsored by the group Business Leaders for Michigan said that most voters polled wanted a 3 percent pay bump stopped for unionized state workers.

Three days later, the Michigan Senate tried again to stop the raise. The bid failed, again.

Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop, R-Rochester, (salary: \$105,650) has said he hasn't given up on getting the money from the workers. Two-thirds of both the Senate and House must agree to stop the pay change before April 11.

It's a shame Bishop and the Legislature can't put the same laser-like focus on saving taxpayers other millions of dollars — money paid out via Michigan's No. 2-in-the-nation legislative salaries.

Advocates of the plan to nullify the negotiated pay bump for approximately 35,000 state workers have made an issue of the poll. But does Bishop or any other state legislator have a doubt what a poll on reducing legislative pay would say?

In 2000, base legislative pay — not counting legislators' personal office shush funds — was \$56,981.

In 2010, after Michigan had lost hundreds of thousands of jobs, base legislative pay is \$79,650.

If legislative pay were reduced to its 2000 figure, that would save the state \$3.35 million per year (\$22,669 cut times 148 legislative slots).

True, the legislative pay cut isn't a huge bundle in a state that spends billions out of its general fund. But go back to this state-worker rollback. The Associated Press says its nullification would save \$48 million for the general fund.

That is a savings, but still a small one when compared to Michigan's \$1 billion-plus deficit for the upcoming 2010-11 budget year. If it's of vital necessity to get this \$48 million saved, why isn't it better to save another \$3 million?

Legislators will tell you they voted for a pay cut; and they did — for lawmakers taking office in January 2011. Some lawmakers will say they have made voluntary givebacks of salary.

Yet, for all their acumen, all their integrity, all their concern for the state treasury, they just cannot find a way to immediately cut the pay for every single member of the Legislature.

Relay for Life: Time to get involved

There's still time to support the American Cancer Society by participating in the Northville Relay for Life event, taking place from 10 a.m. May 15 through 10 a.m. May 16 at Ford Field, 150 Hutton St.

For close to a decade, hundreds of people have gathered as teams at the park, where they set up tents and attractions with everything from games for the kids and goodie tables to food stands and pickles on a stick.

While there's plenty to do and see around the park's walking path, there's also some importance to the path itself. Each team member raises money in the days and months leading up to the event. Then they take turns walking laps — for 24 hours, nonstop — symbolizing that cancer never sleeps.

You see, the Relay for Life is the main volunteer-driven cancer fund-raising event of the American Cancer Society. It started in 1985 when a colorectal surgeon in Tacoma, Wash., ran and walked around a track for 24 hours to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

Since then, Relay has grown from a single man's passion to fight cancer into the world's largest movement to end the disease. Each year, more than 3.5 million people in 5,000 communities in the U.S., along with additional communities in 20 other countries, gather to take part in this global phenomenon.

Many participants are cancer survivors, while others have loved ones who have been affected. The Relay gives them a chance to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease.

There is still time to get involved. Just log onto www.relayforlife.org and search for the local event. From there, the sign-up information, along with donation information, displays on the front page.

Whether it's joining a team, forming a new team, making a donation or simply stopping by to encourage the teams through the 24-hour journey, it's a worthwhile effort that brings comfort to those who are affected by cancer.

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(Asked at a Red Cross blood drive at Moraine Elementary on March 16.)



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Jennifer Frederick
Northville



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LETTERS

'Rocking' thanks

The second annual Northville High School Pom Variety Show, "Rocking with NHS," was a great success. On behalf of the team, we would like to thank everyone that participated in and attended the show. The show included many talented groups from NHS, including Backbeat, Treblemakers, The Breaks, Thriller and "Guys Hip Hop" along with several individual performers. Thank you for your participation. We would like to recognize our emcees for doing a wonderful job: Connor Koblinski, Alex Kenya and Shelby Foerg. Once again, there was great community support for the show and the food drive for Civic Concern.

We would also like to thank all the sponsors and people that worked to make the show a success. These include Max and Erma's on Five Mile, Starbucks Northville, Panera on Haggerty Road, and Northville Lumber. Thank you to auditorium manager Bryan Johnson and his staff and the NHS administration; we appreciate your time and expertise. Thanks to all the committee members that contributed their time and creativity to the show. It was a great end of the season for the team and we appreciate all the hard work and dedication.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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

Finally, congratulations to all the members of both the JV and varsity pom teams. You did a great job!

Northville High School Pom coaching staff
Susan Evans
Variety Show chair

Understanding McCotter

In the Hometown papers recently we saw a rambling criticism of Thad McCotter clearly written by a correspondent of the opposition party.

Interesting this attack was heavily focused upon the obvious intellect of McCotter expressed in his use of our language. The uninformed and unfamiliar with McCotter might accept such absurd views. Others might attribute his use of the English language to his parochial education. Perhaps he just should be merely recognized as a smart guy within the Michigan congressional delegation. This fact annoys the lesser congressional opponents.

In November, a campaign will erupt against the currently-in-charge who legislate simply to bankrupt our nation with specious arguments of what is good for us. McCotter will survive. Others may be re-elected as the public observes our nation being led by characters with little interest in being wedded to good character.

Jim Nowka
Northville

For a change, Michigan needs to 'Switch'

COMMENTARY

In their newly released book, *Switch*, two brothers team up to help provide a pathway to change. Chip Heath and his brother, Dan, the best-selling authors of *Made To Stick*, have written a prescription for affecting change, both big and small.

The authors, who write a monthly column for the equally compelling *Fast Company* magazine (www.fastcompany.com), bring together decades of counterculture research in psychology, sociology and other fields to shed new light on how we can effect transformational change.

As the second decade of the new millennium gets under way, Michigan, among all the states, is the candidate most in need of "transformational change." I am advocating that Michigan foundations step up to purchase this book for all elected leaders across the state and the Heath brothers be featured speakers at the Detroit Regional Chambers Mackinaw Island policy confab. This is a message that needs to be heard and provides the ingredients for action.

Clearly, change is the most talked about and least acted-upon concept in our state capitol today. We need someone to model a change strategy that is successful and effective in getting Michigan unleashed from the last century and propelled into the 21st century global knowledge economy.

Switch: How To Change Things When Change Is Really Hard shows that "successful changes follow a pattern that can be used to make the changes that matter, whether it's changing the world or changing your waistline." The Heath brothers discuss how change agents help align the heart and mind to better harvest change.

One standout example in the book is the idea of "taking a bright spot and cloning it." The concept is simple — stop focusing on how and why things don't work, and instead discover what DOES work and follow that path. Or as the authors put it, "We need to ask ourselves a question that sounds simple but is, in fact, deeply unnatural: What's working and how can we do more of it?"

They say, "Don't solve problems — copy success."

Bringing the idea home, take a look around Michigan, the U.S. and the world and stop plugging the holes. Instead, seek to emulate others' success. We need to search not for the dark holes but the bright spots. What are cities, states or nations doing to get their financial houses in order to invest in education, re-training and 21st century infrastructure?

SEEKING 'BRIGHT SPOTS' PROVIDE A CLEAR ROAD MAP TO CHANGE

To be sure, Michigan has begun

thinking about success:

• Gov. Granholm proposed the idea of two-year budgeting that L. Brooks Patterson, Oakland County executive, and his team have perfected at the local level.

• The Michigan Business Leaders (formerly, Renaissance Detroit) (www.businessleadersformichigan.org) have conducted a benchmarking study to develop the Five-step Michigan Turn Around Plan to provide a template for Michigan's recovery that many across the state ascribe to.

• The Center for Michigan's (www.thecenterformichigan.net) Defining Moment, a multiyear campaign, seeks to engage more than 10,000 citizens in nearly 200 community conversations between the two peninsulas to develop a shared vision and common agenda that propels our state forward.

Change is often avoided until it can be avoided no longer. If there was ever a time for Michigan to make the difficult decision to change, this is it.

We know what the problems are in this state but need more people willing to seek unconventional solutions. So, Michigan, read *Switch* and learn how to change things when change is hard!

To get the change process going in your organization visit www.switch-book.com/resources.

Tom Watkins served the citizens of Michigan as state superintendent of schools, 2001-05; mental health director, 1986-90; and as an elected member of the Wayne County Charter Commission, 1980-82. He can be reached at tdwatkins@aol.com.

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT



Khloe Ann Flynn

James and Stefanie Flynn, of Novi, announce the birth of their daughter, Khloe Ann, born Oct. 29, 2009, in Novi. She has one brother, Nathan, 16. Grandparents are Cornelius and Mary Ann Flynn, of Livonia; and Pamela Santo, of Farmington Hills.

NORTHVILLE NEWSMAKERS

Northville-based landscape architecture firm Grissim Metz Andriese Associates announced recent appointments to its Board of Directors: John N. Grissim, FASLA, chairman emeritus; Randall K. Metz, FASLA, president; Susan L. Grissim, ASLA, vice president; Paul R. Andriese, ASLA, vice president.

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Antiques, fine arts appraisal clinic

The Northville Arts Commission will host its second annual Appraisal Clinic on Saturday, May 1. Proceeds of the event will benefit the cultural and educational programs of the Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady.

Renowned appraiser Robert DuMouchelle and other members of the DuMouchelle staff will be available to verbally appraise your antiques, art and collectibles. Robert DuMouchelle is well known from his appearances on PBS television, and the family's venerable downtown Detroit gallery and auction house that has served the Detroit metro area for over 80 years.

Registration is strongly advised as it is anticipated that the 15-minute appraisal time slots will fill quickly. The registration fee is \$10 per item with a limit of three items per guest. Walk-ins without prior registration will be admitted on the day of the event as time allows. Registration can be in-person at the Northville Art House, Thursday to Saturday, from 1-5 p.m. starting April 1, or by phone. Call (248) 344-0497 for additional information or to register.

Guests may bring items such as antiques, collectibles, family memorabilia, furniture and artwork. Large or fragile items should be submitted by photograph. Coins, stamps, and jewelry will not be appraised at this event. Any history one has on an item is important, especially when bringing in artwork. Typically, the appraiser will want to know the history or provenance of the piece. The appraisers can only give out insurance values and fair market values verbally due to the time constraints.

Blood drive

St. Mary Mercy Hospital and the American Red Cross are partnering in a blood drive campaign. The first blood drive is from 6 a.m.-6 p.m., Thursday, April 8, in



Golf Inning

Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel's Northville/Novi office raised for charity the sum of \$250, along with a large amount of food, as a result of their Golf Inning, an office event where their sales professionals, clients and friends played miniature golf from room to room inside the CBWM office. "I was happy to see the tremendous response to our charitable event," commented Lori Cryslar, sales manager of the Northville/Novi office. "All cash donations and food were presented to the Northville Civic Concern. Although the Concern was elated to receive our gift, I do want to stress that they are still in desperate need of more food and monetary donations." The address of the Civic Concern is 42951 Seven Mile Northville, MI 48168, and their phone number is (248) 344-1033. Pictured (l to r) are Eileen McFarland and Joy Bloxam, Northville Civic Concern, and Cryslar.

the Auditorium. The American Red Cross encourages area residents to join St. Mary Mercy Hospital employees and volunteers to donate blood.

The hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile Road in Livonia.

New research tool at library

The Northville District Library (212 W. Cady Street) has added the online version of Value Line Research Center, a comprehensive investment research tool, to the Library's selection of business databases. The databases are available 24/7 from home or office to anyone with a Northville library card.

Value Line Research Center offers data and analysis on stocks, mutual funds, options

and convertibles. Information on 3,500 stocks, formerly found in the highly valued print editions, can now be accessed online. The Value Line Investment Survey - with the popular Ratings & Reports section - is now available on Monday for that week's current issue. Investors also can now utilize online tools to screen and export data, and to track model portfolios.

The database features analysis of 1,500 top equity funds, with profiles of over 10,000 other mutual funds. The online version is much more comprehensive than the print version formerly available in the Library. Both the Standard and Small & Mid-Cap editions are available online.

Investors will also be interested in utilizing the Library's online subscription to Morningstar Investment Research Center.

This investment database, which specializes in mutual funds, also offers data on stocks and ETFs. Morningstar also features a portfolio x-ray, where investors can see how certain stocks, funds and ETFs will work together as a portfolio.

Both Value Line and Morningstar are available by visiting the Library's Web site at www.northvillelibrary.org. Click on Research/Online Resources A-Z and select either Value Line or Morningstar. Effective immediately, the Library will no longer be receiving print editions of Value Line. Reference librarians are available to answer questions about how to access this valuable tool for investors.

Earth Day park maintenance

Help out at the Earth Day park maintenance and improvement from 9 a.m.-noon on April 24 at Maybury State Park. Meet at the maintenance building next to the Beck Road ranger station.

Volunteers are needed to cut, move and burn the phragmites stalks along Beck Road, pull and bag garlic mustard at various spots and install posts for a new nature trail which starts near the concession building.

Bring gloves, shovels, garden rakes, wheelbarrows, water and plastic garbage bags.

For more information call George McCarthy at (248) 347-0899.

Call for artists

The Northville Art House released the call for entries for the second annual West of Center, All Media Show, which takes place June 4-27.

This is an inspired effort to showcase talented artists, as selected by a highly regarded juror, (master sculptor and former College for Creative Studies Sculptor Department Director Jay Holland) and a nod to the Art House location and philosophy of bringing the community something that's different from the usual.

Last year's West of Center Show attracted a wide range of eclectic works from more than 50 artists from Michigan and beyond for consideration - resulting in a contemporary and dynamic, must-see exhibit. Call for entries application/CD must be hand-delivered or shipped to arrive by April 23. E-mail to ArtHouseExhibits@northvillearts.org with questions.

Teens using drugs workshop

"Teens Using Drugs: What To Know and What To Do," a free, ongoing, two-part workshop series, will be presented by Ronald Harrison, SW, in the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti.

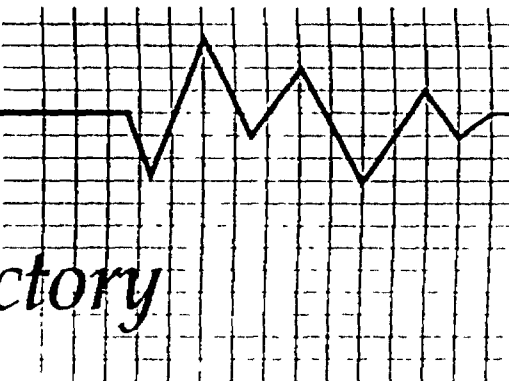
Part One: "What To Know," will be presented on Tuesday April 6 from 7:30-9 p.m. It will provide information on understanding and recognizing teen substance abuse problems. Part One is repeated every first Tuesday of each month, from October through June each year. Part Two: "What To Do," will be presented on Tuesday April 13 from 7:30-9 p.m. It will provide information on what should and should not be done when a teen substance abuse problem is suspected or identified, and will include a recovering teen speaker. Part Two is repeated every second Tuesday of each month, from October through June each year.

The programs are free and open to the public. Parents, other family members, teens, and people who work with teens are all welcome. Free literature about alcohol/other drugs and teens is provided.

The "Teens Using Drugs: What To Know and What To Do" program is co-sponsored by Dawn Farm, the Livingston/Washtenaw Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act Consortium, and Saint Joseph Mercy Health System Mission Services.

Please phone (734) 973-7892, e-mail teensusingdrugs@gmail.com or go to <http://www.teensusingdrugs.org> for further information.

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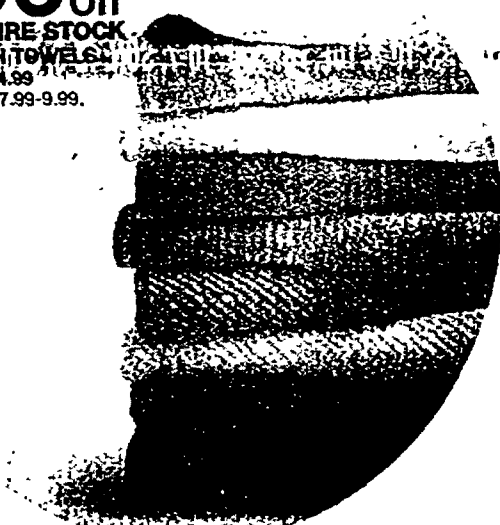
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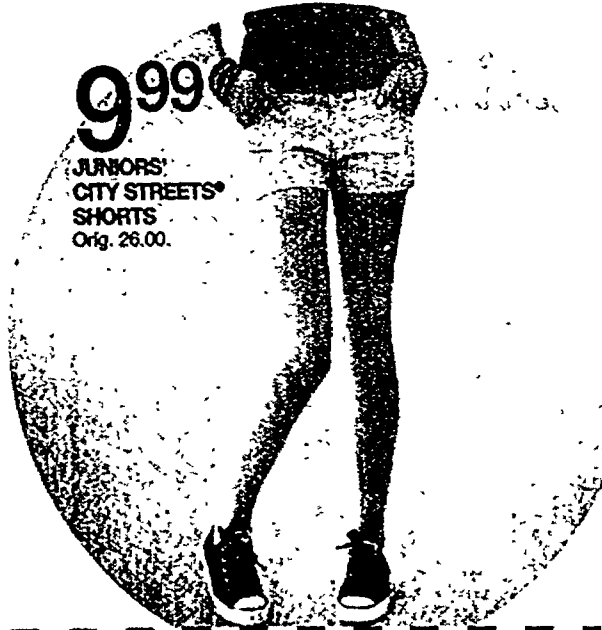
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 Pilgrim Fellowship
 Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays
 Asking Questions adult education class
 Time/Date: 10 a.m. Tuesdays
 Cross Walk

Time/Date: 5 p.m. April 2
 Details: Join us in a somber remembrance of Christ's final walk from Meadowbrook Congregational Church to Novi United Methodist.
Maudy Thursday
 Time/Date: 6:14 p.m. April 1
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NORTHVILLE POLICE REPORT

Larceny from auto

1 A 24-year-old Dearborn Heights woman and 40-year-old Northville man were arrested for larceny from auto after a caller reported that a man and woman were pulling on car door handles at 135 E. Main Street in City Lot 3 at 10:15 p.m. on March 19.

Another caller at the American Legion on Dunlap Street said he confronted the suspects, and they tossed the stolen property.

Police caught up with the two and arrested them on First Street.

Stolen items recovered included a case of CDs, a black, cordless Craftsman drill, a Ryobi laser leveler, an iPod and charger, a flashlight and a briefcase.

More theft from vehicle

2 A 32-year-old Northville woman reported on March 22 that someone broke into her car between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on March 1 outside Old Village School at 405 W. Main Street.

The woman said several items were missing from her purse, which was in her car. These include a credit card, debit card, digital camera and \$20 in cash.

She mentioned that numerous items had been charged to both her credit and debit cards.

Assault and battery

3 A 70-year-old Howell man was arrested for assault and battery at the Northville

Downs race track at 301 S. Center Street at 5:58 p.m. March 21.

Police were dispatched to the track about a fight in progress. They did not learn what the fight was about, and it had already broken up by the time they arrived on the scene. The man had allegedly hit a 68-year-old Drummond Island man on the right side of the head with a closed fist. The man did not want to press charges, however.

The man is now barred from the track.

Retail fraud arrest

4 A 28-year-old Northville man reported a retail fraud incident at 1:17 p.m. on March 21 at the Marathon gas station at 510 S. Main Street.

The gas station clerk told police that a man stole a pack of Garcia Vega cigars from the station. Police were not able to locate the man after he left the station.

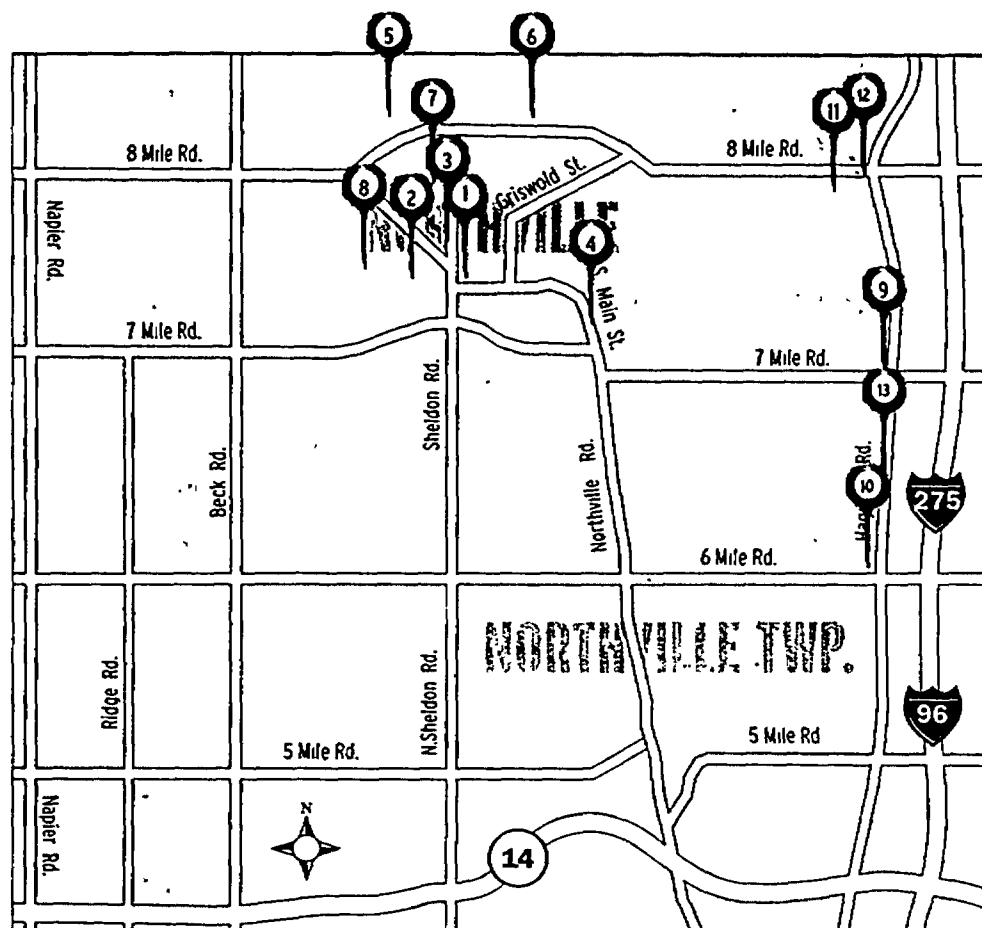
Identity theft

5 A 50-year-old woman who lives on Debra Lane reported to police an incident of identity theft involving her cell phone at noon on March 4.

