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# RECORD

### Seedling giveaway

The Northville Township & City of Northville

Beautification Commissions will host the annual Arbor Day seedling give-away from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, April 24 in the township hall parking lot and back patio (off of Sheldon Road), 44405 Six Mile Road (southwest corner of Six Mile and Sheldon roads).

Arbor Day seedlings are available at no charge to residents of the city and township of Northville and Northville Public School residents. Please bring L.D. or other proof of residency. You must attend in person to pick up seedlings and bring a bag or your own container for the seedlings. Requests by phone or mail will not be accepted, or requests from groups or

### **Blood drive**

Our Lady of Victory Church will hold a blood drive from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, April 25 in the OLV social hall (133 Orchard Drive, Northville). All donors are welcome. To schedule an appointment, contact Christine Abbey at (248) 701-5221 or chrisabbey1@corncast.net or go online at www.givelife.org; enter sponsor code 'olve'. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments can be made every 15 minutes.

### A Social Affair

In the April edition of Hometown Weeklies' Inspire, a monthly publication dedicated to living your best life in and outside of your home, an incorrect phone number for A Social Affair was listed on page 18. In our continuous charge to provide accurate information, we would like our readers to know they can contact the event and fund-raising planning business by calling (248) 974-3121.

### Coldwater opening

The Northville Department of Parks and Recreation and Stone House Coffee & Tea invite the community to participate in the opening celebration for the Coldwater Springs Nature Area on Saturday, April 24. The new nature area is located on Ridge Road in between Five and Six Mile

roads. Following the ceremony this event will feature a free four-mile. non-competitive fitness walk and run through the park and nature area. The fitness event begins and ends at Northville Community Park (Five Mile Road entrance). Stone House Coffee & Tea will provide coffee, water and snacks.

# Northville officials look at another lean budget year

No layoffs slated in near future

BY PAM FLEMING STAFF WRITER

The city of Northville is looking at another lean budget year for fiscal year 2010-11. But, at least no layoffs are scheduled to take place. Last fiscal year, the city

cut its workforce by about 15 percent, and there was about an 8-percent reduction in tax revenues. This year, there is about a

enues. A municipality with an approximate \$17 million bud-

9.5-percent drop in tax rev-

get, the city will see a \$1.1 million budget shortfall this fiscal

Nickie Bateson, assistant city manager and finance director, said the city is holding off on spending \$400,000 to fund retiree health care due to this shortfall.

One patrol officer who will be retiring this fiscal year will not be replaced, and the city

has sought concessions from labor unions to hold down costs. The city is also proposing to reduce the amount of police patrol time at Northville Downs race track.

Although a new fire truck is needed, the city also plans to delay this expensive purchase.

The city will schedule two fall pickups for leaves, as opposed to one last fiscal year,

"We will need to make some drastic changes this year. We will either have to cut services or cut revenues - one or the other."

ATT SAMULE Northville city manager

charging residents only \$2.60 every two months for the ser-

vice.

**NON-UNION WAGE FREEZE** A wage freeze has been imposed upon non-union city workers after a 2-percent

increase this last fiscal year. Shared services - that includes parks and recreation,

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### Northville Township

Seeking

helpers

Beautification Committee members (from left) Dorothy Mack, Marjorie Faessler, and Marie Barr will be assisting in the April 24 seedling give-away at Township Hall and are looking for volunteers to help tend the many gardens in the municipality.

# Buy Michigan Now Festival will return Aug. 6-8

### Event shortened to three days

BY PAM FLEMING STAFF WRITER

Northville, which has been known for its festivals for years, will again be the site of the Buy Michigan Now Festival this summer.

The Northville Downtown Development Authority received approval from city council Monday night and the DDA Board Tuesday morning to provide \$5,000 from its budget to support the event.

The festival, which ran for a full week last summer, has been shortened to only three days this year - from Aug. 6-8.

The festival supports Michigan businesses and products and encourages the public to support these initiatives in our state as well.

Many Michigan-made products and services will have booths at the event, organized by Lisa Diggs.

Lori Ward, executive director of the DDA, said the event will coincide with the Northville Central **Business Association's Annual** Sidewalk Sale and the First Friday Art & Fashion Walk.

The festival draws many people to the city. In fact, Chris Van Dam, owner of Van Dam's Boutique on E. Main Street, said she had her best day ever as a women's clothing and accessories boutique owner last year on the Friday during the Buy Michigan Now Festival.

This included her days when she had her boutique at the Renaissance Center in downtown Detroit.

Last year, the event ran from July 27-Aug. 2, and Ward said Diggs and others involved with the festival decided this was a little too long.

Most of the offerings during the week were educational or training seminars, Ward said. So, this component of the festival will be eliminated this year.

\*People from all over Michigan came last year," Ward said, noting that about 2,500 people attended the Friday Night Concert during the Buy Michigan Now Festival.

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# **Northville Township** millage rate stable

Service levels to be retained

> BY PAN FLEMBIG STAFF WRITER

Economic times are still hard, but Northville Township leaders are managing to keep the municipality's general allotment millage rate the same through 2014.

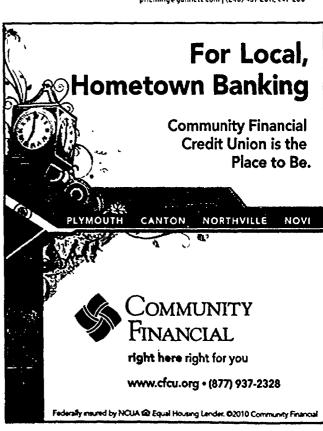
And, service levels will also remain the same for residents.

The millage rate evaluation was discussed at a special study session earlier this month at township hall. "What basically happens right now in Northville Township is that we keyy 6.2574 mills each year for our operating costs," said Thelma Kubitskey, assistant township manager and finance director. Property taxes are expressed in terms of mills per dollar assessed. A mill levy is known more widely as a mill rate.

For example, with a millage rate of 5.753 mills, a \$100,000 house would be taxed 575,300 mills, or \$575.30. Out of that 6.2574, residents don't

vote on .6824 mills. This is a general allotment that we get to levy through our charter," Kubitskey said. "It used to be one mill, but it's been rolled back because of the

Please see MILLAGE, A6



Dan Dempsey, CEO of Novi's Marketlink Services.

Marketlink specializes in representing and bringing products to

consumers. Dempsey is a Northville

resident.

Marketlink

is currently

marketing

a device to

give medical

update alerts

via computer

called myHaio.

### Local company markets personal emergency response system device

### Northville resident, Novi firm

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STAFF WRITER

A local firm is marketing a device called myHalo that provides some of the latest in personal emergency response system technology.

Dan Dempsey of Northville, president and CEO of Marketlink Services in Novi. said his company is introducing the product.

Marketlink was selected to launch this health care solution for senior citizens or anyone of any age who lives alone and may need immediate assistance.

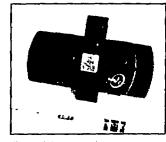
Dempsey said the device. myHalo, offers the first automatic fall detection technology on the market. "Basically, it is the next generation of the 'I've fallen and I can't get up' products," Dempsey said.

The device automatically detects when a person has fallen or is experiencing a health

This is because it can actually monitor such vital statistics as heart rate, skin temperature and calorie count.

"It even knows when the wearer of the device is resting or not resting," Dempsey said.

The device comes with a belt strap or chest strap and doesn't depend on the wearer activating it, unlike earlier



The myHalo personal emergency response system device.

Studies have shown that in four out of five falls, manuallyactivated medical alarms are never activated, according to the Halo Monitoring Web site.

A Trenton, Mich., user who suffers from seizures offers a testimonial to the myHalo device on the Web site: " ... Before receiving the device, I had...fallen on a couple occasions and don't know how long I was down. The ease of putting the clip on my belt and wearing it is great; I don't even know it's there. I used to go and sit until someone got home, now I have more freedom to do

things around the house when no one is home.'

### **HIGH-TECH STARTUPS**

Dempsey's company, Marketlink (www.marketlinkservices.com) launches hightech startups.

"We brought Blackberry to the U.S., Barracuda Networks, Iomega and others," Dempsey

The local businessman said

myHalo is a coming-of-age product because currently there are 39 million seniors in the U.S., and only one million have personal emergency response system devices. The baby-boomer population is becoming a senior popula-

tion, so the market is exploding, and Halo is the leader," he The product was designed

in Huntsville, Ala., by NASA

PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dempsey is also looking for salespeople who would be interested in helping his firm market the device.

For more information, go to www.halomarketlink.com. For more information about Dempsey's firm, go to www. marketlinkservices.com or call him at (248) 912-0300.

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### Celebrate the Arts

Eighth grade student and Northville resident Brian Johnson has been selected as an artist for "Celebrate The Arts," hosted by Detroit Country Day School, His artwork will be part of the three-day festival that includes traditional art mediums such as dramatic and musical performances, painting and sculpture as well as newer mediums including digital media. The free festival will be held April 23-25 at Detroit Country Day School in Bloomfield Hills.

# Council OKs guidelines for platform dining

### Two restaurants to try concept

BY PAN FLENING STAFF WRITER

After many lengthy discussions by planning commission, city council and the Northville Downtown Development Authority, council members set guidelines on platform dining Monday night.

Rather than make changes to the existing city ordinance, council decided instead to just set up guidelines for the design and operation of the platform dining structures.

The structures will be used on a trial basis to see how they fit into the downtown.

Restaurants will simply have to obtain a right-of-way building permit from the city for the platforms.

So far, only two restaurants

- Table 5 and the new Middle
Eastern restaurant, le George will have the dining platforms
set up in parking spaces outside
the locations on E. Main Street.

Owners of Edward's Café are not interested in investing in a platform, which has been estimated to cost \$7,000, according to local builder Mike Miller.

### **OPEN FOR SIX MONTHS**

The plan is to have the platforms, that will extend from the sidewalk into a parking space near each restaurant, open for six months out of the year. The platforms will be taken down and stored during the cold-weather months, opening up those parking spaces for holiday shoppers.

Lori Ward, executive director of the DDA, presented the concept of platform dining to council on April 5. The issue was tabled so that council members could receive more information. The idea was also presented to members of the Northville Central Business Association on April 13.

Ward said 16 businesses were represented at the meeting, with about 14 in favor of the concept.

Three railing designs have been approved by members of the Northville Historic District Commission.

If Table 5 or le George owners want a different design, they would have to have it approved by the commissioners.

Council wanted DDA staff to present a dedicated bus parking plan since two parking spaces will be taken up by the new dining platforms.

Ward presented four options to council for bus drop-offs — in front of the Marquis Theatre, on Mary Alexander Court, behind the Marquis Theatre and in front of Orin Jewelers on E. Main Street at Center Street.

Ward said the Marquis Theatre brings in about 130 buses a year, mainly from January through March, with most drop-offs at 10 a.m.
Genitti's Restaurant brings
in about 30 buses a year

between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Mayor Chris Johnson said
the bus drop-offs have been
more of a problem by the
Marquis Theatre than in front
of Genitti's. But, Ward said
the theatre's owners have
done a good job managing the
bus drop-offs lately.

Council member Doug Bingham, whose office is right across the street from the theatre, said he has not seen any problems recently with traffic being backed up on Main Street due to the buses.

Nancy Darga said with , school budget cuts that there may not be as many field trips to the Marquis Theatre as in the past as well.

Darga, who schedules buses to bring visitors on tours of historic Northville, said those buses use Mary Alexander Court or Mill Race Village, and that they would use the new walkway on E. Main Street when it's built.

She didn't think Orin
Jewelers would be a good location for bus drop-offs, as the
buses would have to extend into
the intersection at Main and
Center streets to park there.

### DADKING COMMITTEE

Members of the DDA
Parking Committee met on
April 15 to review the platform dining concept, among
other issues. Ward said all of
the members seemed to be in
favor of the idea, although one
person did have some concern
about the safety of people using
the structures.

The concept has been successful in downtown Birmingham, with eight in operation, so Ward contacted merchants there for feedback on the platforms. "The retailers thought it was a tremendous boost to business," Ward said.

The platforms are no longer used in downtown Plymouth because of renovations in their streetscape project. Council member Jim Allen said that he thought the platforms should be open to the public when they are not being used by the restaurant. Table 5 is only open for dinner, so this would particularly apply to that restaurant.

Mishelle Lussier, Table 5 owner, said that she would not have a problem with people using her platform during offhours. "People do that now with our sidewalk seating," Lussier said.

