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State of the Community

Northville's annual State of the Community luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 21 at Meadowbrook Country Club (south side of Eight Mile, west of Haggerty).

Speakers are Laura Cox, Wayne County commissioner; Mark Abbo, Northville Township supervisor; Chris Johnson, city of Northville mayor; and Dr. Leonard Rezmierski, Northville schools superintendent.

Tickets are \$40 per person and must be paid in advance.

RSVP to the Northville Chamber at chamber@northville.org; call (248) 349-7640 or mail in your invitation no later than April 16. Master Card, Visa, American Express, check or cash are accepted.

Wadsworth kicking off campaign

Democrat Joan Wadsworth, of Northville, will kick off her campaign for the Michigan House of Representatives 20th District seat from 6-8 p.m. Friday, April 16 at Station 885 in Plymouth.

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.

'Bye Bye Birdie'



JOHN HENDER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mrs. MacAfee (Leah Hastedt) and Mr. MacAfee (Peter Boylan) rehearse a number from Northville's production of "Bye Bye Birdie."

NHS students will present '60s musical

Directed by Tipping Point Theatre resident stage manager

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Tracy Spada has worked with children's theater since 1994 and loves it.

So, she was a perfect choice to direct Northville High School's production of

the musical "Bye Bye Birdie" April 22-24.

Spada is currently the resident stage manager at the Tipping Point Theatre in downtown Northville, where she has worked since its

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RESERVED SEATS AVAILABLE

Performances for "Bye Bye Birdie" are at 7 p.m. April 22-24. Reserved seating is available, with tickets for adults costing \$10. Tickets for students and senior citizens cost \$8. They are available at the high school box office during school lunches, after school until 3 p.m. or at the door.

Splash park plans could be all wet

No money for operation

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Plans for a splash park in Northville may be all wet if township leaders don't want to fund its operation.

Parks and Recreation Commission members met on April 7, tabling a decision until more information can be obtained.

Even though Marv Gans, a township trustee and member of the Friends of Northville Parks, has said since January that members of the nonprofit organization are willing to completely fund the facility — to the tune of about \$150,000 — commissioners say there's no money to operate it.

With a 10 percent decrease expected from city and township funds for fiscal year 2010-11 (compared to a 6 percent decrease last year), money is tight. Parks and recreation is a shared service between the city of Northville and Northville Township. The township pays 80 percent of the budget for parks and recreation and senior services, with the city paying 20 percent.

"Capital outlay is very lean this year," Traci Sincoc, parks and recreation director, said.

Plans to put up a new fence at Fish Hatchery Park have been scrapped for now, and the department will try to raise money to pay for resurfacing the tennis courts at that park in the future.

PART OF MASTER PLAN

Gans said a splash park was part of the April 2005 master plan for Community Park, on the west side of Beck Road just south of Five Mile Road.

Plans were to build a new community well to supply the water to the splash park.

Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission Development Committee have met four times to discuss the park, originally planned to be placed next to Ford Field on Griswold Street in downtown Northville.

But, it was decided that Community Park would be a better spot, since restroom facilities and a picnic pavilion are available there.

Commissioner Nancy Darga was concerned that the two communities might be responsible for any cost overruns.

She appreciates the fact that the park would be a wonderful gift to the community from hard-working people.

"But, I want it to be self-sustaining," Darga said.

There was talk at Wednesday night's meeting about possibly charging a fee to use the park. But, then someone would have to be paid to collect the fees.

Commissioner Sue Hillebrand also expressed concerns about finances if problems with the park cropped up in the future, placing tax dollars at risk.

"It basically boils down to operating costs," Hillebrand said. "Can we afford it?"

Commissioner Jim Allen agreed.

"It would be a great benefit to the community to have a splash park," he said. "The biggest problem is the operating costs."

"If you can't operate it, let's not do it," said Gans, who mentioned that the nonprofit organization's bylaws will not allow the Friends of Northville Parks to pay for operating costs, only facilities.

COMPARISON COMING

Mark Abbo, township supervisor, wants to compare the

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RoboStangs competing at national championship

Novi's Frog Force joins Northville in Georgia today

BY NATHAN MEMOIAN
SPECIAL WRITER

It was 10 years ago that a handful of Northville High School students formed the school's first robotic team. A lot has happened since then.

Fifty-one students are currently members of the 2010 award-winning RoboStangs. This week they

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Mother's Club of Northville Gigantic Community Garage Sale set

Proceeds benefit many activities

Members of the Mothers' Club of Northville are planning what they've termed a Gigantic Community Garage Sale. The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on April 23 and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on April 24 at Northville Square, 133 W. Main St.

Items for sale will include baby clothing and accessories; toys; children's, teens' and adults' clothing; CDs and DVDs; electronics; housewares; gardening accessories; sporting equipment; small furniture; small appliances; outdoor items; and more.

The club is a nonprofit, volunteer organization dedicated to educational enrichment for Northville Public Schools children for 75 years. "This is the first time we've ever organized a garage sale," said Debbie Grant-Kelterborn, club member.

"We are reaching out to our friends asking for donations of items that there were planning or trying to get rid of," said club member Suzie Johnson, who works for the Northville Chamber of Commerce.

"I am willing to remove anything

from someone's home. The club has a storage unit available to house items for prepricing and storing until the big sale."

CLUB BENEFITS STUDENTS

In the past, the club has funded a Dinosaur Dig, musical instruments, natural outdoor habitats and a classroom, an animal room at Hillside Middle School and hands-on math and science activities. The club began as a social organization formed to help entertain the 12 original members by inviting guest speakers. It soon expanded to include fund raising to help school children who did not have enough money for milk during the Depression.

The group quickly grew to 35 members, and the club continues the tradition of helping Northville students.

Club members offer a special thanks to Bob and Margene Buckhave, owners of Northville Square, for donating the building for the group's upcoming sale.

"Our fund-raising efforts continue to provide monetary resources to fund our Enrichment and Outreach

WHAT THEY'RE LOOKING FOR

Baby clothing, furniture and accessories; maternity clothing; toys; Little Tykes toys; jeans; designer clothing; CDs and DVDs; working electronics; housewares; household tools; gardening accessories; sporting equipment; small furniture; consignment for higher-value items available. Items they are unable to accept: VHS tapes; books; stuffed animals; shoes; computers and TVs; outdated electronics; bathing suits or undergarments; mattresses or pillows; construction materials; auto parts and tires. Contact Debbie Grant-Kelterborn, (248) 347-1954, kelter1@comcast.net, or Janeen Crittenden, (248) 380-7222, crittendenfamily@sbcglobal.net.

grants," Grant-Kelterborn said. "The Mothers' Club is very excited about our new fund-raiser, and we believe it will benefit so many in the community, providing more than 3,000 reasonably priced items." The garage sale will create an opportunity to recycle items while raising money for Northville students.

The goal is to raise \$10,000 in the two-day sale.



COURTESY NORTHVILLE MOMS CLUB

Co-chairs of the April 22-24 Northville Moms Club Gigantic Garage Sale at Northville Square, from left, Debbie Grant-Kelterborn and Janeen Crittenden.

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operating costs size of the proposed splash park with similar parks in other communities before the commission makes a final decision.

Other questions raised were what is the impact of having no supervision at the park.

"This seems like the wrong time to do it," Abbo said. "I think it sends the wrong message (to taxpayers)."

Commissioner Ken Roth wants to know if there is demand for such a park. Sincok said results of a community survey on recreation desires should be forthcoming soon and that a splash park was mentioned on the survey.

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Maybury's Farm Days kick off April 24

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Sheep shearing will take place on Saturday beginning at 1:30 p.m. as the sheep and llamas shed their winter coats in preparation for summer.

Michigan Handspinners Guild will demonstrate the art of spinning the sheared wool to make yarn.

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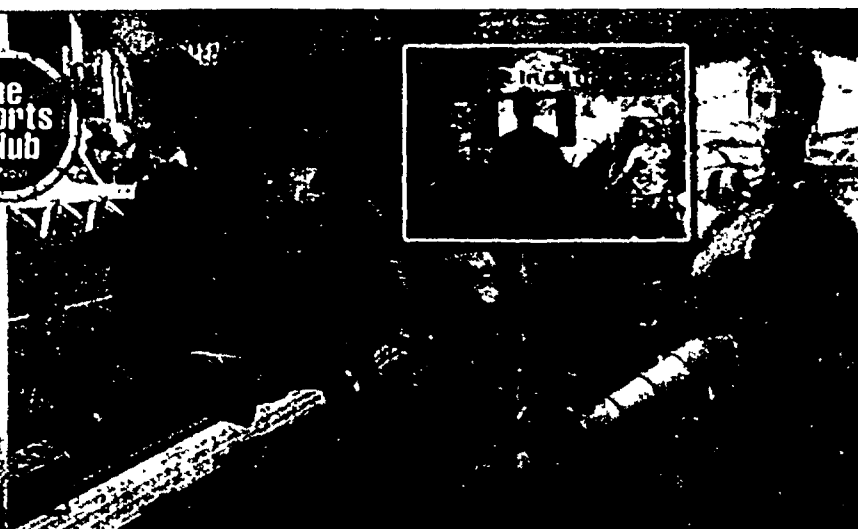
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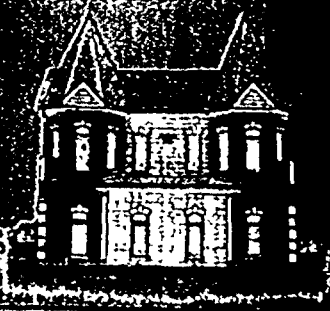
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Crazy Hair Day

Thornton Creek student Cayala Eckemroth displays her "Crazy Hair Day" "do recently. Thornton Creek had a spirit week, leading up to its "Gator Gala." Eckemroth said that the hairdo required work on the evening and morning before and she called it "The Ultimate Tennis Fan." No word on how the braids would be retracted through the tennis balls.



Jacob O'Connor, a Thornton Creek student, displayed his unique hairstyle during the school's "Crazy Hair Day" event recently.

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EDUCATION

Fund-raising effort announced

Anonymous donor to match gifts up to \$1 million

The Northville Educational Foundation (NEF) announced plans to raise funds for programs to enhance and support the tradition of excellence of Northville Public Schools. The funds will be used for immediate program expenses as well as for endowment funds to be used in the future.

An anonymous donor has committed to match community donations up to \$1 million.

The Northville Educational Foundation is seeking to raise several million dollars over the next three years to support educational enrichment programs beyond what Northville Public Schools will be able to fund. Specific programs selected for funding may include textbook and instructional materials, providing supplies for fine arts, teacher grants and improvements to technology. Funding for innovative programs such as Galileo Teacher Leadership and International Baccalaureate may also be considered for funding.

"The Northville Educational Foundation appreciates the outstanding achievements of students at Northville Public Schools," said Eric Barritt, NEF board chairman. "And the Northville Educational Foundation wants to help Northville Public Schools continue that tradition of excellence. The public schools are a key pillar of the outstanding community that is Northville, and we now look to community members to recognize the role of the schools and support distinctive educational programs that otherwise would go unfunded."

In addition to thanking existing donors, Barritt also asks community members to consider the importance of Northville Public Schools to their families, businesses and community and ask that they give to the Northville Educational Foundation by June 1 to maximize the effect of the generous dollar-for-dollar matching gift offer.

The Northville Educational Foundation Board of Directors and other donors have committed to contribute toward the matching gift and are hopeful that with the help of the community NEF will be able to meet or exceed the challenge of the \$1 million matching gift.

"We are pleased that the community, through the NEF, is willing to provide additional educational opportunities for students and teachers that grow creativity and drive

DETAILS

Donations to the Northville Educational Foundation are tax deductible. The Northville Educational Foundation was established in 2000 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization and is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. The Northville Educational Foundation encourages community members to contribute by completing the donation form on the Northville Educational Foundation Web page or for more information contact: Northville Educational Foundation, c/o Northville Public Schools - Jan Purtell, Facilitator, 501 W. Main Street, Room 310, Northville, MI 48167. Phone: (248) 344-8458. E-mail: NEF@northvilleschools.org. Web: www.northville.k12.mi.us/district/educational_foundation.asp.



JOHN NICHOLS | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Old Village School teacher John Nichols supervises the packing of boxes of food donations for Northville's Civic Concern. Each month, Northville schools have taken turns helping to fill Civic Concern's shelves. From left are students Christopher Fletcher, 11, Daniel Cook, 11, William DeForge, 13, Justin McDaniels, 12, and Jimmy Tree, 13.

Old Village School finishes month-long food drive

BY NATHAN MENOLAN
SPECIAL WRITER

Old Village School finished their March food drive as part of the Northville School District's commitment to helping the less fortunate throughout the community.

Each month one school runs the food drive, assisting The Northville Civic Concern. District schools sign up for the food drive throughout each month of the year, as part of a community within a community.

Art Fisher, program administrator at Old Village School, said students there sorted the food items, and helped box them up.

Old Village School works with cognitively- and emotionally-impaired students, with age ranges from 3 to 14 years old. They serve 120 students from 14 school districts throughout Wayne County.

Fisher said regardless if they have a handicap, students are never to young to learn that helping others benefits everyone.

"This food drive is really part of an academic lesson in social studies, as well as a civic lesson," he said. "There are needy persons out there, and everyone needs to know how important it is to help them."

"We had several boxes of donated items that included canned goods, and non-perishable cereal, boxed potatoes, rice, soup, and vegetables."

Those students who helped package up the food - also sorted the items. They took the time to count how many canned goods, etc., were donated, which became very helpful hands on experience for them.

"Instead of the adults

doing it, we wanted the kids involved in boxing up the food to help them discover how important it is to help the community and get a better sense of what is happening," he said. "Once everything was readied, I drove the food over to The Northville Civic Concern."

Pointing out the mission of the school, Fisher noted that it involves more than just sitting at a desk. The schools mission statement is clear on their goals.

"Our mission is to challenge all students to reach their potential in order to participate, as independently as possible, within the home and community through a dynamic and comprehensive curriculum provided in cooperation with the parents and with the support of the community."

"Northville residents are not immune from economic difficulties," Fisher said. "It's a nice thing to be aware of those in need and donate, but to also be thankful."

In any food drive there is one draw back, expiration dates. Fisher noted that up to 40 percent of donated food items are already expired and cannot be distributed, instead they must be disposed of.

Marlene Kunz, director of Northville Civic Concern, said we're the charity of these schools. When times got bad a few years ago my thought was to enlist each school and church in the city to take a month and collect.

After speaking with the district school superintendent, Dr. Leonard Rezmierski, he agreed to help us, and thanks to the very generous donations from the community, so many people have been helped.

"But instead of it being easier, it's getting harder to meet everyone's needs," Kunz said. The needs seem to be growing, and at times we just don't have enough to help everyone who comes through the door."

Without the monthly donations from Northville school food drives, which is about 25 percent of the donations received, according to Kunz, many families in the community would have to do without.

Besides the schools, there are eight churches on a monthly schedule for food drives, and the largest food drive has been the annual postal drive.

A heartbreaker for Kunz is when she sees a noticeable amount of outdated food items that must be disposed of. She's seen food items dated from the 1980's in recent donations.

"We pay \$100 a month for our dumpster out back, and there are times it's filled with donations that are expired and cannot be given out," Kunz said. "Please check the expiration date before donating any packaged food or canned good."

Besides food, The Civic Concern receives and distributes furniture, paper products (which Kunz said are not allowable purchases on food stamps), personal hygiene items, diapers, toothbrush and toothpaste, baby wipes, aspirin, shoes, clothing, and baby furniture.

Northville Civic Concern is a 501(c) nonprofit organization. They are located at 42951 West Seven Mile in the Highland Lakes Shopping Center. Call them for pickups at 248-344-1033.

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



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NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

Dance program meeting

The Northville High School Varsity Dance Company has a pre-tryout parent/dancer informational meeting for the 2010-11 team at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 15 in the NHS forum.

Both parents and students are invited to attend. Learn more about the program, the upcoming auditions on April 30 and meet and talk to current team members and choreographers.

For more info on VDC, visit www.nhsvdc.weebly.com or contact Arielle DiVita West, artistic director, at rel6623@yahoo.com or (313) 520-9668.

Senior All Night Party

The Senior All Night Party takes place on Sunday, June 6, from 9 p.m.-3 a.m. at Northville High School. The hallways are transformed into a magical setting, created by our very own parents, who have

been working very hard for several months at making their vision become a reality.

Tickets are \$75 and include a T-shirt, entertainment, food, casino, and many other activities. Turn in ticket form along with the SANP liability form and cash or check payable to SANP into the office or mail to SANP, PO Box 470, Novi, MI 48376.

Only 30 more security volunteers are needed. Please consider even just a few hours, as a gift to the kids for their last hurrah. Contact Karen Harris at ks.harris@yahoo.com for more information.

In 25 words or less, send your senior off with a special message and it will be displayed and given to them at the Senior All Night Party. Parents, siblings, grandparents, etc. are asked to participate in this long-lasting tradition. Turn the attached form into the SANP box in the school office, or mail to SANP, PO Box 470,

Novi, MI 48376 along with \$5 cash or check made payable to "SANP".

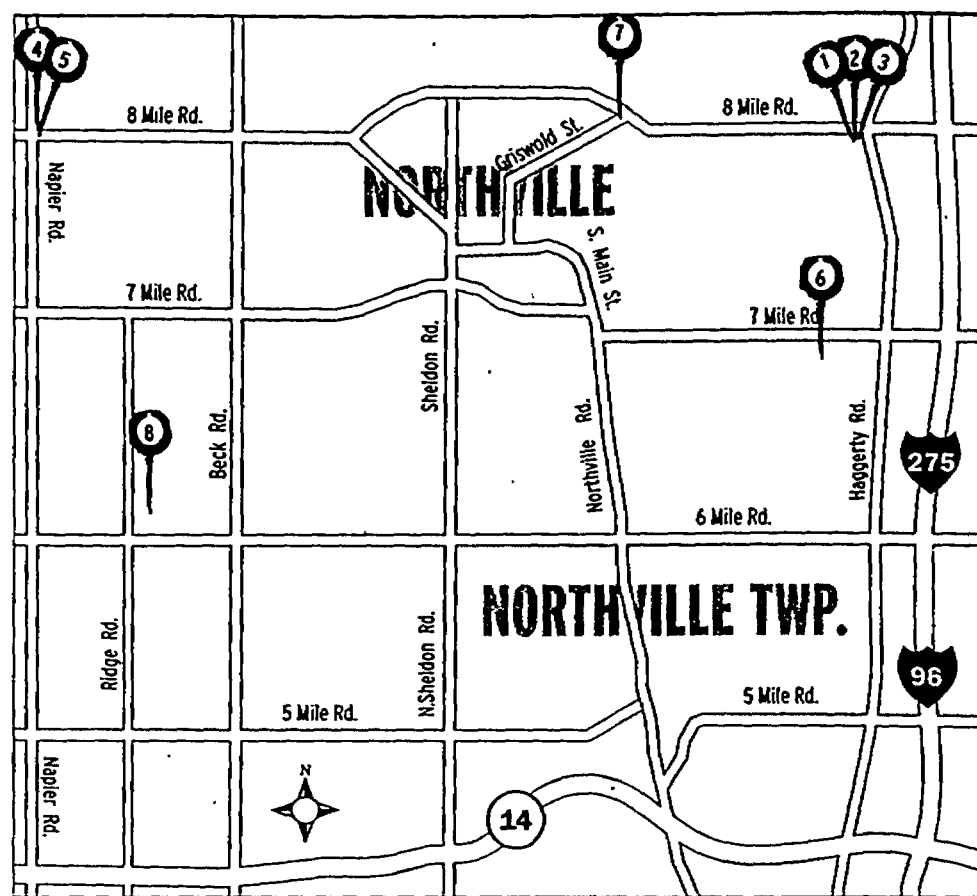
Volunteers are needed to pop in and help paint and create at Rite Aid, located at 42261 Seven Mile Rd. Hours are Mondays and Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m. and Friday from 9-11 a.m. Contact Betsy Basoukas at vbetsyb@wowway.com.

The Prizes and Gifts Committee is accepting donations from parents. Donations can be monetary, gift cards, tickets for events etc. If you would like to donate please contact Carol Grimmer (248) 380-7244 or 345-5536.

Donations can be mailed to 17490 Rolling Woods Cr., Northville, MI 48168. Please make checks payable to Senior All Night Party.

SANP forms can also be downloaded at <http://www.northville.k12.mi.us/schools/high/high.asp> under Northville News or at www.NHS2010.com.