The incident involved an unknown person using her personal information to open a Spring cellular telephone account.

Driving, no license

6 A 25-year-old Dearborn man was arrested for driving on a suspended license at



11 p.m. on March 27 at Eight Mile and Novi roads.

The man was stopped for a speeding violation, as he was traveling at 54 mph in a 40 mph zone.

Bicycle stolen

7 A 16-year-old Novi boy reported at 9:24 p.m. on March 19 that his bike was stolen outside Hiller's Market at 425 N. Center Street, where the boy works. He said about three weeks ago he rode his bike to work and left it in the bushes just north of the store.

The bike was described as a blue and silver 21-speed Diamondback mountain bike valued at \$100.

Domestic violence

8 Police were dispatched to a residence on W. Main Street at which the resident, a 49-year-old woman reported that her girlfriend had been drinking and kicked her in the stomach to prevent her from leaving at 1:44 a.m. on March 24.

The girlfriend, a 52-year-old resident of the same address, was later discovered to be the wife of the complainant due to a Canadian marriage. Police found her to have a swollen lip and a small cut on the inside of her left upper lip.

Police will be notifying the prosecutor's office to seek charges against both women for domestic assault.

Driving without license

9 A 25-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for driving while her license was suspended at 5:41 p.m. on March 1 at Seven Mile and Haggerty roads.

The woman was pulled over when an officer on patrol was simply checking license plates looking for stolen vehicles or active arrest warrants.

Drug citation

10 A 32-year-old White Lake man received a citation for having Ritalin in a prescription bottle that did not have his name on it at 6:04 p.m. on March 17 at Six Mile and Haggerty roads.

The man was pulled over because he ran the red light from westbound Six Mile Road to southbound Haggerty Road. The bottle was spotted in the pocket of the driver's door.

He said that he and his girlfriend both take the drug and that they were probably his pills in her prescription bottle. Ritalin is a controlled substance.

The license plate was registered to the driver but showed that it was a different vehicle. The man said he had just bought the car in Ohio and hadn't gotten the registration yet. He also received a citation for failing to transfer the vehicle registration.

Retail fraud arrest

11 A 36-year-old Redford Township man was arrested for retail fraud at the Meijer store at 20401 Haggerty Road at 1:45 p.m. on March 19.

A loss prevention worker watched as a man took eight cases of soda, began opening them and placing the full unpaid for cans of soda into the bottle return machines. After depositing 192 cans he received \$19.20 for the bottle return slip before being arrested.

More theft from Meijer

12 A 23-year-old Farmington Hills woman was arrested for retail fraud at 4:17 p.m. on March 19 at the Meijer store at 20401 Haggerty Road.

Stolen items recovered included two bathing suit tops, one bathing suit bottom, two combs, three packs of eye liner, one brush and two packs of soap valued at \$93.75.

Larceny from auto

13 A 28-year-old New Boston woman told police that someone stole a factory model GPS unit and CD player from her vehicle between 9:30 and 10:47 p.m. on March 20 while she was parked in the PF Chang's Restaurant parking lot at 17905 Haggerty Road. The rear driver's side window was broken.

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A simple way of understanding blood pressure is to think of blood rushing through your arteries. As the blood rushes through, it puts pressure on your artery walls. That pressure can increase or decrease based on many different factors such as exercise, diet, and medication. Ultimately, a prolonged increase in blood pressure (hypertension) requires your heart to work harder to circulate blood throughout your body. The only way you

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will know if you have high blood pressure is to get it checked.

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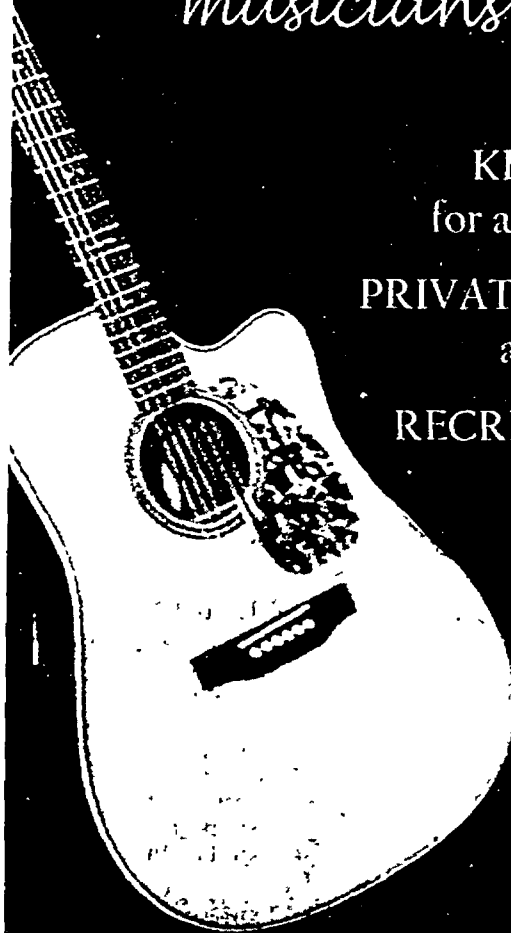
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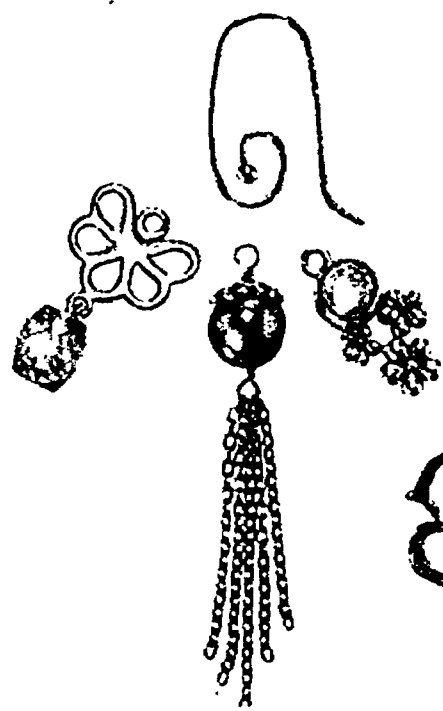
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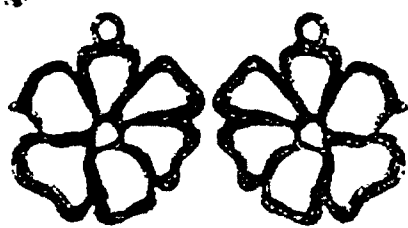
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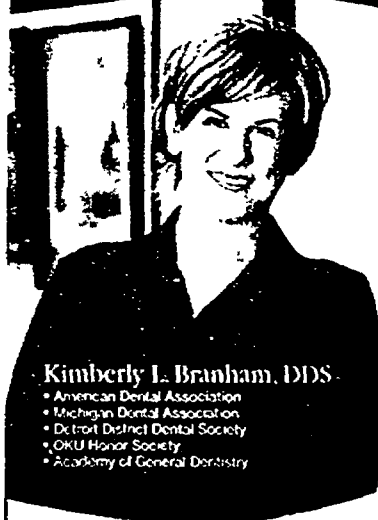
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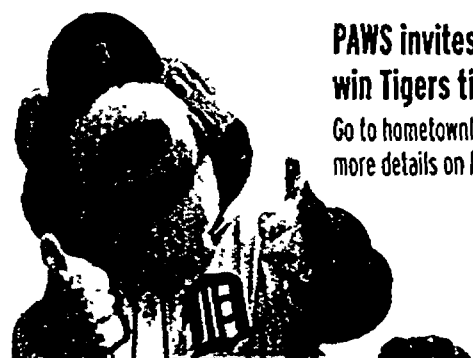
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Knights plagued with injuries

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

When all is said and done, the annual Detroit Tradesman High School Rugby Tournament doesn't count toward final records or standings. Instead, it's a chance for Tradesman-coached teams to get a good look at what they have in terms of talent, tenacity and desire on their club's roster.

The Northville Knights Rugby Football Club, coached by Tradesman alum Ron Cornell, discovered that they have a talented core group of players. They also discovered how beat up a team can get in the opening weeks of the season. "We're a little banged up," admitted Cornell after Monday's practice. "We have a few injuries to work around to start, but we've got a few weeks until the season starts to heal up and get ready."

The Knights, which are entering their 13th season in Northville, had a good showing in their first match of the tournament. The squad pounded out five tries while their defensive pressure held kept the Highlanders out of the try zone.

"We played what will possibly be our regular corps of players in that one," commented Cornell.

Some injuries, however, sidelined a few players and some adjustments were made to allow less-experienced ruggers to get some playing time for the second game.

In that contest, played against a mix of Dearborn and Livonia players because Livonia's full team hadn't arrived, found the Knights battling against strong and speedy opponents. When scrimmage finished, the Knights had allowed three tries but scoring none.

"We had mixed results," Cornell said. "We played well, but we have a lot of new guys who have a lot to learn."

The Knights were planning another scrimmage this week before taking spring break off and then preparing for the opening match of the season the following week.

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

Mustangs lacrosse tramples Highlanders

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

Go ahead and chalk up a giant victory for the Northville Mustangs boys lacrosse team in their opening game of the season.

The Mustangs, coached by Greg Durham, met up with the Howell Highlanders to open the 2010 campaign and walked away with a dominating 14-2 victory.

In the opening stanza of the contest, it appeared the Highlanders would match up well with the Mustangs as the two teams ended the quarter completely knotted up, 2-2. The strength of the Highlanders proved to be an illusion as the Mustangs began galloping away with the game, holding the Howell team scoreless over the next three quarters while scoring 12 more points of their own.

"The team, as a whole, played well," said Durham.

Leading the way for the Mustangs was Dylan Gelven, who looked to be well on his way to an All-Star season with a whopping eight goals and three assists in the contest. Jakob Kippola put on a show, too, scoring three goals and adding two assists in the winning effort. The Mustangs also got two goals from Matt Sopha and one from Ian Meador—a face-off specialist who won 10 of 12 face offs and seven ground balls in the game. Ashok Selby grabbed nine ground balls in the contest.