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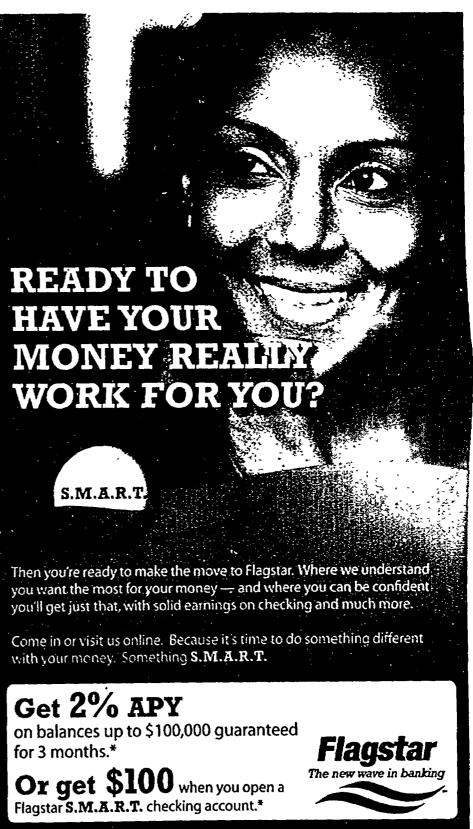


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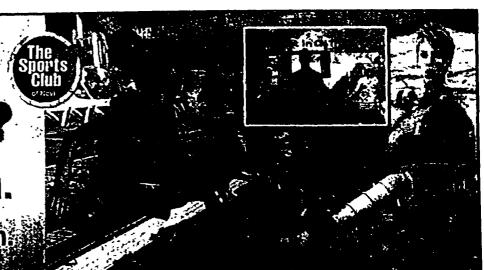
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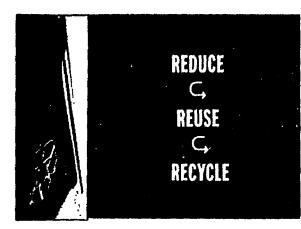
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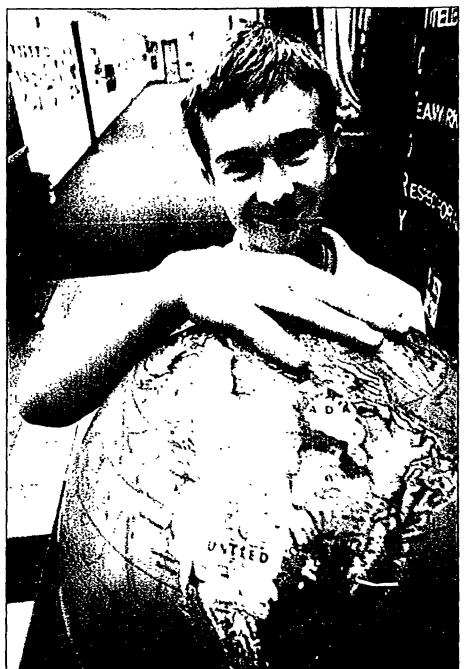


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### **Geography bee** competitor

Our Lady of Victory School student Paul Steffes was a semi-finalist in the 2010 Michigan Geographic Bee recently at Western Michigan. The seventh grader was in competition with 100 other top finalists in the state with the opportunity to continue on to the national finals in May in Washington, D.C.





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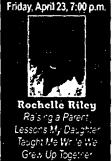
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# EDUCATION

# Bobcats excel in Academic Games tourney

The Northville Amerman Bobcats Academic Games team won big at the statewide Michigan Academic Games Super Tournament held March 10-11 in Grand Rapids.

Academic Games allows kids to work together on a team in various types of games to compete in the intellectual arena instead of the athletic field. After countless hours of practice and competitions at monthly regional tournaments, the Amerman students made the trek to Grand Rapids to battle in groups of five against other teams from across the state in two different mathematical games.

The first game, Equations, pits students against each other to devise challenging and creative solutions to numeric goals using cubes rolled and then strategically placed on a playing mat. The second game, On-Sets, tests their knowledge of set theory in a similar manner.

Nine Amerman fourth graders, with the help of a third grader from Southfield Leonard school, competed in the Minor division against other teams made up of from students in the third and fourth grades. The two Amerman Minor teams tied for first out of 36 teams in Equations and tied for first out of 26 teams in On-Sets thereby sharing the title of co-state champions in both

The players on the teams that swept two of the minor competitions were Brian Hu, Justin Lee, Keaton McGuirk, Andrew Mertz and Lauren Masse on one team, and Jennifer Ostrowski, Joseph Vig, Caitlyn Moore (third grader from Southfield Leonard Elementary,) Janak

other.

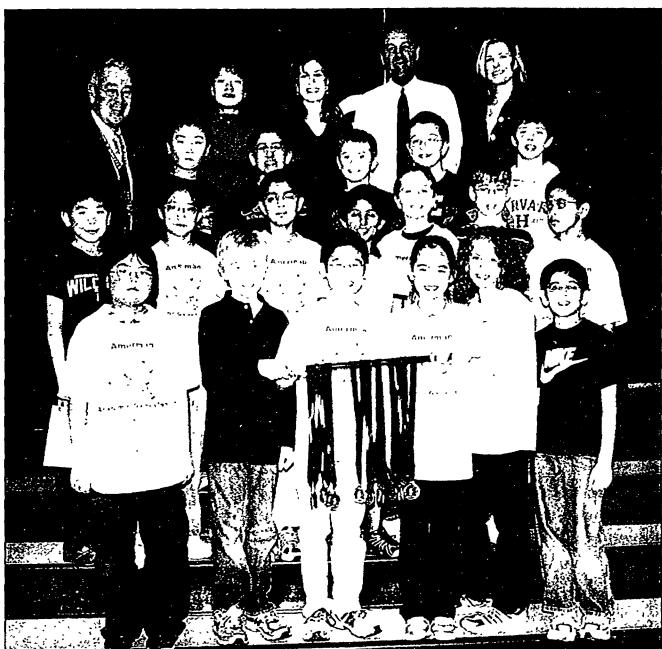
The Amerman Elementary division team was composed of fifth graders who competed against other teams made up of students in fifth or sixth grade. They made it to the finals out of 52 teams in Equations, but ultimately lost the title of state champion to a team from Detroit Brewer School. Members of this state runner up team are Larry Zhao, Clark Arenberg, Andrew Quinn, Ryan Basford and Claire Liu. Finally, fifth graders Michael Bian, Louie Hamati, Gokul Kannan, and Aarya Menon from Amerman Elementary School along with Robert Ardis from Plymouth Education Center in Detroit placed fourth in their division in On-Sets.

The accomplishments are all the more remarkable because every player was new to the games this year. This fall, Amerman parent and former player, Karen Chapel, established and coached the school's first Academic Games team with the strong support of principal Dr. Steven Anderson.

She credits the team's success not only to the hard work of the kids, but also to the tremendous efforts of parent coach Mark Masse, who taught an extra weekly practice on his own, along with Kim Vig, Rui Li, and Karen's former Academic Games coach from 30 years ago, Ken Kosmalski, who all worked together to coach the students in these games.

To learn more about Academic Games and how to get students involved, go to www.mlagonline.com for the Michigan League of Academic Games.

Mukherji and Angela Li on the Submitted by Karen Chapel



COURTESY PHOTO

The Amerman Bobcats: (I to r, top row) Principal Dr. Stephen Anderson, Rui Li, Dr. Karen Chapel, Dr. Mark Masse, Kim Yig; (third row) Brian Hu, Louie Hamati, Ryan Basford, Andrew Quinn, Joseph Yig; (second row) Michael Bian, Claire Liu, Gokul Kannnan, JanAk Mukherji, Lauren Masse, Clark Arenberg, Aarya Menon; (front row) Justin Lee, Keaton McGuirk, Larry Zhao, Angela Li, Jennifer Ostrowski and Sahil Talia.

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### Chess club

Haydn Notario, 6, plays in the Silver Springs' Chess Club recently, on the club's last meeting of the semester. The club gathered at the school after hours for eight weeks and was directed by chess grand champion Alla Tabak.

### NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

### 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".

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### RAYMOND E. COLLINS

Age 80, passed away peacefully April 18, 2010. Beloved husband of 59 years to Agnes Louise. Loving father of Susan (Andrew) Magic and Karen (John) North. Dear grandfather to Kevin (Jillian) Magic, Kenneth Magic, Keith Magic, and Sean North. Raymond is also survived by his siblings William (the late Lois) Collins. Mary Jane (the late Joseph) Piskuric, Joann (Alfred) Zaleski and many loving nieces, nephews, and friends. Raymond was co-owner of Collins & Tison Construction for 19 years and owner of Motor City Sign Company in Detroit for 25 years. He was an original member of the Iron Mustang Motorcycle Club from 1945-1951; he loved motorcycles, racecars, and air-Visitation will be held Thursday, April 22 from 1-8pm at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. 59255 10 Mile Road, South Lyon. The funeral mass will be held Friday, April 24 at 11am, instate at 10:30am at St. Joseph Catholic Church 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, Mi 48154.

### **JAMES HUBERT FLEMING**

Of Highland, April 16, 2010. Funeral Services were held at Lynch & Sons, Milford on Tuesday, April 20, 2010. Memorials may be made in his name to the Highland Twp. Fire Department. For further information please phone:

248-684-6645 or visit: www.LynchFuneralDirectors com

### LARRY GIBSON

Age 68. Ann Arbor, Michigan. Larry passed away April 15, 2010 at home, after a hard fought, 14 year battle with prostate cancer. He is survived by his wife Cynthia; his son, Benjamin; his step children, Gabriel and Cecelia; his grandchildren, Olivia, Soleil and Alessio; his brother, Dennis Gibson and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Daisy Gibson; brother, Mitch Gibson; sisters, Nona Capaidi and Jo An Walker. Larry Graduated from South Lyon High School and Eastern Michigan University, with a degree in elementary education. He was a substitute teacher before working at the South Lyon Post Office until his retirement. Larry dedicated his life to family and friends. He was brave, strong and compassionate man; his grandchildren adored him (and always will). His humor continued through the trying times of illness. In remeembrance of Larry tell a funny joke or story and make someone laugh. In Larry's words, "I had a good run."
Memorial Contributions can be made American Cancer Society of the Salvation Army, A memorial service for Larry will be held Sunday, April 25, 6pm at Weber's Restaurant, 3050 Jackson Ave., Ann Arbor, MI.

### SAMUEL G. HANLEY

April 14, 2010, Age 67. Husband of Jean. Funeral was April 17 at Holy Family Church, Novi. Memorials to Capuchin Soup Kitchen or Michigan Human Society. Online condolences www obriensullivanfuneralhome com

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Deadline: Tuesday at 16 am for Thursday

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



### **GERALD L. HERRIMAN** (JERRY)

Age 82, of White Lake, MI, died Monday, April 12, 2010 at the University of Colorado Hospital in Denver. Jerry was born in Detroit, MI on December 18, 1927, to Clarence J. and Gladys E. (Latham) Herriman. He attended Cass Technical High School in Detroit, leaving after his junior year to enter the US Navy on June 19, 1945. He received training at Great Lakes, IL and was shipped overseas in September 1945. He was stationed at Naval Advance Base Unit 13, Shanghai, China. He was honorably discharged on August 16, 1946. He completed his high school education in 1947 in Tawas City, MI and attended the freshman year at the University of MI. He began work in water treatment as a civilian employee at Wurtsmith AFB in Oscoda in the spring of 1951, and in June he married Joyce Isola. Their first child, Diana, was born in September of Four years later, the family moved to Chateauroux, France, where Jerry was employed at La Martinerie, a large supply depot for the USAF in Europe. A second daughter, Rebecca, was born on November 6, 1957. The family returned to the US in September 1960. Gerald began classes at Michigan Technological University, and on Christmas Day their son Robert was born. After a year, Jerry chose to return to the work force. He found a position at Walker AFB in Roswell, NM, and the family moved there in the fall of 1961. In 1967, the government closed Walker and Jerry

found employment as Superintendent of the City of Warren's Advanced Waste Water Treatment Plant. He worked for the city of Warren until his retirement in 1988. In 1997, Joyce and Jerry relocated to a new home on McWithy Lake in White Lake, MI. Jerry was an active member of the Warren and Milford Rotary Clubs; First United Methodist Church of Warren and Milford Presbyterian Church; Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG); and Michigan Water Environment Michigan Water Environment Association (MWEA). Throughout his thirty years of service to SEMCOG and MWEA, he chaired and served on numerous committees in water quality and authored a book dealing with water treatment. At the time of his death, he served on the Committee on Preparation for Ministry with the Presbytery of Detroit. In his public life, Jerry was an exemplar of the Rotary motto -- "Service Above Self." His natural leadership style was based on good example rather than power of office. From his enlistment in the Navy in the midst of WWII to his long service with SEMCOG, his faithful service to his church, and his longstanding service to the Milford Rotary Club for whom he served as unofficial director of communications by establishing email correspondence and web-based newsletters. Jerry never sought high office or honor. He simply brought his hard work and great abilities to bear on whatever job needed doing next. He was a team player not a grandstander. In his family life he lived by the great commandment of his faith, to 'Love One Another.' Gerald is sur-

vived by his wife Joyce (Isola) Herriman; two daughters, Diana (Thomas) Paonessa of Sterling Heights, and Rebecca (Michael) Franchock of Milford; and son Robert Herriman of Royal Oak; one brother C. Arthur (Marian) Herriman of Ceresco, MI; and one sister Marion (Gene) Morrison of Englewood, PL. Surviving grandchildren are; Elizabeth (Dan) Mathews, Katherine (Joe) Schaeffer, Angela (Ryan) Reynolds, Deborah (Chris) Lucksted, and Rachel and Madeline Franchock, along with many cousins, nieces, and nephews and many dear friends and associates who join with Jerry's famity in grieving the death of an honorable, amiable, very good man and giving thanks to God for his life among them. A Memorial Service will be held at Milford Presbyterian Church, 238 N. Main Street, Milford, on Thursday, April 22nd at 11 AM. The Reverend Deborah V. Kerr will

Presbyterian Church For further information please call Lynch & Sons at 248-684-6645 or visit: LynchFuneralDirectors com

officiate. Memorials may be made to

the Milford Rotary Club or Milford

### FREDERICK HOOPS

April 8, 2010, Age 70. Memorial April 24 at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home. Visitation before the service at 1 pm & also after the service until 3 pm. Donations made to Arbor Hospice. Online condolences www obriensullivantuneralhome com