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NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP POLICE REPORT

Home theater stolen

1 A 38-year-old Northville man was arrested for retail fraud at the Meijer store at 20401 Haggerty Road at 4:39 p.m. on March 24.

A loss prevention employee saw the man enter the electronics area of the store, select a home theater system and place it in his shopping cart.

The recovered item was valued at \$250.

ing for about two miles. There was also an ornament hanging from the rear view mirror that the officer believed could be a vision obstruction to the driver.

Police could smell alcohol and asked the woman how much she had to drink. She said she had consumed two vodka-and-Sprite drinks within a two-hour period. She later said she had consumed maybe four drinks.

window was smashed open, and the window and frame were removed after the window was unlatched from the inside.

The welder was valued at \$2,000.

Drinking, driving, drugs

7 A 41-year-old Northville man was arrested for operating under the influence of liquor, having open intoxicants in a motor vehicle and possession of marijuana at 1:43 a.m. April 2 at Eight Mile Road and Griswold Street.

The man was pulled over because his vehicle had severe collision damage with no lights on the rear on the right side of the vehicle and the license plate was not visible.

The driver was also seen drifting to the yellow lane divider on the left.

Although the officer could smell alcohol, the man said that he consumed two drinks at a relative's home.

Police also found an open bottle of wine on the floor between the driver's seat and the driver's door, a partially-burned marijuana cigarette and two small bags of marijuana in the console.

Officer almost hit

5 A 29-year-old Livonia man was arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol at 3:26 a.m. on March 26 at Eight Mile and Napier roads.

The man was pulled over because he was speeding and came within a few feet of hitting an officer who had pulled another drunk driver over. An assisting officer left the scene to chase down the speeding vehicle.

The officer smelled intoxicants on the driver, who said he had come from a bowling alley in Plymouth where he had consumed four or five drinks. He admitted that he felt "a tad bit buzzed."

Breaking and entering

6 Police were dispatched to a maintenance garage of the Hawthorne Center at 41001 Seven Mile Road about a break-in that occurred between 2 p.m. March 24 and 6 a.m. March 31.

The center is a state-owned children's psychiatric facility.

An employee said an arc welder on wheels had been stolen. The point of entry was a window on the northwest corner of the building. The

Larceny from auto

8 A 47-year-old man whose vehicle was parked on Wellsley Court told police that someone stole an iPod Touch and a wallet from his vehicle between 11 p.m. April 1 and 7:55 a.m. April 2.

The driver's side window was shattered.

The iPod was valued at \$200, and the wallet was valued at \$30.

Compiled by staff writer Pam Fleming

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WAYNE ALLEN (DOMROESE)

3/4/65-4/3/10. Age 45. Departed from his life on earth early Saturday morning April 3, 2010. He was preceded by his late mother Betty Domroese. He had a great passion for Good Friends, Good Music, and Lots of Sunshine. His final farewell will be held on June 19, 2010 in South Lyon MI. Family & Friends that wish to attend, Contact Stefani Cesaro-Putnam 248-686-4334, or email me at stefanicesaroputnam@yahoo.com

JOSEPH P. CASSAR

April 8, 2010, Age 81. Beloved husband of Kazimiera. Stepfather of 3. Grandfather of 2 & great-grandfather of 2. Brother of 6 sisters & 12 brothers. Funeral was April 12 at St. James Church, Novi. Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com



BARBARA LOUISE BATES SMITH

Departed for life's final journey on April 11, 2010 from Huron Woods Senior Health Facility in Ann Arbor where she had received loving care for nearly 3 years after moving from her Northville home. She was the second of four children of Bion LaMott Bates and Wilma Jackson Bates and was born at home 17 May 1914 in Ovid, Michigan. Barbara graduated from Ovid High School in 1931 and received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan in 1936. She was a lifelong member of Pi Beta Phi sorority. On 7 November 1936 she married Russell Allan Smith in Angola, Indiana. Their union produced four children born and raised in Lansing: Jerome Allan, Susan Meredith, Randall Russell and Martha Louise. In 1956 Barbara returned to higher education and obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Hotel and Restaurant Management from Michigan State University in 1958. She was employed at Williams, Shaw and Wonders Dormitories and the Kellogg Center for Michigan State and was Supervisor of the Food, Housekeeping and Laundry for the Coldwater State Home and Training Center before retirement in 1979 after 24 years of employment with the State of Michigan. Retirement brought the time and ability to pursue a cherished goal of visiting over 100 different countries in all seven continents. Barbara especially enjoyed long, solitary ocean freighters bound for Africa. When she was home, she pursued a lifelong interest in nature, including birding and gardening. Cooking was a favorite and well practiced art. She also spent many happy hours at the Northville Senior Center playing word games, doing puzzles and needlework. She was an avid UM football fan. Barbara is survived by daughters Susan Gray (Robert), Martha Nield (James), Randall Smith (Judy), daughter in law Ruth Smith, sister Emily Haynes, brothers Jackson and Richard Bates, six grandchildren and their spouses, and six great grandchildren. A family ceremony will be held in Ovid. Memorial contributions can be sent to Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105 or a charity of choice.

WILLIAM H. FOX, JR.

Age 94, peacefully entered into eternal rest on April 10, 2010. Bill was born in Detroit, MI on March 1, 1916 to William H. Sr. and Fredricka Fox. He is survived by a loving family: his wife and best friend of 70 years, Ramona; daughters: April (Ron) Pastor of Willis, TX; Holly (George) Lukas of South Lyon; Robin (Tim) Harrower of Sherwood, OR; and Lori (Doug) Robinson of Simpsonville, SC. He leaves five grandchildren: Mark, Tonya, Derek, George, Jr. and Brandon and five great-grandchildren: Kayla, Zoe, Tyler, Noelle, and Emma. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers: Maitland and George and his sister Amy. He had a successful thirty-two year career as a clay modeler with Ford Motor Company, retiring in 1978. Bill and his wife enjoyed traveling throughout the United States, and often vacationed in Florida. He loved to dance and was an avid golfer and fisherman. Visitation was held on April 13th at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. A Funeral service was held on April 14th at the First United Methodist Church of South Lyon, with Sondra Willobey & Tom Hart officiating. In lieu of customary remembrances, contributions in his memory may be directed to the First United Methodist Church of South Lyon or the American Cancer Society. Funeral arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook at: www.phillipsfuneral.com

RICHARD PULLEN

Age 81, Apr. 11, WWII Veteran, dear husband of Carol and loving father of Tami and David. Survived by his brother Bob and sisters Lucille and Ruth. Memorials may be given to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, remains donated to the University of Michigan.

SHIRLEY M. ROWBOTHAM

Age 86 of New Hudson and a former resident of Milford, Michigan, passed on April 11, 2010. Loving wife of the late Robert C. Rowbotham; dear mother of Tim Rowbotham and Roger Rowbotham; grandmother of Irish (Ken) Watters, Michelle (Sean) Christian, Roger (Vicki) Rowbotham, Jr., David (Marianne) Rowbotham, Jeanette Mettrey, and several great and great great grandchildren. She also leaves a sister-in-law, Francis Emblin and many dear friends. Preceded in death by her brothers, Fred Emblin, Vaughan Emblin and a sister, Elaine Chivas. Shirley worked at Cadillac Motors in the 1950's, and later moved to Milford where she worked at the Milford Department Store from 1966 until 1985 when it closed. For twenty years she spent winters at her home in Valldale Estates in Zephyrhills, Florida, where she was active at the clubhouse and often helped prepare holiday meals for as many as a hundred people. While in Michigan she enjoyed many trips provided by the Milford Senior Center. She was the President of the Lake Angela Co-op Association and had beautiful gardens at every home she lived in. She will be dearly missed by all her family and friends. A Funeral Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford, on Friday, April 16, at 11AM. Burial will follow in Milford Memorial Cemetery. Friends may visit Thursday 1-9PM. Memorials may be made in her name to the Milford Senior Center. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

SHIRLEY MAE VAN SICKLE

April 9, 2010, Age 80. Wife of the late Orville E. Funeral was Monday, April 12 at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

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CONSTANCE C. BARKER

Passed away April 9, 2010. She was born in Detroit, on May 14, 1921. Beloved wife of the late George E. Barker (1991) retired Captain of the Detroit Fire Department. Dearest Mother of Marylou Flowers, George (Kathleen) Barker, Linda (Thomas) Ladouski, Joanne (Clement) Wierzbicki, Kenneth (Debra) Barker, Donald (Betty) Barker. She was preceded in death by 2 daughters: Catherine Allor and Janet Barker. Loving grandmother of 17 and great-grandmother of 24. Sister of Mary (Charles) McCloskey, sister-in-law of Jean Zavaric and Mary Zavaric. Also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends. Born and lived in Detroit for 50 years, retired to South Lyon in 1970. Visitation will be on Monday, April 12, from 2-9 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 W. Lake St. (10 Mile), South Lyon. A Funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 13, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette St. (Pontiac Trail), South Lyon, with final visitation beginning at 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen - Detroit, Hospice Care or Masses said in honor of Constance. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

HOWARD F. BELLER

Age 92 of House Springs, Missouri passed away on April 10, 2010 in House Springs, Missouri. He was born March 24, 1918 in Mitchell, South Dakota. He was an Army veteran. Survived by: Two sons-Bob Beller of House Springs, Missouri and Donald Beller of Sterling Heights, Michigan. Also survived by six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by: Father-Andrew Beller; Mother-Anna Beller (nee Blotz); Wife-Helen Beller (nee Vansickle); Wife-Opal Beller (nee Ferrell); Son-Edwin Beller. There will be no service locally. Memorials in memory of may be made to a Hospice group of choice or the Alzheimer's Association. A service of Robert D. Brown Funeral Home, Hillsboro, Missouri.

JUNE L. CASEY

April 8, 2010, Age 85. Beloved wife of the late Fred. Funeral was April 12 at St. Valentines Church, Redford. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

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Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@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 holyfamily-novi.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-Thursdays or visit www.crosspointe-meadows.org.

Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.

Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages
Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene

Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road
Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org

Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service

Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:30-11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with 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.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Location: 34567 Seven Mile Road, Livonia
Contact: (248) 442-8822 or www.newhope-center.org

From Grief to New Hope

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m.; eight-week workshop beginning April 14
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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.
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NORTHVILLE ENGAGEMENT

Brazen & Cores

Ed and Cindi Brazen, of Northville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Ashley, to Christopher Cores, both of Phoenix.

The bride-to-be is a 2003 graduate of Northville High School. The groom-elect is employed by S&K Transmission in Phoenix.

An Oct. 16 wedding is being planned at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi.



NORTHVILLE ENGAGEMENT

Struthers & Ceresnie

Meredith Louise Struthers and Jeffrey Scott Ceresnie announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of James and Susan Struthers of Northville, is a graduate of Divine Child High School, Dearborn, and earned a nursing degree in 2008 from Michigan State University. She is employed by St. Joseph Hospital, Tucson, Ariz.

Her fiancé, son of Glenn and Nancy Ceresnie of Farmington Hills and Ellen Faber and Cindy Hojna of Ferndale, graduated from Farmington Hills High School, and earned a degree in communications



in 2008 from Michigan State University. He is employed by Citi Group in Tucson, Ariz.

A May wedding is planned at Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn.

NORTHVILLE NEWSMAKERS

Louise Fisher

Northville's Louise Fisher will play the part of Mrs. Shinn in "The Music Man" at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer (1800 W. Maple Road, Birmingham) on at 7:30 p.m. April 16-17 and 23-24. The Wing and a Prayer Players community theatre company will present Meredith Wilson's classic family musical, which is set in Iowa in 1912. A likeable con man thinks he'll make a quick buck selling the town on the need for a boy's band, but in the process finds himself taken in by love. Tickets are \$10 and include refreshments at intermission. Call (248) 474-7417 or email wappinfo@gmail.com.

Theresa Boss

Northville's Theresa Boss was one of four southeast Michigan women who won Metro You magazine's contest for readers to enter to win a fitness package and the chance to be featured in the April issue of the magazine. Interested women emailed in their photo along with a note stating what she loves about Metro You. She won a 12-week boot camp makeover by Uptown Body Fitness; hair and make-up by Utopia Salon & Spa; and a personal fashion consultation with Raffaella Moda. All three businesses are located in Northville.

Christoph Bartschat

Thirteen-year-old Northville resident Christoph Bartschat has been named a semi-finalist in the 2010 search for Huggable Heroes. He is one of 75 young leaders recognized, honored and celebrated by Build-A-Bear Workshop for helping make their communities and the world a better place.

Christoph founded a non-profit organization, Christoph's A.L.L. Stars, to raise awareness of leukemia, help comfort kids receiving cancer treatments and to help support childhood cancer research. He started with a lemonade stand and grew his mission into an organization with many volunteers. Christoph has helped raise more than \$81,000, collected DVD players, books and DVDs and inspired people to donate hundreds of pints of blood.

Ultimately 10 Huggable Heroes will be selected. Each will receive \$10,000 (a \$7,500 educational scholarship and \$2,500 from the Build-A-Bear Workshop Foundation to be donated to the 501(c)(3) charity of the Huggable Hero's choice). In addition, the Huggable Heroes will win a trip for themselves and a parent/guardian to St. Louis, home of the Build-A-Bear Workshop World Bearquarters. During their visit, they will have the opportunity to meet each other, participate in leadership opportunities and be honored for their good deeds.



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Northville Township assistant manager and finance director Thelma Kubitskey, left, has already passed 30 years of service for the township beginning as a Water and Sewer Department billing clerk. Here she goes over a map of the township with Paula Conrad, township accounts payable clerk.

Kubitskey celebrates 30 years with Northville Township

Climbs ladder from billing clerk to finance head

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Thelma Kubitskey didn't have any clear-cut career goals when she went to work for the Charter Township of Northville's Water and Sewer Department.

But more than 30 years later she's assistant township manager and finance director.

Late last year, she was honored for serving three decades with the municipality.

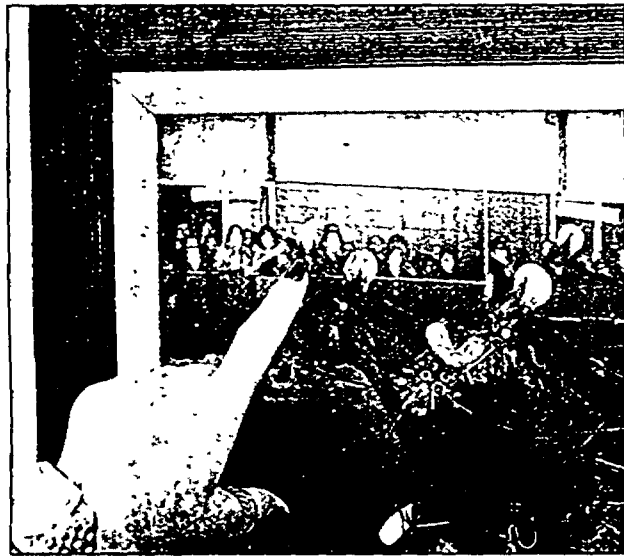
"I was 20 when I started in August 1979," Kubitskey said.

She started in the Water and Sewer Department as a billing clerk. "We got our first township manager, Dave Lelko, during that time," she said. "He became a mentor to me and talked me into going back to school. He even drove me over to Schoolcraft (College) that day."

It took her over 10 years while working full-time and helping to raise her husband, Norm's, son, Kevin, who was 5 at the time. Norm Kubitskey is a retired captain in the city of Northville Police Department whom she married in 1987.

"I was trying to go to school and play mom," she said. "It was a lot of fun, but it wasn't easy."

She received her bachelor's degree in business administration with a minor in accounting from Madonna College (now Madonna



Kubitskey points to a photo taken at Northville Downs in the 1970s of her in a crowd cheering on her father, who's in a race at that moment.

University) in 1999.

"It was a bittersweet graduation, because my mom had passed away in 1997, so she didn't get to see me graduate." Her mother, Arlene Norris, passed away at age 62 when her femoral artery was punctured when she had a scan on one of her carotid arteries, which was blocked.

"It was not expected at all," she said. "It was a freak thing. She basically bled to death."

One of her sisters, Kathy, also died a few years ago of a heart attack at the age of only 46. She has two other sisters, Robin and Sara.

13 YEARS IN POSITION

She's been finance director for 13 years, climbing the ladder at township hall. Another mentor of hers was the previous finance director, Jim Graham. "He left to go work at South Lyon

schools," Kubitskey said.

She said the budget for calendar year 2011 has been challenging.

"This was probably the most difficult budget I've had to do this year," Kubitskey said. "We've been a growing community up until this point. We never had a problem."

"Now, we've had to start reevaluating. The last two years have been a struggle. But, I think we can make it work."

There were some layoffs last year, and she doesn't know about this next budget.

"Our taxable values came in for 2011 better than what I expected. But, I'm cautious. It's not going to be a swing up."

Chip Snider has worked with Kubitskey for many years.

"Thelma is a true professional who has distin-



Thelma Kubitskey talks about her three decades of working for Northville Township.

guished herself by playing a key role in advancing the visions of the Board of Trustees. During these trying economic times Thelma was able to grow and negotiate compromise between labor and management resulting in the township's ability to sustain service delivery to our residence. Thelma's tenure here will not be determined by its length but of its quality, serving us and our successors," said.

Kubitskey enjoys her job a lot, and that she used to play schoolteacher with her sisters when she was little.

"I like solving problems," she said. "Things just kind of fell into place for me. It's a great place to work. We have a lot of fun here. I wouldn't trade all of these years for anything."

In her spare time, she enjoys golf, working out and travel.

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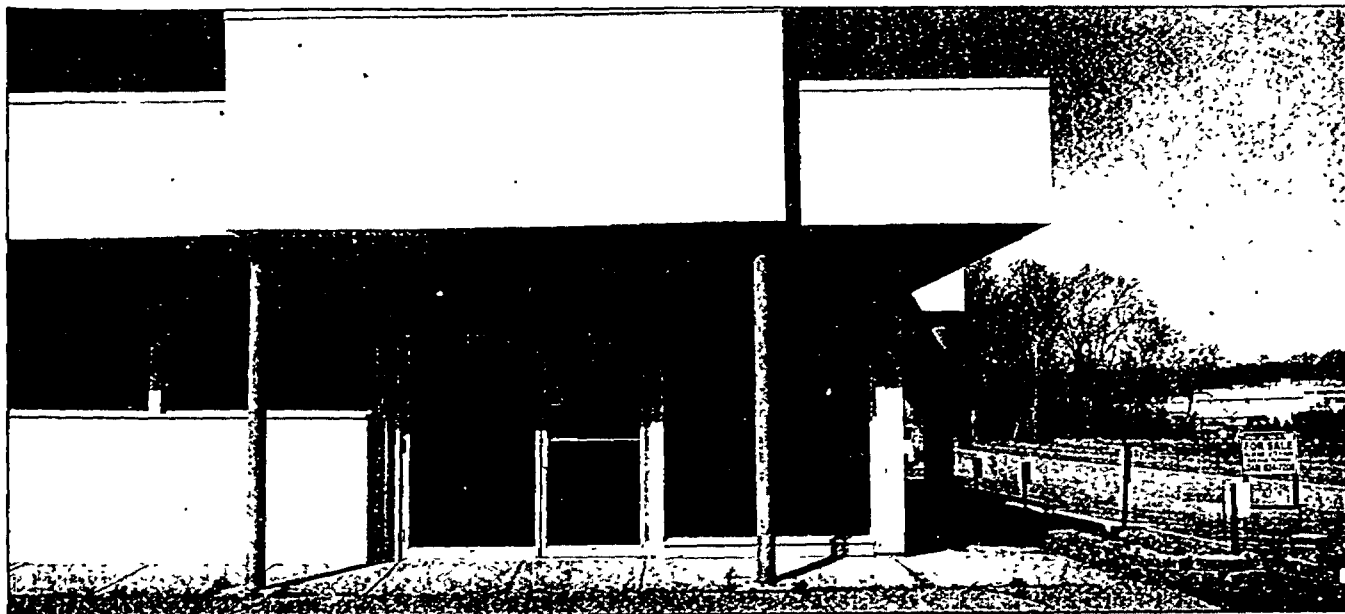
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An idea for a potential outdoor landscape and limited indoor food market to be opened at the former McDonald Ford dealership building on Seven Mile Road has been placed before the planning commission.