Northville is now 1-0 on the season.



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Mustang Erin Wensing in action on March 26 vs. Grand Blanc.

Mustang girls fall in opening lacrosse game

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

It wasn't the season opener the Northville Mustangs girls lacrosse team was hoping for, but it showed the players, coaches and fans that there is plenty of talent on the team and a determination to win.

The Mustangs ground out a 14-5 loss against Grand Blanc, but had some bright spots despite the loss.

One such bright spot was the play of sophomore Charlotte Peterson, who notched three goals against Grand Blanc. Also scoring were senior Kayley Dahring and junior Tori Hilmer.

Head coach Jamie Francek's team did force

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ON TAP
Northville was to face Brighton yesterday and will head to Hartland April 14.



Mustangs celebrate with their teammates after scoring a goal against Grand Blanc on March 26.

NORTHVILLE ROUNDUP

Thomas hits fourth homerun of season

Charlie Thomas, a senior with Saginaw Valley State University's baseball team, notched his fourth homerun of the season during a loss against Hillsdale last week.

Thomas has a .340 batting average so far this season with 18 hits, five doubles and 17 runs batted in. He's been walked eight times and hit by a pitch four times. He has struck out nine times in 53 at bats.

The Cardinals are 8-10 overall and are currently suffering through a four-game losing streak.

St. Clair College loves Northville

You have to wonder if the baseball coach over at St. Clair College isn't just copy and pasting the Northville roster onto his own this year.

The Skippers are boasting plenty of local talent on their team with three Northville players and a Novi graduate on the roster.

Representing Northville are first baseman Ryan Mullen, infielder Matt Deacon and pitcher Kevin Fisher. Novi graduate Phil Celeski, a first baseman, represents the Wildcats.

Ruiz wins Player of the Week honors

A former Northville tennis stand-out earned the BIG EAST Tennis Player of the Week the conference announced last Wednesday. Junior Christina Ruiz, who played for the Marquette Golden Eagles, won two matches in a row, tallying a 6-4, 6-1 win versus No. 68 Binghamton at No. 5 singles and a 6-1, 6-3 win at No. 4 singles at San Jose State on Sunday. Ruiz remains undefeated at the No. 4 spot.

She sits at 10-5 in dual singles play, including a 16-10 overall singles record.

Ruiz has partnered with classmate Rachael Hush in doubles matches, winning five in a row, and six of the last seven. The duo has played every match at No. 1 singles this season. The pair won 8-3 against No. 68 Binghamton, 8-0 against San Jose, and 8-7 against San Francisco.

Ohlgren finishes fourth in nation

Ava Ohlgren, a Northville High School graduate, swam in her fourth-consecutive 200 individual medley championship at the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships last week. Ohlgren, who swims for Auburn, finished eighth in the preliminaries but captured fourth-place overall with a season-best time of 1:55.72 in the finals.

Toney key in Penn State's comeback victory

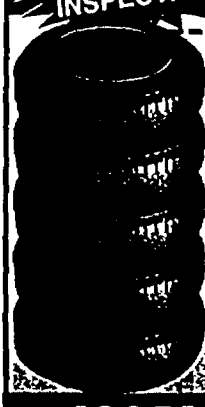
Northville graduate Danielle Toney showed why she is considered one of the best collegiate players in the nation as she helped her women's soccer team come back against Virginia Tech last Saturday and win, 3-1.

Toney and the Nittany Lions fell behind 1-0 in the game but bounced back as Toney fed the ball to teammate Tani Costa in front of the Hokies' net. The ball bounced free, but a Virginia player eventually accidentally knocked it in to tie the game.

The game was tied at halftime, but Penn State took the lead when Christine Nairn passed the ball to Toney, who scored for a 2-1 lead.

Toney helped seal the win when she was brought down in the penalty area and Penn State was awarded a kick, which Nairn scored on for the 3-1 final.

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Hasse wins three-point championship

Northville sharpshooter earns title as state's best

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

When Northville senior Tim Hasse was just a third-grade student, he pulled up short at the three-point line and fired off a shot.

Little did anyone know at that moment, Hasse was painting the future.

Nine years later, after his season basketball season had come to a close, Hasse was asked to join the state's best three-point shooters in a competition to determine a true champion. When the smoke cleared and the shots were tallied, Hasse was the lone shooter left standing.

"I am so excited for Tim winning the title of Michigan's Three Point Champion," said his coach Todd Sander. "It's a wonderful finish to his outstanding career. Tim did not win this by accident. He's practiced for thousands of hours shooting tens of thousands of shots. It's evidence that hard work pays off."

This year was the first for the championship. The Michigan High School Athletic Association has traditionally awarded the best players in the state in free-throw and three-point shooting percentages, but this year decided to make a competition out of it and invited the top 20 players in the state.

When the invite was extended, Hasse didn't hesitate, though he was surprised to find he had ranked so well.

"I never knew that there was a three-point championship until my coach told me about it," Hasse admitted. "When he told me that I had finished in the top 20 in the state for three-point percentage, I was a little surprised because I had gotten off to a really bad start at the beginning of the season and thought that because of that my percentage was lower."

Hasse's 43-percent success rate from beyond the arc was enough to get him recognition as a top-20 shooter. Out of those 20 players, 18 accepted the invitation to the competition.

The first round of the event involved each player taking 25 shots from five different locations with only a minute to complete the task. Once they were finished, after a short break, they were asked to do it again.

Hasse didn't shoot as well as

he had hoped, hitting 27-of-50—though the performance put him in seventh place heading into round two, which only the top 10 players were allowed to participate in.

"I started off well in the first round and I think I got a little over-confident in the second round and that's why I fell to seventh place," Hasse said. "I knew I had to step up if I wanted to win and that's what I did."

In the second round—which consisted of 25 shots in one minute—Hasse hit 18 shots to tie for first with Adam Pijaszek of the Bay City All Saints squad. The two sharpshooters advanced to a final round, held in front of the packed-house of the Breslin Center during halftime of the Class A state championship boys basketball game.

"I was a little bit nervous but once I started making shots all of the nerves went away," said Hasse. "After I finished my first round I thought for sure I had lost, I thought he was easily going to beat my score."

Hasse was pleasantly surprised to find out that he and Pijaszek had both hit 10 of their 25 shots during the one-minute event. The tie pushed the championship into a second round of 25 shots.

"I was really surprised that he tied my score and I felt as though I was given a second chance and I knew there was no way he would beat me the second time," the senior said.

Hasse drilled 14-of-25 shots in the final round, outpacing his opponent's 12.

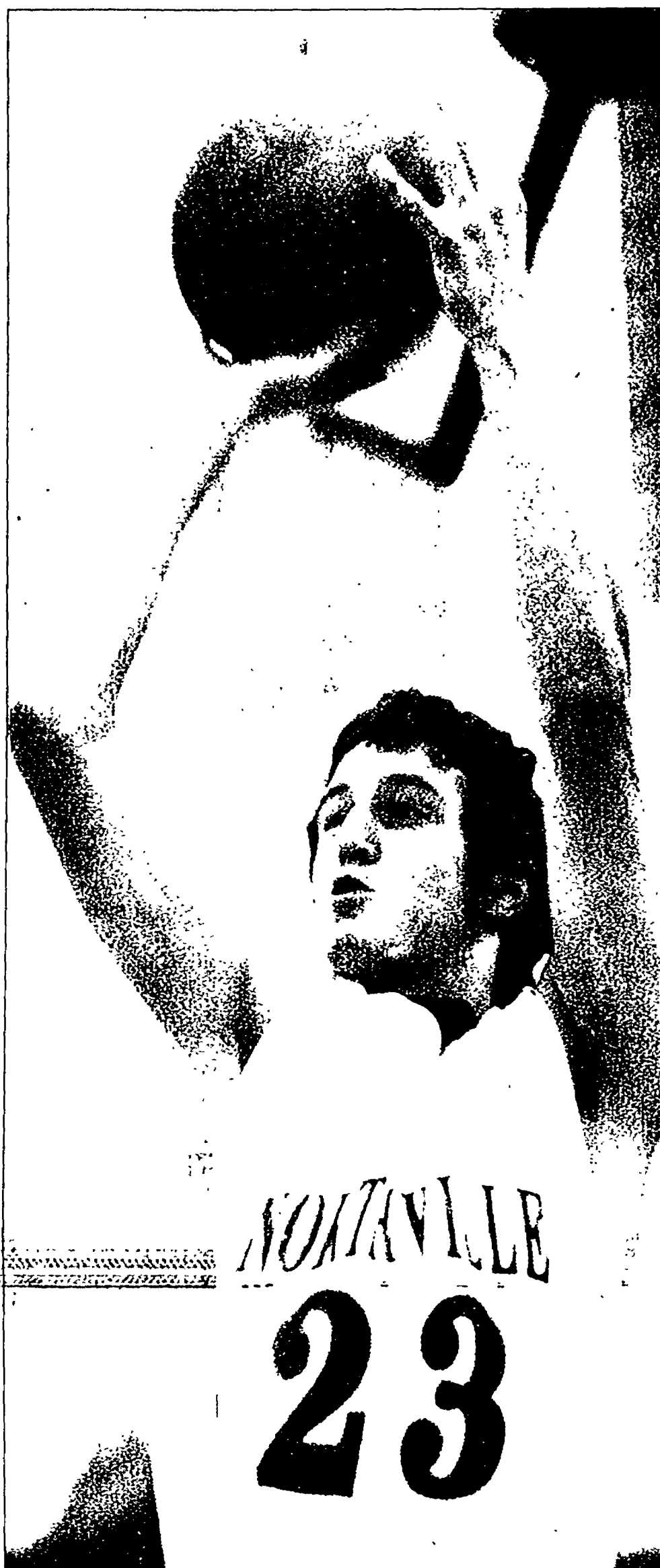
"I think that I was more nervous watching him than I have ever been coaching a game," Sander laughed. "You have no control in what's happening!"

Hasse earned a framed certificate to commemorate his victory.

"When you have a three point contest with that many great shooters anyone can win," said Hasse. "I've always believed that I had one of the best shots in the state and this was my chance to prove it."

Hasse finished his senior season with 48 three-point field goals, making him the fourth-best ever in a long line of talented Northville Mustang cagers.

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Mustang Tim Hasse.

Tennis team has an easy time in opening tourney

Mustangs have confidence, talent to continue winning

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

It was the kind of day every tennis coach likes to see: No snow, good singles competition and, of course, lots of wins.

The Northville Mustangs girls tennis team, coached by Sandy Woolfall, shrugged off the biting cold and collected 25 out of a possible 27 points to crush their opponents in the Canton Tennis Tournament last week to open the season. The Mustangs were able to defeat Canton, Grosse Ile and Walled Lake Central with ease.