### CHARLES "STAN" HOURIGAN

Age 88, April 17, 2010. Funeral was Wed., April 21 at St. Colette Church, Livonia. Donations may be made to the Father Solanus Guild or St John Hospice. For online condolences www.obriensullavanfuneralhome.com



### **BETTY JANE JURANEK**

Age 85, passed away April 15, 2010. She was born on October 22, 1924, in Detroit, to the late Richard and Frances (Laskowski) Eagleton. Betty is survived by her children: Carol Ann (James) Myers, William G. (Susan) Juranek; 5 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Visitation was held on Sunday, April 18, at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. A funeral service was held on Monday, April 19 at the First United Methodist Church, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com



### DOROTHY ELLEN (NEE CUTLAN) KIMBALL

Age 76 of Milford, and St. Petersburg, FL died unexpectedly at her home in St. Petersburg on April 15, 2010. She is survived by John E. Kimball, her beloved husband of fifty seven years; daughter, Deana (Larry) Williams; son, John F. (Joanne) Kimbali; grandchildren, Lesley Williams, Lauren (Joe) Lafferty, Andrew Kimbali, Joel Ficzner, Aaron Ficzner; sister, Donna Robertson, and many dear friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Adene Cutlan and a brother, Charles Cutlan. A Funeral Service will be held at Christ Lutheran Church, 620 General Motors Rd., Milford, on Wednesday, April 21, at 11AM with Pastor Richard Pape officiating. Burial Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia. Friends may visit at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford, on Tuesday 1-9PM and Wednesday from 10AM until the time of service. Memorials may be made in her name to Christ Lutheran Church or Grace Lutheran Church, 4301 16th St. North, St. Petersburg, FL 33703. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www LynchFuneralDirectors.com

### **WILLIAM HERBERT MACDERMAID**

October 6, 1920 - April 17, 2010. Age 89. Born in Novi. Beloved husband of Dorothy J. Dear Father of Lynn (Robert) Schulz, William R. (Allie), Dennis James (Theresa) & Jeffery (Angela). Proud Grandfather of 8 and great-grandfather of 4. Funeral serv ice was Tuesday, April 20 at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Donations may be made to the Veteran Hospital. Online condolences www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

### **JEFFREY ALLEN MORRIS**

Age 35, passed away April 14, 2010. A funeral service was held on April 19th, at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. South Lyon. View online guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com

### **JAMES T. PONDER**

April 11, 2010, Age 68. Beloved husband of Lynda. Funeral was Friday, April 16 at St. James Church, Novi. Donations made to Haiti Outreach Mission. For online condotences www obriensullivantuneralhome com

### FRANK J. SOAVE

Age 84 of Milford, April 16, 2010. Frank is survived by his beloved wife, Loretta; loving sons, Tony (Kate), John (Sue) and Frank (Ruth Ann); dear grandchildren, Ryan, Joseph (Aislynn), Lauren, Jennifer, Alexandra, Christina and Francesca. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, extended family members and dear friends. Frank was a Veteran of the U.S. Army, a business owner in Livingston and Oakland Counties, and above all, a family man. A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Mary Catholic Church, 1955 East Commerce Rd, Milford, Friday, April 23 at 11 AM. Father Ron Anderson to officiate. Burial with Military Honors will follow at Great Lakes National Cemetery. Friends may visit at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 East Liberty St, Milford, Thursday 3-9 PM. Memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association.

For further information please call 248-684-6645 or www LynchFuneralDirectors com.

# Colbeck announces candidacy

### Canton resident aligned with Tea Party

Patrick Colbeck, of Canton, announced his candidacy for the Michigan Senate, 7th District. He launched his campaign with a speech on April 15 at Kellogg Park, Plymouth during the Tax Day Tea Party.

Colbeck says he is a strong advocate of the U.S. Constitution and the principles of our Founding Fathers. He believes strongly that the reawakening of America to the values promoted by men like George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, and Ronald Reagan are the keys to the restoration of our prosperity as a state and as a country. "As a small business owner

and as a management consultant to Fortune 500 companies, I understand how Lansing's red tape and tax policies have pushed jobs out of our state," Colbeck said. "My

focus will be to enact legislation that will help Michigan to trade in our current \$1 status in unemployment rate for a \*1 status in job growth rate. I strongly believe that the only way we will see Michigan make a comeback is by a return to the principles of free enterprise and limited government.

Colbeck has more than 20 years of engineering and management experience spanning a wide variety of industries including automotive, health care, aerospace, defense, pharmaceuticals, and information technology. During the early years of his career, he designed several systems currently in operation aboard the International Space Station. He has been certified by Microsoft as a Small Business Specialist and authored and published the book "Information Technology



Professional Service Firms", which is designed to help small businesses efficiently ease onto the information high-

way.

Colbeck says he is proudly aligned with the principles of limited government and fiscal responsibility promoted by the Tea Party movement. He serves as treasurer for the Canton Charter Academy Board and is a member of both the Northville and Canton chambers of commerce. Colbeck earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees in aerospace engineering from the University of Michigan and was a graduate of Catholic Central High School. For more information, visit www. FixingMichigan.com.

senior center and Northville Youth Assistance - will experience a 10 percent cut in that budget. Pat Sullivan, city manager, said Bateson has had to lead the city through a very difficult year, financially speaking.

We will need to make some drastic changes this year," Sullivan said. "We will either have to cut services or cut revenues - one or the other. At the current rate, the fund balance will be depleted by fiscal year 2014-15. We're also expecting \$200,000 less on breakage fees from the race track this year plus \$100,000 less in state shared revenue."

The good news is that the city was able to hold the line on water and sewer rates, with no increase in water rates since July 2005 and no increase in sewer rates since July 2003.

### **DDA BUDGET INCREASE**

The Northville Downtown Development Authority budget will see a 25 percent increase this fiscal year because of two major projects the \$2-million street and landscape improvement project and the proposed walk-through project on East Main Street.

Other street improvements include East Main Street to Wing Street at a cost of \$300,000; Clement at a cost of \$300,000; Griswold at a cost of \$150,000; and Springfield Court at a cost of \$300,000. The cost of a \$360,000 sewer rehabilitation project is being spread over several years. In the city's overall budget, 35 percent goes to

the general fund; 15.6 percent goes to water and sewer costs; and 11.9 percent goes to the DDA. The top three sources of income are property taxes, customer charges and the general fund.

The top three expenditures are general operating and maintenance, the police department and other services, such as shared services. Personnel costs are 46 percent of the budget.

Expenditures are up 6.2 percent this fiscal year, with an 11 percent decrease in general fund rev-

The Northville Art House is now self-sustaining, with members of the Northville Arts Commission working very hard to fund this operation, Bateson said.

"Their exhibits and events are doing great," she said. The Arts and Acts event, that will include a film festival, is slated for June 25-27. This fundraiser was formerly known as Art in the Sun.

### **MILLAGE RATE LOW**

The city's millage rate will remain at 15.2296, one of the lowest in 10 years.

Mayor Chris Johnson said the city can survive the closing of the Northville Downs race track if that ever happens, since city leaders use the breakage money from the track only for capital improvements.

He also said the city does not have a way to increase taxes at a rapid rate, due to Proposal A, that only allows municipalities to increase taxable values on property at the rate of inflation. The city has experienced a 20-percent decline in property taxes over the past two fiscal years.

"What's the most important thing in our budget, and what's the least important?" Johnson

"We need to let our public know this. And, we need to know if they would rather reduce services or have a tax increase. It's not just are we going to pick up leaves, but are we going to have a police department? We need to put the sacred cows back

City council met April 15 for the first of three budget study sessions. The second study sessions was Tuesday night with the final one tonight. The council hopes to adopt the budget in May, as is required by the city's charter.

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WHAT TRUSTEES ARE DOING

The township trustees only want to rearrange how taxes have been collected in the past with the public safety and shared services millages.

In 2010, 4.7 mills are being collected for public safety and .8750 mills for shared services. (Shared services include parks and recreation, senior services and Northville Youth Assistance.)

The public safety millage will be bumped up to 5.0 mills, and shared services will be reduced from .8750 to .4574 for the next four years.

The general operating millage

will be increased .1176 mills from 2011 through 2014 as w

There are changes within the millage rate, but the bottom line is that the total will remain unchanged," Kubitskey explained. Mark Abbo, township supervi-

sor, said the good news is that township residents won't see a tax increase in the millage rate.

"Actually, their taxes will go down, because taxable values on property have gone down according to the March Board of Review," Kubitskey said.

We're just asking the public in the August primary election to approve how we are going to spread the millage.

The increase in the .1176 mills for the operating fund will provide about \$200,000 to the township's general fund each year.

Because the township loaned

over \$1 million to the Northville Hillside Recreation Center for renovations a few years ago, cash on hand has been reduced.

State shared revenue has gone down as well.

Proposal A, passed by taxpayers, is not helping municipalities, either, because they can only raise taxable value of property equal to the rate of inflation. This means it will take a long time to regain lost taxes even if property values start to increase.

The millage that was approved in the special election last August for the township's purchase of a portion of the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital from developer REIS is a separate millage from this general millage.

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Church of the Holy Family Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.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 Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org.

Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.

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

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road

Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org

Sunday Schedule: 9.15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service,

Children's program, Youth Worship Service Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:30-11.15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study; 7 p.m. Men's **Evening Bible Study** 

Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast

Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Nen 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.newhopecenter.

From Grief to New Hope Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m.; eight-week work-

shop beginning April 14 Details: Each session will begin with a talk about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. Each person will be placed in a group

with others who have had similar losses. Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 427-1175 or churchoftheholycross.com

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Alzheimer's Support Group Time/Date: 10 a m. second Saturday of month

Faith Community Presbyterian Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road

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Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit faithcommunity-novi.org

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Northville Location: 217 N. Wing

Contact: (248) 348-1020

Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. Sunday School: 9.30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a m. and 7 p m.

Tuesdays Men's Bible Study: 9 a m. first Saturday of

every month Rummage Sale

Time/Date: 9 a m.-6 p m. April 22: 9-noon April 23 bag sale **Emily Samuelson Reception** 

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# NEIGHBORS

# Rotarian exchange student shares African experience

BY JULIE BROWN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

At 21, Joe LaRiche of Northville Township doesn't remember the days when South Africa's apartheid system became a cause for protest in the U.S. His time in the African country as a Rotary exchange student showed him there's still room for advancement in race relations there.

There's still a lot of evidence of apartheid," the Schoolcraft College liberal arts student said of his studies in 2006-07. When he went shortly after his graduation from Northville High School, he noticed some areas were all black.

He wore his exchange student jacket while speaking Thursday to Westland Rotary. "It's a nice little memento," LaRiche said of the jacket, covered with banners and buttons given to him in his travels.

"Rotary Youth Exchange is amazing," said LaRiche, who left at age 17 to live south of Johannesburg with his first host family. "I'm a different person since I came back."

The first "father" spoke mostly Afrikaans, the mother mostly English. They had three daughters, including a foreign exchange student, now enrolled at Brigham Young University

LaRiche, whose family owns the LaRiche car dealership in Plymouth Township, showed pictures of a "Braai," or "barbecue on steroids. Any kind of meat you can think of," including occasional ostrich or warthog steaks, he said.

He attended a school for grades 8-12, although he'd already graduated, taking part in discussions in class and getting grades that didn't really count. Instruction at his school was in both languages.

His headmaster in South Africa asked him to cut his hair. LaRiche played on the school rugby team, and drew laughs with a photo of himself with a three-part mohawk for his initiation.

He and others hiked to the top of Table Mountain. There were trips with his second and third host families, as well as with counselors for the program and the Rotary district.

The drinking age there is 18, although LaRiche couldn't drink, date or drive due to Rotary restrictions.

They have a lot of activities for us to do like jumping off this pier," he said of one photo. He visited the Kruger National Park in South Africa, along with a trip to nearby Mozambique and Swaziland with his third host family.

"The scenery changes, the landscape changes," he said of

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Counselors Derek and Francis Mitchell helped to make Joe LaRiche's time in South Africa enjoyable and educational.

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entering those African coun-

Mozambique has had significant economic problems, he told Rotarians. Central Johannesburg in South Africa is well-maintained, he said, but other parts of the city are controlled by Nigerian drug lords

and best avoided. LaRiche, son of Scott and Dawn, is glad he traveled abroad.

"It's a really good way to

Rotarians, exposing him to the program. "It's been fun watching

Shirley L. Hammelef

said LaRiche, whose dad and

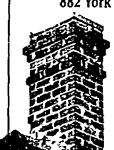
grandfather, Lou, are active

Joe grow up," said Westland

experience a culture firsthand," Rotary's president-elect, Jeff Juenemann, who owns Juenemann Insurance in Westland. The families live nearby in Northville Township.

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### Moody day at Maybury An overcast, cool early April day in Northville's Maybury State Park.

## Area Democrats schedule 2010 Spring Gala May 1

Sen. Levin to be keynote speaker

Area Democrats are getting ready for the Democratic Spring Gala slated for May 1 at Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville. Senator Carl Levin will be the keynote speaker, and all three Democratic candidates for governor are expected to attend, along with the Democratic candidates for attorney general and secretary of state.

To pull off this event, the Northville Democratic Club members have combined with the Plymouth and Livonia Democratic clubs.