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Former Northville dealership may be transformed into new market

Commissioners requiring more plan information

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

An outdoor landscape market and indoor food market similar to Westborn Market in Dearborn may be coming to the former McDonald Ford dealership property at Seven Mile and Northville roads.

Scott McGinnis, representing the applicant, and architect Donna Melonio of Melonio & Associates came back to city of Northville planning commissioners on April 6.

The two presented a site plan that they hoped would at least gain phase one approval.

But, commissioners told the two that some elements were missing from their site plan, such as lighting studies and a master plan for the site.

The parties will most likely bring the plan before Northville planning commissioners in the future after meeting again with planning consultant Don Wortman of Wortman & Associates.

550 MARKETPLACE

The plan, currently known as 550 Marketplace, since the address is 550 Seven Mile Road, received a special use

approval by commissioners on Dec. 15, 2009.

Following a preliminary site plan review on March 30, Melonio relocated the outdoor sales closer to the former dealership building and away from Seven Mile Road.

She also modified the parking and made a number of other changes, such as to the landscaping. More information was also provided on the light poles in the parking lot.

The new plan proposes more landscaping islands to reduce the amount of impervious surface and providing more green space.

Although there has been talk that Bordine's Nursery or English Gardens may operate at the location, no tenant has been identified yet.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Wortman suggested that commissioners approve the first phase of the redevelopment. But, it was mentioned that no irrigation had been provided on the landscape islands, and such issues as signage, water and electrical service had not been resolved yet.

There were many questions regarding circulation and parking, as the cur-

rent figuration is a landlocked design. Melonio added curbing at the landscape islands and is providing 129 parking spaces. The plan only requires 114 spaces.

McGinnis said that the inside market would offer such items as meats, cheeses and fresh vegetables.

"It would be a complete green market," he said.

A baker/confectioner is interested in coming into the building as well.

"Generally, I think everybody wants to make this happen," Commissioner Chris Gazlay said about the proposed market.

Commissioner Dave Mielock said, "I, too, am in favor of the project because it's a use of an existing building. But, I can't approve it yet. There are things missing."

Commissioners suggested that site circulation studies be done, and they are concerned about the landlocked parking.

"I'm for the project, too," said Jay Wendt, commission chair. "We really need this in this town."

"The idea is to get our foot in the door," Melonio said. "We want this to be the pride of Northville."

GATEWAY TO CITY

Wendt said the market would be located at one of the gateways to Northville.

"It could really improve this area," he said.

Commissioner Marc Russell doesn't like the current parking lot plan, and mentioned that the commissioners should have never approved the new parking lot design at Hiller's Market on North Center Street, because he doesn't think it works very well.

He's the one who mentioned that he wants to see a master plan for the area that includes adjacent property owned by Jim Allen, Northville's fire chief, who attended the meeting.

"But, I totally want this project," Russell said.

"Make it a place for people," he said.

Melonio and McGinnis hope that after meeting with Wortman they can determine what details are missing from the site plan and present to the planning commission in the near future.

Commissioners expressed as much frustration as the presenters did about the fact that the project wasn't ready to be approved.

Wortman said he believes part of the problem is that the site isn't new construction but rather redevelopment, which can present situations that are open to interpretation.

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Thayer's Corner Spring Cleanup Day Saturday

Free lunch to be provided at end

The public is being asked to put their old clothes on and participate in the Thayer's Corner Nature Area Spring Cleanup Day this Saturday.

The event will take place from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the site at 8250 Napier Road just north of Six Mile Road.

"We invite our area residents to experience and enjoy the peaceful surroundings of our own piece of Up North," said Marv Gans of the Friends of Thayer's Corner Nature area. "Spring vegetation is in full bloom, apples are up, and trillium will soon be on the property," he said.

Much work has already been done on the nature area this spring by loyal volunteer who agreed to start getting the public property ready for the 2010 season.

"We now have a new well, commitments of Keller Well Drilling, Howell, and a better water supply for the community gardens is presently being prepared," Gans said.

During the spring cleanup day this Saturday, extra hands are needed to help clear trails, rake leaves and do other odd jobs.

"If you would like to join us, please bring work gloves and a rake, if possible," Gans said. A light lunch will be provided at the end of the event.

SPRING/SUMMER PROGRAMS SET

The Friends of Thayer's Corner Nature Area are developing programs for this spring and summer. These include rental of community gardens and a weekly educational children's garden program.

Two family/intergenerational Saturday activities area planned, including "Painting Nature on a Rock" from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on May 22 and a Summer Family Fun Day from 12:30-3 p.m. on July 17. Details on the programs can be found on page 43 of the new Northville Parks & Recreation brochure.

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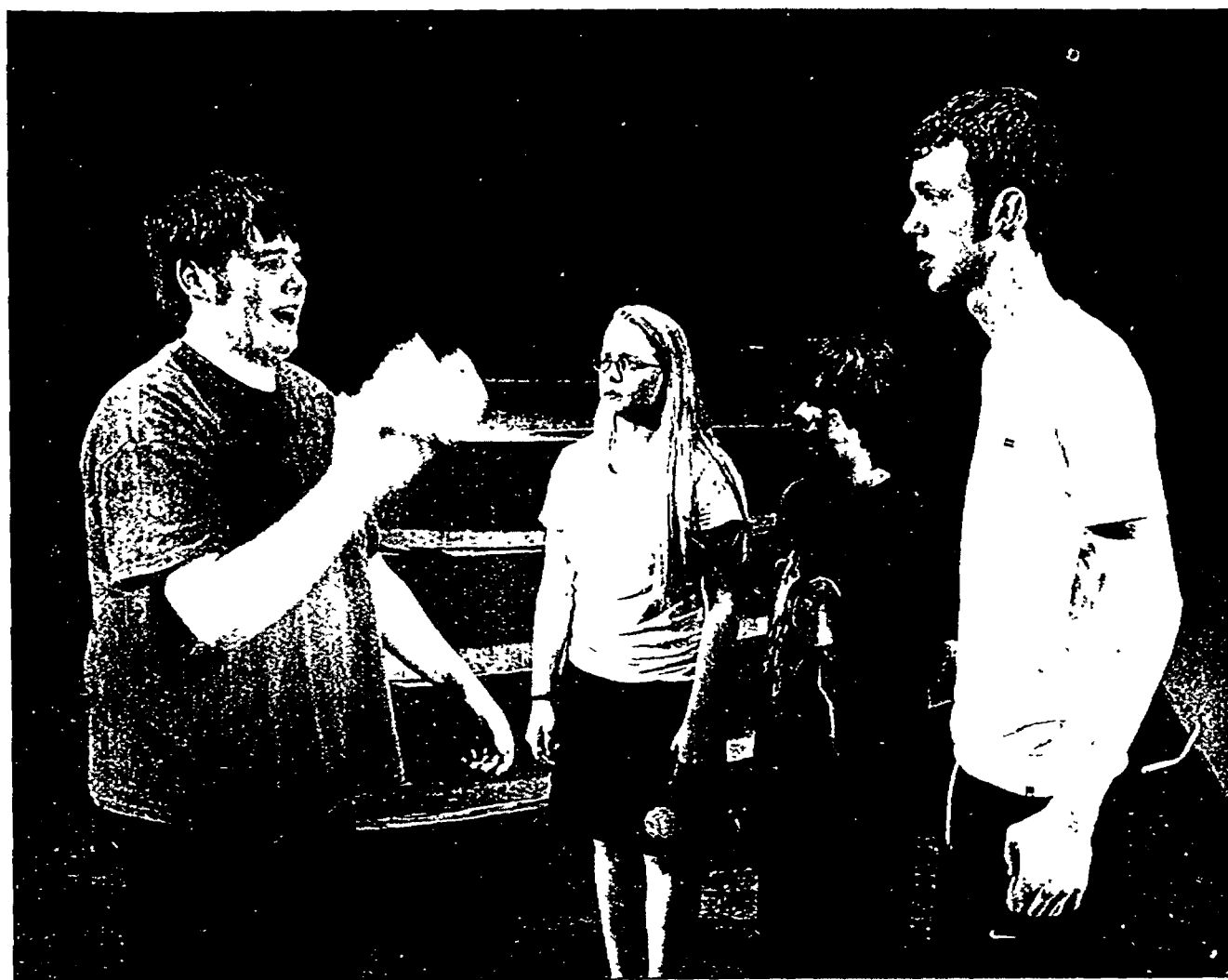
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Albert (John Castonguay), left, and Mr. MacAfee (Peter Boylan), right, and Mrs. MacAfee (Leah Hastedt) and Randolph (Andrew Donnelly), rehearse a scene from the upcoming production of "Bye Bye Birdie" at Northville High School. The run of the classical musical is set to begin next week.

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MUSICAL

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opening in 2003.

She directed "The Wizard of Oz" at the high school last year.

"That's a great show, but there aren't a lot of individual parts in that play," Spada said.

"In 'Bye Bye Birdie' there are so many little parts, so many kids have a chance to shine. That's one of the biggest reasons that I chose 'Bye Bye Birdie.' It offers more opportunities for the students."

PLOT SYNOPSIS

In "Bye Bye Birdie," a rock 'n' roll star, Conrad Birdie, travels to a small Ohio town to make his farewell television performance and kiss his biggest fan before he is drafted into the Army.

Birdie, who is kind of an Elvis figure, is a recording artist with Rosie and Albert's company.

Albert wants to be an English teacher, but he is in this business with his mother.

"When he finds out that Birdie is getting shipped off to the Army, Rosie is happy, because she can then help Albert teach English," Spada said. "But, Albert is kind of overwrought with making all these decisions. It's kind of a struggle between those two."

Then there's the town of Sweet Apple, whose populace is

overcome with excitement that Birdie is going to come to their town.

The play hit Broadway in 1960. The 1963 movie featured Ann-Margret, Dick Van Dyke, Janet Lee, Jesse Pearson, Bobby Rydell, Paul Lynde and Maureen Stapleton.

"Albert and Rosie come up with a plan to get Birdie to do one last concert before he goes into the Army," Spada said.

"Bye Bye Birdie" is a stage musical with a book by Michael Stewart, lyrics by Lee Adams, and music by Charles Strouse.

Originally titled "Let's Go Steady," the satire on American society is set in 1958. The story was inspired by the phenomenon of popular singer Elvis Presley and his draft notice into the Army in 1958. The rock star character's name, "Conrad Birdie," is word play on the name of Conway Twitty. Twitty is known as a country music star but also was one of Presley's rock 'n' roll rivals.

The original Broadway production was a Tony Award-winning success. It spawned a London production and several major revivals, a sequel, the 1963 film and a 1995 television production. The show also became a popular choice for high school and college productions, and continues to be so today.

CAST MEMBERS

Kyrie Bayles is serving as stage manager, with Daniel



Randolph (Andrew Donnelly) sings a song from Northville High School's April 22-24 production of "Bye Bye Birdie."

Robinson working as assistant stage manager. Cast members include John Castonguay, Erin Donohoe, Stephen Grimmer, Sydney Stier, Peter Boylan, Leah Hastedt, Andrew Donnelly, Michael LaFrancois, Zoe Que, Claire Hannum, Jessica Gaiski, Morgan LaRonde, Anna Sharples, Hillary Agoston, John Duquesnel, Tyler Hastedt, Jacob Buoy, Colleen McBride, Connie Zuo, Emma Holdaway, Matthew Hartman, Brady Tyburski, Emily Pletcher,

Kenny Davis, Madison Merlanti, David Dunlap, Marissa Lovett, Amy Castro, Eric Ostrowski, Sue Ann Shiah, Emily Doyle, Joseph Wylie, Danyoul Yamin, Andrew Fuller and Charlotte Master.

Other contributors are Mary Kay Pryce, vocal director; Mike Rumbell, orchestra; Michelle Stackpole; choreography; Liz Moore, costumes; Ruth Nardocchia, set/lights; and Bryan Johnson, crew head.

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ROBOSTANGS

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are in Atlanta, Ga., joining 343 other teams from around the nation and the world to compete in the national robotic championships being held in the Georgia Dome, April 15. Frog Force, the Novi high school robot team, will join the RoboStangs at the event.

Two weeks ago, the RoboStangs competed in the state finals, at Eastern Michigan University. They received the coveted 'Quality Award' for the innovative design of their robot. 65 teams from the around the state participated in the competition. It is the second time Northville has won the award.

Jim Conzelman, founder of the RoboStangs, and Computer-aided drafting teacher at Northville High, also volunteers as a teacher/mentor for the team.

"The team uses my room to build the robot in, but also travel to a GM facility where more equipment is available to them. GM is one of their sponsors," he said.

"Students are learning the processes and procedures involved in the project of building a robot. And this is all done as extra-curricular work, not for a grade."

Conzelman has been teaching at the school for ten years. He says it's been great watching the students learn and enjoy the excitement of being part of a team that builds a functioning robot, plus watching it run.

The actual building of the robot involves the team in varying degrees of math and science, but also brings out a like or dislike of engineering, Conzelman said about students who are deciding about such a career.

"Students are able to see what engineers do, and along the way are guided by many mentors, including several parents," he said. "Team members are exposed to electrical and mechanical engineering."

Each year the national organization called - For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) designs a new project to ensure that veteran teams are challenged.

This year's competition is called "BREAKAWAY". The game is played by two alliances of three teams each competing on a 27' x 54' field with bumps attempting to earn points by collecting soccer balls in their goals.

Lauren Staszal, RoboStang team captain, is excited about the success of the team this year.

"At last month's Wayne State District Competition, we won the Innovation in Control Award sponsored by Rockwell Automation for our unique robot code. We designed an innovative control system or application of control components to provide unique machine functions," she said. "We won 10 out of 12 matches

there and were selected by another FRC team to compete on their alliance in the finals."

Staszal, a Northville senior this year, plans on attending the University of Michigan, in Ann Arbor this fall in their engineering program. She hopes to become an electrical or aerospace engineer.

"Teams from Israel, Brazil, Canada, Mexico and others will be competing in Georgia. It's quite an experience to meet individuals from so many interesting places. Over the last three years, I've made friends with members from other teams, and met up with one of them again at last year's national championship event," Staszal said.

Audrey DiComo, is the team's business leader. She has taken on the Chairman's Award submission of outlining what the team does to help the community and the growth of FIRST Robotics.

"When I joined the Robostangs in the 2008 season we were literally at an all-time low, coming in dead last at our first competition," DiComo said. "Everything was disorganized and nobody made time for community outreach. Since then, team members have built up the team to one of the top seven in the state!"

"We now qualify for the State Chairman's Award at this regional and believe we have a good chance at being one of the three teams picked to compete for Chairman's at the FIRST World Championship. The RoboStangs would like to thank their mentors, parents, supporters, sponsors, and all of the FIRST volunteers for making this incredible win possible!"

Tiin Grewe wears many hats in his role as lead RoboStang mentor: Team coach, technician, fabricator and cheerleader. Away from the team, he is a chief engineer Global RWD Hybrid, Director Power Electronics.

"My primary goal is to inspire the students to pursue careers in science and engineering. The technique FIRST Robotics uses is to have the student's dream of an idea, experiment with the most effective solution, and see it work in competition. Similar to NASCAR Design and building the robot, be sure you make it to the starting line on time, and fix it in the pits if you crash," he said.

Grewe, who has been with the team three years, spoke about the RoboStangs' progress and productivity. In the last 6 weeks they've constructed over eight robots to find the best solution to win at the competition.

"The most rewarding aspect of the program is listening to the students describe their robot and their team to judges at competition," he said. "At the FIRST competition our team described how they recruit and build the team, creating an environment where science and technology is celebrated in Northville."

Nathan Menoian is a free-lance writer living in Milford

LEGAL NOTICE

The Perrone Charitable Foundation, Inc. is available for inspection of annual return.

Contact: C. Bartlett
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NOTICE CITY OF NORTHVILLE RESIDENTS

If you experience an overflow or back up of a sewage disposal system or storm water system, you must file a written claim with the Northville City Clerk, within 45 days after the overflow or backup was discovered. Notice should be mailed to the City of Northville, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167. Failure to provide the written notice will prevent recovery of damages. Contact the Department of Public Works at 248-449-9930 for assistance immediately upon discovery of an overflow or backup.

CITY OF NORTHVILLE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS

If you experience an overflow or back up of a sewage disposal system or storm water system, you must file a written claim with the Northville Township Department of Public Services within 45 days after the overflow or backup was discovered. Notice should be mailed to:

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Department of Public Services
44405 Six Mile Road
Northville, Michigan 48168-9670

Failure to provide the written notice will prevent recovery of damages. Contact the Department of Public Services at (248) 348-5820 for assistance immediately upon discovery of an overflow or backup.

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk
Charter Township of Northville

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS "NOTICE TO CUT NOXIOUS WEEDS"

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: On or before May 1, 2010, it shall be the duty of every owner, occupant or person having charge of any land within the Charter Township of Northville, Michigan to cut and destroy noxious weeds before they reach a seed bearing stage and to prevent such weeds from perpetuating themselves or becoming a detriment to public health, or shall cause the same to be done.

The above notice is issued pursuant to the Code of Ordinances for the Charter Township of Northville, Chapter 58.2 Article II, Property Maintenance Code.

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk
Charter Township of Northville

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS ANNUAL ARBOR DAY SEEDLING GIVEAWAY

The Beautification Commissions for the City of Northville and the Township of Northville will jointly host the annual "ARBOR DAY Seedling Giveaway" which will be held on:

Saturday, April 24, 2010
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Maria Barr, Chairperson
BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 03-15-10

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northville City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 03-15-10 - an ordinance to amend Chapter 70 Special Assessments of the Northville Code of Ordinances. The ordinance amendments allow that special assessment contracts requiring payments in annual installments of less than 15 years in duration may be amended to extend the payment period for amounts not previously placed upon the tax roll for a specific year. The following sections were amended:

Section 70-18 Contract Authorized in Lieu of Special Assessment Procedure
Section 70-19 Lien Created

The ordinance was introduced for first reading on March 15, 2010 and was adopted by the City Council on April 5, 2010. The ordinance shall become effective on April 16, 2010. The complete text of the ordinance is available for public inspection at the Office of the City Clerk, 215 W. Main St., Northville, Michigan, 48167, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF ENACTMENT ZONING ORDINANCE #03-15-10Z

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northville City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 03-15-10Z for the purpose of amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Northville to establish regulations and definitions for temporary structures. The following sections were amended:

Section 18.22 (added) Temporary Structures
Section 25.04e Temporary Buildings and Uses
Section 26.02 Definitions

The City Council adopted said Ordinance on April 5, 2010 with an effective date of April 23, 2010. The complete text of the ordinance amendment is available for public review at the City of Northville Municipal Building, Office of the City Clerk or the Building Department, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

JIM PENN
BUILDING OFFICIAL

DIANNE MASSA
CITY CLERK

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NHS Varsity Dance Company offers up a different twist

The Northville High School Varsity Dance Company (NHSVDC) is an after-school program that encourages each student's passion for dance, promotes teamwork, develops leadership skills and emphasizes community involvement.

Unlike typical high school dance teams, the NHSVDC relies primarily on the support of the local dance community. As most school districts face difficult financial challenges, Northville High School has been able to expand its extracurricular dance program by enlisting the help of several local dance studios while focusing on performance, not competition.

Approaching the end of its third year, the original Dance Company at Northville High School is a performance-based program that offers qualifying student dancers the chance to participate in a high school activity while enhancing their dance training and experience in a non-competitive environment. Similar to other team/club sports, the NHSVDC provides the opportunity for its members to earn a varsity letter. The program appeals to dancers at every level; dancers choose their level of involvement based on their interest and schedule constraints. Classes are offered in all dance genres and taught at studios with award-winning choreographers.

The NHSVDC has worked with many local dance studios, including Center Stage Dance Company, Flex Point Performing Arts Center, Miss Harriet's Dance Studio, Dance Unlimited, Sports Club of Novi, and Timberlane School of Dance.

In addition to offering a wide range of choreography, the studios donate their facilities to provide a safe, properly equipped dance environment for the students. Sally and Nicole Doerr, owners of Flex Point Performing Arts Center, helped launch the program in 2007 and have remained partners throughout. In 2008, Lisa Shapiro, owner of Center Stage Dance Company, joined the program, bringing here past experience working with Northville High School students in both dance and musical productions. Including Terri Irrer of Miss Harriet's Dance Studio, these studio owners have opened their studios to NHSVDC on weekends and for extra rehearsals, and hosting social activities or charity events.

Dancers are required to take technique classes and receive dance training at their home studios -- many also participate in competitions. Because the NHSVDC program offers flexible class choices, dancers are able to do both. Many are involved in other school activities such as choir, theatre, yearbook, National Honors Society, etc.