"We had a great day, even with the extremely cold conditions," noted Woolfall. "Everyone except one and three singles won all three matches."

At one singles, Joanne Weber, a junior, took the brunt of a tough loss against Grosse Ile to start, 6-3, 6-3, but bounced back with a 6-2, 6-0 win over Canton and a 6-0, 6-2 win over Walled Lake.

"Joanne has been working hard and has really raised the level of her game," noted Woolfall.

At three singles, Jessica Yu, a senior, also lost in the first round to Grosse Ile, 6-2, 6-3, but earned bit wins against Canton and Walled Lake, 6-2, 6-1 and 6-0, 6-2, respectively. Both flights finished second on the day.

The remainder of the team won out throughout the remainder of the competition. Erin Doud, a sophomore, had been in the running for the one singles spot but lost in competition to Weber. Doud showed her prowess in the tournament though, winning all three with ease.

"Erin has also improved a lot from last year," Woolfall said. "She's moved up from four singles to two and I think she's going to have a great year."

At four singles, sophomore Mackenzie Powers only lost seven games the entire day. She moved up this year from four doubles where she had won a state title last season.

The first doubles team of seniors Laura Taylor and Caiti Darish only lost three games on the day as they blasted by Walled Lake Central and Canton, 6-0, 6-0, and beat Grosse Ile, 6-1, 6-2. The duo of seniors Amy Bernstein and Jenna Grezlik at two doubles proved too much for everyone as they earned three big wins.

Ali Weaver and Jackie Kjolhede, both juniors, simply dominated at three doubles, beating Walled Lake, 6-1, 6-1, and Canton, 6-1, 6-0, before stomping Grosse Ile, 6-0, 6-0. Juniors Megan Ford and Christy Murphy had little trouble at four doubles, defeating all three teams while losing just five games total.

At five doubles, juniors Emily Toupin and Lauren Starr lost just two games, one each to Canton and Grosse Ile, as they pounded their way to a convincing victory. Freshman Elizabeth Sakorafis and junior Ria Barad also showcased some impressive ability, losing one game to Walled Lake Central and blanking both Canton and Grosse Ile.

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ON TAP
Northville's next matchup is at Salem on April 13.

CORRECTION

In last week's edition of the Northville Record sports section, Kevin Fisher was omitted from being listed as a key member of last year's baseball team who graduated. Fisher was an All-Conference pitcher from the Northville squad that finished 31-3 and lost in the regional tournament to Brother Rice. Fisher is a member of the baseball team at St. Clair College. In addition, the sentence that read "(Coach John) Kostorzewa is worried" should have read that Kostorzewa is not worried about finding players to step up this year.

CATHOLIC CENTRAL ROUNDUP

Last but not least

Rob Kaylor was inadvertently left off the list of Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks baseball players in the spring preview article last week.

Kaylor, a Northville Resident, found himself in limbo as his name was accidentally left off the team's roster. No doubt Kaylor will be looking to make sure everyone knows his name by providing teammates, coaches, fans and newspapers plenty of fodder to talk and write about this season.

Catholic Central to host basketball camps

Fifth through ninth grade basketball players looking to improve their game are invited to sign up for the Detroit Catholic Central Summer Basketball Camp.

The camp, which costs \$75 per session, will focus on building a foundation of basic fundamental skills to help players reach their individual goals.

Players will be taught by Catholic Central varsity head coach Bill Dyers and other members of the Shamrocks' basketball program on fundamentals like ball handling, shooting, rebounding, defense and agility skills at stations. Games will be played daily and will be refereed by the current Shamrocks players and staff members.

There will also be free throw, lay-up, jump shot and hot shot contests throughout the week. Prizes and certificates will be awarded.

Camps for incoming eighth and ninth grade players will be from June 28th until July 1st and another from July 12th until July 15th. Camps for incoming fifth, sixth and seventh grade players will be held the same days but at different times.

For more information, please contact Dyers at 734-261-0917 or via e-mail at dyerja01@southredford.net.

Michigan State University loves the local lacrosse talent

Looking over the Michigan State University Spartans men's lacrosse roster is like reading a who's who of local talent.

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks are well represented. Connor Bush, a junior attack, is a former player for Catholic Central, as is Patrick Nemes, who also is a junior attack for the Spartans. Also representing the Shamrocks is Mike Schneider, who is a junior defenseman on the squad.

As though that wasn't enough local talent, add to the roster Novi graduate Craig Howell, a sophomore attack, and Northville's Patrick Larabell, a junior attack for the Spartan crew.

- Sam Eggleston

Northville girls secure opening-day soccer win

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

It was a bit cool for ideal soccer weather when the Northville Mustangs girls soccer team took on the Churchill Chargers to open the season Monday, but when all was said and done the Mustangs looked plenty warmed up.

Northville secured a 1-0 victory over the Chargers despite a 40-degree game-time temperature and a lot of early jitters for both teams.

"(We) controlled the ball early, but didn't have any goals to show for it," Northville coach Eric Brucker noted.

Both teams headed into the half without a single shot on goal and a 0-0 tie. After a talk from the coaching staff and some newfound energy,

ON TAP

Northville was to host Walled Lake Western yesterday and will head to Canton April 13.

Northville made a point of adjusting their play on the field.

New intensity from the Mustangs led to added pressure on the Churchill defense. Just about seven and a half minutes into the second half, that pressure led to a fissure in the Chargers' stone-cold defense.

Senior Heidi Haller saw the opening right away, firing a low pass to the feet of sophomore forward Mallory Weber as she moved through the defensive front. Weber controlled the pass, turned and fired a low line drive through the defense of the Churchill goalie and into the back of the net for the 1-0 lead and eventual game winning goal.

"From there, a solid defensive team effort preserved the win," said Brucker.

Northville climbed to 1-0 with the victory while Churchill fell to 0-1.

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Shamrocks trackers finish sixth

CC team takes on talented squads at Huron Relays

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks track and field team didn't do anything special to strengthen their relay teams last week, instead opting to go with the teams that will likely represent them all season.

The result was some impressive performances and a sixth-place finish in the always-competitive Kermit A. Ambrose Huron Relays last Saturday. The Shamrocks collected 28.5 points for sixth place while Ann Arbor Pioneer won the competition with 82 points, followed by Monroe in second, Detroit Mumford in third, Toledo Bowsher in fourth and Toledo Rogers in fifth.

"The team looked OK," said

ON TAP

CC heads to Dakota High School in Macomb on April 9.

Tony Magni, the track coach for the Shamrocks, noting that it was a good first look at the squad. "It's too early to see what we will have this year."

The Shamrocks had several top-five finishes on the day, including a tie for fourth from Michael Shearon in the high jump as he cleared 5-foot-10-inches.

Taking a fifth-place was the ever-powerful Jeff Sherman, who tossed the shot put 49-foot-3.25-inches. Also taking fifth was Ricard Galindo, who ran the two-mile even in 9:50.82. In the mile run, it was Austin Zebrowski taking fifth in 4:28.9, while his brother

Jean-Paul Zebrowski took eighth with a 4:35 in the same event.

The team of Billy Riga, Anthony Capatina, Josh Kyles and Jake Spuller took fifth in the 800-meter relay with a time of 1:34.2.

Collecting a seventh-place finish was the team of Jake Spuller, Josh Gatt, Riga and Mackenzie Boyd in the sprint medley relay that finished in 3:47.9.

Notching a 10th-place finish was the relay team in the shuttle hurdles. Senior Josh Kyles was joined by juniors Mike Shearon and Tyler Brown and senior Andrew Campbell, finishing in a total of 33.42 seconds.

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Shamrocks baseball collects first win

Catholic Central up-ends nearby Walled Lake Western

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

It wasn't a long trip down the road for the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks baseball team, but it sure felt like they had crossed the bridge into the Upper Peninsula.

The Shamrocks had to face more than their opponents on the diamond last Friday when they took to the opening-day game—they had to face the bitter, biting cold, too.

But the Shamrocks didn't let the frigid temperatures derail them as they pushed forward, securing the first win of the season in style with their opening contest, 4-2.

"It was weather that only a Yooper could appreciate today," joked coach Kevin Walters.

ON TAP

CC was slated to host Livonia Churchill Tuesday and will travel to Ann Arbor Pioneer for a doubleheader April 6.

But it was baseball that everyone could enjoy. The Shamrocks threw two pitchers to start the season and allowed just three hits between them. Earning the start was right-handed hurler Nathan Beck, who allowed one hit over four innings and rang up four strikeouts to earn the win. Getting the save was junior righty Mitchell Gatt, who threw the final three innings of the contest.

On the offensive side of the game, senior centerfielder John Jakubik was impressive, going 2-for-3 with one

run batted in and three runs scored. Walters also pointed out the batting of junior shortstop PJ Nowak and junior third baseman Bobby Dulzo for helping the team to victory.

"It is always a good thing to walk away with a win—especially against a quality opponent like Walled Lake Western, and still to be able to point to a number of things that we need to work on," said Walters. "We have preached about the paramount importance of pitching, defense and situational hitting this season. I believe that the guys are buying in to the system and good things will come."

Catholic Central is now 1-0 on the season.

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CC lacrosse shows defensive skill

Shamrocks get opening-season win over Farmington

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The Catholic Central Shamrocks lacrosse team checked a W onto their schedule next to their opening-day game thanks to some tenacious defense.

The squad, coached by David Wilson, earned a 17-2 victory over Farmington.

"Our defense was very aggressive on the ball and frustrated their main threat, Mitch Hall," said Wilson. "Defensively, I felt that we communicated pretty well and held our own ball coverage well and maintained our presence in the crease."

Wilson was happy to see

ON TAP

The Shamrocks were slated to host Okemos Tuesday and will head to U of D on April 6.

how well his team worked together, pushing forward into the zone to force a few turnovers.

What is more important was the energy he saw from his players in an early-season game.

"I was also happy with our intensity and enthusiasm," Wilson said.

But, with every opening game of the season, Wilson saw plenty of things that could be improved upon. One was

patience.

"I felt we were a little sloppy and rushed to the cage a lot," he said. "But it was our first game and the guys were very excited to play someone besides ourselves in practice."

Junior attack Tommy Orr had four goals and three assists to lead the Shamrocks while Mitch Burgin, a junior attack, had four goals and one assist. Senior midfielder Jeff Janer added two goals and an assist in the win while junior attacks Tim Urso and Michael Sullivan each had two goals and one assist.

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JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mustang Kaitlyn Sabourin brings the ball into Grand Blanc's defensive zone during their game on March 26 played at Meads Mill Middle School.

LACROSSE

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three turnovers in the contest, however, and collected an interception and three solid checks.

The game was close throughout the first half with the Mustangs trailing just 5-2. Despite a hardened effort in the second half, Northville

could not keep up with the always-tough Bobcats.

While the team was only able to find the back of the net five times, they did put the ball on goal an additional 14 times but were stymied by the play of Grand Blanc's goalie.