"We are expecting 200-250 to attend," said Scott



Craig, president of the Northville club. "This is a pretty big deal for Northville." The event is slated from

7-10 p.m. at the country club at 40941 W. Eight Mile Road in Northville Township.

Besides Levin, special guests will include: Democratic candidates for Michigan's governor: Virgil Bernero, Andy Dillon and Alma Wheeler Smith; Jocelyn Benson: Democratic Party endorsed candidate

for Michigan secretary of state; David Leyton: Democratic Party endorsed candidate for Michigan attorney general; Natalie Mosher, Democratic candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives; State Rep. Marc Corriveau: Democratic candidate for Michigan Senate; and Joan Wadsworth: Democratic candidate for the Michigan

House of Representatives. Join us for opportunity to meet Democratic candidates, elected officials and Party leaders," Craig said.

Tickets are still available. For information about tickets, contact Craig at SCraig27@comcast.net or at (248) 465-1995.

# Book, author luncheon slated at Fox Hills Country Club

### Four Friends of Library groups sponsor event

The Plymouth, Canton, Novi and Northville Friends of the Library will sponsor its annual Book and Author Luncheon May 7 at Fox Hills Country Club.

· The event, which costs \$25 per person, will feature Alysia Sofios, a native of Canton, graduate of Michigan State University School of Journalism and reporter for Fox News in Fresno, Calif. She attended Gallimore, West Middle and Plymouth Salem High schools while growing up in

Doors will open at 11:30 a.m. for the talk, with lunch served at noon. The entrée will be Woodland chicken.

Sofios is the lead reporter for the hit TV show "American Idol" and covered the Scott Peterson murder trial a few years ago.

### TOPIC OF THE DAY

Sofios' talk will be about her book, 'Where Hope Begins," about the survivors of the Marcus Wesson murders, who speak out for the first time in a shattering and inspiring true story. It's a story about one family's journey out of tragedy and the reporter who helped them make it.

For decades, the family of Wesson, which included his wife, Elizabeth, and their 17 children, lived in a social and emotional prison that he created.

"There was evidently a lot of abuse going on, including incest," said Peggy Koppy, a member of the Friends of the Northville

In 2004, when a family confrontation erupted into a harrowing standoff, with police and SWAT teams descending upon their small house, Wesson murdered nine of his children.

Sofios was the reporter who received the first tip about Wesson's arrest and later covered his trial.

She quickly learned that the surviving female family members had nowhere to go but the streets. Sofios risked her job and her life by taking them into her home and helping to integrate them into society.

The connections between her and her newfound family deepened beyond anything anyone could have imagined, a bond of mutual caring and healing that was put to



the test when she suffered serious injuries in a car accident and found the Wesson women by her side throughout her recovery.

Powerful, riveting and truly remarkable, 'Where Hope Begins" is a unique and intimate look at the resilience of the human

Koppy said Sofios became available for the Book and Author Luncheon since she's coming to Michigan to see her mother for Mother's Day.

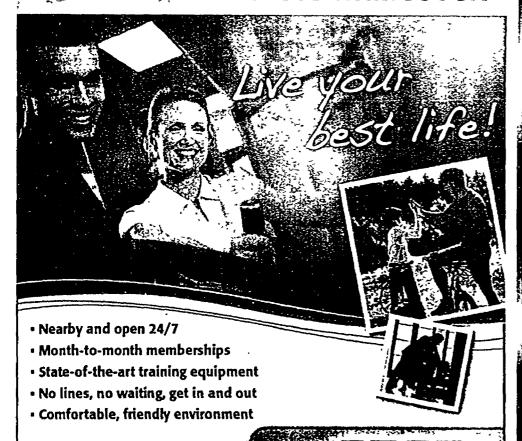
"A lot of her school friends, neighbors and her former English teachers from Canton are going to try to come hear her talk," Koppy said. Marcia Barker, a member of the Metro Book and Author Luncheon Committee, of Canton, was able to schedule Sofios' appearance.

Tickets are available through April 30 at the Plymouth, Canton and Northville libraries, since the Novi library is closed due to its renovation project.

Seating is limited for the event. For more information, call Koppy at (734) 420-2225.

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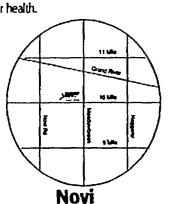
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With Special Guest and Keynote Speaker

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Other special guests include:

- Democratic candidates for Michigan's Governor: Virg Bernero, Andy Dillon and Alma Wheeler Smith
- Jocelyn Benson: Democratic Party endorsed candidate for Michigan Secretary of State
- David Leyton: Democratic Party endorsed candidate for Michigan Attorney General
- Natalie Mosher: Canton resident and Democratic candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives
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Tickets still available

For Tickets Contact: Scott Craig, (248) 465-1995 or Scraig27@comcast.net

### Antiques, fine arts appraisal clinic

The Northville Arts Commission will host its second annual Appraisal Clinic on



DuMouchelle

Saturday, May 1. Proceeds of the event will benefit the cultural and educational programs of the Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady.

Renowned appraiser Robert

DuMouchelle and other members of the DuMouchelle staff will be available to verbally appraise your antiques, art and collectibles.

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

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

### 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 need to cut; move and burn the phragmytes 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.

New definitions

Regular Meeting for Adoption

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### NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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

### Civic Concern **Postal Day Drive**

Northville Civic Concern has had a steady increase of new client households combined with a decrease in the amount of donations. Consider Northville Civic Concern every time you do your grocery shopping so the organization may serve those in our community who are truly in need.

The annual Postal Day Drive will be held Saturday, May 8, and it is hoped that this will provide three months of much needed food for regular distribution

twice a month. Place your food donations on your porch or near your mailbox for pick-up in the morning on May 8; or you can personally drop off your food donations to the west side of the Highland Lakes Shopping Center. Volunteers will date check and sort the items (please, no expired food). All Northville and Northville Township food collected will go to Northville Civic Concern.

For more information, contact Marlene Kunz at Northville Civic Concern (248-344-1033).

### Mother's Day **Makeover Contest**

Utopia Salon in downtown Northville is hosting a Mother's Day Makeover Contest is a way to give back to the great moms in the community. Kids of all ages are encouraged to write a letter (100 words or less) on why their mom should win. Drop off your letter at Utopia Salon before Friday, May 7.

Utopia Salon owners Tita Daskal and Kelly Sesi will be selecting the grand prize winner on that day and will announce the winner on May 13. The grand prize winner will receive a complete makeover from Utopia staff along with some amazing prizes from other local Northville busi-

Kelly said, "We are thrilled to be able to honor the moms in our community. Northville and its residents have been so good to us; we just want to say thank you to the great moms out there. And our specialty is beauty so what better way to show our appreciation then to offer a complete makeover."

For additional information, please call Utopia Salon at (248) 465.7700 or stop in to the salon in downtown Northville at 170 E. Main Street.

Sue A Hillebrand

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CODE OF ORDINANCE

AMENDMENT TO

CHAPTER 142 - SEWER USE

April 15, 2010 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Changes to some pollutant levels

· Development of compliance plans

The Sewer Use summary of amendments is as follows:

Updated references to federal regulations

Slug control and miscellaneous changes

Complete copies of the proposed changes are available in the Clerk's office at Township Hall during regular business hours, 8.00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday and on the

Township Website www.twp.northville.mi.us The amendments

will be presented to the Board of Trustees at the May 20, 2010

**Charter Township of Northville** 

CODE OF ORDINANCES

Revisions to Chapter 58 Building Construction

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

Notice is hereby given that the Adoption of the International

Property Maintenance Code took place on April 15, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, at the Township

An ordinance of the Charter Township of Northville adopted the 2006 edition of the International Property Maintenance Code,

regulating and governing the conditions and maintenance of all

property, buildings and structures; by providing the standards for

supplied utilities and facilities and other physical things and

conditions essential to ensure that structures are safe, sanitary and

fit for occupation and use; and the condemnation of buildings and

structures unfit for human occupancy and use, and the demolition

of such existing structures in the Charter Township of Northville, providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefore; repealing all other ordinances and parts of the

Revisions to the following: 58.17 - International Property Maintenance Code, 58.18 -

Changes, 101.1 - Title, 1023 - Application of other codes, 1035 -

Fees, 106.4 - Violation penalties, 111 Means of Appeal, 302.4 -

Weeds, 304.12 - Insect Screens, 602 3 Heat supply, 602 4 -

Occupiable work spaces and some revising of some section

A copy of the complete text of the adopted ordinance is available at

the Township Clerk's Department, 44405 Six Mile Road, during

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Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk

Charter Township of Northville

and on the township's website at www.twp.northville.mi.us

funicipal Offices located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville,

The following ordinance amendment was Introduced at the

### Volunteer cyclist wanted

Northville resident Dave Duffield is looking to start cycling as a club sport at Northville High School but needs another adult to help with group rides.

"There will be times I can't be there for one reason or another," said Duffield. "If you're in decent shape and like biking, I sure could use your help."

Contact him at (248) 994-3074 in the daytime; (248) 347-0136 in the evening.

### 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

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 cochairs of this event.

On Thursday, May 27 and Friday, May 28 there will be elimination rounds at Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall Theatre in Northville.

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.

### 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.

Proceeds from this year's vent will benefit the Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary program. The program is designed to offer a comprehensive approach of Botsford Hospital's Zieger

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.

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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.

### **Botsford Hospital Fair**

Botsford Hospital is hosting its third annual Safety and Injury Prevention Fair on Saturday, May 1 from 10 a.m. to Program Manager, at (248) 2 p.m. in the Community Room 888-2575.

Administration & Education Building. The free event is open to individuals, families and

George McCarthy, president of the Friends of Maybury, pulls garlic mustard with his granddaughters last week at the park. Yesterday began twice-weekly pulls in an effort to control this invasive plant which is

overrunning the park's native wildflowers. To learn more, visit http://garlicmustardcontrol.blogspot.com/

groups of all ages.
There will be experts and exhibits on sports injury prevention, safe sleep for babies, driving distractions, fall prevention, Internet safety, alcohol awareness, car seat safety and Dr. Paws Pet Assisted Therapy. Information will be available on bike safety with helmets for purchase for \$6. There will also be a tour of a medical transport flight helicopter and the Farmington Hills Fire Department will display its Smoke House. Other activities, raffles, food and prizes will be part of the day.

For questions about this fair, please contact Barbara Smith, RN, Botsford's Trauma

### Fallen and Wounded Soldiers fund-raiser

The Fallen and Wounded . Soldiers Fund (FWSF) will be

Dinner and Auction on April 24 at 5:30 p.m., at the Laurel Manor in Livonia. All proceeds go directly to helping wounded Michigan soldiers and the families of Michigan's fallen. This year's keynote speaker is Judge Anthony Napolitano, FOX News Channel (FNC) senior judicial analyst and the author of four books, including his wiv latest, "Dred Scott's Revenge," The Master of Ceremonies for the evening is Detroit's own television and radio personality,

holding their Fourth Annual

Last year's event raised over \$200,000 for our troopsmoney that went directly to helping our returning soldiers deal with medical issues, financial hardship caused by their deployments, as well as setting up scholarships for the children of our fallen heroes.

Chuck Gaidica.

Both a silent and live auction will be held, and a book-signing by Judge Napolitano will round out the evening.

If you have any questions, please call Bob Phillips, FWSF president, at (734) 853-5490.

### **SYNOPSIS** APRIL 15, 2010 - REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Thursday, April 15, 2010 DATE: 7:30 p m. Regular Meeting 44405 Six Mile Road TIME:

PLACE: CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Abbo called the meeting to order at

7:30 p.m.
ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Richard Henningsen, Marjorie Banner, Mary Gans, Mindy Herrmann, Christopher Roosen PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

1. Agendas: A. Approve Consent and Amended Regular Agendas approved

Appointments, Presentations. Resolutions Announcements: A. Richard Brown - Re-appoint to N ville Area Senior Advisory

Council - approved B. Eagle Scout Resolution for Stephen Grimmer - approved C. Eagle Scout Resolution for John Barton Kremer - approved D. Eagle Scout Resolution for Garrett Christopher Quick

approved Public Hearings: None

**Brief Public Comments: None** New Business:

A. Parks and Recreation/Senior Services Budget FY2011 approved

B. Bennett Arboretum Pathway Project Resolution - approved C. Election Commission Resolution - approved

D. WTUA Representation - approved E. Mother's Club of Northville Temporary Sign Request -

6. Unfinished Business: None

7. Ordinances:

A. Chapter 58 Building Construction - Adopt Amendments -B. Chapter 142 Sewer Use - Introduction of Amendments -

approved
C. Chapter 113 Motor Vehicles - Introduction of Amendments -

Bills Payable: A. Bills payable in the amount of \$1,184,101.09

approved Board Communication & Reports: Reports were given by Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Richard Henningsen, Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans, Mindy Herrmann, Christopher Roosen,

Chip Snider

10. Any other business or public comment for the Board of Trustees: Wayne County Sheriff candidate Walter L. Epps introduced himself to the Board and residents. Resident spoke of issues re: commercial dumping on property and ATV activity.

11. Adjourn: Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 p m.
The unapproved draft of the Board of Trustees minutes will be available after April 28, 2010.

Respectfully submitted: Sue A. Hillebrand, MMC

Publish April 22, 2010

### OF NORTHVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO **CHAPTER 113 - MOTOR VEHICLES**

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP** 

The following ordinance amendment was Introduced at the April 15, 2010 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. The Motor Vehicles summary of amendments is as follows:

113-1 Definitions

· 113.4 Operation of vehicles on public property 113 5 Operation on private property and off-road operation on

publicly owned land. Complete copies of the proposed changes are available in the Clerk's office at Township Hall during regular business hours, 800 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday and on the Township website: www.twp.northville.mi.us The amendments will be presented to the Board of Trustees at the May 20, 2010 Regular Meeting for Adoption.