Senior Janie Bauer commented about this year's dance experience: "NHSVDC means the world to me. The practices are fun, long, and time consuming, but I couldn't imagine my senior year without it."

The 10 underclassmen have been an integral part of this year's team as well and form a strong foundation to lead the Dance Company in future seasons.

Sophomore Kelly Owens said, "What I enjoy

DETAILS

For more information about the NHSVDC, please visit their website: www.nhsvdc.weebly.com. It features information about upcoming events, including a pre-tryout parent/dancer meeting on Thursday, April 15, followed by auditions for next year's team on Friday, April 30.

For more info, please contact Arielle DiVita West, NHSVDC artistic director, at rel6623@yahoo.com or (313) 520-9668.

most about the team is the fact that it's like having another family. I love going to dance because I've formed such close bonds with everyone."

One of NHSVDC's greatest achievements is providing student leadership opportunities. The leadership team plays an important role in planning all activities, performances, and charity events, with a special emphasis on promoting teamwork. The program also provides student choreography opportunities for those who wish to further expand their leadership skills and demonstrate their creativity.

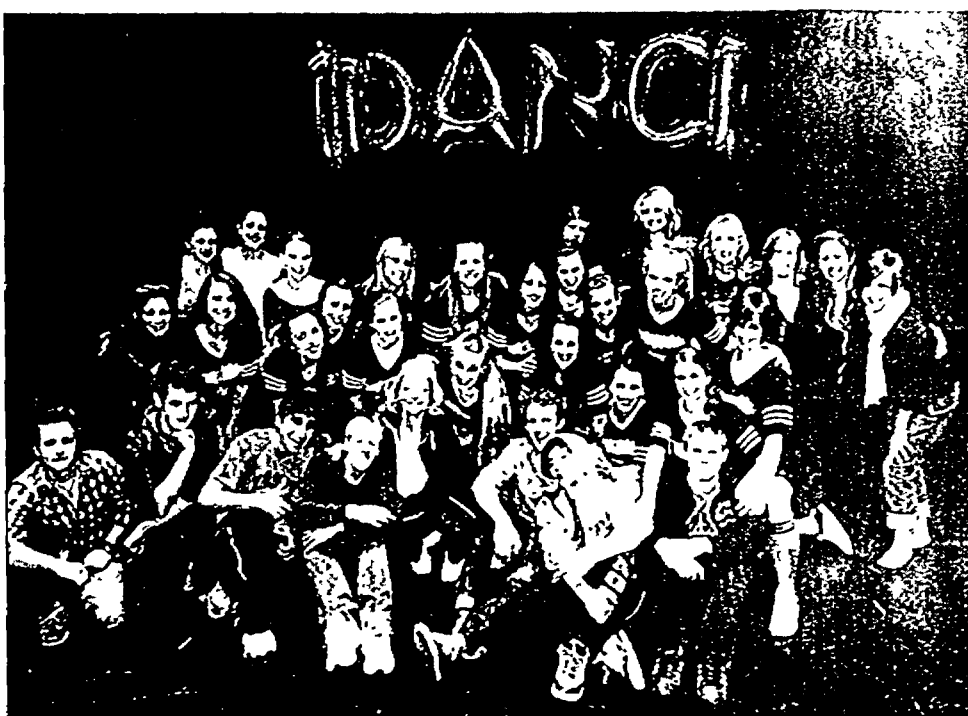
Beginning with the summer intensive last August, the returning dancers, choreographers and NHSVDC leadership (President Kara Hastedt and Artistic Director Arielle DiVita West) worked together to build a team that encouraged and supported each other.

Mari Anne Guidobono, parent of freshman dancer Elisabeth Moore said, "A friend of mine often says 'education comes in all kinds of classrooms.' That quote comes to mind when I think about the Dance Company program. Because of it, my daughter has enjoyed not only the dancing but has learned honesty, compassion, integrity and the meaning of true friendship."

Thankful for the generous community support they receive, the NHSVDC makes "giving back" a priority. The dancers sponsored several charity events over the last two years, including collecting and wrapping toys for holiday delivery to pediatric cancer patients. They also offered free dance workshops for underprivileged children and sold gently used homecoming/prom dresses during the Victorian Festival, with proceeds donated to Northville Civic Concern.

Several other area high schools are interested in developing a performance dance program modeled after Northville's. Brighton High School's new Dance Company is underway and scheduled to debut in September. The leadership teams of both Northville and Brighton Dance Companies plan to collaborate on charity events, performances and social activities.

After six months of preparation, Northville High School hosted almost 80 performers in the Dance Company's production of "iDance" on March 20-21. Dancers from seven area dance studios participated, including representatives from the new Brighton High School Dance Company.



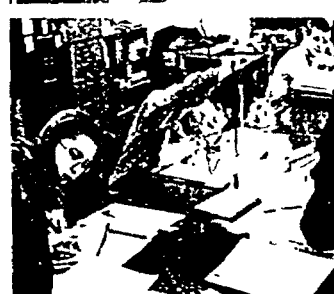
Northville High School Varsity Dance Company's Production of "iDance" was held March 20-21. Pictured are (l to r, front) Kyle Traicoff, Andrew Fuller, Donny Yamin, Tyler Hastedt, NHSVDC President, Kara Hastedt, Peter Boylan, Cesare Perpetuini, Stephen Grimmer; (second row) Choreographer, Lisa Shapiro, Marissa Skinner, Gianna Galli, Elisabeth Moore, Leah Hastedt, Paige Rafferty, Lauren Kubert, Sydney Stier; (third row) Rachel Zawodny, Choreographer, Becca Zawodny, Victoria Simcheck, Sarah Brown, Janie Bauer, Kelsey Reitzloff, Soia Sandhu, Kelly Owens, Taylor Clark, Kiley Turner, Chelsea Vick; (back row) Alyssa Wainio, choreographers Nicole Doerr, Sally Doerr and Beth Perry, stage manager Meredith Njus and artistic director Arielle DiVita West.

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COURTESY NORTHVILLE DDA

Patrons enjoy themselves on a platform dining structure outside Dick O'Dow's Irish Pub in Birmingham. The concept is currently being reviewed as an amendment to Northville's outdoor dining ordinance.

Is platform dining coming?

Safety issues mentioned

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

City of Northville Planning Commissioners aren't sure that platform dining is such a good thing for the downtown area.

The group discussed the concept briefly at the April 6 meeting at city hall.

Some thought Main Street was not wide enough to support the addition of platforms that would extend from the sidewalk into parking spaces for dining.

"I don't think this is the right town for it," said Jay Wendt, commission chair.

Commissioner Charles Jerzyke again expressed safety concerns that he had brought up the night before during the April 5 city council discussion on the proposed platforms.

"Cars would be only a few feet from the railings," Jerzyke said. "I don't have the expertise to say if this (the dining platform) is a safe structure."

BUILDING OFFICIAL COMMENTS

James Penn of Plymouth, a certified building official and code enforcement officer for both Plymouth and Northville, said Plymouth tried using the dining platforms and that they have been hit by cars.

Liability insurance for the structures would be

the responsibility of the restaurant owner who provided the structure, not the city of Northville.

Commissioner Marc Russell said even though there would be a ramp from the sidewalk to the platform that the platform itself may not be compliant with American with Disabilities Act regulations since there must be a certain turning radius for a wheelchair.

Commissioners also questioned the average speed of 11 mph on Main Street mentioned at the April 5 council meeting.

PROPERTY OWNER'S SUPPORT

Former business owner and downtown property owner Chuck Lapham is in favor of the platforms.

"I think the city should try them," Lapham said. "We aren't reinventing the wheel. This has already been successful in other cities. I think it will bring more people into town."

Wendt said the fact that the platforms would take up parking spaces downtown as a negative.

"But, you're putting people out where they can see downtown shops," he said. "This could spur business."

His suggestion was to try having platform dining for a year and see what happens. So far, only two restaurants — Table 5 and the soon-to-come le George — on E. Main Street have expressed interest in having a dining platform.

"I do hope they (restaurant owners and city officials) talk to the merchants," Russell said. "I think that's important."

Northville Ambassadors volunteer program starts

Sign up, then clean up

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

If you're adept with a broom and a dustpan and like talking to people, you could be a Northville Ambassador.

Under the direction of Jay Wendt, planning commission chair, and the staff of the Northville Downtown Development Authority, the city is seeking retirees or others who would like to volunteer for the new program.

Phil Martinez, owner of Northville Sports Den in Northville Square, has agreed to provide T-shirts for the crew. They may also wear some sort of badge or button.

WHAT THEY'LL DO

Wendt said the all-volunteer team will do more than just sweep up cigarette butts on Main and Center streets.

They'll also greet people on the street and

go into downtown stores to ask people if they're familiar with the restaurants or are looking for a certain type of store.

"The idea for them to promote the downtown area as well as keeping it looking clean," Wendt said.

The area they will cover is Main Street from Wing Street to Hutton and Center Street from Dunlap Street to Cady Street.

"We're looking for about a four-six hour a month commitment from each individual," Wendt said.

"A lot of retirees want something to do," he said. "And there will be no heavy lifting."

Wendt hopes to be able to pull together enough volunteers to have the Northville Ambassadors out in about a month.

"We'd like 20-25 people and have them out at least three days a week," Wendt said.

For more information or to sign up for the Northville Ambassadors program, call the DDA at (248) 349-0345 or Wendt at (248) 349-3573.

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Opening celebration scheduled at Coldwater Springs Nature Area

Early-morning ceremony, run, walk planned

Officials from the Charter Township of Northville will have a special opening celebration for the Coldwater Springs Nature Area on April 24.

A ceremony will take place at 8 a.m. at the Ridge Road entrance to the area between Five Mile and Six Mile roads.

Following the ceremony, a free noncompetitive fitness run/walk of about 4 miles will take place beginning at 9 a.m.

The fitness event will begin and end at Northville

Community Park's Five Mile Road entrance just west of Beck Road on the south side of the street.

Water and snacks will be available.

BACKGROUND ON AREA

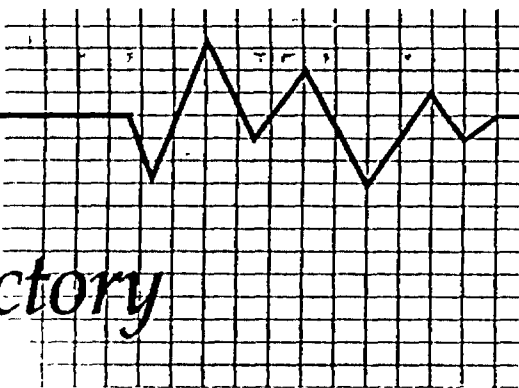
The Coldwater Springs Nature Area was made possible through a partnership between Pulte Homes and Northville Township. The two entities received a grant from the Michigan Department of

Natural Resources to build a 1.5-mile nature trail and boardwalk system.

The trail parallels Johnson Creek through the Arcadia Ridge subdivision. Those who visit the area now have access to the many features of the Johnson Creek watershed.

Those who plan to attend the April 24 run/walk should R.S.V.P. by April 21 by calling Traci Sincok, director of parks and recreation, at (248) 449-9941.

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NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Got talent?

Spring forward and reach for the stars in the 2nd annual music performance competition: Talent for the Title hosted by Broughton Music & Art Center, and Starring, The Gallery.

Last year's Talent for the Title event proved to be an exciting new addition to the Northville experience. This year's Talent for the Title aims to exceed last year's expectations and to wow the crowd with our local talent! Applications are available now for vocalists, singer/songwriters, instrumentalists, solo, duo/trio and bands. All interested competitors will need to submit an application and audition tape April 30. Judges will select finalists to compete in a series of public performances throughout the historic city of Northville. The final showcase will take place on the first Friday of June (June 4) to help kick off the Friday Night Concert Series in Town Square, located on Main Street in downtown Northville (between Center Street and Griswold).

Laurie Jarski of Broughton Music & Art Center, and Mary Starring of Starring, The Gallery will serve as the co-chairs of this event.

"Everyone is mesmerized by the talent displayed on Dancing With The Stars, American Idol and other star search programs. We see amazing talent day after day in our studios," Terri Jarr of Miss Harriet's Dance Studio notes. "It's time we showcase that talent and have a little fun." Laurie Jarski agrees: "There is so much talent throughout the state of Michigan. Northville is home to a world-class music school, a 60-year-old dance studio, a professional theater, a dinner theater and a children's theater within one square mile. It's only natural to bring extraordinary talent to a town dedicated to the performing arts." Mary Starring adds, "Northville is being recognized throughout the state as a community of artists. The First Friday Art Walk has become a terrific event that brings visitors from all over to our town to enjoy a unique evening filled with fabulous art and a heartwarming hometown atmosphere."

On Thursday, May 27 and Friday, May 28 there will be elimination rounds at Genetti's Hole-In-The-Wall Theatre in Northville. The finalists will be narrowed down for a performance showcase that promises to be as exciting and entertaining as any nationalized television program. Live in Northville on June 4 a host of prominent 2010 Talent for the Title judges will be on hand to crown the winners. The most exciting element to the evening will be the opportunity for audience members to participate in selecting the junior and senior Talent for the Title. The titles bring with them: a cash prize, photo shoot, performance opportunities and an artisan designed trophy. Details (including rules) will be available at the participating sponsors or by contacting the Talent for the Title hotline at Broughton Music & Art Center at (248) 374-5596 or visiting the website talentforthetitle.com.

Relay for Life meetings

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Northville team captain meetings will be held at Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady Street from 7-8 p.m. April 21 at Northville Township Hall, and 7-8 p.m. May 5 at Northville District Library.

Teams currently registered for the Relay For Life of Northville event or anyone interested in learning more about participating in the Relay should attend. Team Captain meetings will be held periodically as the community ramps up for the annual Relay For Life of Northville on May 15-16 at Ford Field (150 Hutton St.). Community members can join the movement for a world with less cancer and more birthdays by starting a new team or joining an existing team. Follow the links at www.relayforlife.org. Donations can be made to this local Relay For Life event by visiting www.relayforlife.org/northvillemi.

Friends' Ball to benefit Providence

The Providence Health Foundation 2010 Friends' Ball will be held on Saturday, April 24, at 6 p.m. at the Diamond Center at Rock Financial Showplace, Novi. This year, Art Van Elslander will receive the prestigious Order of Charity award and physicians Bruce H. Kole, M.D.; Daniel R. Piper, M.D.; Bruce M. Silverman, D.O.; and Teck-Mun Soo, M.D., will be the recipients of the Caduceus Society Physician of the Year award.

Proceeds from this year's event will benefit the Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary program. The program is designed to offer a comprehensive approach to the surgical and medical management of patients with malignancies, neoplasms and diseases involving the liver, gallbladder, bile ducts, pancreas and the duodenum. The multidisciplinary team for the HPB program is dedicated to the consistent evaluation and improvement of patient care outcomes across the continuum of inpatient and outpatient care.

The evening will feature a champagne raffle, a chance to have your photo taken in a photo booth and dancing to the sounds of the Simone Vitale Band. The co-chairs for the event are Julie Curry and Charlotte Walker. Committee members include Andria Bojrab, Lauri Bolo-Schreuder, MCN, NP-C; Ann Conrad, Susan Glassford, Lou Grieshaber, Kathie Hautamaki, Michael Jacobs, M.D.; Sue Kolachalam, JoAnne Leslie, Maureen McCorry, Denise McLean, Beverly J. Moore, M. Elizabeth Moore, Rita Raina, OD; Jackie Schwartz, Nina Shah, Carol Shaya, Jennifer Stewart, Courtney Teeple, Betsy Thompson, Sandy Tobar and Marilyn Wick.

To become a corporate sponsor for the event, place an ad in the program book or donate an item to the silent auction, please contact Providence Health Foundation at (248) 849-5744.

Mosher files nominating petitions

Natalie Mosher, Democratic candidate for Congress in Michigan's 11th District, filed her nominating petitions with the Secretary of State's office in Lansing on April 5.

"It was my goal to gather the maximum number of signatures throughout the district before the May 11 deadline," said Mosher. "We exceeded our expectations by collecting 2,232 signatures. This was a true community outreach effort."

"I'm thrilled at the warm support we received knocking on doors and talking to residents about their government and the need to represent constituent interests. Voters have had enough of Thaddeus McCotter voting 'No' on everything."

More information on Mosher and her campaign can be found at www.mosherforcongress.com.

Complete your census form

The Northville Township Board of Trustees would like to encourage township residents to complete and immediately mail back the 10-question Census Questionnaire for 2010.

As of March 31, half the nation had returned their census form.

In Northville Township, Supervisor Abbo and the Board of Trustees were pleased to learn, from the census tracker Web site, that 62 percent of township residents have returned their census questionnaire. The largest return rate (69 percent) to date is in the southeast portion of the township, north of Five Mile, south of Six Mile, west of Haggerty to Northville Road.

"It is of vital importance to Northville Township that all of the residents are counted in this year's census. For every citizen who is not counted in the census this year, the Township will lose significant revenue from the federal government over the next decade," Abbo indicated.

The information that you provide to the government on your census form is required to remain confidential. Title 13 of the U.S. Code protects the confidentiality of all information collected by the federal government and violating this law is a crime with severe penalties. In addition, other federal laws, including the Confidential Statistical Efficiency Act and the Privacy Act reinforce these protections. Citizens' private information is never published. It is against the law for anyone, including government employees, to disclose or publish any of the following information: names, addresses, social security numbers or telephone numbers.

For township residents that have misplaced their census forms or didn't receive one in the mail may pick up a blank form at the Township Hall located at 44405 Six Mile Road (southeast corner of Six Mile and Sheldon). Call for hours at (248) 348-5800 or contact Clerk Sue Hillebrand at shillebrand@twpnorthville.mius.

For additional information on the census, visit the census Web site at: <http://2010census.gov>.



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Moms and sons

Linda Youssef and son Sammy, 5, get their photo taken at a mother-son outing held at Silver Springs Elementary on March 26. Moms and sons got to sample some snacks, learn some magic tricks and then were entertained by a magician later in the evening.



Victoria Jendretzke walks with her son Emory, 7, into Silver Springs on March 26 for the mother-son evening. The get-together featured snacks, a photo portrait and entertainment by a magician.

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

OUR VIEWS

Pain is necessary to survive crisis

"It's not fair" seems to be a refrain among us all these days.

And we're right. It's not fair that the economy has tanked, that people throughout the Novi/Northville area have lost their jobs and that the good times are over, for now.

We were all promised rose gardens. Work hard, the rhetoric went, and you'll be even better off than your folks. But roses have thorns and we are

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bleeding from bad policy in Lansing and elsewhere.

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School districts and cities are now in the throes of budget deliberations, with budget approvals coming in May. They won't be pretty, they won't smell sweet. They will reflect the economic times we are in, which are reflected in the loss of property tax revenue. It's that revenue that funds services — and the employees who perform them.

The reality is, regardless of where you live and what schools your children attend, that you will feel the prick of an economic thorn reflected in what services are provided next year. In Novi schools, custodial services were privatized while in Northville, transportation changes were implemented. There is no way that others, such as teachers and administrators, can escape feeling the pain as well.

Likely there will be a lot of folks upset with the decisions that will be made in the near future. It's understandable, and it's not fair.

It's also necessary.

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COMMUNITY VOICE

Even though the calendar says it's already here, for you, when does spring officially begin?



"I'm always an analytical person, so I think when it's March 31, it's spring. But I also think that when the Tigers begin spring training that it's just around the corner."

Tom Heller
Northville



"I think the beginning of spring is ambiguous."

Cathy Doolittle
Northville



"Right now - when it's warm enough for the unveiling of your toes (in sandals)."

Bailey Doolittle
Northville



"I guess spring begins when it feels like spring."

Sue Redmond
Northville

Land deals that offer a place to die for

We all know that piece of property we are just dying to acquire: A place we spend our entire life working and saving for; a place to kick back and make our final resting spot.

But today, many of us are experiencing that sinking feeling with the value of our properties dropping like a trap door being pulled open. Hard-working people across the state and nation are losing their homes to foreclosures because of the implosion of our economy resulting in both job and home losses while values continue to plummet. It truly is a sinking feeling whether it is happening to you or watching it happen to family and friends.

It is just not a good feeling to see home values drop from between 25-30 percent. You might have noticed that people who have lost their homes have that gaunt, dead-man-walking appearance.