Taking the loss in goal for the Mustangs was junior Rachel Jurczynszun, who stopped 23 shots out of 37.

The junior varsity team,

which rosters 14 freshmen out of 21, had a rough day as well, falling to Grand Blanc, 9-2, to open the season.

Erica McDonald scored the first goal for Northville, while Ashley Hart scored the second.

Taking the loss in goal was Kali Maisano, who had 14 saves in the contest.

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Youth soccer camp

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The camp is for all children currently in grades first-sixth. Cost is \$35.

The goal is to teach the fundamental skills of playing soccer. The kids will be assigned to a counselor that will involve them in games, drills, learning new techniques/skills, contests and having fun.

To receive an application form or to have any questions answered, please e-mail Heidi Haller at heidihaller@gmail.com.



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Northville Mustang Kayley Dahring goes on the offensive against Grand Blanc on March 26.

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Tell us about your business, including types of services and/or products you feature.

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How did you first decide to open your business and why did you choose this area?

I've always had the entrepreneurial spirit even as a kid I had my own newspaper route. Years later, as a stay at home mom I had my own calligraphy business and catering company. When my children got older, I pursued a career as a staff member of a State Farm agent as it allowed me flexibility to work while my kids were at school but leave early as they arrived home when they got off the bus. Then, once again, the bug to open my own business and become self employed hit again after six years of working for someone else.

I pursued a State Farm agency opening in Northville thinking what a lovely community it was. I was blessed to be given the opportunity to take over for what was originally 30-year State Farm agent Paul Polinos agency located on North Center across from Hillers. After five years of successful business operation we quickly

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What makes your business unique?

What makes our business unique is that it truly is a family business independently owned. My husband, Art Beyer, serves as a licensed agent and office manager in charge of daily operations. Our daughter, Amanda, who

just graduated from CMU, is pursuing an agency career with State Farm. Our 19-year-old son, Tim, will be working full time here this summer for his college break. The 17- and 9-year-old Ashley and Katarina can also be found in the office filing and helping out from time to time. In addition I have two licensed team members -- Paula Sphabmixay (whom after one year of working together found out they were distant relatives) and Lisa (Elle) Susalla. Many employers will say they have great staff behind them, but my team is truly in front of me. They handle the day-to-day transactions of the office which can be demanding. They always make me look good, and I am greatly appreciative of their loyalty, determination and dedication.

How has it changed since you opened?

When we first opened our doors, it was quite comical as my furniture was late arriving and it was literally my husband and I set up on two card tables with a phone between us open for business. We started with 500 households, and within nine years we have grown to just under 2,000. Over the years I have gone from salesperson handling each and every transaction to CEO of my business, training staff, meeting with clients for annual insurance and financial reviews, handling administrative duties and professional development.

How has the recent economy affected your business?

The economy has affected every business owner, and even though insurance is a requirement in Michigan it still has impacted us as well. We have really had to show

our added value and benefit of a local agent. We proudly offer "country-club" service and encourage clients to stop by for a cup of gourmet coffee and to just chat about what's going on in their lives. When people have a bad day it is not uncommon for us to drop off an apple pie at their home to brighten their day. For fires and more serious claims I get a personal call at my home and have had to be at the scene if only to provide lunch and a shoulder to lean on. I try to truly be the "a good neighbor" people see on TV and make that a reality. I am blessed to have a thriving business here in Northville and owe that to the families that find value with my agency.

Any advice for business owners?

The best advice I could give to business owners is twofold: Empower your employees

by being a leader and not a micromanager and to show gratefulness to your clients. Customers in general expect basic good service, but that is not enough. We need to provide outstanding customer service each and every time we interact!

What's in store for the future of your business?

We recently purchased a building and now have a permanent home here in Northville. Two additional employees will be coming on board in September. One will handle administrative duties for the agents and the other will be a commercial specialist. We are hoping to continue improving our business and having a strong future helping the people of Northville manage the risks of everyday life, recover from the unexpected, and realize their dreams.



COURTESY OF NORTHVILLE CHAMBER

Pictured (l to r) are Robert Carrier, Linda Carrier, Lisa (Elle) Susalla, Katarina Beyer, Art Beyer, Lisa Beyer, Ashley Peacock, Paula Sphabmixay, Amanda Peacock and Tim Peacock.

CHAMBER CHAT

Redico to manage local properties

Redico will manage, market and lease about 2.5 million square feet of properties in Michigan, including Northville Technology Park and Wixom Technology Park. The facilities, including office, industrial, and land parcels, had been owned jointly by Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. and Michael Kojaian, chairman of Santa Ana, Calif.-based Grubb & Ellis. Kojaian split up the venture, taking more than a dozen buildings and leaving Lehman with the rest.

Kelly & Kelly opens Ann Arbor office

Kelly & Kelly, a boutique law firm based in downtown Northville that has been serving clients throughout Michigan since 1988, has opened a new office in downtown Ann Arbor at 208 East Washington sharing commercial space with Swisher Realty.

The office phone number is (734) 369-3522; office hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and otherwise by client appointment.

Kelly & Kelly is owned by husband and wife attorneys John Kelly and Michele Kelly. Their daughter Ryan Steele joined the firm in 2008 after graduating cum laude from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. Kelsey Enrici joined the firm in 2010 and is a 2009 cum laude graduate of the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. Each lawyer also either holds or is in the process of attaining certification from the State Bar of Michigan in a particular area of law.

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Michigan retailers off to better start in 2010

Michigan retailers began 2010 with an upswing in sales and confidence, according to the latest Michigan Retail Index survey, a joint project of Michigan Retailers Association (MRA) and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

The survey found that more than 40 percent of retailers increased sales in January, the highest level since November 2007. In addition, 49 percent project better sales for the rest of the winter and early spring, the best since March 2008.

However, the number of retailers posting year-over-year sales decreases in January, 47 percent, outnumbered those ringing up increases, 42 percent, for the 27th consecutive month.

The Michigan Retail Index survey for January found that 42 percent of retailers increased sales over the same month last year, while 47 percent recorded declines and 11 percent saw no change. The results create a seasonally adjusted performance index of 49.9, up from 47.8 in December. A year ago, the index had dropped to 29.0 in January.

Index values above 50 generally indicate an increase in positive activity, while values below 50 indicate a decrease.

Looking ahead, 49 percent of retailers expect sales during February - April to improve over the same period last year, while 29 percent project a decrease and 22 percent no change. That puts the seasonally adjusted outlook index at 61.8, up from 57.1 in December. A year ago the index had fallen to 41.6 in January.



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Top 10 Jobs in Healthcare

Kate Lorenz,
CareerBuilder.com Editor

Love the idea of working in healthcare, but can't stand either the sight of blood or several more years of school? Good news: Jobs in the healthcare industry are wide-ranging and cater to a variety of professional levels and skill sets. Better yet, these jobs are also growing at a rapid pace.

Wherever your particular interests lie, from analysis to administration, chances are there's a healthcare job for you.

1. Physician assistants What they do: Provide diagnostic, therapeutic and preventive healthcare services as delegated by a physician.

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With benefits and bonuses: \$75,861

2. Medical records technicians

What they do: Maintain and evaluate the accuracy of patients' medical records, including exam results, X-ray reports, lab tests and past diagnoses. What they need: Most often, an associate's degree from a community or junior college, with coursework in science and medicine.

What they earn: \$31,837/year
With benefits and bonuses: \$36,575

3. Social workers What they do: Help people and families who face life-threatening diseases, domestic troubles or social problems function the best way they can in their environments, deal with relationships and solve personal and family problems.



What they need: Although a bachelor's degree in social work is sufficient for entry into the field, a master's degree in social work is becoming the standard and is typically required for positions in health settings and clinical work.

What they earn: \$52,119/year
With benefits and bonuses: \$59,554

4. Clinical laboratory technicians

What they do: Perform tests that result in the detection, diagnosis and treatment of disease. They analyze the results and relay them to physicians. What they need: The usual requirement for an entry-level position is a bachelor's degree in medical technology or one of the life sciences; however, a combination of education, on-the-job experience and specialized training may suffice.

What they earn: \$27,861/year
With benefits and bonuses: \$32,070

5. Mental health counselor What they do: Work with individuals, families and groups to address and treat mental and emotional disorders and promote optimum mental health, using a variety of therapeutic techniques.

What they need: A master's degree is typically required to be licensed as a counselor, which may entail 48 to 60 hours of graduate study.

What they earn: \$40,338/year
With benefits and bonuses: \$46,206

6. Medical scientists What they do: Research human diseases to provide the information necessary to develop solutions to human health problems, such as vaccines and medicines. They may also perform clinical investigations, technical writing, drug application reviews and patent examinations.

What they need: A doctorate in a biological science is the minimum education required for most prospective medical scientists. Medical scientists who perform invasive procedures on patients must obtain licensure by graduating from an accredited medical school, passing a licensing exam and completing up to seven years of graduate education.

What they earn: \$88,281/year
With benefits and bonuses: \$103,638

7. Pharmacists What they do:

Distribute drugs prescribed by health practitioners, inform patients about medications and their use and advise health practitioners on the selection, dosages, interactions and side effects of medications.

What they need: A degree from an accredited college of pharmacy and successful completion of the state-required licensing exam.

What they earn: \$81,439/year
With benefits and bonuses: \$102,792

8. Physical therapists What they do: Provide services that help restore function, improve mobility, relieve pain and prevent or limit permanent physical disabilities of patients suffering from injuries and physical ailments.

What they need: A master's or doctoral degree from an accredited physical therapist educational program, as well as a state-required license.

What they earn: \$53,410/year
With benefits and bonuses: \$67,229

9. Medical transcriptionists What they do: Transcribe dictated recordings made by healthcare professionals into medical reports, correspondence and other administrative material that eventually become part of patients' permanent files.

What they need: Postsecondary training in medical transcription from a vocational school, community college or distance-learning programs is often preferred by employers. Certificate programs often last a year and associate's degrees last two.

What they earn: \$27,602/year
With benefits and bonuses: \$31,776

10. Medical and health service managers

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What they need: A master's degree in health sciences or administration (health services, long-term care, public or business) is the standard; however, a bachelor's degree is adequate for some entry-level positions.