Sue A. Hillebrand

Publish. April 22, 2010

### 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 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (or until seedlings are gone) at Northville Township Hall 44405 Six Mile Road (southwest corner of Six Mile L& Sheldon Roads)

Residents of the City and Township of Northville and the Northville Public School District are eligible for the free seedlings. You must attend in person to pick up your seedlings, requests by phone or mail cannot be accommodated, nor large requests from groups. Bring your own container or bag for seedlings.

Maria Barr, Chairperson BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

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### **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

More: For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Northville Calendar online at www.hometownlife.com. Submit: Send catendar 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 news-

### 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

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



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### **Anniversary celebration**

Cathy Clough, left, director of the New Hope Center for Grief Support in Northville, with Betty and John Baird, at the 10th Anniversary Celebration of the center recently at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia. The three founded the center in 2000.



COURTESY NEW HOPE CENTER FOR GRIEF SUPPORT

The New Hope Center for Grief Support in Northville celebrated its 10th anniversary recently with a gala at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia. Pictured at the event, from left: Arlene Kurzawa, business manager; Pattie Bingham, outreach & special events coordinator; Tavia Burgess, a volunteer and chairman of 10th Anniversary Celebration Committee: and Cathy Clough, executive director. Bingham co-chaired the committee. More than 400 people attended the sold-out

Contact: Call (248) 344-8465 or visit www.northville.k12 mi.us/ earlychildhood.

### PROJECT FUNDway -A Fashion Show to benefit Village Banking Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, May

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 makeup by Pamela's Salon. Advance ticket sales only through April 25; \$15. All proceeds to benefit Village Banking. Contact: Norma at (248) 207-3731. All proceeds to benefit Village Banking.

Gardeners Of Northville & Novi This inspiring overnight event Club Meetina

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, **May 10** Location: Northville Art House.

215 W. Cady Street Details: Social time and garden lecture on Garden Entertaining by speaker Gretchen Pugsley. The public is welcome.

Contact: gardenersnorthvillenavi.org or Renee (248) 231- 2334

### NHS Mustangs' Baseball Celebrates Armed Forces Day Time/Date: Saturday, May 15; double-header and festivities

begin at 10 a.m.

Location: Northville High School Varsity Baseball Field, 45700 Six Mile Road Northville

Details: All armed forces branches will be honored. Varsity doubleheader.

Festivities include: color quard presentation; recognition of veterans & current service men and women; military vehicle display; baseball double-header -- NHS vs. Riverview Gabriel Richard High School and NHS vs. White Lake Lakeland High School, Bring donations of new/slightly used DVDs, cell phones, individually packed items such as hard candy, peanuts, licorice, Slim Jims, Pringles, powdered drink mix (for water) and hygiene products. Northville VFW and National Guard will ship donations to our troops. Monetary donations also accepted. Make checks payable to NHS Baseball, Include Armed Forces Day donation in memo. Mail to NHS Baseball Coach John Kostrzewa, 45700 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.

**Contact: NHS Assistant Varsity** Baseball Coach Bill Flohr (248) 761 9694 or info@precisionbasebalfone.com.

### Relay for Life

Time: 10 a.m.-10 a.m. May 15-16 Location: Ford Field, 150 Hutton Street, Northville

Details: Join the American Cancer Society's vision to create a world with less cancer and more birthdays by participating in Relay For Life of Northville.

unites the entire community in celebrating those who have had cancer, remembering loved ones lost, and providing an opportunity to fight back against the disease. Relay For Life supports the Society's mission to save lives by helping people stay well, by helping people get well, by finding cures and by fighting back. Activities will include a cancer survivor celebration and victory lap, a luminaria ceremony to honor and remember everyone touched by the disease and a fight back ceremony to empower our community members to take action against cancer.

### Team Captain Meetings Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. May 5 Location: Northville District Library

Details: 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 existing a team. Follow the links at www.relayforlife.org. Donations can be made to this local Relay For Life event by visiting www.relayforlife.org/northvil-

### Tour of Hope Time/Date: 9 a.m. April 22: 9 a.m. May 20

Location: 315 Griswold, Northville Details: New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering a one hour Tour of Hope in their new home. This tour will give insight into how New Hope was started, the types of grief support services they offer, testimonials from people who have been helped. and the vision of the future from the founder and CEO, Cathy Clough.

Contact: To attend one of the tours, please RSVP to New Hope at 248.348.0115 or e-mail griefhelp@newhopecenter.net.



# BRACES

Time/Date: opening 5-7 p.m.

through May 14, 2009.

W. Main Street

May 1; exhibit open for viewing

Location: Northville Square, 133

Details: This exhibit includes .

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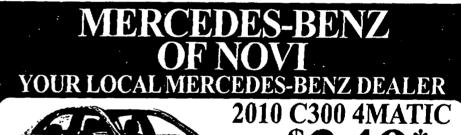
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### **OUR VIEWS**

### Let Earth Day inspire changes

Today marks the 40th year that people in Northville, in Michigan, in the United States and around the world observe Earth Day. What started as a grassroots activity has evolved into a global event, the significance of which is even more important today than the day it was conceived.

We must credit the late Gaylord Nelson, a Democratic senator from Wisconsin, as the principal founder of Earth Day. According to Nelson, the idea evolved over a period of seven years, starting in 1962, when he successfully pitched the idea of a national conservation tour to then-President John

The president did a five-day, 11-state conservation tour in September 1963. "For many reasons the tour did not succeed in putting the issue onto the national political agenda. However, it was the germ of the idea that ultimately flowered into Earth Day," Nelson wrote in his article, How the First Earth Day Came About.

Nelson borrowed a tactic from anti-Vietnam protestors of organizing a huge grassroots protest over what was happening to the environment. In September 1969, he announced that there would be a nationwide grassroots demonstration on behalf of the environment in the spring of 1970 and invited everyone to participate. The response, he recalled, "was electric."

On Sunday, Nov. 30, 1969, The New York Times reported that "rising concern about the environmental crisis is sweeping the nation's campuses with an intensity that may be on its way to eclipsing student discontent over the war in Vietnam." According to Nelson, the first Earth Day worked because of the spontaneous response at the grass-

Forty years later, the environment is very much in the forefront as the global community tries to reach a legally binding agreement on how to reduce greenhouse gasses and slow climate change. According to the Union of Concerned Scientists, if global warming emissions continue to rise unabated, we will see growing costs related to climate change - damages to our coasts, health, energy and water resources and agriculture.

These scientists maintain that making the choice to dramatically lower our emissions at least 80 percent from 2005 levels by 2050 will help avoid some of the worst consequences of climate change.

We know climate change is happening, whether it's an early spring, a late fall or a mild winter. What has yet to be agreed to by the scientific community is why. Is it manmade or a fact of nature?

But the point is change is happening and we all need to pitch in to help slow the progression. If you aren't doing anything to eliminate your carbon footprint, let Earth Day 2010 be your inspiration.

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### COMMUNITY VOICE

### Do you have any advice for people about to start their gardens?

(Asked of members of the Northville Township Beautification Commission who will be looking out for its municipal gardens.)



"Gardening is very good exercise, hauling around all that mulch and soil. I'd recommend not putting a lot of dirt around your tree's base - you can smother its roots. That's one of the biggest mistakes people make."

Marjorie Faessler Northville Township



"Pay attention to the stated mature height of plants and trees as you put them in - make sure you space them well."

**Dorothy Mack** Northville Township



"Don't plant too soon in the season, and don't plant shrubs in the 'drip zone' of trees (underneath the branches)."

Marie Barr Northville Township



"That gardening is a lot of hard work, but that it can be very rewarding as well." Sue Hillebrand

Northville Township

### Looking at China, Michigan is off track

am traveling in China and seeing two futures for Michigan and America: one where we rush to play catch-up and the other where we fall even further behind.

China has a public transportation system that works - with trains, 4,000 miles of



Tom Watkins

high speed rail, bus and even public bikes. America seems to be using training wheels and Michigan's transportation system has never gotten on track!

China is on a mission to continue reshaping its rice paddies, steppes and the mountains around a rail service that will do for the country what President

Eisenhower's interstate highway system did for America in the 1950s. There are plans to construct a 16,000-mile high-speed network by 2020. China's efforts are now driving the country forward, facilitating mobility and creating economic and technology development.

Today, China, with the world's longest high speed rail network, is reportedly planning to spend in excess of \$1 trillion dollars (U.S.) on expanding its railway system. This is juxtaposed to the U.S. hope to build our first high-speed rail line by 2014, less than 85 miles linking Tampa and Orlando, Fla. Our efforts are "Mickey Mouse" effort in comparison.

The Chinese are notorious for traveling the world and studying best practices then returning to China to put these ideas to work. We would do well to emulate this

### COMMENTARY

Michigan and America need a massive public works strategy, backed up with extensive investment, to ride the rails to increasing

Crossing China on the 48-hour Beijing-Lhasa (Tibet) high speed rail in 2007, I had a front seat to the extensive infrastructure investments China is making in rail, tunnels, bridges, roads and train stations that seem to dot the landscape.

There are two modern train stations in Shanghai. And the high-speed Shanghai Maglev Train shoots you from the airport to the congested central city, a distance of 19 miles, in slightly more than seven minutes at speeds that top 268 mph. Most people in Michigan have never heard of Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan province, Mianyang, Xian, Chongqing, or Changsha. Yet a rail system exists, connecting these once-isolated provand Chine

Detroit is one of the only major metropolitan areas in the U.S. and indeed, the world, without a mass transit system. It is not only an embarrassment but it is holding our region and state back economically. Michigan needs to join the 21st century and develop a sensible, affordable and effective mass transportation system.

The lack of a mass transit system is an anchor, pulling down our ability to climb out of the economic pit in which we find our-

From New York to Washington, D.C., to the Beijing-Lhasa (Tibet) train, intra-city mass transit and express railways not only move

people, but also accelerate the movement of ideas and economies.

If words were rails, we would be competing with China for the most comprehensive intracountry train system. There's a "whole lotta talk" going on — just not much action here in the Motor City.

On April 19-21, The High Speed Rail World USA was to hold its conference in Washington, D.C., to bring together high speed train operators, innovators, engineers and government leaders to discuss ways to tap the \$8 billion in federal dollars earmarked for bringing high-speed rail the U.S.

It is ironic that for the past three decades Michigan's powerful political and business leaders drive to the land of "No motorized vehicles" - Mackinac Island - to discuss the need for a modern mass transit system only to produce zip, nada - nothing?

In June, the Detroit Regional Chamber (mpc.detroitchamber.com) will once again host its annual Mackinac Policy Conference, as 30 years or Michigan Forward," even as outgoing Chamber President Dick Blouse laments that his greatest disappointment in his 16 years in Detroit with a one-word answer: "Transit."

We could build the rails and the trains right here in Michigan, indeed helping to 'move us forward' on two fronts. The question remains - will we?

Tom Watkins is a business and educational consultant in the U.S. and China. He served as Michigan's state superintendent of schools, 2001-05, and president and CEO of the Economic Council of Palm Beach County, Fla., 1996 to 2001. He can be reached at: tdwatkins@aol.com.

### We need creative solutions, rather than partisan politics

he most depressing news item I've seen in awhile came in a recent story in The New York Times on the announced retirement of the longest-serving current member of the



Phil Power

U.S. Supreme Court: "Justice John Paul Stevens ... may be the last justice from a time when ability and independence rather than perceived ideology, were viewed as the crucial qualifications for a seat on the court."

This goes right to the heart of so much that is ailing in our present political culture.

Sadly, whether in Washington or in Michigan, ideological litmus tests now trump ability and independence.

Here's a current example.

Michigan has experienced a chronic, builtin budget imbalance of around \$1 billion for nearly 10 years — regardless of how well the economy is doing. Every year, people in Lansing rush around, crying "the sky is falling" ... and it is.

And every year, lawmakers and the governor conspire in adopting a "balanced budget," as demanded by the Constitution, with "balancing" achieved either by using various accounting gimmicks and one-time fixes or by resorting to a draconian "cuts only" budget, which is what happened last year.

This year, we again face a deficit in the state's General Fund — this time, one esti-

### **GUEST COLUMN**

mated at \$1.8 billion. And this year, the political parties are arguing fiercely, but pointlessly, with each other about how to balance the budget. The Senate Republicans call for big cuts, including several hundred dollars per pupil in our schools.

Democrats, more softly, urge "revenue neutral tax reform," and propose to reduce the state sales tax from 6 percent to 5.5 percent. They'd do that by extending the tax to most services, not including education, health care, and business-to business transactions.

State Rep. Tim Melton, D-Auburn Hills, chair of the school finance committee and one of the tougher-minded and better-informed House members, jumped into the firefight last month at an Action Group meeting on education sponsored by The Center for Michigan, the nonprofit institution I chair.

Calling the financial pressure on the schools "unsustainable," Melton noted projected health care cost increases this year of 15.6 percent and pension benefits increasing from 17 to 19.4 percent — at a time when state tax revenues have declined significantly.