Clearly those with a steady job, a decent income and a substantial sum of cash for a down payment might be lucky enough to find a lender, so now might be a good time

GUEST COLUMN

to buy. My daddy always told me "buy low, sell high." Now property is as low as six feet under.

Foreclosures, bank-owned properties, people "underwater" in their mortgage and walking away from their homes — the sheer number of properties listed today makes it a sad and tragic time for distressed sellers, but also one of the hottest buyers' markets in recent history.

ON THE LOOKOUT FOR A DEAL

Opportunity is all around us. Although I'm not necessarily in the market to buy new property, this is a heavenly deal, I thought.

As I opened my mailbox recently and pulled out the real estate value of the century, it occurred to me, "This is my lucky day!" Right here in my hands is one hell of a deal — a piece of property to die for!

It was an idyllic plot, a real estate price rolled back to 2001! "It sits on 46 acres of unique, pastoral, park like setting ... a place that 'protects family heritage ... and eternal beauty.' The place sounded heav-

enly!

The advertisement lured me further by pointing out: "making decisions together about important life events is just plain smart." It went on: "Everyone knows that planning for future health needs, living arrangements and retirement, makes those inevitable transitions easier and more comfortable." "Sign me up!" I screamed.

This was clearly a long-term investment, a piece of property that I would not occupy immediately but would always be there for me, located in the diverse, growing community of Canton and being offered at a bargain basement 2001 price.

A lot that offers peace, serenity and solitude, a community with such a peaceful name: Knollwood Memorial Park Cemetery.

Look around your community for one of these everlasting places. Hey, a deal is a deal! An everlasting one at that!

Tom Watkins of Northville is a business and educational consultant. He served the citizens of the state as superintendent of public instruction (2001-05) and mental health director (1986-90) and an elected member of the Wayne County Charter Commission 1980-82. Write to him at tdwatkins@aol.com.

Newly elected legislators offer intelligent concepts

One of the few encouraging signs that something might be happening to help cure Michigan's unhealthy political culture was the emergence, early last year, of the "Freshman Bipartisan Caucus."

Encouraged by polls that showed overwhelming support for cooperation between the parties, a bunch of newly elected state representatives formed the caucus shortly after taking office last January. Cynics scoffed it would be little more than a "sewing circle."

But hard work by the freshmen began to pay off. Speaker of the House Andy Dillon, D-Redford Township, invited them to suggest ways around the funding crisis for public schools. Although tradition dictates that House leaders scoff at newly elected members, Dillon told me "they did good work on this issue. We need much more working together rather than against each other."

Then the caucus made two far-reaching proposals:

First, in response to the Legislature's persistent foot-dragging on adopting a "balanced" budget in time for schools and local governments to make funding decisions, the freshmen drafted a state ballot proposal. While the state fiscal year starts Oct. 1, their proposal requires passage of a spending plan by July 1 ... or else.

"Else" means docking legislators a day's pay for every day they miss the deadline. Second, they listened to the cascade of complaints about Michigan's ultra-strict term limits — six years for reps and eight years for state senators — amounting to "mandated inexperience." Led by Tim Bledsoe, D-Grosse Pointe, who teaches the legislative process at Wayne State University and so knows what he's taking about, the freshmen drafted a proposed constitutional amendment to change the rules to limit representatives to a total of 14 years, which could be served in one chamber or between the two.

For months, according to the freshman caucus co-chair Bill Rogers, R-Brighton, House leaders' attitude toward these proposals was "Yes, but." Bledsoe, however, is fighting to give both caucus proposals a full airing. Hearings have to be held by July 1, early enough to get the

two-thirds vote of the Legislature to put both proposals on the ballot this year.

So how come the reluctance to take even the small step of holding hearings on sensible ideas? "One is the natural reluctance to move that characterizes the Legislature in a term-limited era," says political scientist Bledsoe. "Another problem is there has been little public discussion about term limit reform, and lawmakers are worried about unanticipated results."

"And last," says Bledsoe, "is that lawmakers don't want to get tied to something that looks self-serving." One way around this problem, of course, would be to draft the proposal so as to apply not to the legislators voting on it but to the next elected group.

And — surprise — partisan considerations lurk behind opposition, especially to lengthening term limits. Virtually everyone thinks this fall's election will be a tough one for the Democrats, which is one reason they favor an effective date after 2012, after the redistricting that follows this year's census has taken place.

But now, at long last, there appears to be some movement toward giving both reform

proposals a fair shot.

When I talked with Speaker Dillon, however, he said the Legislature has to deal with this year's budget first. That's no small matter, what with the estimated deficit in the General Fund pushing \$2 billion. And the problem of balancing the books is more difficult by the fact that Dillon is running for governor and Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop is running for attorney general.

But Dillon went on to say that "There's a lot of talent in the freshman caucus, on both sides of the aisle," adding that "I'm prepared to work with them to make a case for their issues. I hope we can hearings on their proposals. I'm open to it."

Let's hope he means it. And now that the Legislature is back from their two-week Easter holiday, here's hoping all our lawmakers get on the stick and get down to serious business.

Former newspaper publisher and University of Michigan Regent Phil Power is the founder and president of The Center for Michigan, a bipartisan centrist think-and-do tank. He welcomes your comments at ppower@thecenterformichigan.net.

LETTERS

Join the Relay

Just as the effects of a challenging economy are felt by families in every community, cancer, too, has a far-reaching impact. No matter how the stock market is performing or what the current unemployment rate may be, there are still many people battling a cancer diagnosis and many others who are lending support alongside loved ones

every day. These realities make the dollars donated and volunteer hours devoted to the American Cancer Society — which has been a part of Northville for many years — critically important.

Local volunteers are a huge part of a nationwide effort to save lives from cancer, but additional people are needed for the progress to continue, so we are inviting everyone

in the community to join the movement for a world with less cancer and more birthdays. Plans are under way for the Society's annual fund-raiser, Relay for Life of Northville, which will be held at Ford Field (150 Hutton St.) in downtown Northville on May 15-16. The money raised at Relay enables the American Cancer Society to deliver on its mission of helping people stay

well, helping people get well, finding cures and fighting back against the disease.

Relay provides the American Cancer Society with money to support vital, cutting-edge cancer research happening right here in Michigan and across the nation; publishes lifesaving literature on cancer prevention, detection and tobacco control; and develops a new generation of medicines

that help those battling cancer.

Now is the time for individuals, families, organizations, schools, religious groups, corporations and businesses to commit their Relay For Life team participation. Join us at this event to celebrate those who have battled cancer, remember those lost, fight back against the disease, and help the American Cancer Society realize its vision of a

world with less cancer and more birthdays.

Learn how you can be part of the Relay For Life of Northville and get ready to Celebrate, Remember and Fight Back. Call (800) 227-2345 or visit www.relayforlife.org/northville.

Scott Horvath, Promotions
chair
Relay for Life of Northville

NORTHVILLE ETC.

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

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MEETINGS

Northville Public Schools BOARD OF EDUCATION

Date: Second and fourth Tuesday of the month
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Old Village School

City of Northville CITY COUNCIL

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

Location: City Hall, 215 W. Main St. DOWNTOWN Development

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

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

CONTACT: downtownnorthville.com PLANNING COMMISSION

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

Location: City Hall HOUSING COMMISSION

Date: Second Wednesday of every month
Time: 3 p.m.

Location: Allen Terrace, 401 High St. HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Date: Third Wednesday of month
Time: 7 p.m.

Location: City Hall ARTS COMMISSION

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

Location: Art House, 215 W. Cady St. BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Date: First Monday of every month
Time: 8 a.m.

Details: Individuals and organizations invited to attend.
Location: Northville City Hall, Meeting Room B

Northville Township PLANNING COMMISSION

Date: Last Tuesday of month
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Township Hall, 44405 West Six Mile

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date: Third Thursdays of month
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Township Hall ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Date: Third Wednesday of month
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Township Hall BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Date: Third Monday of month
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Township Hall YOUTH ASSISTANCE

Date: Second Tuesday of every month
Time: 8 a.m.

Location: Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road
Contact: Sue Campbell (248) 344-1618

SENIOR EVENTS

Senior Community Center

Location: 303 W. Main St.
Contact: (248) 349-4140

THURSDAY

8 a.m.: Walking Club
9 a.m.: TOPS; Massage by appt.

10:30 a.m.: Yoga
11 a.m.: Cribbage

Noon: Walking Club
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle

FRIDAY

8 a.m.: Walking Club
11 a.m.: Poker

11:30 a.m.: Walking Club
Noon: Walking Club

1 p.m.: Movie
MONDAY

8 a.m.: Walking Club
9:30 a.m.: Mah Jongg

10 a.m.: Beginning Line Dance; Oxygene
11 a.m.: Adv. Line Dance

Noon: Walking Club
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle/Euchre

TUESDAY

8 a.m.: Walking Club
10:30 a.m.: Yoga

11:30 a.m.: Walking Club
Noon: Walking Club

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle
WEDNESDAY

8 a.m.: Walking Club
9 a.m.: Foot Reflexology by appt.

10 a.m.: Oxygene
11 a.m.: Strength Training

11:30 a.m.: Walking Club
Noon: Bridge; Walking Club

1 p.m.: Cribbage
7 p.m.: Bridge

CO-ED ADULT 50+ OPEN VOLLEYBALL

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

Location: Recreation Center at Hillside
Details: All levels of play welcome; bring your friends; \$1.

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

ADULT 50+ FUN CO-ED VOLLEYBALL

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

Location: Recreation Center at Hillside
Details: Games scored to 15 points with creative team rotation; \$1 per session; all skill levels welcome.

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

CO-ED ADULT 50+ OPEN BASKETBALL

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

Location: Senior Community Center
Details: All levels of play welcome; bring your friends; \$1.

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

HEALTH WALKING

Date: Monday-Friday
Time: 8-10 a.m.

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

PILATES CLASS

Time/Date: 6 p.m. each Tuesday

BUNCO

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

Details: Call Senior Community Center 24 hours in advance to register; \$1 per person.

FRIDAY FLICKS

Time: 1 p.m. every Friday
Details: Cost is \$1.

LIBRARY LINES

Northville District Library

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

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

Contact: (248) 349-3020 or northvillelibrary.org for information regarding programs and library materials.

Foreign Films @ the Library

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m.; Monday, April 19

Details: Enjoy a Hebrew/Arabic film with English subtitles, "The Band's Visit".

Humor and empathy emerge when an Egyptian ceremonial band is accidentally dropped off at a remote Israeli village.

Join us for a fine film and treats!

Kidz Time for first, second and third graders

Time/Date: 4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 22

Details: Join this fun after school program featuring stories, games and crafts, all about butterflies. Call to register.

Junior Books, Chat & Chow for fourth and fifth graders

Time/Date: 4:15-5 p.m. Wednesday, April 28

Details: Make friends, enjoy treats and a lively book discussion of Swindle by Gordon Korman. Call to register.

PARKS AND REC

Northville Parks and Recreation

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

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

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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

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

OPEN FAMILY BASKETBALL

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

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

Details: \$2 Per person

OPEN 40+ BASKETBALL

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

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

Details: \$3 Per person

OPEN ADULT VOLLEYBALL

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

Location: Recreation Center at Hillside

Details: \$4 Per person

OPEN BADMINTON

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

Location: Recreation Center at Hillside

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

OPEN PICKLEBALL

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

Location: Recreation Center at Hillside

Details: \$3 Per person Monday \$4 Per person Saturday

OPEN TABLE TENNIS

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

Location: Recreation Center at Hillside

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

OPEN CO-ED 50+ VOLLEYBALL

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

Location: Recreation Center at Hillside

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

OPEN 50+ PICKLEBALL

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

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

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

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



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It's magic

Magician Jason Hudy gets a roomful of kids (and a parent or two) to smile at his act as he entertains at the Northville District Library on April 8.



With a spinning disc, magician Jason Hudy entertains an assembly at the Northville District Library on April 8. More than 80 tickets were handed out for the 2 p.m. show.

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every month

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Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 349-3647 or first-

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Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.

Family Worship: 11 a.m.

Bible Study: 6 p.m.

Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.;

fourth Sunday of every month

First Presbyterian Church of

Northville

Location: 200 E. Main St.

Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit

firstpresnville.org

Sunday Worship

Time: 9:30, 11 a.m.

Walking in the Park

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

Saturday

Location: Meet at the Visitor's

Center of Heritage Park (Farmington

Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads)

Details: Group meet for lunch after-

wards.

Contact: Sue (734) 459-0016

Single Place Ministries

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. social time;

7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program,

every Thursday.

Details: Informative and entertain-

ing programs of interest to singles;

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details singleplace.org.

PROJECT FUNDway - A Fashion

Show to benefit Village Banking

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, May 6

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Church of Northville 777 W. Eight

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Monday of every month

Logo Youth Club: 5 p.m. Wednesday

for fourth-12th grades.

Radical Joy: 6-8 p.m. first and third

Thursday for all women

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

Saturday

Career Ministry: 7 p.m. first and

third Monday

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road, cor-

ner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi

Contact: (248) 349-0565

Sundays

Time: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and

Bible Study, 10 a.m. Worship

Livonia Church of Christ

Location: 15431 Merriman Road,

Livonia

Contact: For further information,

please contact NSO Douglas K. Wells

at (313) 964-6595.

Meadowbrook Congregational

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook

Road, between Eight and Nine Mile

roads

Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter,

Senior Minister (248) 348-7757,

visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@

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Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

Sermon: Having a Plan

Church School: 10-11 a.m.

Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.

Merry Widows Luncheon

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. fourth

Thursday of each month

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Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays

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Time/Date: 10 a.m. Tuesdays

Northville Christian Assembly

Location: 41355 Six Mile Road

Contact: (248) 348-9030

Sundays

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Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible

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7 p.m.: Adult elective classes; jr.

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Contact: Rabbi Avrohom & Leah

Susskind at (248) 790-6075 or

rabbi@novijewishcenter.com; www.

novijewishcenter.com

Novi United Methodist

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit

umcnovi.com

Sunday Worship

Time: 9:45 a.m.

Healing Service and Holy

Communion

Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday

of every month

Peace Vigil

Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of

every month

Location: In front of the church

Details: Members of the congrega-

tion and the community will stand

united in prayer for peace.

Advent Service

Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. Sunday

Oak Pointe Church

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road,

Novi

Contact: (248) 912-0043 or visit

oakpointe.org

Worship Services: 5:15 p.m.

Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday

ReNew Life Group Ministries

Time/Date: 7:15-9 p.m. every

Monday

Details: Ongoing Life Groups that

support and facilitate personal

growth, healing, learning, change

from a Christian perspective.

Women's Life Groups Ministries

Time/Date: 7 p.m. every Tuesday

9:30 a.m. every Wednesday

Men's Life Groups Ministries

Time/Date: 6 a.m. every Friday

morning at various locations For

both Women's and Men's Life Groups

Ministries, please contact the

church office.

Orchard Hills Baptist Church

Location: 23455 Novi Road

Contact: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-

5665

Preschool/Kids Choir

Time/Date: 7-8:15 p.m. every

Wednesday

Details: For ages three to six; ongo-

ing event; no need to pre-register;

all are welcome.

Our Lady of Good

Counsel Catholic Church

Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road,

Plymouth

Contact: (734) 453-0326, ext. 221

Our Lady of Victory

Catholic Church

Location: 770 Thayer, Northville

Contact: (248) 349-2621 or

olvnorthville.org

Saturday Worship

Time: 5 p.m.

Sunday Worship

Time: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

Our Shepherd

Presbyterian Church

Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road,

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Contact: Pastor Bill Burke at (734)

927-0891

Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fel-

lowship and food after service

St. James Catholic

Location: 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi

Contact: (248) 347-7778

Mass Schedule

TIME/DAY: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m.

Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday

Mothers Group

Time/Date: 9:30-11 a.m. monthly, first

and third Wednesday through May 19,

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Location: St. James Parish Hall A

Details: We provide mothers with fel-

lowship, support and opportunities

to grow their faith in order to nurture

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such as article discussion, crafts, and

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tunity to connect with other moms in

support and friendship. Free childcare

is available but children are also

welcome to join their mothers during

meetings.

Contact: Kris Endreszl (248) 946-4080

St. John's Episcopal Church

Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road,

Plymouth

St. John Lutheran

Location: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington

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Contact: (248) 474-0584 or visit

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Saturday Worship

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Sunday Worship

Time: 9, 11:15 a.m.

Sunday School

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Lawsuits involve material facts

Most civil litigation or lawsuits are the result of one party believing the other did not disclose something



Dan Hoops

important. In the law, these are referred to as "material facts". If a material fact is not disclosed, it may be the result of simple oversight or negligence, or the result of intentional deceit. Litigation involving material facts is usually grounded in fraud or misrepresentation. Understanding these concepts is important.

There are two elements to a material fact: what should be disclosed, and how should it be disclosed.

The law does provide some specifics as to what a material fact is and when it must be disclosed. Mandatory disclosures are often found in the securities laws to protect someone pondering an investment. Disclosures are also mandated under the insurance disclosure rules when a party applies for insurance coverage. If a fact is not disclosed when there is a specific requirement that it be disclosed (such as on an insurance application), it may be presumed that this failure is intentional and fraud may be the root cause.

Where the law is silent on material facts and disclosure, the fall-back standard is to consider what would be reasonable under the circumstances. This is where a trier-of-fact or jury would be called upon to decide "yes, under the circumstances, Mr. Defendant, you should have told Mrs. Plaintiff that the roof leaked before you sold her the house." The problem with the "reasonableness" standard is that it may be a moving target - what is reasonable on Monday may not be on Friday, or what someone may find unreasonable, another person may find completely reasonable.

This brings us to element two: how do you disclose everything? People will often laugh about the "fine print" that is just about everywhere in our daily lives; this

fine print is simply an absolute disclosure of everything under the sun. Although this may be easy enough or may be necessary if you are Best Buy, it does not translate well in ordinary living. So what do you do?

The first consideration in any transaction is to think about what you would want to know. What would you consider important. Should you tell the other person something that, in your mind, has the possibility of being a dealbreaker? Should you ask the other person any questions to get them thinking about backing out of the deal? Well... the easy answer for me to you is yes. Does it always happen? No. And when it does not happen, this is when litigation results.

Which brings us to litigation. If you failed to disclose a

potentially material fact, was it because you did not consider it important or did you intentionally omit it, or maybe you were not aware of it to begin with. The standard is not for you to list every remote, potential fact to the other person; it is to disclose "material facts that are reasonable under the circumstances". If you do not have any way to demonstrate your mindset, it will be left to a jury to decide if you were being fraudulent or not.

Now what do you do to protect yourself? The best advice I can give anyone about to transact any business transaction is to use a questionnaire, or a document with a list of disclosures or have some written understanding between the parties as to what they consider

important and what they do not consider important, then sign it. If the other person did not think to ask other questions or investigate while the transaction was pending, a jury could find that it is their own fault for not asking when they had the opportunity.

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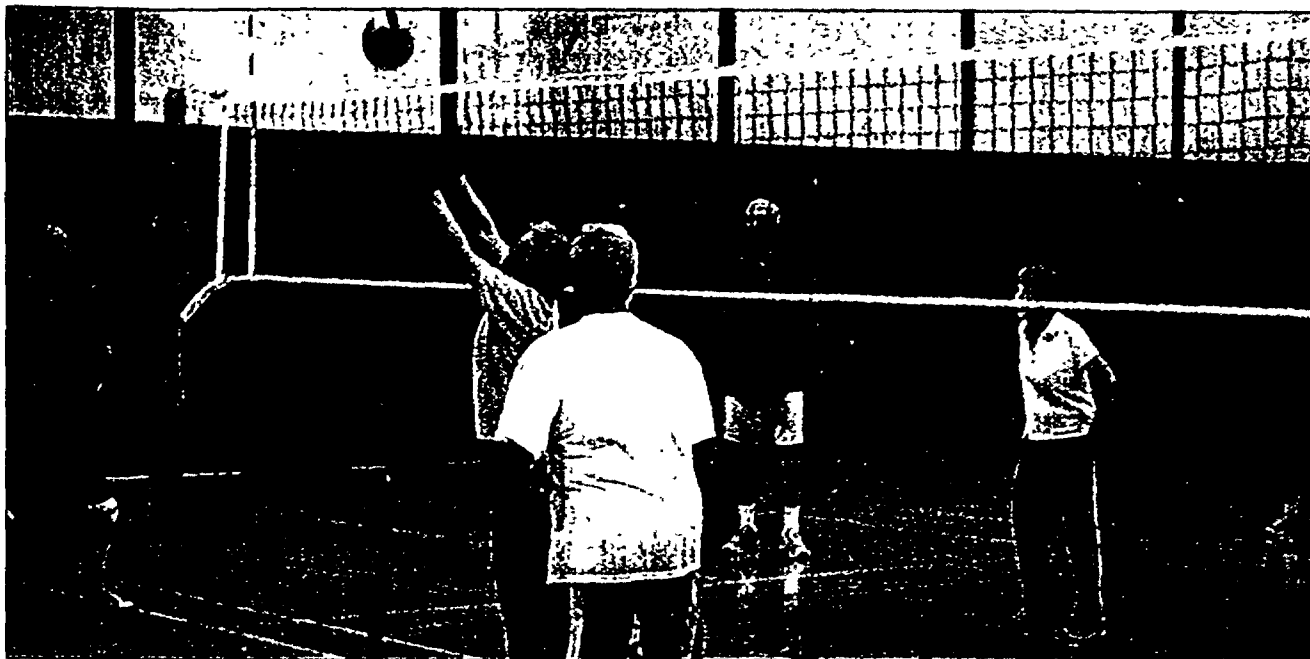
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Senior volleyball action at the Recreation Center at Hillside.