What they earn: \$55,380/year
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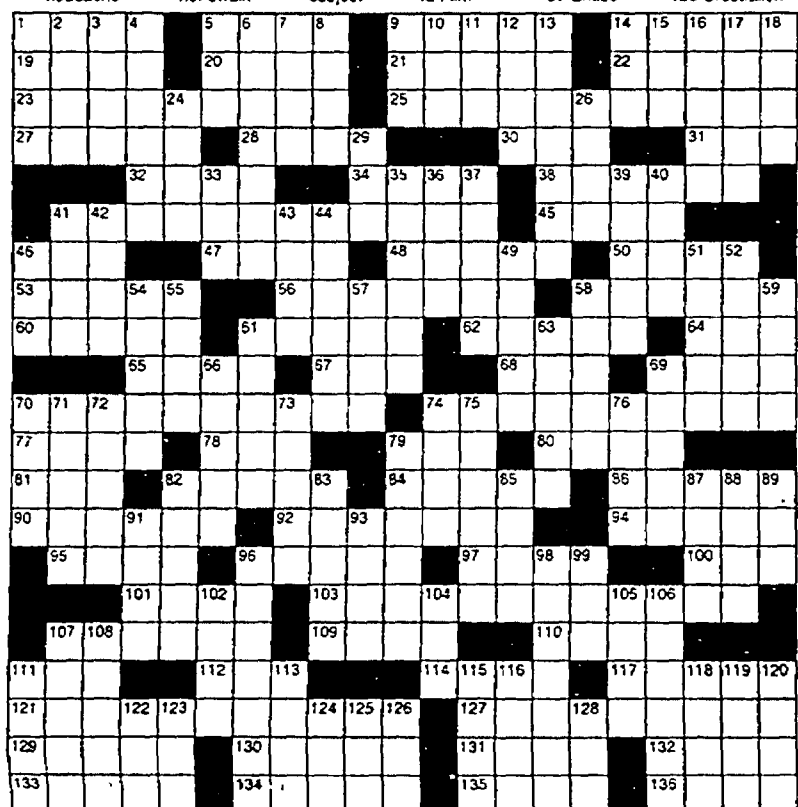
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Women Build Week partners Habitat, Lowe's lend a hand

BY JULIE BROWN
OGE STAFF WRITER

Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne is launching the National Women Build Week sponsored by Lowe's.

Alice Dent, executive director of the Plymouth-based affiliate, said it's the first time in the last eight-nine years for such a project. "The Women Build is a great program. We thought it would be a great opportunity to pull all the women leaders, the community together," Dent said.

The resident who will live in the southeastern Westland home is a single mom with five children. "She and her mom applied together," Dent said, noting mother and daughter are working on "sweat equity" required for Habitat home recipients.

Habitat is a Christian ministry which builds and rehabs homes for lower-income people. The Women Build effort is underwritten by Lowe's.

"We have a great relationship with the Westland Lowe's store," Dent said of the store at Newburgh and Warren roads. For the national effort, in the week leading up to Mother's Day, volunteers throughout the U.S. will be "raising walls or doing something significant." The local special projects will commence Wednesday, May 5, and conclude on May 9.

The dates available are as follows: Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.), starting May 11 through July 15, 2010 (excluding May 25, July 1 and July 6). Special arrangements can be made for groups requesting weekends. Beverages and snacks will be provided by Habitat for Humanity, but volunteers will need to provide lunch.

Westland has been great to work with, she said, noting Mayor William Wild's wife and Westland council members have volunteered.

"Everything we ask of them, they always exceed my expectations. I'm very excited. I can't wait to get out on the site," Dent said of the new home site.

Volunteering can be more than swinging a hammer, as some can help with lunch preparation. "There's something for every person to do," said Dent, noting men are



Ute Brantsch of Detroit, Pat Palmer of Grand Blanc and Mimi Zwolak of Rochester Hills were among those on a Habitat work trip to the damaged Gulf Coast. Women volunteers will be out in full force again soon with a project sponsored by the Plymouth-based Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County and Lowe's. A Westland home will be built for a single mom, her five children and mother.

welcome but organizers want a significant portion of the volunteers to be women.

'VERY GOOD RESPONSE'

"We've already received a very good response," Gov. Jennifer Granholm will participate, as will U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow. Teams up to 15 volunteers are welcome.

"Even on our Facebook page, people are asking questions. The word is out and people are responding," Dent said.

Volunteering at the Westland site is on a first-come, first-serve basis. To participate, e-mail your name, contact number and date you prefer to Habitatwvwomenbuild@yahoo.com.

If you're signing up a team, include each person's name, e-mail address and telephone. Specify the name of the team leader. Confirmation will arrive within 72 hours.

"We hope to finish this house in July," Dent said. National Women Build

Week challenges women to devote at least one day to the effort to eliminate poverty housing. The event is an initiative of Habitat for Humanity's Women Build program, underwritten by Lowe's, which brings women from all walks of life together to learn construction skills and then use those skills to build simple, decent affordable houses.

Joanne Inglis, Housing and Community Development director for Westland, said the Westland City Council approved the partnership agreement in 2009 for the home. The Western Wayne affiliate got a grant for Women Build Week.

"So we were very excited that they picked to do it in Westland. Mayor Wild is already committed on May 6 at 10 a.m." Organizers will get the word out, Inglis said, "so we can get lots of women out to support the effort."

"They're just about done with the second rehab," Inglis said March 12 of Westland

homes being fixed up. The Habitat effort in Westland includes rehab of two homes and new construction of five.

"All the properties have been identified," said Inglis, who will participate in the Women Build.

"There's a tremendous need for affordable housing, especially now," Inglis said. She noted Habitat can write mortgages, helpful now when it's tough to get a mortgage approval.

"The beauty of Habitat is they write their own mortgages." Habitat also provides counseling and support to their families, Inglis said.

"We're going to do everything we can to assist her. We just want to get the word out," Inglis said. There are a lot of opportunities to volunteer, even if you're not available that day, Inglis said.

Habitat for Humanity Western Wayne County is at 638 Starkweather, Plymouth, MI 48170. For more, call (734) 459-7744 or visit www.habitatwv.org.

Fla. area has high end growth

Q: I understand that there is a new downtown type development in North Naples which has a number of high end restaurants and condominiums. Could you give me some idea about the price range?

A: There is a development called the Mercato which contains a number of high end



Robert Meisner

restaurants, including a deli restaurant called Stage 62 which is owned and operated by the West Bloomfield Stage Deli. The units range from \$400,000 to \$1,000,000,

and they offer bus service to the beach area. Mercato is a little town type development with various shops, markets and recreational facilities.

Q: I live in a condominium where the president hires his friends to do the work at the complex and does not take bids from others. The management company has told me that no one cares and the president lives right next to me so I get stuck listening to his loud vulgar voice while taking care of his business. Do you have any suggestions?

A: Write a letter to the Board of Directors telling them about your concern regarding the way in which the president is apparently unilaterally running the association without their input. As to the business that he is taking care of, obviously sound conditioning would be an improvement, and, you may also ask him to be more respectful of your privacy as well as your ability to enjoy your condominium without his ranting. You may ultimately need a lawyer to write a letter to the association board regarding these issues.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 14-18, 2009, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Auburn Hills	
3632 Baldwin Rd	\$45,000
714 Provincetown Rd	\$103,000
Beverly Hills	
1795 Birchwood Ave	\$165,000
16010 Buckingham Ave	\$120,000
32231 Sheridan Dr	\$133,000
Bingham Farms	
23820 Overlook Cir	\$168,000
Birmingham	
555 Fairfax St	\$425,000
1010 Smith Ave	\$420,000
1710 Stanley Blvd	\$165,000
329 W Brown St	\$530,000
772 Wilhite St	\$569,000
Bloomfield Hills	
1980 W Valley Rd	\$800,000
Bloomfield Township	
340 Concord Pl	\$29,000
732 Covington Rd	\$513,000
6360 Dakota Ct	\$231,000
2447 Devonshire Rd	\$220,000
858 Dowling Rd	\$300,000
920 E Square Lake Rd	\$195,000
626 Fox Hills Dr	\$32,000
657 Hall Moon Rd	\$340,000
888 Helston Rd	\$122,000
1465 Quarton Ridge Cir	\$1,600,000
762 Rock Spring Rd	\$300,000
2414 Sanders Pl	\$83,000
5110 Toolemoor Rd	\$530,000
265 Westwood Dr	\$416,000
Clarkston	
9252 Cherrywood Rd	\$95,000
6509 Deer Ridge Dr	\$190,000
9880 Dixie Hwy	\$120,000
4685 Ottawa Ct	\$299,000
7713 Parkcrest Cir	\$318,000
8419 S Shore Dr	\$215,000
10537 Whitby Ct	\$240,000
Commerce Township	
3269 Chenoa St	\$99,000
3761 Cheryl Dr	\$95,000
2025 Lakeshore Dr	\$265,000
2670 Pinto Dr	\$103,000
3860 Stoneridge Ct	\$243,000
5471 Wentworth Dr	\$225,000
Davisburg	
11951 Scott Rd	\$169,000

Farmington

36904 Heatherton Dr	\$157,000
36700 Lansbury Ln	\$190,000

Farmington Hills

25696 Branchester Rd	\$155,000
27471 Bridge Hills Dr	\$150,000
30037 Fernhill Dr	\$170,000
29306 Fieldstone	\$206,000
21364 Mulberry Ct	\$85,000
27430 W 10 Mile Rd	\$47,000
29830 W 12 Mile Rd	\$39,000
32115 W 12 Mile Rd	\$49,000
28858 W King William Dr	\$225,000

Lake Orion

226 Cedar Bend Dr	\$190,000
3968 May Center Rd	\$257,000
Lathrup Village	
17415 Avila Blvd	\$75,000

Milford

3011 Central Blvd	\$76,000
24715 Runaway Trl	\$230,000

Novi

42054 Aspen Dr	\$262,000
31109 Chatsford St	\$302,000
22492 Heatherbrae Way	\$142,000
22158 Meridian Ln	\$229,000
28735 Stonewall Ct	\$200,000
41732 Sycamore Dr	\$171,000
24703 Venice Dr	\$165,000

Oakland Township

5126 Belmonte Dr	\$243,000
688 E Buell Rd	\$256,000
5698 Murfield Dr	\$65,000
5128 Stonehenge Dr	\$425,000

Rochester Hills

735 Kentucky Dr	\$156,000
1810 Mackwood Rd	\$100,000
2403 Pleasant View Dr	\$265,000
315 Powderhorn Ct	\$248,000
1769 W Avon Rd	\$115,000
3577 Wedgewood Dr	\$283,000

South Lyon

1041 Chestnut Ln	\$180,000
1183 Corral Ln	\$177,000
61385 Roaring Brook Dr	\$146,000
64259 Tayberry Cir	\$176,000
446 Whipple St	\$117,000
23819 Winged Foot Way	\$325,000
360 Woodland Dr	\$145,000

Southfield

27735 Abington St	\$95,000
29484 Candewood Ln	\$86,000
22755 Coventry Woods Ln	\$120,000
29434 Fall River Rd	\$69,000
28586 Glasgow St	\$48,000
15749 Hilton St	\$90,000
30755 Longcrest St	\$50,000
19501 Magnolia Plwy	\$61,000
18550 Mount Vernon St	\$37,000
20281 Rodeo Ct	\$49,000