Melton called it "ridiculous" for Senate Republicans to have signed no-tax pledges at a time when dozens of Michigan school districts are on the edge of the "Kalkaska option," i.e. shutting their doors before the end of the

Once more, the people are far, far ahead of their elected representatives. The tragedy is that far too many of our so-called leaders prefer to cling to ideology and play partisan games in a time when their state desperately needs creative solutions.

Clearly, neither political party is willing to agree to the obvious sensible compromise significant cuts in government costs at all levels coupled with tax reform. So Melton called for a public vote on whether the state should choose between deep and damaging cuts to schools, or sales tax changes that would produce more money.

And that wasn't just rhetoric. Last week, Melton said he'd spoken to the Republican Senate leadership about what kinds of government cost reforms - reductions in health care and pension costs for public employees, for example - they'd want in exchange for a vote on sales tax reform. That seemed to me an

But so far, no takers. "I haven't heard a squeak from (Senate Majority Leader Mike) Bishop," R-Rochester, Melton told the MIRS news service, sounding (at best) a little dis-

He says June 3 is the last deadline for the legislature to pass a proposal that would appear on the August primary ballot.

Bishop finally responded by saying house Democrats had not suggested specific reforms. "We have some amorphous reforms, cuts and their tax increases. ... They have to step up. Their credibility of being able to get something done over there is questionable."

Bishop also indicated that he considered Melton's proposal a tax increase vote, which gave him a chance to began waving the Republican anti-tax flag.

In other words, for him it's tit for tat; business as usual.

Meanwhile, Business Leaders for Michigan CEO Doug Rothwell says his group is losing hope that any comprehensive budget deal will pass the legislature this

His group took a poll last month which Rothwell said indicated that 69 percent of yoters asked feel a combination of tax AND spending reforms are necessary to balance the budget.

Once more, the people are far, far ahead of their elected representatives. The tragedy is that far too many of our so-called leaders prefer to cling to ideology and play partisan games in a time when their state desperately needs creative solutions.

Phil Power is a longtime observer of Michigan politics and economics and the founder and president of The Center for Michigan, a Dipartisan centrist think-and-do tank. He welcomes your comments at ppower@thecenterformichigan.net.

### 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 AUTHORITY MEETING** Date: Third Tuesday of each month Time:8am. 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

Time: 3 p.m. Location: Allen Terrace, 401 High St. HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION Date: Third Wednesday of month Time: 7 p.m.

Location: City Half **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:8a.m. **Details:** Individuals and organizations

invited to attend. Location: Northville City Hall, Meeting

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Room B Northville Township **PLANNING COMMISSION** Date: Last Tuesday of month Time: 7:30 p.m. Location: Township Hall, 44405 West Six Mile

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES** Date: Third Thursday of month Time: 7:30 p.m. Location: Township Hall

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS** Date: Third Wednesday of month Time: 7:30 p.m. **Location: Township Hall** 

**BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION** Date: Third Monday of month Time: 7:30 p.m. Location: Township Hall YOUTH ASSISTANCE Date: Second Tuesday of every month

Time:8am 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; Oxycise 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. Pinochie WEDNESDAY 8 a.m.: Walking Club

9 a.m.: Foot Reflexology by appt.



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### **Angela Hospice benefit**

The 22nd Annual Angela Hospice Golf Outing will take place Monday, May 17, at Fox Hills' Fox Classic course in Plymouth. The outing is sponsored by Phillips Service Industries of Livonia. Proceeds from the event will benefit Angela Hospice's programs for terminally ill patients and their families, and community outreach programs, such as grief support groups and counseling services for children and adults. For event details, raffle tickets, or to register for the outing, call Barb Iovan at (734) 953-6045, or visit www.AskForAngela. com. Shown (I to r) are golfers Gerald Law of Canton, Fred Forystek of Northville, Len Wilczewski and Dave Carapellotti, also of Canton, who took third place for a men's group at the 2009 Angela Hospice Golf Outing.

10 a.m.: Oxycise 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/DAY: 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. PILATÈS 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., FridaySaturday: 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Contact: (248) 349-3020 or northvillelibrary.org for information regarding programs and library materials

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.

Teen Books, Chat & Chow Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. Monday, April 26

Details: Teens in sixth-12th grades will enjoy a treats, fun, informal discussion of Suzanne Collins' "The Hunger Games".

Friends of the Library Member Shopping Days Time/Date: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, April 30; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, May 1: and 1:30-4 p.m. Sunday, May 2 Details: Friends of the Northville Library receive a 25% discount on all purchases in the Friends Gift Store. Check out the wonderful selection of unusual gifts at reasonable prices. Clearance and Historical Society books are excluded.

### **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.

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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: 4-6p.m. every Sunday

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

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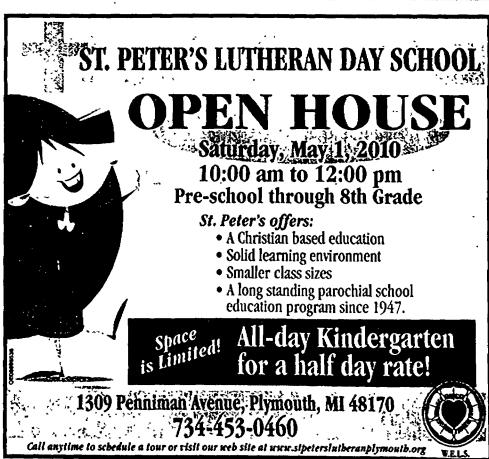
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### First Baptist Church of Novi-Family Integrated

Church Location: 45301 W. II Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org Family Bible Hour: 9.45 a.m. Family Worship: 11 a.m. Bible Study: 6 p.m. Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month

First Presbyterian Church of **Northville** Location: 200 E. Main St. Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpresnville.org Sunday Worship Time: 9:30, 11 a.m. Walking in the Park

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. every Saturday Location: Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park (farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads) Details: Group meet for lunch afterwards.

Contact: Sue (734) 459-0016 Single Place Ministries Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program, every Thursday. Details: Informative and entertaining programs of interest to singles; \$5 per person. Check Web site for details singleplace.org.

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 makeup by Pamela's Salon. Advance ticket sales only through April 25; \$15. All proceeds to benefit Village Banking. Contact: Norma at (248) 207-3731. All proceeds to benefit Village Banking.

First United Methodist Church of Northville A Stephen Ministry Church Location: 777 W. 8 Mile Road at Taft Rd. Contact: (248) 349-1144 or www.

fumcnorthville.org SUNDAY WORSHIP Times: (September-June) 8, 9:15

and 11 a.m.: (July and August) 8:30

and 10 a.m. Pastors: Rev. Dr. Steven J. Buck, Rev. Jeff Sturgeon Coffee Hour: Sunday at 10:15 a.m. Healing Service: 4 p.m. First Monday of every month Logo Youth Club: 5 p.m. Wednesday for fourth-12th grades. Radical Joy: 6-8 p.m. first and third Thursday for all women

Men's Club: 8 a.m. the second Saturday Career Ministry: 7 p.m. first and

third Monday Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi Contact: (248) 349-0565

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

Lakes Baptist Church Location: 309 Decker Road, **Walled Lake** 

National Day of Prayer Service Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 5 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

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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 Pilgrim Fellowship Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays Asking Questions adult educa-

tion class

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Tuesdays Northville Christian Assembly Location: 41355 Six Mile Road Contact: (248) 348-9030 Sundays

9-10 a.m.: Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children 9 a.m.: Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium 10:15 a.m. Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210)

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Novi - Northville Center for Jewish Life

Details: A Jewish center with events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year - children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs, community social events. Contact: Rabbi Avrohhom & 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 Bike Blessing Time/Date: noon-3 p.m. May 2 Details: In addition to the Bike Blessing, the church is hosting the Michigan Mason's Child Identification (MI CHIP) program. **Sunday Worship** Time: 9:45 a.m. Healing Service and Holy

Communion Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month

Peace Vigil Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of every month

Location: In front of the church Details: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace. **Advent Service** 

Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. Sunday 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; ongoing event; no need to pre-register;

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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

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, Plymouth 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 fellowship 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, 2010

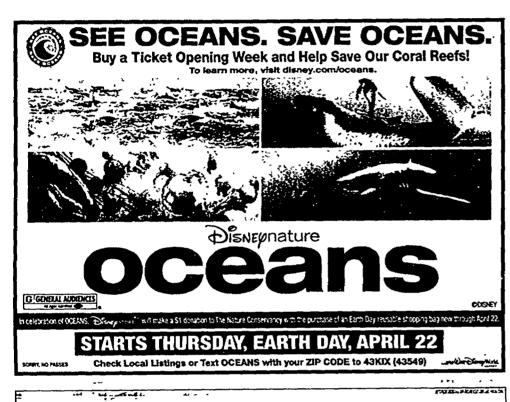
Location: St. James Parish Hall A Details: We provide mothers with fellowship, support and opportunities to grow their faith in order to nurture their children with confidence and Christian values. Through activities such as article discussion, crafts, and speakers, moms are given the opportunity to connect with other moms in support and friendship. Free childcare is available but children are also welcome to join their mothers dur-

ing 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 Hills Contact: (248) 474-0584 or visit stjohn-lutheran.com Saturday Worship Time: 5:30 p.m. Sunday Worship Time: 9, 11:15 a.m. Sunday School Time: 10:15 a.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Location: 201 Elm St., Northville Contact: (248) 349-3140 Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m. Blended; 11 a.m. Contemporary; 11:30 a m. Traditional





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The Northville Township Fire Department encourages the use of fire pits in a safe manner. This is accomplished through specific codes, guidelines and regulations that the fire department has adopted. In order for you to openly burn outside in Northville Township, you must obtain a "burn permit" from the fire department. Burn permits are available starting April 1st and ending on October 31st. Once a burn permit is obtained, a representative from the fire department will inspect the proposed burning site and the surrounding area. Only after the inspection and approval from the fire department will you be allowed to burn. Once you

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

# Home health care workers sentenced to state prison

workers pled guilty to multiple felony charges in Wayne County Circuit Court on April 13. In a plea agreement, defendants Anthony John Eibler and Matthew Douglas Adams will serve a mandatory term of two years in the state prison.

Eibler and Adams, both of Walled Lake, pled guilty to one count of embezzlement from a vulnerable adult, one count of larceny in a building and two counts of receiving and concealing stolen property.

Eibler and Adams worked for a Whitmore Lake-based company to assist in the home and care for of a 64-year-old Northville Township resident suffering from Alzheimer's. Over a period of months, the





two employees stole jewelry and cash from the resident's home and pawned the jewelry at a gold exchange store in Howell.

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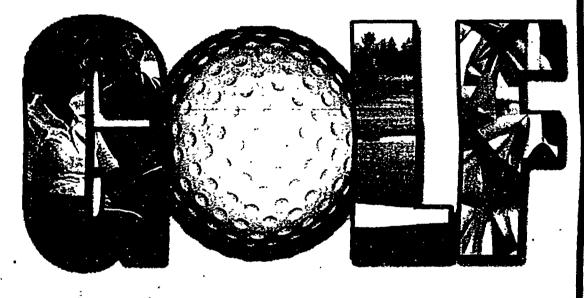


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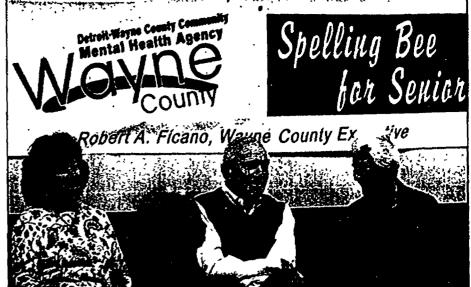


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word during the April 14 Spelling Bee for Seniors in Northville.



Redford's Delphine Wojcieckowski spells a Plymouth's Barb Mcllargey tries to come up with the spelling of a word during the April 14 Spelling Bee for Seniors at the Northville Community Senior Center. At right is Northville's Geri Wright.





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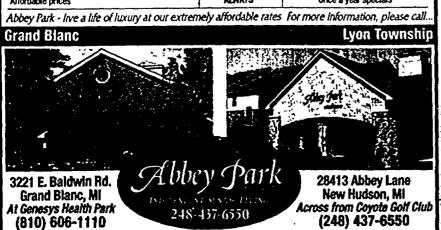
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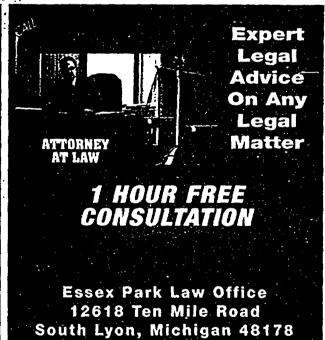
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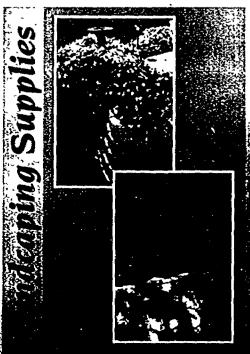
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BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

It's been a long-time in the making, but it's finally here: The First-Ever HomeTown All-Area Competitive Cheer team.

Like with other sports, the writers who cover Novi, Northville, Milford, South Lyon, Lakeland and South Lyon East took nominations for the coaches of those respective schools and sat down to determine which athletes would help create the best squad around.

The choices weren't easy, especially considering the commitment and dedication each and every cheerleader has to have before even making the varsity squad. In the end, however, we're extremely happy with our choices.

Each All-Area team also have one athlete who stands out among their peers for various reasons. That athlete becomes our selection for Player of the Year.

For the 2010 All-Area Competitive Cheerleading squad, the Player of the Year is none other than Novi's Robyn Hurt.