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Senior volleyball

At right, Bob White plays volleyball at the Recreation Center at Hillside on April 7. Senior volleyball is offered at Hillside on Monday and Friday, 10:00 a.m. to noon and on Wednesday from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

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April 20

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Scholl & Bylsma perform free concert

April 21

Christopher Scholl, tenor, and Kevin Bylsma, piano, will perform in the final concert of the college's 2009-10 Noon Concert Series. The concert is free and will be held in the VisTaTech Center at noon. More information is available at www.schoolcraft.edu/music.

Earth Day events

April 19-22

A number of events are scheduled throughout the week in celebration of the 40th anniversary of Earth Day. This is the college's 10th year of participation. This year's theme is "Our Great Lakes." Activities are free and open to the public. A schedule of activities can be found at www.schoolcraft.edu.

James Tocco, pianist, in concert

April 23

A world renowned performer, Tocco will perform as part of the Friday Evening Concert Series at 8 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center. Tickets: \$20 per person (\$10 for students) available at www.scboxoffice.com. More information at www.schoolcraft.edu/music or 734-462-4403.

Free Spring Jazz Concert

April 26

The college's Jazz Band, Synthesizer Ensemble, and Jazz Improvisation Combo will perform a variety of upbeat selections celebrating the season in a free concert at 7:30 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center. More information is available at www.schoolcraft.edu.

Explore your creative side throughout the Spring and Summer

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Morning yoga

Denise Peterson, right, leads a Monday morning yoga class at the Northville Community Senior Center through their initial calming, stretching exercises. For more information about upcoming classes at the community senior center, call the Northville Parks and Recreation hotline at 248-449-9951.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

LOCAL EVENTS

Northville Senior Living Open House

Time/Date: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, April 23 and Saturday, April 24
Location: 311 Main Street, Northville
Details: Northville Senior Living is Northville's newest premier senior assisted living facility. Tour the facilities, speak with our caring staff, and enjoy light refreshments. Also, come celebrate at the grand opening on May 1.
Contact: (248) 465-1850 or openhouse@northvilleseniorliving.com

M.O.M.S. Baby, Kid and Me Resale

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, April 23; 9-noon Saturday, April 24
Location: First United Methodist Church of Northville, 777 Eight Mile Road
Details: Wonderful selection of gently-used items for sale: baby, kid and maternity clothing; including coats, shoes and costumes, baby equipment, kid's furniture, décor, strollers toys, books and games. Profits support mothers in our area including Civic Concern and First Step Women's Shelter. \$1 admission. Donations accepted at the church or call Sandra for a pickup. Tax donation slips available.
Contact: (734) 420-1750

The Children's Exhibit

- Capturing Everyday Moments
Time/Date: opening 5-7 p.m. May 1; exhibit open for viewing through May 14, 2009.
Location: Northville Square, 133 W. Main Street
Details: This exhibit includes a sampling of work from each of the classes in the Northville Public

Schools Early Childhood programs. In the fourth annual exhibit, celebrate children, honor their unique qualities and capture the power of ordinary moments that constitutes the child's story.
Contact: Call (248) 344-8465 or visit www.northville.k12.mi.us/early-childhood.

PROJECT FUNDway - A Fashion Show to benefit Village Banking

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, May 6
Location: First United Methodist Church of Northville, 777 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville (Beck and Taft) in Fellowship Hall.
Details: The women of Bizarre Bazaar & Radical Joy present Project FUNDway. Fashion show and dessert buffet. Door prizes and store discounts. Fashions by Dress Barn. Hair styling and make-up by Pamela's Salon. Advance ticket sales only through April 25; \$15. All proceeds to benefit Village Banking.
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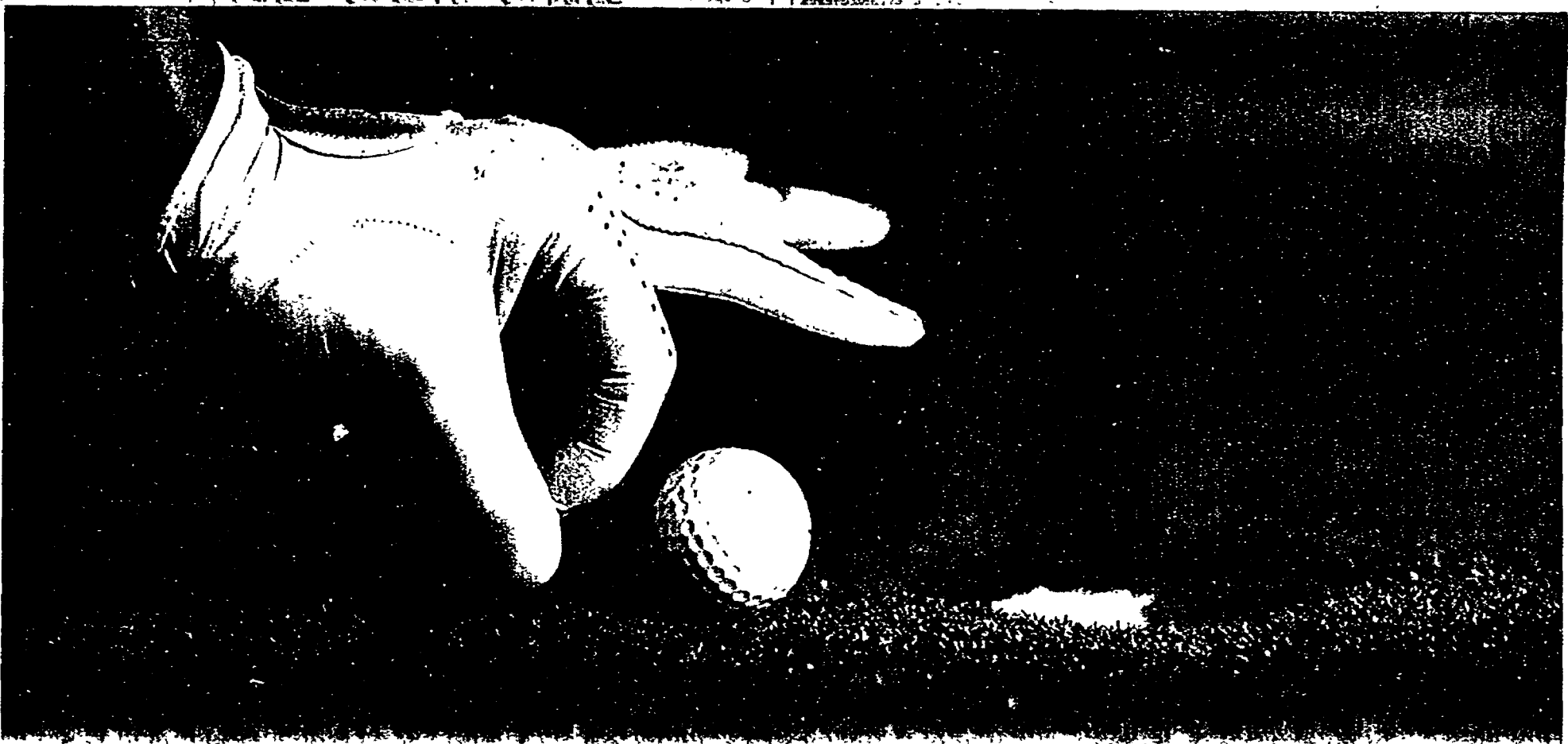
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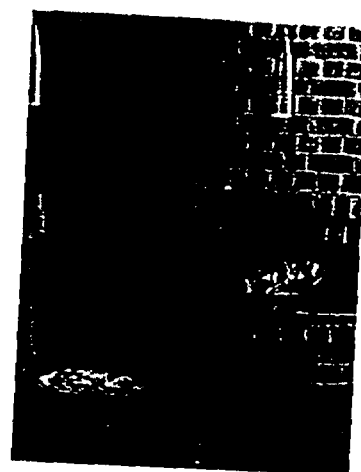

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CC's Mooradian pins down top honor again

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

Make it two state titles in two attempts for Catholic Central sophomore Alec Mooradian. Throw in a team title for the Shamrocks and it's been an amazing first couple of seasons at CC for the sophomore.

After winning a title at 112 pounds and going undefeated as a freshman, the pressure was on for Mooradian as he stepped up a notch to 119.

He responded with a 58-1 record and earned another trip to the state finals. He beat Brandon Stuart from Davison 3-1 to finish the year on top again.

"Alec Mooradian is a gamer," said coach Mitch Hancock. "He trains very hard all year long and therefore has the confidence and ability to win the big matches."

"Alec is the epitome of a CC student athlete. His 3.9 GPA ranks him amongst CC's finest students and he's very active within the school. Alec has an aura about him that makes others want to join him in his journey to be great."

Alec's lone loss of his career came in the Goodrich Tournament, his only runner-up finish. He earned titles at the CC Invite, Oakland County, Holt Invite, Observerland Tournament, districts and regionals.

He is 114-1 in two seasons.

FIRST TEAM

Nick Mudar, Northville senior

Mudar capped off a 58-5 season with a fifth-place finish at 171 pounds at state. He claimed the KLAA title, finished first at Wayne County, had 41 pins and 121 take-downs.

"Nick finished his career with 144 victories," said coach Bob Boshoven. "He has had a great four years and his leadership has been a key factor in the growth of our program."

Tyler Foley, East junior

Foley made a return trip to state and earned his second All-State honor with a sixth-place finish at 103 pounds. He finished the season 54-6 and claimed a district title and finished regional runner-up. He led the team in pins, take-downs and near falls.

"I believe Tyler's ability to scramble for the best position and his ability to fight off most opponents scoring efforts makes his wrestling style one hard to beat," said coach Fred Vera. "In addition, his attitude makes him a great tournament wrestler. He welcomes the challenge to wrestle against quality wrestlers and goes into every match with a confident attitude."

Joe Johnson, South Lyon junior

Johnson blazed onto the scene at 130 pounds, finishing fourth at states and ending the

WRESTLING ALL-AREA

Wrestler of the Year

Alec Mooradian, CC

First Team

Nick Mudar, Northville

Tyler Foley, SL East

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Bunney, Alan Mencer

South Lyon - Jordan Schaefer,

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CC - James Demember, Andrew

Thompson, Zach Colonie, Alex

Kas Marog, Mike Perales, Steve

Kraska, Dave Knuth, Brandon

Bennett, Mike Popiela, Andrew

Morto, John Worth

Lakeland - Eric Gerber

year 57-3 (School record for wins).

He racked up 32 pins, and finished champion at districts, regionals, the KLAA's, the Lake Orion Invite and the South Lyon Invite.

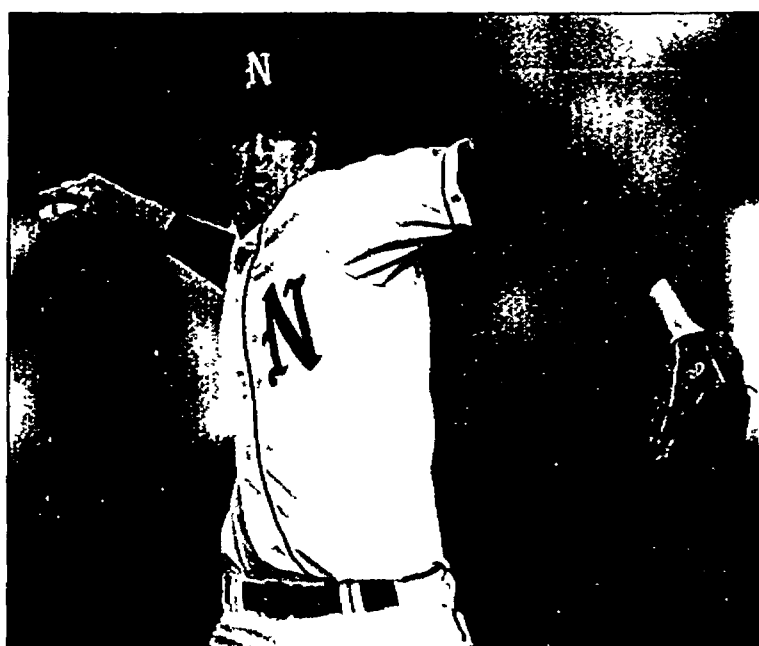
"Joe had a break-out season," said coach Brian Wilson. "He was a force to be reckoned with, beating many top-notch opponents include Lopez from Hartland (D1 state runner up @ 130 lbs), Joseph from CC (state placer), Koester from Clinton (state placer), as well as the guys in his district and region."

Ken Bade, CC freshman

Bade was one of two state placers for the Shamrocks at 103 pounds with a third-place finish. He went 54-5 on the year, winning titles at Oakland County, CC Invite, Holt Tournament, Observerland, district and regionals.

"Ken is very dedicated and disciplined young man," said Hancock. "He was a key ingredient in us winning the Division 1 team championship. He's a pleasure to work with and will have much suc-

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Rite of spring

Mustang pitcher Colin Gerish (left) fires one toward home. Mustang Daniel Mills (right) watches his home run head toward the fence during Northville's April 12 home game against Westland John Glenn.

All-Area hockey team heavy in All-State talent

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

Though it sounds like an oxymoron, choosing an All-Area Hockey team actually gets harder with the more talent an area has.

Yes, we want the most talented players to be on the team. Yes, we want kids who have made All-State and All-Region and All-District and All-Conference. But imagine trying to pick out of six different schools when two schools dominate the All-State teams? That's the situation we ran into this year. We're not complaining, we're just explaining why Novi and Catholic Central have hogged up most of the first-team honors. Quite frankly, they're the best of the best.

And the best of those guys? None other than Detroit Catholic Central's Zack Cisek, a two-time state champion goalie.

"He was a team captain, the hardest worker in practice and in the workout room and very humble with his success," noted Catholic Central coach Todd Johnson. "He was motivated to win championships."

Cisek was First-Team All-State, First-Team All-MIHL and MIHL Co-Most Valuable Player.

His record his senior year was 24-1-1 with four shutouts. These are against teams like Cranbrook, Trenton and top teams from out of state that fill the Shamrocks' schedule.

He faced 414 shots and allowed just 33 goals all season, giving him a 91.56 save percentage.

Frankly, Cisek is arguably one of the best goalies to have played the game this year and is clearly deserving of the Player of the Year honor.

FIRST TEAM

Tyler Perpich

Senior Forward, Novi

If only there could be two Players of the Year. Perpich was deserving, no doubt, having earned himself a place on the Dream Team and First-Team All-State status at the Division II level. He put up some impressive numbers, too, scoring 24 goals and tallying 20 assists this season to lead Novi.

Chris Waterstreet

Senior Forward, Catholic Central

While Waterstreet may not have been out putting up insane numbers this year, it was because Catholic Central focused on spreading the wealth and, of course, winning another state championship. Waterstreet was key in the state title run,



Zack Cisek

scoring key goals when he was called upon.

"Chris a high-end skating power forward with a big wrist shot," said Johnson. "He has developed his game over the past two years to become one of the premier forwards in the state."

Waterstreet earned First-Team All-State and First-Team All-MIHL honors. He collected 13 goals and 14 assists this year.

David Middleton

Senior Forward, Catholic Central

It sure seemed like a single scoring play didn't go by this year when Middleton wasn't involved. Obviously, that's an exaggeration, but when you're in on as many key plays like this senior forward was, it sure seems like reality to the writers who wrote about you. What is most surprising is that Middleton actually missed six games and still made First-Team All-State in Division I and First-Team All-MIHL.

"David is an offensive force for a big forward," said Johnson. "He had excellent numbers despite missing six games with a broken hand. He scored two goals in the state championship game with a torn MCL in his left knee."

Middleton ended the season with 15 goals, 12 assists and respect from every player and coach who faced him.

Cody Beck

Senior Forward, Milford

Diligent and resourceful are two words that can be used about Beck anytime he hits the ice. The senior forward banged out 30 goals this year and added 12 assists. He was named the team's Most Valuable Player after that performance.

Nolan Valleau

Junior Defenseman, Novi

Don't bother trying to get around

Valleau if you're moving the puck down the ice. It's just not going to happen. The junior was a wall when it came to blocking out forwards from opposing teams. He honed in and stuck to them like black on a hockey puck. His efforts didn't go unnoticed this year, either, earning himself First-Team All-State for Division II as well as a selection to the 2010 Dream Team.

Ryan Obuchowski

Senior Defenseman, Catholic Central

Offense, they say, gets the glory. Defense, especially in the case of Detroit Catholic Central, wins championships. No wonder Obuchowski is a defenseman. The All-State First-Team selection doesn't mind playing a little offense now and then though, chipping in 24 assists this year and four goals.

"Ryan is a tremendous skater who is as good defensively as his offensive numbers," said Johnson. "He has a 4.1 GPA and will be a fantastic junior player and successfully move on to Division I college hockey."

Obuchowski was also an All-MIHL selection this year.

Josh Mesclier

Senior Defenseman, Lakeland

Intangibles can mean as much as statistics when it comes to picking an All-Area team. That's why Mesclier earned a place on this year's All-Area First Team. He may not have the most impressive numbers, picking up four goals and eight assists over 23 games, but he brings to the table things you just can't teach: Dedication, determination, intelligence and talent.

"He's talented enough to play forward and defense," said his coach Tim Ronayne. "That's very hard to do."

Mesclier is a recipient of the Hobey Baker Award, given to the player who exemplifies character, commitment, teamwork, persistence, selflessness, academic excellence and sportsmanship.

Mesclier was named as a KLAA Scholar Athlete this season.

Michael Pesendorfer

Junior Goalie, Novi

It's hard to believe Pesendorfer is just a junior, especially with the poise with which he plays. And it's not just us who noticed, either, as Pesendorfer earned honors across the board, including First-Team All-State in Division II.

And why not? Pesendorfer had an

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4/21 @ South Lyon East (DH 1)
4/21 6 p.m. @ South Lyon East (DH 2)

GIRLS SOCCER

All games 7 p.m. unless noted
4/19 @ Livonia Stevenson
4/21 @ South Lyon

GIRLS TENNIS

All meets 4 p.m. unless noted
4/15 @ South Lyon
4/17 9 a.m. @ Saline Invite
4/20 Plymouth Salem
4/22 @ Livonia Stevenson

BOYS LACROSSE

4/19 6:30 p.m. @ South Lyon East
4/21 6:30 p.m. Canton

BOYS/GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

All meets 4 p.m. unless noted
4/17 9:30 a.m. @ Oxford Relays
4/20 Plymouth Salem
4/23 @ North Farmington Raider Invite

BOYS GOLF

All meets 3:30 p.m. unless noted
4/15 8 a.m. Farmington Invite

PREP SCHEDULES

4/17 TBA Pinckney Invite
4/19 9:30 a.m. @ Brighton Invite
4/19 @ Livonia Stevenson
4/20 9 a.m. @ HVS Invite (Milford)
4/21 @ South Lyon

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BASEBALL

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4/17 11 a.m. DeLaSalle (DH)
4/21 @ Divine Child (DH)

LACROSSE

All times p.m.
4/15 8 @ Canton
4/17 4 East Grand Rapids
4/23 7 @ Dublin Jerome

TRACK & FIELD

All times p.m. unless noted
4/17 11 a.m. @ Dearborn Elk Relays
4/19 4 DeLaSalle

NORTHVILLE
BASEBALL

All times 4 p.m. unless noted
4/15 @ Saline (DH)
4/17 9 a.m. @ Grosse Pointe North (Invite)
4/17 2 p.m. @ Milan (Invite)
4/19 @ Wayne Memorial
4/21 Salem (DH)

SOFTBALL

All games 4 p.m. unless noted
4/17 TBA @ Farmington Hills Mercy (Invite)
4/17 TBA @ Mercy (Invite)
4/19 @ Wayne Memorial
4/21 Salem (DH)

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4/17 10 a.m. @ Ypsilanti (Invite)
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4/20 3:45 p.m. South Lyon East

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4/16 South Lyon East
4/19 @ W.L. Western
4/21 Plymouth

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4/21 7:30 @ Plymouth
4/23 6:15 South Lyon

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4/19 Marian
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4/22 South Lyon East

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4/15 @ W.L. Central
4/19 6 South Lyon East
4/22 Stevenson
4/23 Saline

KNIGHTS RUGBY

4/15 5:30 p.m. Birmingham
4/21 5:30 p.m. Grand Blanc

WRESTLING

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cess strapping on the blue and white."