20230 S Greenway St	\$114,000
29549 Stellamar Dr	\$106,000
29050 Wildbrook Dr	\$57,000

Sylvan Lake

1707 Inverness St	\$100,000
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Troy

1269 Autumn Dr	\$170,000
1924 Astell Dr	\$50,000
6746 Forest Park Dr	\$200,000
4507 Hedgewood Dr	\$265,000
3579 Kings Point Dr	\$155,000
2454 Kingsbury Dr	\$298,000
2348 Paris Dr	\$147,000
600 Troy Valley Dr	\$125,000

Walled Lake

1424 Dover Hill	\$61,000
2078 Hidden Meadows Dr	\$37,000
1983 Mathew St	\$190,000
1856 N Pontiac Trl	\$42,000
2132 Red Maple Ln	\$190,000
1567 Trebyorne Cir	\$107,000

Waterford

3141 Coventry Dr	\$185,000
3615 Dorothy Ln	\$327,000
3842 Florman	\$117,000
1027 Genella St	\$115,000
3334 Healy St	\$70,000
323 Lake Meadow Dr	\$157,000
1112 Lakeview St	\$40,000
1810 Manse Rd	\$68,000
5391 McKeen Dr	\$105,000
5893 Olympic Pkwy	\$140,000
7700 Parkway Ct	\$116,000
5176 Pontiac Lake Rd	\$92,000
708 Reynolds Dr	\$133,000
5919 Sheldahl Way	\$96,000
7612 Visger Ave	\$61,000
3440 Watkins Lake Rd	\$27,000

West Bloomfield

7700 Barnsbury Dr	\$699,000
2385 Chata Dr	\$95,000
7315 Coldspring Ln	\$165,000
3107 Elder Rd S	\$190,000
4264 Fieldbrook Rd	\$143,000
2335 Harness	\$155,000
3959 Harris Ln	\$275,000
4353 MacQueen Dr	\$180,000
6730 Maple Creek Blvd	\$426,000
7065 Nottingham	\$128,000
6136 Pepper Hill St	\$66,000
7158 Springridge Rd	\$134,000
5970 Willow Rd	\$194,000

White Lake

8875 Satellite Ct	\$190,000
927 Sloane Ct	\$230,000

Wolverine Lake

798 Alberton St	\$188,000
2150 Bensline Rd	\$95,000

Housing Market

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This is a new location for association meetings.

HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

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Canton	
48990 Brocklyn Ct	\$249,000
7684 Corbin Dr	\$164,000
41978 Coventry Way	\$110,000
43111 Fernwood St	\$139,000
43805 Hanford Rd	\$155,000
6429 Harrow Ct	\$304,000
6868 Kennesaw Rd	\$300,000
1628 Liberty St N	\$300,000
8223 Orhan St	\$131,000
44215 Postmill Ct	\$155,000
47628 Royal Pointe Dr	\$265,000
43003 Saxony Rd	\$148,000
6768 Tiffany Cir	\$260,000
2233 Vanderbilt Rd	\$177,000
47692 Vistas Circle Dr S	\$175,000
1940 Woodmont Ct	\$165,000
Garden City	
6523 Arcola St	\$91,000
31764 Cambridge St	\$112,000
6572 Helen St	\$95,000
29445 Marquette St	\$59,000
33120 Pierce St	\$51,000
33723 Rosslyn Ave	\$86,000
31547 Rush St	\$78,000
Livonia	
14129 Alexander St	\$145,000
11790 Alois St	\$135,000
33448 Cindy St	\$94,000
14688 Country Club Dr	\$163,000
14533 Ellen Dr	\$124,000
35568 Elmira St	\$100,000
14431 Gary Ln	\$150,000
14674 Golfview St	\$169,000

33053 Grenada St	\$148,000
33636 Hathaway St	\$106,000
9795 Houghton St	\$141,000
36521 Joanne St	\$140,000
15817 Loveland St	\$165,000
30750 Mason Ct	\$165,000
38598 Meeting House Ln	\$193,000
28256 N Clements Cir	\$100,000
38753 Northfield Ave	\$142,000
19370 Norwich Rd	\$190,000
29447 Oakley St	\$120,000
30320 Oakview St	\$180,000
8972 Parent St	\$107,000
33063 Perth St	\$155,000
37564 Scone Ct	\$25,000
37576 Scone Ct	\$25,000
36720 Sherwood St	\$160,000
15968 Sunbury St	\$100,000
8947 Virginia St	\$104,000
29690 Westfield St	\$112,000
Northville	
43911 Six Mile Rd	\$390,000
44763 Aspen Ridge Dr	\$289,000
16949 Lochmoor Cir E	\$215,000
16039 Northmoor	\$125,000
42296 Old Bedford Rd	\$149,000
551 Orchard Dr	\$128,000
16155 Pine Valley Dr	\$149,000
589 Randolph St	\$160,000
20436 Woodbend Dr	\$305,000
Plymouth	
15160 Bradner Ave	\$73,000
1217 Carol Ave	\$155,000
675 Leicester St	\$178,000
1348 Maple St	\$565,000
440 N Harvey St	\$245,000
40448 Newport Dr	\$67,000
12528 Pinecrest Dr	\$156,000
9630 Pino Ct	\$265,000
42576 Plymouth Hollow Dr	\$50,000

51385 Plymouth Ridge Dr	\$377,000
42570 Revere Ave	\$135,000
9285 Saddlebrook Crk	\$330,000
15120 Thornridge Dr	\$185,000
15250 Thornridge Dr	\$170,000
45200 Turtlehead Dr	\$258,000
49010 W Hillcrest Ct	\$277,000
12588 Wendover Ct	\$228,000
12327 Willoway Ct	\$435,000
Redford	
26530 Five Mile Rd	\$47,000
13949 Brady	\$34,000
19323 Dalby	\$59,000
15559 Denby	\$63,000
17397 Fox	\$67,000
9240 Garfield	\$89,000
19244 Garfield	\$70,000
11400 Grayfield	\$60,000
26271 Hope	\$115,000
25230 Joy Rd	\$63,000
18458 Lennane	\$58,000
15400 Leona Dr	\$65,000
9945 Norborne	\$69,000
16231 Pomona Dr	\$60,000
14114 San Jose	\$46,000
14114 San Jose	\$17,000
Westland	
1021 Barchester St	\$85,000
31008 Barrington St	\$95,000
31062 Birchwood St	\$75,000
748 Forest St	\$100,000
7348 Harlet St	\$50,000
34920 Hunter Ave	\$122,000
8334 Karen St	\$88,000
31025 Mackenzie Dr	\$118,000
31655 Mackenzie Dr	\$75,000
1656 S Harvey St	\$25,000
1264 Sharon St	\$90,000
37105 Vista Dr	\$25,000

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By Dale Buss

This year may be marked by a turnaround in U.S. automotive sales, which would be welcome enough after a two-year slide because of fuel-price shocks and economic woes. But for some brands in the American market, 2010 may become even more notable as the year that finally saw significant changes in market share.

Arguably, more of the U.S. auto market is up for grabs now than at any time in recent memory. The brand surgeries at General Motors, the debilitating woes of Chrysler, the self-inflicted wounds to Toyota's brand—even a recall by Honda—have created more market-share shifts than in decades, and the potential for more.

So far, Ford, Hyundai and Audi most notably have stepped up their games, largely by dint of strong products and positioning. But new evidence is surfacing all the time that there's more opportunity available for any ambitious brand than there has been in quite some time.

The automotive group of Jumpstart, a firm owned by Hachette-Filipacchi, for instance, has said that Ford and Chevrolet stand to gain significantly from Toyota's problems as shoppers remove the troubled Japanese brand from their consideration set and that it may take Toyota two or three years to recover.

Ford clearly has been one of the biggest market-share winners lately as not only Toyota but also old rivals

Chevrolet and Chrysler have been dealing with huge trenchments by their parent companies. Hyundai also has gained partly at Toyota's expense.

But there's definite movement in other segments, too, as the disappearance of brands, the overall sales slump, dealer consolidations and other factors roil the waters of the U.S. auto market as never before. Audi, for example, has been gaining on the luxury side.

However, it's also quite possible to run too far with Toyota's current weakness and mistake it for a long-term trend. The brand equity built by Toyota over decades in this market was deep-rooted, and it may be too easy to discount the brand even with its current difficulties.

Edmunds.com has been one of the more cautious observers about Toyota's prospects for just this reason. Recently, in fact, Edmunds.com's AutoObserver blog suggested that Toyota sales in March ended up rising by about 80 percent from their woeful February levels, in part because of Toyota's huge new incentive program in March.

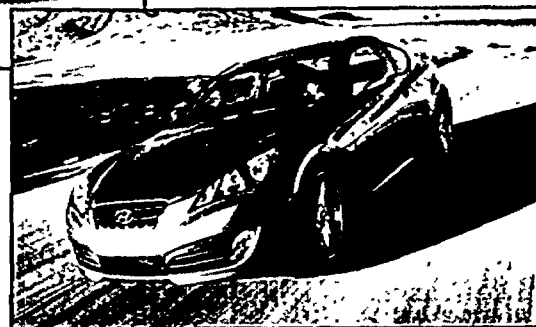
"At this point, Toyota seems to be making large strides in reinstating its good name and appealing to car shoppers," said Jessica Caldwell, director of industry analysis for Edmunds.com.

There's no telling at this point how auto-brand market shares will have settled out by the end of the year. The only thing for sure right now is that American consumers are going to be the



The new SRX is one Cadillac that is helping boost the brand's quality ratings.

The Genesis Coupe has been great for the Hyundai brand.



beneficiaries as the OEMs scrap for share intensifies.

Because brands will be using whatever arrows are in their quivers during what promises to be a tumultuous marketing battle over the next several months, expect more trumpeting of ever-improving quality levels from certain brands.

Cadillac, Lincoln and Hyundai are actually among the higher-quality brands in the U.S. auto industry, as measured by J.D. Power's latest survey of new-vehicle quality after three years of ownership. But most American consumers still don't perceive them that way.

And it's time for these and other automaker brands to do something about such gaps. It's possible for GM brands, Ford's brands and other recent quality winners to also begin effectively leveraging their quality gains in promotion of their brands.

"Producing vehicles with world-class quality is just part of the battle for automakers; convincing consumers to believe in their quality is equally as important," said David Sargent, vice

president of automotive research at J.D. Power. "It takes considerable time to positively change consumer perceptions of quality and reliability—sometimes a decade or more—so it is vital for manufacturers to continually improve quality and also to convince consumers of these gains."

But how do they do the latter? After all, Ford and GM brands have been making huge quality improvements for many years now and steadily pulling even with, and even outperforming, import brands by important objective measures of quality such as Power's.

Innovative products that are appealing overall will help a lot. That's been a big boost lately for Ford. And GM may begin to benefit more from its many fine products as some of its weaker models fade away with the excision of Pontiac, Saturn, Saab and Hummer.

"The way we can [improve perceptions of quality] is just keep on launching great vehicles," Lori Cumming, GM's executive director of global product development quality, told the Detroit Free Press.

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