Hurt, a senior with the Wildcats, has been a member of the varsity squad for the past four years. She is one of just two members of the All-Area team to have ever competed in a state championship tournament. She and fellow Wildcat Lauren Forche are the only cheerleaders with that bragging right this year.

Hurt has been an outstanding cheerleader her entire career and continued to make a noticeable impact this year. Hurt collected First-Team All-District honors as well as a nod for a selection onto the Second-Team All-Regional list. In addition, she collected All-Kensington Lakes Activities Association honors and earned the Coaches Award from her team.

The Novi Wildcats didn't have captains in name this year, but Hurt was definitely a leader on her team.

She is expecting to attend Eastern Michigan University in the fall and will likely try out for the school's cheer team.

### Brooke Eisele Junior, Milford

Some cheerleaders just come by their abilities fairly naturally. Others work hard to be a part of their squad. And others, like Eisele, work harder than everyone else and become one of the best.

"Brooke stepped up as a leader on the team and continued to push her teammates to improve daily," said Milford coach Chelsey Corazza. "She lives and breathes cheerleader and is not only a spectacular cheerleader, but a scholar athlete and a wonderful asset to the Milford High School student body."

### Courtney Buescher Junior, Milford

Lots of little girls have the dream of growing up and being a cheerleader. Not as

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## Mustangs bounce back

After loss to Catholic Central, lacrosse comes back with vengeance

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

It's never easy to take a loss, and it's doubly hard when the team you lose to is located just a couple of miles from your school. The key, however, is how you come

back and respond to that loss.

The Mustangs were dominated by Catholic Central early last week, falling 16-3 in a non-conference showdown. When the smoke cleared, Northville didn't walk away with their heads down or feeling sorry for themselves. Instead, they went out and earned a win the very next contest, beating South Lyon East, 15-3, in a Central Division contest.

"It is good to get a win after a loss,"
noted Northville head coach Greg
Durham. "Now we need to get a winning
streak going to gain some confidence into
some of our big games coming up. We just
need to play consistently and hard every

game."

If the game against South Lyon East



Dan Stern

was any indication, the Mustangs know exactly how to do that. Dylan Gelven led his team with four goals and five assists, while Jakob Kippola collected four goals and one assists in the victory. Matt Sopha ON TAP

Northville will be back in action Saturday when they host Powers Catholic at 2 p.m. before visiting Stoney Creek at 7 p.m. Monday.

added three goals in the winning effort.
The team's forwards have been very aggressive, but Durham noted that he needs his midfield to step into a more offensive-minded role, too.

"We still need to spread the wealth on offense," he said. "I keep telling the guys that we need more goals from the midfield if we want to be successful."

Ian Meador, considered one of the area's top face-off players, went 8-for-10 on face-offs in the contest.

Northville is now 3-1 overall on the season and 1-0 in the KLAA Central Division.

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# has a solid week

Northville softball

Squad goes 2-1-1 at Mercy Tourney

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

To be a competitive team when the playoffs roll around, you have to make a point of having a regularseason schedule packed full of tough opponents.

The Northville Mustangs softball team definitely didn't shy away from that this year, lining up a double header against Stevenson and playing in the alwaystough Farmington Mercy Tournament—and all of that was just last week.

The Northville Mustangs softball team played four games in the freezing cold on Saturday, going 0-1-1 in pool play and 2-0 in bracket play. The Mustangs were led by the hitting of Katie Fenech, Rachel Deacon and Mary

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The Mustangs will take the diamond against Saturday when they visit Saline at 8 a.m. before hosting Canton at 4 p.m. Monday. Northville will then visit rival Novi in a double header next Wednesday at 4 p.m.

Rounsifer and the pitching of Laura Pond and Natalie

The weekend improved
Northville's overall record to

In the opening game for the Mustangs, Northville tied Farmington, 9-9, in a game called based on the tournament time-limit rule. Northville scored five runs in the third inning, aided by

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### Northville kickers ranked fourth in state

BY SAM EGGLESTOX
CORRESPONDENT

It's always nice to get some early-season recognition.

The Northville Mustangs girls soccer team, coached by Eric Brucker, was ranked fourth in Division I soccer in the first poll of the year. How did they celebrate? With a win over Walled Lake Central, 4-1, of course.

"Our offense is progressing nicely," said Brucker. "We are continuing to find new ways to score and the goal production is coming from a lot of differ-

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It's a busy week for the Mustangs, who will hit the pitch in a home game against Stevenson today at 7 p.m. before hosting Saline tomorrow at 7 p.m. Northville will then play Salem at home Tuesday at 7 p.m. before visiting Novi next Thursday at 7 p.m.

ent players."

Players like Stacy Clough, who put Northville on the board at the 10 minute mark against Walled Lake when she bent a corner kick right into the goal. Six minutes later, sophomore Alex Gjonaj scored her first goal of the year by firing in a corner kick from Clough for the 2-0 lead heading into the half.

As the second stanza began, Northville kept things rolling, scoring their third goal of another corner kick. Senior Jessica Lyon played in the cross from the corner flag and senior Heidi Haller headed the ball in past the Vikings' goalie.

Walled Lake, proving themselves too stubborn to be shut out, scored when Christie Mueller pushed her way through the Northville defense and found the back of the net for the score to cut the Northville lead to 3-1 with 16

minutes left in the game.

Two minutes later, Northville sealed the deal when Gjonaj put in her second goal of the game—and of the season—with a header over the Central goal-keeper off a cross from sophomore Jenni Borawski.

Northville climbed to 4-0 with the victory.

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### **ALL-AREA**

many actually grow up and do it. Buescher did. She's been cheerleading since she was very young, and it's clear each and every day that cheer is one of her greatest passions.

"Courtney works very hard both on and off the cheer mat," said Corazza. "Courtney's positive attitude is a huge asset to the team and she has a great way of encouraging her teammates and improving herself as well as those around her."

### Kassi Meister Junior, South Lyon

The future is bright at South Lyon with Meister expected to be back as a captain next year. The junior, who was a captain this year, was voted the team's Most Valuable Cheerleader in 2009-10. Along the way, she also earned recognition from the coaches and the judges who watched her in action. taking a First-Team All-District nod and an honorable mention All-Region selection.

### Holli Sweet Senior, South Lyon

A leader both in the gym and out of it, Sweet was the type of captain that showed it takes more than a pretty smile to earned All-District honors. Sweet was not only a team captain in her senior season, but also an outstanding student athlete, too. She collected honors this year on the academic front as well as on the cheerleading mat.

### Nikki Zachar Senior, South Lyon

Talk about making your last season your best. Zachar, a senior captain for the Lions, helped lead her team to their first-ever District Championship thanks to her hard work and dedication to the sport. It wasn't just the coaches who noticed-though she did receive the team's Coaches Award this year-but also her opponents and judges: Zachar was awarded First-Team All-District honors as well as being selected to the Second-Team All-Region

### Erin Detavernier Soph., South Lyon East

As a sophomore, Detavernier is the youngest gymnast selected to this year's All-Area team-she may also be the most widely-witnessed cheerleader on the squad, too. Detavernier is a former gymnast who decided to try her hand at competitive cheer. It was a move that has paid off for the sophomore, earning her selection to the National Cheerleaders Association's Top All-American team. Because of the honor, and her tumbling abilities, Detavernier appeared in on-screen interviews and events with the popular Jonas Brothers throughout this sea-

"Erin is one of the area's top athletes because, though all of the recognition she has received, she has stayed humble and true to herself," said South Lyon East coach Tracie Hovarter.

### Jessica Oakley Junior, South Lyon East

Oakley is the kind of cheerleader every team wants. Since the time she was a freshman, she has pushed herself to be better each and every year. It's a dedication that has paid off, earning her a place on the National Cheerleaders Association's All-American team this past season as well as MHSAA All-District honorable mention honors.

"She is a hard worker and a great leader," said Hovarter. (She has) goals of continuing on to coach cheer after graduation from high school. She motivates others around her to work as hard as she does and, in doing so, makes the whole team better with her efforts."

### Paige Burnia Junior, South Lyon East

Talk about a jack of all trades. Burnia is not only a honor-receiving cheerleader, but also an MHSAA Scholar Athlete and a member of the student council, the National Honor Society, the school's track and field team and part of the choir.

"Paige has proven to be one of the top athletes in the area because of her discipline and maturity and continues to improve because of her amazing heart and love for the sport of cheer," said Hovarter.

Burnia was recognized as a member of the National Cheerleaders Association's All-American team.

### Kaitlyn Meagher Junior, South Lyon East

An All-KLAA selection this season, Meagher has been a driving force behind the building of South Lyon East's program since it began. She came aboard as a freshman and has pushed herself to be her best each and every step of the way.

"She is an extremely fast learner and will continue to achieve top honors in cheer due to her dedication to the sport," noted Hovarter.

She is also a member of the student council and the track team at East and earned academic honors this year.

### Morgan Breault Junior, Northville

Few people on the All-Area team are as competitive as Breault, a team captain for the Mustangs this season. No matter what she's doing—be it in cheer or in the classroom-Breault pushes herself to be the best.

"Morgan is an intense competitor," said Northville coach Mindy Gentz. "She is a positive leader on the team. Morgan is self motivated and committed to doing her best for the team."

And that kind of dedication to her squad has earned Breault recognition. The junior was named to the All-KLAA team, the First-Team All-District squad, the Second Team All-Region team as well

as earning the Mustang Spirit Award and being named as a KLAA Scholar Athlete.

### Katie Steinberg Junior, Northville

They say that hard work pays off, and no one embodies that on the All-Area team as well as Steinberg. The junior captain earned a slew of accolades this season. Why? Beyond being intelligent and athletically talented, Steinberg is constantly working at improving.

Katie pushes herself everyday to be at the top of her game," said Gentz. "She is committed to continuous improvement. Katie has earned the respect of her teammates through her dedication to being her best and helping others to be at their best.

This season, Steinberg earned All-KLAA, All-District First Team, All-Region Honorable Mention, the Junior of the Year Award, KLAA Scholar Athlete, Mustangs Scholar Athlete and Academic All-State with a 3.8333 gradepoint average.

### Melissa Scott Senior, Northville

Being a cheerleader-like any athlete-is about more than just perfecting routines or showing up at practice. It's about pushing through the easy times and the tough times and coming out better because of it. Scott is one of those kinds of athletes, and her teammates recognized that all season long, naming her a captain at the beginning of the season and following her lead.

\*Melissa has overcome tremendous obstacles and worked through significant personal stresses over the last two years," said Gentz. "In that time, she has grown into an outstanding leader and ath-

Outstanding indeed: Scott, who was a member of all three rounds of competition for the Mustangs, earned All-KLAA honors this year and was named to the All-District First Team. In addition, Scott was also named the Senior of the Year for the Mustangs, as well as earning herself KLAA Scholar Athlete honors.

### Allie Hartnagel Junior, Northville

Experience counts for everything when it comes to being a varsity athlete. Someone can have all the natural talent in the world and yet have no idea what to do in game-time situations. Hartnagel doesn't ever have to worry about that. As a three-year varsity member of the Northville cheerleading team, Hartnagel knows the ins and outs of her team.

"Allie is the girl you can always count on to get the job done," said Gentz. "She does not accept anything but the best from herself, and from her teammates."

Hartnagel earned herself All-KLAA and First-Team All-District honors this year, as well as the team's Dedication

### Sarah Kolis Sophomore, Novi

It's hard to make an impact on a varsity cheer team as a sophomore, but Kolis is the kind of athlete that isn't going to let something as trivial as her grade get in the way.

Kolis earned honors across the board this year, getting a nod for the First-Team All-District squad as well as All-Region Honorable Mention. In addition, she earned All-KLAA honors and was named as a KLAA Scholar Athlete this year. Kolis was also given the Hardest Working award by

### Allie Jones Junior, Novi

A lot of hard work went a long way for Jones this season. The junior notched herself a wide variety of honors, including those that show how capable she is at balancing her competitive cheerleading season with her scholastic studies.

This season Jones earned All-KLAA honors and was selected to the All-District First-Team. And if that weren't enough, she was recognized as a KLAA Scholar Athlete and earned herself a place on the All-State Academic Team.

### Jone Ortiz Senior, Novi

Certain athletes just embody the exact definition of teamwork and sportsmanship. Ortiz is this year's All-Area selection that does exactly that. The senior, who will likely attend Michigan State University this fall to study business and Spanish, not only earned All-District Second-Team honors and an All-Conference selection in the KLAA, she was also recognized by her team for her hard work toward her team and for the way she handled herself in each and every competition. Ortiz was awarded the Novi Teamwork Award as well as the team's Sportsmanship Award this year. And she's more than just a great sportsman and teammate-she's a whiz in the classroom, too, earning KLAA Scholar Athlete and All-State Academic Team honors in her senior season.

### Lauren Forche Senior, Novi

Looking back over her fouryear varsity career at Novi High School, Forche has a lot to be proud of. As a freshman, she and her teammates qualified for the state championship tournament-a feat that only her teammate Robyn Hurt enjoyed out of all of this year's All-Area honorees.

Though the Wildcats didn't have captains this year, coach Emily Pohlonski said that had there been Forche would have

This season, Forche earned All-District Second-Team honors as well as All-KLAA. She was also named as a KLAA Scholar Athlete.

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### Northville lacrosse loses pair of games

### Tough week for girls squad

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

It wasn't exactly the week the Northville Mustangs girls lacrosse team was hoping to have when they came back from spring break.