TJ Fagan, CC sophomore

Fagan was the other force at 103 pounds, finishing fifth at state. His highlights include finishing runner-up at districts and regionals, third at the CC Invite, fourth at Goodrich and fifth at Oakland County. He claimed the title at Observerland.

"TJ is a phenomenal young wrestler with great character and discipline," said Hancock. "He has made great strides as a wrestler, and I expect him to continue working towards being the state's best. He has had one heck of year in being a part of two state championship teams, wrestling and cross country."

Todd Melick, CC sophomore

Melick made a run to the state finals at 112 pounds, finishing runner-up only to a two-time champion.

His 36-3 record included wins at district, regionals, a second-place finish at Observerland at 119 pounds and a third at the CC Invite at 125 pounds.

"Todd Melick is the most dangerous wrestler in the state," said Hancock. "He has an amazing ability to pin and expects six team points each time he steps on the line. Todd was the catalyst for this team all year long and will go down as one of the best dual meet wrestlers CC has ever seen."

Charlie Joseph, CC senior

Joseph (43-21) wrestled his way onto the podium for an eighth-place finish at 125 pounds at the state finals.

Highlights included a district title, runner-up finishes at regionals and the Holt Invite and a third at Observerland.

"Charlie is very special to this program. 'Choo Choo' will forever be remembered as an easy going, humorous, senior who found a way to win big matches for the team," said Hancock. "There is no doubt in my mind that Charlie will be successful in whatever future endeavor he chooses to pursue."

Nick Mason, CC sophomore

Mason capped off a 45-20 season with a fourth-place finish at 130 pounds at the state finals. His highlights include runner-up finishes at Oakland County and districts; third-place finishes at Observerland and Holt Invite; and a fourth-place finish at regionals.

"Nick Mason is the complete package," said Hancock. "He's a fine young man who brings out the best in others. Nick saved his best wrestling for when it counted. He went 3-0 at the team states and scored some major points during our championship run."

Justin Melick, CC junior

Melick was the second of three Shamrocks to be

crowned a champion at the individual state finals, his at 135 pounds. He finished 51-7, claiming titles at districts, CC Invite, Holt Invite and Observerland. He was runner-up at Oakland County and regionals and third at Goodrich.

"Justin Melick is one of the toughest young men I've ever seen," said Hancock. "He competes very hard and is an absolute animal when he steps on the mat. Justin Melick is a silent assassin. He doesn't say much or clown around when he's out there. He just gets the job done."

Doug Eldridge, CC senior

Eldridge was the last Shamrock to wrestle in the individual finals. He beat Andrew Morse from Lowell 6-5 to claim the title and finish 51-8 at 145 pounds.

His title list includes districts, regionals, Holt and Observerland. He finished runner-up at Goodrich and third at the CC Invite.

"Doug is an amazing young man who deserved to win a state title," said Hancock. "His work ethic and willpower were infectious. He came into this school as a young hard-nosed brawler and leaves a champion in every aspect of life. Catholic Central will always be grateful for what he did for this program and school."

Miles Trealout, CC junior

Trealout finished 44-22, earning a seventh-place finish at 189 pounds at states.

His highlights include runner-up finishes at districts, regionals and Observerland. He placed third at Holt.

"Miles is our mule," said Hancock. "He's not flashy or exciting, he's just a solid, hard-working individual. He does everything we ask of him plus more. Miles started wrestling as a freshman and has made great strides in becoming an All-Stater."

Mike Kinville, CC senior

Kinville was a captain for the team state champion and capped his career with a third-place finish at 215 pounds at the individual finals.

His 54-4 record including titles at district, regionals and Observerland, Oakland County and Goodrich. He finished runner-up at Holt and CC invites.

"Kinville is as tough as they come," said Hancock. "His work ethic and dedication to this program is second to none. Mike Kinville is the epitome of a leader. He was the bond that held this state championship team together. He took care of our young and guided the old."

"We will always be indebted to Michael and his family for what they have given the Shamrock Nation."

SECOND TEAM

Bobby Lahiff, Northville senior

Lahiff qualified for state at 189 pounds, finishing the year 51-13. He also was first at the

Wayne County Invite and second at the KLAA tournament.

Jon Nelson, Northville senior

Nelson finished his senior season with a 51-5 record at 152 pounds. He was a two-time state qualifier, won the KLAA title and finished second at Wayne County.

Josh Wright, Northville senior

Wright made it the individual state finals and finished the season 35-16. He was second at the Wayne County Invite and fourth at the KLAA tournament.

Jimmy Schroeder, Milford senior

Schroeder capped a 127-win career with a 38-15 record at 112 pounds. He did not get pinned all season, while winning 27 of his matches by fall. He finished first at the KLAA tournament, second at the Berkley Invite and third at the Lakeland Invite and districts.

Devin Boria, Milford senior

Boria recorded a win at the state finals at 125 pounds. He finished the year 42-10, winning a title at the Berkley Invite and at the Lakeland Invite. He finished second at districts, the KLAAs and at Oakland County. He finishes his Milford career with 151 wins.

Nick Burt, Milford senior

Burt went over the century mark in wins with 107. He went to state at 135 pounds and finished the year 32-12. His highlights include a runner-up finish at Lakeland and Berkley, a third at districts and fourth-place finishes at regionals and at Oakland County.

Brooks O'Brien, South Lyon senior

O'Brien overcame a leg injury to reach the individual states. He finished 21-9, won the South Lyon Invite and placed fifth at the KLAAs.

Matt Thompson, CC senior

Thompson qualified for states at 119 pounds. He finished 43-14. His highlights include runner-ups at Holt and districts. He was third at the CC Invite and fourth at regionals.

Gerid Gee, CC senior

Gee capped a 33-30 season with a trip to individual states. He was finished runner-up at Observerland and fourth at districts and regionals at 152 pounds.

Andrew Erickson, CC junior

Erickson capped a 35-26 season with a trip to individual states at 160 pounds. He was second the CC Invite and districts and third at regionals.

Andrew Johnson, CC senior

Johnson's 42-13 at 215 pounds included a trip to individual states. He finished second at districts and at regionals.

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A youth soccer camp will be presented by Northville High School's varsity soccer teams from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on April 17 at the NHS soccer fields.

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.

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NHS varsity gymnastics looking for participants

Incoming freshman girls interested in participating in Northville High School gymnastics should contact Head Coach Erin McWatt at erin.mcwatt@gmail.com or (734) 658-6023. Tryouts will begin next fall at the end of October, and the season runs until mid-March. Look for information regarding a Q&A meeting at the end of May, and don't forget to visit the gymnastics booth at the May 7 Activity Fair at Northville High School.



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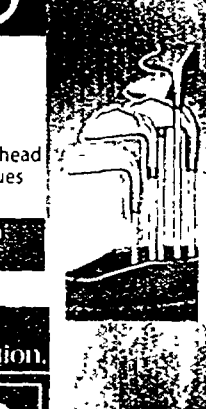
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89.98 stop percentage on shots on goal and recorded two shutouts this year in a highly talented league. He allowed 46 goals all season long, recording a 2.39 goals-against average for the year. He faced 459 shots on goal this season.

SECOND TEAM

Bran Wilhelm

Senior Forward, Catholic Central

Wilhelm collected First-Team All-State honors in Division I and Second-Team All-MIHL. He collected 33 points with 12 goals and 21 assists this season.

Joey Ferriss

Junior Forward, Novi

Ferriss was noticed by everyone who played against him or watched him, earning First-Team All-State honors in Division II as Novi's second-leading scorer. He had 12 goals and 28 assists this year.

Stefan Kegebein

Senior Forward, Lakeland

Kegebein was a captain on his team as well as an All-State Academic, an All-KLAA selection, the Lakeland Most Valuable Player and a KLAA

Scholar Athlete. He picked up 11 goals and eight assists.

Matt Rosiar

Senior Forward, Northville

Rosiar, an All-KLAA selection, was a key player in Northville's power play and penalty kill. He was a captain this season, picking up nine goals and 10 assists while earning himself just four penalty minutes. He's a member of the National Honor Society and is involved heavily with community service.

Jeff Clark

Senior Forward, Milford

Clark was an All-KLAA selection this season who led his team in goals scored with 38. He also added 13 assists to his statistics for 51 total points during his senior campaign.

Cofin Tittle

Soph. Defenseman, South Lyon

The youngest member of the 2010 All-Area Hockey Team, Tittle proved the selflessness and a "team first" attitude pay off. He collected five goals in his sophomore season but tallied 25 assists over 26 games.

Jordan Blanzly

Junior Defenseman, Lakeland

Leading by example, Blanzly collected just four goals and three assists but played true defense,

hanging back to stop any kind of rush on his team's goal. His efforts earned him the team's Most Valuable Defenseman award.

Alex Cova

Senior Defenseman, Novi

Cova may have collected just four goals and eight assists this season, but he played defense with an attitude that the only stat that counts is the win-loss record. Cova's efforts paid off, not only getting his team deep into the playoffs, but also earning him Second-Team All-State honors in Division II.

David Ketelhut

Senior Goalie, Northville

It's not easy playing goalie when your defense is suffering through injuries and setbacks. Ketelhut did his best, managing to help get his team on the right track by the end of the regular season. Their season, unfortunately, ended in the first round of the playoffs when they met eventual state champion Catholic Central.

HONORABLE MENTION

Lakeland: Sean Burnock, Nick Sokolt; South Lyon: Trevor Eddler, Mike Hoy, Danny Diroff, Jared Vincek; Novi: Tyler Manning, Evan Dixon; Catholic Central: Austin Hervey, Ryan Keller, Eric Winder, Sean Gaffney; Northville: Tyler Marotta, Max McHugh, Stephen Champagne, Mike Scorzo; Milford: Tyler Matreul, Austin Wilson, Alex Gibson and John Luzenski.

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IT'S YOUR NORTHVILLE BUSINESS Q&A

Take advantage of variety of therapeutic services in Northville

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

We have a staff of highly skilled therapists who specialize in a variety of therapeutic massage techniques including Swedish deep tissue, cranial sacral therapy, reflexology, body rolling, stretching, prenatal, lymphatic drainage and aromatherapy. We do pamper parties, bridal parties, corporate chair massage and golf outings. We also offer facials using an amazing organic line of skin care products which are extremely effective for everything from acne to anti-aging.

How did you first decide to open your business?

For my first five years in the massage business I worked in a couple different venues and also did massage in people's homes. I wanted to find an anchor for my business in a wonderful, family-oriented community where I could provide people with stress relief and health and wellness for both the young and old.

Why did you choose this area?

Because it is a small charming community in need of my services. There didn't seem to be many providers of massage therapy. I had conducted a landscape business many years ago which serviced people in Northville and I really felt at home here.

What makes your business unique?

We are located in a beautifully decorated historical Victorian home which exudes peace and tranquility. We have highly skilled therapists who are devoted to health and wellness.

How has it changed since you opened?

Started off with just myself, I now have 13 therapists and we provide many new services such as facials and reflexology and herbal Thai massage.

How has the recent economy affected your business?

Because we view stress relief as a necessity rather than a luxury, we have continued to provide healing massage during these tough economic times at reduced rates. Because of this, we have been fortunate to maintain our existing clientele and to even grow.

Any advice for business owners?



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Angela Lavigne, owner of Northville's New Body Therapeutics at 335 N. Center Street, is now offering clients more than massage work, like facials and other esthetician-provided services.

It's all about providing the best service possible. Do your homework, find out who your clients are and what is important to them. The best way to build a business is building relationships.

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

To have a second location and offer more wellness services and keep striving to be the best!

DETAILS

Business Name: New Body Therapeutics
Address: 335 N. Center Street, Northville
Your Name/Title: Angela Lavigne/owner-operator
Your Hometown: Northville
Business Opened When: May 2005

Number of Employees: 14

Hours of Operation: 10 a.m.-7 seven days a week (open until 9 p.m. Thursdays)

Your Business Specialty: facials, reflexology, health and wellness

Phone: (248) 348-2770

Web site: Newbodytherapy.com

NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

New Tastefully Simple consultant

Northville's Carrie Photosios became an independent consultant with Tastefully Simple Inc., a national direct sales company featuring more than 60 easy-to-prepare foods.

These independent business owners offer food samples at home taste-testing parties, along with ideas for everyday meals, recipes, serving suggestions and fun. All of Tastefully Simple's products are open-and-enjoy or can be prepared by adding only one or two ingredients.

"In today's world, 'staying in' has become the new 'going out'! You don't have to leave home to enjoy wonderful food, fun and laughter with your family and friends," says Jill Blashack Strahan, Tastefully Simple Inc. founder and CEO. "That's why we're proud to offer great experiences, easy-to-prepare products and an exciting business opportunity for people who are looking for something more."

For more information about Tastefully Simple products, taste-testing parties or starting your own Tastefully Simple business, visit www.tastefullysimple.com.

Eight schools help 'U Drive Success'

Eight schools are helping together at "U Drive Success" to help adult learners who are looking to boost their careers or change their career path, Wednesday, April 28, 3:30-8 p.m. at Schoolcraft College's VisiTech.

The doors open for this free program at 3:30 p.m. Workshops will take place at 4 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. No registration is required.

This event provides attendees with free workshops designed to help them learn more about starting their own business; enhance resumes and interviewing skills; the importance of networking; and other strategies for job hunting. Ford Motor Company will provide human resources professionals and Michigan Works! will provide information that connects those looking to go to school to grant money and other resources.

Those attending will have the chance to participate in as many as three 45-minute workshops, scheduled around the 6 p.m. keynote presentation, led by television news anchor Rhonda Walker, WDIV-TV (Channel 4), who will offer inspirational words designed to motivate people facing career challenges. There will be opportunities for networking and refreshments looking to go.

High school students interested in exploring higher education opportunities and improving their skills in search for employment are also invited to attend this event.

This program is a cooperative venture, coor-

inated by the Livonia Chamber of Commerce and all of the schools, including Walsh College, Schoolcraft College, Madonna University, Davenport University, University of Phoenix, Northwood University, Eastern Michigan University and ITT Technical Institute. Each school will bring experts to lead the free workshops.

For more information, contact the Livonia Chamber of Commerce at (734) 427-2122.

Pendleton fund-raiser

Pendleton on North Center Street in downtown Northville is partnering with the Michigan State University Alumni Club of Western Wayne County in a fundraising charity event.

Each year, the MSU Alumni Club of Western Wayne county awards several scholarships to several Schoolcraft College students who plan on continuing their education at Michigan State. This event will help fund these scholarships.

On Saturday, April 17, Pendleton will be donating 10 percent of all sales designated to MSU to this scholarship fund. As a special incentive for this event, Pendleton will be offering 20 percent off all apparel and blankets.

Oakland offers business workshops

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford. For location specifics and pre-registration, visit www.oakgov.com/peds/calendar or call (248) 858-0783.

Future Workshops
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April 2010
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ADVERTISING FEATURE

In full bloom

Everything Grows helps local gardens and landscapes flourish all year long

BY ALISON BERGSIEKER
ADVERTORIAL WRITER

Spring has arrived and everything is looking oh so much brighter. With another Michigan winter come and gone, it's time to look forward to the beautiful spring blooming trees and bulbs coming up in gardens all around us. The early warmth this year has the crew at Everything Grows of South Lyon excited about getting outside and getting their hands dirty.

Jodi Slankard, advanced master gardener and owner of Everything Grows, is excited to thank her longstanding clients.

"In this economic environment, we greatly appreciate your patronage," Slankard said.

Everything Grows is a small business that works with gardens of all sizes. A familiar face among many neighborhoods in South Lyon, Brighton, Milford, Novi and Northville since 2001, Jodi has worked with many to create customized gardens and landscapes.

It's time to get to work on the spring cleanup, cutting back grasses and roses and anything else that we let stand for winter interest. Spring is also the best time to get a jump on weeding by pulling them out before they can get established and go to seed.

Landscaping is a continuing project, and overgrown beds can age a home. By removing overgrown shrubs and trimming or removing overgrown trees in your yard, you can transform your home to look 20 years younger.

"The biggest mistake people make in original landscaping, is not considering the full plant size at maturity," Slankard said. "Commonly trees and shrubs will be planted too close to each other, creating a clustered, messy appearance."



Everything Grows always incorporates designs specific to clients' preferences.

Everything Grows considers a number of factors when designing new outdoor spaces and incorporates dwarf species when appropriate. By leaving space between the plants, they develop to their potential.

Slankard said she and her team are fanatics about soil quality and amendment. By starting with a great base, you will save money on plant and maintenance costs down the road.

"We use compost from our local Tuthills Compost Farm that sells the finest product in the area," Slankard said. "This helps to retain water in sandy beds, feed the plants continuously and assists in drainage of heavy clay beds."

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porates designs specific to clients' preferences. Using 'anchor' plants that are usually hardy flowering shrubs that bloom in different seasons as well as evergreens to provide winter interest and stability, a landscaping can be created that is pleasing in all seasons.

If it is all-summer color you're looking for, Everything Grows plants annuals that will bloom

continuously from June until frost. This will enhance the anchor perennials and shrubs and make them look great long after blooming.

"We are very aware of the environment and take all of your garden waste to the compost farm," Slankard said. "We also limit the amount of chemicals we apply and prefer to weed the old-fashioned

way, with spades and shovels to remove the roots. We use a slow release granular fertilizer to provide the necessary nutrients for the plants to thrive."

The most unique feature of Everything Grows is that it is a small area business, and Slankard is present at every project. She is meticulous about cleanup and will work with any budget.

"Most of our clients are homeowners and subdivision associations, but we do serve some area businesses," Slankard said. "Please call us today for a free consultation and estimate."



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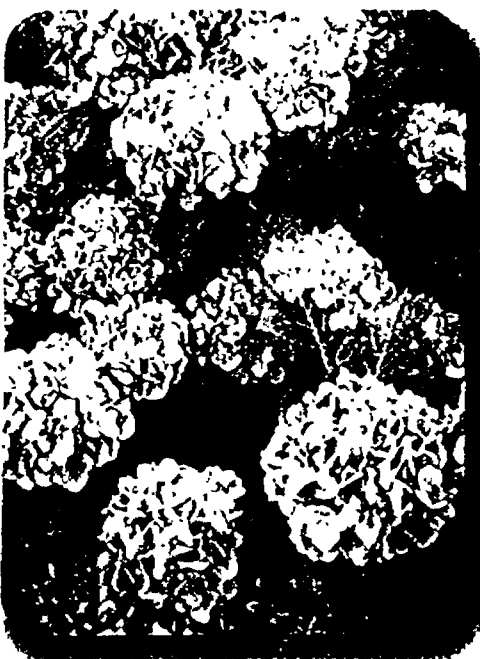
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6 Ways to Get the Job When You're Not the 'Ideal' Candidate

It may seem like a waste of time to apply for a position that, at least on paper, doesn't exactly match your skills and experience. After all, many job seekers can't even get a hiring manager's attention when they do appear to be a perfect fit.

But if you believe you're capable of performing a job well despite the fact that your background doesn't completely align with the requirements of the position, there might still be hope. You need to consider yourself from a hiring manager's perspective and build a case that shows why you're the best person for the position. Following are some tips:

1. Don't waste their time

First, make sure your background meets at least the most basic criteria for the position. If the job requires expertise in three specific software programs, for instance, and you are familiar with only one, don't apply. But if candidates should possess seven years of experience, and you have five, an employer might consider your application. Keep in mind, however, that some firms simply will not interview you if you don't meet every requirement, no matter how close your qualifications are. After all, companies still can afford to be picky.

2. Find an inside connection

One of the best ways to get your foot in the door when you're a near fit for a job is by getting a referral from someone who can speak to the hiring manager on your behalf. Ask those in your network if they -- or

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sites such as LinkedIn and Facebook can be especially helpful in uncovering individuals who may have an "in" at your target firm, but be judicious when requesting assistance. You should have established trust and credibility with anyone you ask to go to bat for you.

If you can, try to leverage your contacts to arrange a meeting with the hiring manager. Sometimes, all it takes to get a chance at the job is a face-to-face meeting where you can make your case directly. This allows you to establish a rapport with the employer and demonstrates your enthusiasm for the position.

3. Address concerns upfront

Instead of hiding any shortcomings you possess, acknowledge them. For example, if you're overqualified for a position, use your cover letter or

the interview to explain why the job nonetheless appeals to you. Perhaps after managing <<http://www.careerbuilder.com/jobs/keyword/management/>> a large team of employees for years, you've decided you'd prefer to do more hands-on work as an individual contributor and not oversee others. Or if you're a bit underqualified, you might note how strength in one area (such as a well-regarded certification you recently earned) could make up for weaknesses in another (your lack of necessary experience, for instance).

4. Highlight return on investment

Hiring managers seek employees who have a track record of saving previous employers time or money. Promote the bottom-line benefits you can offer by highlighting accomplishments in your résumé or cover letter. You could note, for example, how you spearheaded the implementation of a new billing <<http://www.careerbuilder.com/jobs/keyword/billing/>> system that saved people time when uploading data <<http://www.careerbuilder.com/jobs/keyword/data/>>, freeing up staff to focus on other critical tasks.

5. Offer a trial run

With some companies only beginning to cautiously add new staff, hiring managers are less likely to take a risk on someone who doesn't exactly match the job criteria. As a result, you might have to sweeten the deal to persuade an employer to take a chance on you. You might offer to start the job on a

project <<http://www.careerbuilder.com/jobs/keyword/project/>> or temporary basis, for instance, with the agreement that you will be brought on full time <<http://www.careerbuilder.com/jobs/keyword/full+time/>> if certain performance objectives are met.

6. Be truthful

Above all, keep in mind that you should never stretch the truth in an attempt to improve the odds of getting a job. Your lie could easily be uncovered, and you could damage your professional reputation, seriously harming your prospects of finding a job not only with your target firm but also other companies.

Many organizations are willing to take smart risks on seemingly promising employees, but it's up to you to show them why taking a small leap of faith would be a wise move. By addressing any potential concerns upfront and building a compelling case for yourself, you'll improve your chances of convincing them that an "imperfect" candidate like you is the right choice.

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REAL ESTATE

Multiple generations under one roof create challenges for families

BY JULIE BROWN
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In his work as a professor of counseling at Eastern Michigan University, Perry Francis sees more young adults moving back home after graduation.

"So you have what you call boomerang kids," said Francis, coordinator of counseling services in the College of Education Clinical Suite at EMU. Recent grads either have no job or have graduated to Starbucks and are underemployed, making living on their own impossible.

"People have lost their homes so they're doing it out of necessity," Ypsilanti resident Francis said of increased numbers of multigenerational families.

"The good old times were neither," he said. "We have a tendency to romanticize things."

As people became more mobile in the 1950s, '60s and '70s, families were less likely to live together in multiple generations. The plus is that people were productive, the downside loss of family touch of telling stories and passing down of values.

"We're seeing people compacting into a house" now, Francis said. "They're having to negotiate all that. That creates a lot of tension."

There's an upside as well. "Nobody loves you like your family," he said of those who, hopefully, are supportive. "At the same time, you're with people who are supportive of you."

He sees mostly graduate students in his work who are older and married. Francis and his wife have a daughter in Tacoma, Wash., a recent college graduate whom they supply with a little support. A couple of the daughter's

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friends have had to move home when they couldn't find work.

He also has a couple graduate students in mental health who've been hired back in some cases as contractors without benefits. Loss of a home is a major concern for them.

Francis has down to earth advice for families now living together as multiple generations under one roof. Parents, for example, shouldn't assume things will go back to how they were.

"You have to negotiate," he said, noting college graduates have been out on their own. Young adults who move back in also need to sit down and negotiate tasks, payment and issues of boundaries and privacy.

"Don't let things fester that bother you," he said, and be sure all voices are heard.

He's not sure the trend of multiple generations together will continue. "I think that's a question better left to the economists, not a mental health expert," Francis said.

If the economy continues as is, you could see retrofitting of homes for in-law apartments.

Francis emphasizes that families who communicate do better. "It's important that people do that, they communicate their needs and wants,



their hopes and joys."

Some people end up with older relatives at home rather than grown children. Mary Denning of Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe in Westland has her mother-in-law, who's 92, at her Howell home. "She helped out a lot when the kids were little." Her husband's mom lived right down the street, and when Mary went back to paid work she helped.

"Now she needs us and it's a relief I don't have to worry about her," Denning said. "It's a good experience. I would hate for her to be in Tucson and worry if she's eating. She's there for me

so I'm going to be there for her."

Denning recommends having some "my space. You need to have a place where you can hide out." She and her husband have no young adult children at home.

"She's a good lady. She's done a lot for me. It's nice to be able to help her now because grandpa's gone." Her mother-in-law had fallen a couple times and was injured.

She had driven until last year, and Denning agreed it's tough for older people to give up independence. "Now she has to rely on us to take her" to the store, Denning said.

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Q: The treasurer of our association is a real estate agent and a property manager. He has been hired by the bank to handle units within the association that are in foreclosure, and, he has told some people that he intends to bid on some foreclosed units. Some board members believe that this is a conflict of interest because, as treasurer, he has information about units that other owners do not have. What do you think?

A: I believe that as treasurer he must give the association itself first priority as to whether or not to bid on these units since he owes a fiduciary duty to the association. If the association



Robert Meisner

itself is not interested in bidding on these units, then I do not see a problem in him doing so since the sale process is, presumably, a matter of public record and everyone is on at least constructive notice of it. However, when in doubt, get a legal opinion from your association attorney.

Q: Are you aware of any innovative ways in which associations have been able to get their homeowners to pay their assessments in these economically difficult times?

A: As a lawyer, I am obviously familiar with all of the remedies available under the condominium documents as well as issues concerning the priority of the association lien against a mortgagee's lien in certain instances. However, I am aware of a situation wherein the board offered a financial incentive to homeowners who submitted proposals for sprucing up their yards. The only requirement was that the homeowners be up to date in their assessment fees and use the money for that stated purpose. It seemed to work in that situation and the board may wish to consider other creative means by which to seek payment of the assessments although self-help remedies, while generally authorized by the documents, are always risky.

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

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 28-31, 2009, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Auburn Hills	
3881 Hillside Dr	\$160,000
3173 Rabeeh Dr	\$180,000
2029 Richmond Rd	\$23,000
Beverly Hills	
22822 Highbank Dr	\$229,000
Birmingham	
583 Bloomfield Ct	\$215,000
151 E Lincoln St	\$237,000
1115 N Old Woodward Ave	\$172,000
759 Purdy St	\$407,000
1801 Washington Blvd	\$185,000
Bloomfield Hills	
30 Cranbrook Ln	\$600,000
2389 Hickory Glen Dr	\$325,000
205 Woodberry Dr	\$618,000
Bloomfield Township	
1712 Beechwood Way	\$360,000
1936 Brookview Ct	\$241,000
6551 Cathedral Dr	\$226,000
5645 Crabtree Rd	\$170,000
2640 Endsleigh Dr	\$535,000
320 Hamilton Rd	\$575,000
2364 Heronwood Dr	\$716,000
801 W Long Lake Rd	\$36,000
Clarkston	
4742 Cecelia Ann Ct	\$225,000
7190 Dark Lake Dr	\$225,000
7647 Devins Rd	\$730,000
4350 Elmdale Ave	\$75,000
1093 Felix Dr	\$65,000
5786 Garnet Cir	\$169,000
652 Hawksmoore Dr	\$360,000
5628 Hummingbird Ln	\$135,000
5763 Shannon Ln	\$155,000
7501 Stonevalley Blf	\$825,000
6400 Wellstey Ter	\$167,000
Commerce Township	
716 Andrews St	\$128,000
4958 Driftwood Dr	\$365,000
3252 Fox Blvd	\$85,000
3135 Newton Rd	\$123,000
3543 Oak Meadows	\$157,000
Farmington	
35565 Tall Pine Rd	\$205,000
Farmington Hills	
25273 Briarwyke Dr	\$185,000
21510 Hancock St	\$143,000
35553 Lancashire Dr	\$414,000
30580 Ramblewood Club Dr	\$158,000
34939 Valley Forge Dr	\$151,000
Lake Orion	
497 Bellevue Ave	\$240,000
2497 Huntington Dr	\$155,000
964 N Conklin Dr	\$148,000
Lathrup Village	
27751 California Dr NE	\$138,000
Milford	
822 Annie Lang Dr	\$400,000
Northville	
330 Hill St	\$75,000
Novi	
41839 Cherry Hill Rd	\$135,000
21835 Clover Ln	\$215,000
45001 Drocton Ct	\$258,000
25051 Sullivan Ln	\$220,000
Oakland Township	
21115 Wheaton Ln	\$330,000
722 Charlesina Dr	\$230,000
5175 Colyers Dr	\$379,000
135 Homer Taylor Dr	\$118,000
5423 Orion Rd	\$325,000
3756 S Creek Dr	\$285,000
2447 Selkirk Ct	\$445,000
Oxford	
1130 G'asslake Cr	\$290,000
25 Spring Lake Dr	\$205,000
416 Sunset Blvd	\$253,000
Rochester	
905 Churchill Cir	\$178,000
1798 Flagstone Cir	\$80,000
1373 Sunview Ct	\$443,000
312 Wesley St	\$128,000
Rochester Hills	
692 Bolinger St	\$125,000
2573 Culbertson Ave	\$58,000
951 Driftwood Ave	\$235,000
1035 E Tienken Rd	\$290,000
3451 Talbert Cir	\$50,000
1750 Thomas Ct	\$110,000
2860 Weaverston	\$86,000
914 Westford Way	\$150,000
South Lyon	
26081 Daria Cir E	\$280,000
61091 Greenwood Dr	\$40,000
605 Orchard Ridge Road	\$190,000
Southfield	
24273 Evergreen Rd	\$30,000
30003 Southfield Rd	\$205,000
Sylvan Lake	
2208 Garland St	\$630,000
Troy	
5898 Dawn Ridge Dr	\$163,000
34551 Dequindre Rd	\$50,000
1767 Fireside Dr	\$550,000
2098 Garry Dr	\$128,000
3732 Horseshoe Dr	\$160,000
3405 Kilmer Dr	\$71,000
1581 Picadilly Dr	\$430,000
2810 Sparta Dr	\$101,000
1875 Stephenson Hwy	\$500,000
5820 Sussex Dr	\$260,000
3296 Troy Dr	\$110,000
1651 W therbee Dr	\$114,000
Walled Lake	
24202 Alexa Dr	\$156,000
127 E Bay Dr	\$107,000
5202 Tamara Cir	\$115,000
3341 Timberlake Dr	\$515,000
Waterford	
6062 Barker Dr	\$114,000
3403 Carman St	\$55,000
3280 Harbours Blvd	\$170,000
1097 Hendricks Way	\$35,000
995 N Cass Lake Rd	\$24,000
1442 Rvona Dr	\$290,000
5199 Shoreline Blvd	\$166,000
5874 Sutherland Dr	\$108,000
2135 Watkins Lake Rd	\$350,000
West Bloomfield	
2645 Birch Harbor Ln	\$195,000
3306 Buckingham Trl	\$182,000
4482 Gateway Cir	\$136,000
3317 Lone Pine Rd	\$300,000
5240 Mirror Lake Ct	\$225,000
4885 Panorama Cir	\$395,000
2270 Shore Hill Dr	\$380,000
5215 W Maple Rd	\$277,000
White Lake	
328 Hurondale Dr	\$95,000

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tries, account management, retail sales, small business operations, marketing or event planning.

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BIA

Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a seminar for leasing professionals. "Leasing 101: The 2010 Tour" on Friday, April 23, from 9 a.m. to noon at Association Offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Kathleen Mabie of Ann Arbor-based Success On Site will provide guidelines to increase occupancy immediately. Topics to be presented include Competitive Analysis, Closing from Start to Finish, Secure Contacts when they call, hit Web sites, or send e-mail, Meet and Greet Interface, Follow-up and more. The entire leasing

process will be covered.

Registration fees are \$69 for PMC members, \$79 for AAM or Building Industry Association members and \$99 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org.

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A free Reverse Mortgage Seminar is 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road, Livonia. No obligation. Learn about reverse mortgages. Please RSVP with Larry Brady at (800) 260-5484, Ext. 33.

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Free Foreclosure Tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96. E-mail Georgia@addedvaluerealty.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com.

HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 21-25, 2009, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices

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45640 Baywood Blvd	\$220,000
42601 Boulden Ct	\$143,000
3405 Brooklyn Dr	\$208,000
44300 Duchess Dr	\$169,000
1363 Kensington Dr	\$270,000
39741 Lynn St	\$122,000
41717 Princess Dr	\$188,000
Farmington Hills	
2458 River Woods Dr N	\$270,000
1600 Stafford Dr	\$147,000
7984 Thornwood St	\$270,000
44923 Weymouth Dr	\$255,000
47016 Woodlong Dr	\$315,000
Garden City	
29124 Bridge St	\$51,000
6685 Cardwell St	\$92,000
260 Lathers St	\$36,000
Livonia	
30432 Bobrick St	\$156,000
28249 Clarita St	\$190,000
31571 Grenada St	\$158,000
14021 Harrison St	\$95,000
35264 W Chicago St	\$126,000
Northville	
18367 Blue Heron Dr E	\$335,000
Plymouth	
9114 McClumpha Rd	\$244,000
11619 Parkview Dr	\$125,000
1381 Sheridan St	\$180,000
47249 Timberwood Dr	\$340,000
Redford	
19255 Garfield	\$90,000
15501 Gaylord	\$72,000
9553 Hazelton	\$18,000
11738 Virgil	\$45,000
8921 Winston	\$59,000
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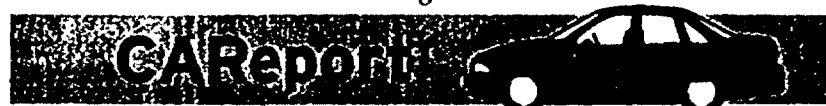
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SYNC BECOMES CRUCIAL DRIVER OF FORD'S BRAND, SALES

Advertising Feature



By Dale Buss

In one of the biggest successes in "ingredient" branding since "Intel on the inside," SYNC – Ford's voice-controlled communications and infotainment system – has been installed on the two-millionth vehicle less than a year after hitting the one-million milestone.

That's a remarkable achievement, putting SYNC on a far stronger trajectory than the electronics brand that most recently put a huge stamp on the inside of vehicles: General Motors' OnStar safety, security and navigation system. Arguably, SYNC's popularity has been just as important a driver in Ford's recent success as its stable of attractive new vehicles and its decision to stay away from government bail-out money last year while GM and Chrysler lunched at it.

"The success of SYNC proves that customers want to be connected," said Ken Czubay, Ford vice president of U.S. marketing, sales and service. "It is a true differentiator for us, adding real value for the customer."

Consider that Ford data shows the system boosts the resale value of SYNC-equipped vehicles by more than \$200 over vehicles without the option; anything that contributes so strongly to resale values comprises a big boost for Ford and its brands

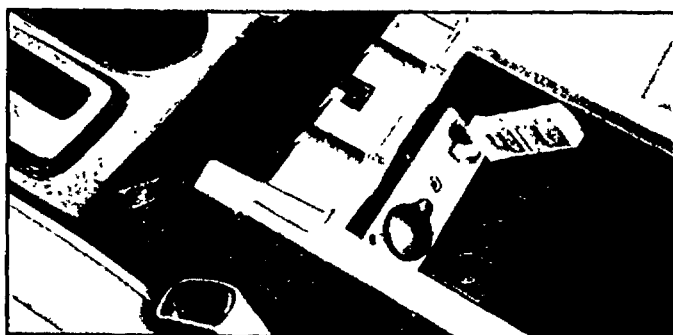
overall. Also, Ford said, after receiving SYNC demonstrations, 80 percent of potential customers report that it improves their opinion of Ford and 70 percent are more likely to consider purchase.

Constructed on a proprietary Microsoft-designed software platform, SYNC gives drivers a convenient, flexible and versatile on-board communications nexus that allows them to do hands-free calling, voice-activated dialing, easy navigation, real-time updates on traffic conditions, reports on conditions under the hood and a variety of other functions.

The two-millionth SYNC-equipped vehicle was built just 10 months after Ford delivered its one-millionth "SYNCed" unit, a 2010 Ford Fusion Hybrid, to Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer.

It's not yet the iPhone, but Ballmer has got to be happy that Microsoft played ball with Ford on SYNC. So are at least two million American consumers – and Ford executives.

In the meantime, fans who have been sad to see the cutdown to just seven finalists from 12 contestants on American Idol over the last few weeks will be brightened by this bit of news: Each member of the show's "Top 12" get to help design their



Ford's SYNC turns the vehicle into a wireless hot spot.



With SYNC in your Ford vehicle, sitting in the back seat becomes a whole new experience.



Here's the custom Ford Fiesta that American Idol finalist Michael Lynche helped design.

own, customized versions of the new Ford Fiesta.

Ford's "music video" advertising spots during the last several weeks of the Idol contest have been a fixture of all nine seasons of the show — and a great way for the Ford brand to reach young audiences with vehicles that are increasingly relevant to them. The compact Focus has anchored some of these spots in the past, and the company also has promoted its new Fiesta subcompact which goes on sale in the U.S. this summer.

Pimping rides, of course, is a huge part of car culture for young consumers these days, and automotive OEMs increasingly have done everything they can to tap into the customization world. Central to Ford's new car-customization emphasis with Idol

are 12 versions of the Fiesta based on designs by the show's last 12. Four young Ford designers met with the contestants and helped them develop their own designs.

And Ford is holding a "Ford Music Video Challenge" for 12 consecutive weeks through www.AmericanIdol.com, with the 12 winners each getting to choose one of the Idol designs for themselves.

"A lot of what Ford does around Idol is online," Connie Fontaine, manager of Ford brand content and alliances, told MediaPost. "We thought it was important to seed the idea in that first week of the Top 12, then do integrations in music videos and with a very strong online integration as well. We want everything we do on air to feel relevant, credible and organic."

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E-mail: wesap@seglobal.net

Local - Goods (530)

LOST LADIES WEDDING RING - Wed April 7th on 100 block of Main St. in Northville. Anyone w/ info please call 219-718-1515. Reward avail

Antiques Collectibles (702)

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Table w/chairs, custom built pine, great cond., \$395. China cabinet, beautiful antique, doors are all bone glass, \$395. Broylefflontana furniture, pine, sofa table, coffee table, matching table w/4 chairs, 2 side chairs, matching China cabinet, \$2,000. Broylefflontana Grant Hill Collection, bunk beds complete w/mattresses and night stand, great cond., \$500. Please contact Dana at dana@1118cvt.com or (248) 497-6336 for additional details to schedule an app.

DINING TABLE - FORMAL
Cherry wood, 8 chairs, china hutch, server, 2 leaves. Exc cond. \$1100/best offer (248) 488-4153

FURNITURE Refiner, like new
\$85; couch & matching chair, good condition \$95; walnut dining table + 4 chairs \$95; reclining couch w/earth tone colors \$45; lamps & end tables; reasonable; sofa bed, brand new, never used \$95 Livonia area. 734-367-0556

LOVESEAT
and oversized chair w/ottoman & ottomans. \$300 firm. Electric hospital bed w/special mattress for preventing bed sores. SOLD. Hoverdon electric wheel-chair, SOLD. Lift chair recliner, SOLD. 517-548-4575, if no answer, please leave message.

MATCHING SOFA & CHAIRS LIVING ROOM SET
Glass top table & side table. Tower entertainment center, bdrm set. Call 734-476-7641

MISC. FURNITURE
Teak side topped cocktail table, 41x11 \$200; oak media center \$400; both excellent condition 248-242-6854

WASHER & ELECTRIC DRYER
White, \$300/pair Good condition. Ron, 734-878-5437

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ROCKY RIDGE FARM 517-484-3335

ROUND BALES - No rain, for horses.
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