The squad ended up taking two tough losses last week, falling to Hartland, 19-7, and to Lahser, 10-7.

Against Hartland, the Mustangs found themselves trailing early in the contest and unable to catch up.

Scoring Northville's first goal was Erin Wensing, who notched the tally at 6:52 in the first to cut the Hartland Eagles' lead in half, 2-1. But Hartland kept scoring, adding two more goals before Northville earned their second score of the game off a shot by Molly Burford.

Northville trailed by 12-5 when the first half came to a

Collecting the other goals for Northville were Kayley Dahring (2), Tori Hilmer, Kathleen Terrian and Charlotte Peterson.

Taking the loss in goal

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The Mustangs are slated to host South Lyon tomorrow at 6:15 p.m. before hosting Harrison Monday at the same time. Next Wednesday, the team will visit Waterford Mott for a 7 p.m. contest.

the course with the same was Rachel Jurczyszun, who stopped 19 shots and allowed

19 goals. Against Lahser, Northville put up a larger challenge, but ultimately fell to their nonconference foes.

The Mustangs trailed just 5-4 heading into halftime, but couldn't produce the same offensive pressure as Lahser in the second half of the contest. Scoring for Northville

was Dahring, who tallied an impressive five goals in the game, while Terrian and Hilmer added one each.

Jurczyszun suffered the loss in goal again, tallying 13 saves while allowing 10 goals in the contest.

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### Mustangs win shootout

Northville links squad edges out competition

**BY SAM EGGLESTON** CORRESPONDENT

It was a day full of competitive golf, and the Northville Mustangs boys squad walked away showing that out of the field playing in the University of Detroit-Jesuit Shootout they were the best.

The squad, coached by Matt Stetson, played the Golden Fox course at Fox Hills as though it is their home. They put up a 301 over the course of the tournament, beating Davison by two strokes to secure the win. In third was DeLaSalle with

There were 20 teams in the field, which included five ranked teams from around the state, including Detroit Catholic Central," said Stetson. This was the first tournament of the year for Northville." And Stetson was surely

happy with the results. His team was led by junior Blake Bonatz, who recorded

town matchup at 3:30 p.m. next

ON TAP

Wednesday. a three-under-par 69 to earn medalist honors. The next nearest golfer recorded an even-par, giving Bonatz plenty of space in his overall victory.

Northville will be chipping and

putting again Monday when they

play Salem High School at 3 p.m.

before visiting Novi in a cross-

Seniors Trevor Grigg and Alex Bernstein also put up productive days, carding 77s on the difficult course to tie for 11th place overall. Senior Mike Walton, not to be outdone, shot a 78 to finish in 13th. Brandon Cameron and Eric Goebel, both seniors, put up strong performances to help

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

### **NORTHVILLE SPORTS BRIEFS**

### 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.

### Dance team clinic

The Northville High School varsity dance team will be holding a clinic from 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesday, April 27 with tryouts the following day from 3:30-5:30 p.m. The varsity dance team is an elite competitive team which represents Northville High School throughout the state of Michigan and the United States. If you have any further questions, please contact the coach Tracy Kielb at (734) 233-4009.

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### NORTHYILLE SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Baseball earns big wins during busy week

It was the kind of exhausting week that would have had most athletes looking forward to getting a break. The Northville Mustangs baseball team'is different though, thriving off the pressure and the non-stop action. They proved it with five wins and three losses

Coach John Kostrzewa said there is always room for improvement though.

Fundamentally, we are not where we need to be, but there have been flashes of how good this team could be if we put it all together and clean things up," he said.

Last Monday, Northville earned a 7-1 win over John Glenn, following Dan Mills and Brett Macdonald as they hit two-run homeruns to help secure the win. Colin Gerish pitched five innings, striking out eight for the win.

Colin did an excellent job of throwing strikes and limiting walks," said Kostrzewa. "He controlled the tempo of the game by pounding the strike

Bobby Sable relieved Gerish and pitched two scoreless innings.

Two days later, Northville split a double header with long-time rival Stevenson, losing the opener, 4-3, and winning the closing game, 7-0. The second contest was called, awarding the win to Northville, due to darkness after five innings. Dylan Breault pitched five innings for the shutout and sent five down on strikes. Conner Smith had two hits, including

**Against Saline last** Thursday, the Mustangs took a 7-6 loss. Jeff Gertley had three hits and Dylan Breault added two in the loss.

We were fundamentally very poor," Kostrzewa said. "We walked way too many guys, but still had a chance to win. I was happy the boys battled through two three-run leads by Saline. We tied it in the seventh down three, but couldn't get that big hit to gain the lead.

Northville also played in the Milan Tournament last week-



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER A Northville Mustang shortstop fires a throw to first base during their April

12 home game.

end, earning two wins and a loss. They fell to Grosse Pointe North, 4-3, and blasted Milan, 18-11, and beat Grandville, 7-4, in the consolation game.

### Tennis sweeping away opponents

The Northville Mustangs girls tennis team isn't having much difficulty earning wins in the early weeks of the 2010 season. The squad, coached by Sandy Woolfall, collected three wins, all via shutouts, over Salem, Stevenson and Ann Arbor Huron.

"I was extremely pleased with our play against Ann Arbor Huron," noted Woolfall. "This was our first tough competition for doubles and I was thrilled at how well they played."

Northville had a change in line-up in singles against the Hurons due to the absence of Jessica Yu at three singles. Ann Arbor was missing their regular number two singles player so both teams put subs in at three singles to shake things up a little. Elizabeth Sakorafis was the sub at three singles and showed what she can do, carning a 6-1, 6-1 victory over Ann Arbor.

It wasn't all easy in the Ann Arbor contest, however. In three of the matches, the two teams pushed the decision to a third set.

We played a 10-point tiebreaker because of time constraints," said Woolfall.

It was a format that worked well for Northville. Joanne Weber, at first singles, came back to win after losing a close first set to Ann Arbor's Rebecca Friedman and finished with a 10-8 third-set tiebreaker. Mackenzie Powers also made a similar comeback after dropping the first set at fourth singles to Rosa Wu. She also had a 10-8 third-set tiebreaker to get the win.

Erin Doud was really challenged at two singles and showed how much she's improved this season by collecting a 7-6 (1), 6-3 victory over Monika Rizk.

In the doubles flights, Northville had little trouble, winning all by two set matches. Laura Taylor and Caiti Darish played first doubles, while Amy Bernstein and Jenna Grezlik took the win at two doubles. At three doubles was Ali Weaver and Jackie Kjolhede while Megan Foland and Christy Murphy played fourth doubles.

### Junior varsity softball notches big win

The Northville Mustangs junior varsity softball team improved to 3-0 on the season with a whopping 20-1 win over the John Glenn Rockets last

The team was led by the defense of Cierra Kalinovik and Kayla Cannon. Nikki Thibodeau and Carly Oosten combined on a one hitter,



with seven strikeouts. Megan McCrohan, Meg Girvan and Caitlin Childers each scored three runs.

### Freshman softball struggles

The Northville freshman softball team lost both games of a doubleheader last Tuesday to Grand Blanc. Mustang catcher Renee O'Connell scored the Mustangs only run in an 11-1 loss in the first game. Audrey Sparschu was the hitting star in the second game with two RBIs, though no score was reported.

Pitcher Kate Sell took the loss in the first game and Rachel Kalinovik took the loss in the nightcap.

### Junior varsity lacrosse takes two losses

The Northville Mustangs junior varsity girls lacrosse team ran into a couple of bumps in the road last week, taking losses to Lahser, 7-4, and Hartland, 10-2

Against Lahser, Northville's goals were tallied by Ashley Hart (2), Alexis Cook and Allie Hartnagel.

Against Hartland, Hart picked up a goal and Alivia Duquet notched the other, making it a clean sweep last week for goals scored by players whose first name starts with the letter a.

Sam Eggleston

a couple of Farmington errors. The key hits in the inning were delivered by Fenech and Rounsifer. To add to the point total, Karly Fisher and Ellie Asher had RBIs in the inning. Northville added two more runs in the fourth on singles by Deacon and Jennifer **Buckingham and Meredith** Williams' two-RBI single. The Mustangs got two more runs in the fifth on an RBI single by Fenech and Deacon's long triple over the center fielder's

head. Northville lost its second game to Trenton, 4-3, on a single in the last inning. Northville's three runs all came in the fourth. The team got singles from Deacon, Williams and Asher and Rounsifer's RBI to score the three runs.

In bracket play, Northville defeated Divine Child, 6-2, behind the pitching of Laura Pond, who allowed only six hits, with five strikeouts and no walks. Buckingham and Fenech led the offense with two hits each and Rachel Deacon had two RBIs. With the score tied at two, Northville took the lead in the bottom of the third inning when Fenech slapped home a run with a key RBI.

In the final game of a cold day, Northville defeated Marian High, 3-2, as Rounsifer led the offense with two hits. Northville scored all three of its runs in the fifth. Pond picked up another win to improve her record to 6-1 on the season.

A few days earlier against Stevenson, Northville split a double header. They fell in the opener, 2-1, and earned a win over nine innings in the nightcap, 1-0.

The Mustangs had 10 hits in the second game, led by Ellie Asher (3 for 4), Fisher (2 for 4 with a walk) and Rounsifer (2 for 4). Williams had a long triple to the right field corner and Fenech and sophomore center fielder Jennifer Buckingham each had one hit.

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### Small signs to become a Purple Eagle

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

There's a statistic floating around in the world somewhere that indicates just one percent of high school athletes get the chance to play at the collegiate level on a scholarship.

Brady Small, a swimmer from Detroit Catholic Central, has never been exactly part of the other 99 percent anyway. The standout recently signed a National Letter of Intent to swim for the Purple Eagles of Niagara University.

Small, an All-State and All-Catholic League swimmer in his senior season, selected the eastern university over St. Louis University, Lasalle University and Bonaventure University.

The Purple eagles compete in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference and is a Division I program.

This season, Small swam for the Shamrocks in the state finals in the 200-yard freestyle, the 100-yard freestyle, the 200 freestyle relay and the 400 freestyle relay. The Purple Eagles men's swimming and diving team finished eighth in their Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference championships and 15th in the Eastern College Athletic Conference championships.

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Catholic Central's Brady Small signed a National Letter of Intent to swim for Niagara University.

### CATHOLIC CENTRAL ROUNDUP

### Shamrocks baseball sweeps U of D

There are few things sweeter than defeating your conference rival. Beating them twice just happens to be one of them.

The Catholic Central baseball team, coached by Kevin Walters, put up a 4-2 and a 4-0 victory over their Catholic High School League rival during a double header last week.

(We) were the beneficiaries of some great pitching," said Walters.

In the opening game of the double header, the Shamrocks earned a 4-2 victory. Earning the win on the mount was freshman Liam Teevens, who wasn't shy in his first start for the Shamrocks as he allowed iust one hit over five innings and struck out nine batters.

In the second game, Bobby Green threw a complete game as he allowed two hits and whiffed nine batters in a shutout performance for the 4-0 \*decision. PJ Nowak and Ryan

Keller had two hits apiece to pace the Shamrocks offense.

Catholic Central will be back in action when they host St. Mary's at 11 a.m. Saturday for a double header and then host a double header against U of D at 4 p.m. April 28.

### Mitch Hancock named coach of the year

It's no secret that the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks have the best wrestling team in the state. They not only captured the Division I team state title, but collected the most wins and points at the Individual State Championships to take the top spot in that as well.

Now, they officially have the best coach, too.

The Michigan Wrestling Association announced at the end of the wrestling season that their choice for Division I coach of the year was none other than Mitch Hancock, Catholic Central's head coach. Hancock finished ahead of Allen Wilfong of Oxford in the final voting.

### Trackers crush Divine Child It wasn't as much of a track

meet as it was a glorified practice for the Catholic Central Shamrocks last week when they crushed Divine Child, 107-21.

The Shamrocks, coached by Tony Magni, earned 15 firstplace finishes out of 16 events. They also took nine secondplace finishes and five thirdplace finishes.

Taking firsts were: Billy Riga (long jump: 20-feet-7.5inches and 100-meter dash: 11 seconds); Dylan Young (discus: 149-8); Jeff Sherman (shot put: 47-7); Michael Shearon (high jump: 6-0); Jean-Paul Zebrowski (1600-meter run: 4:41.8); Dominic Salinas (400 dash: 53.5 seconds); Andrew Campbell (300 hurdles: 42.6 seconds); Spencer Hall (800

run: 2:03.4); Jake Spuller (200 dash: 22.9 seconds); and Ricardo Galindo (3200 run: 9:47). The Shamrocks also took first in the 4x800, 4x200, 4x100 and 4x400 relays.

Taking second were: Campbell (long jump: 19-5.5); Michael Still (Discus: 132-11); George Darany (shot put: 45-11); Jack Malinowski (high jump: 5-10); James Haapala (1600 run: 4:49.1); Ryan Majsak (400 dash: 54.1); Joshua Carolin (800 run: 2:04.6); Salinas (200 dash: 24.1); and Andrew Garcia-Garrison (3200 run: 10:11).

In third place were: Campbell (high jump: 5-8 and 100 hurdles: 16.2); Majsak (100 dash: 12.0); Steve Pyzik (400 dash: 54.1); and Tyler Brown (300 hurdles: 43.4).

The track team will visit Ypsilanti Saturday at 9 a.m. for the Ypsilanti Invitational before visiting Brother Rice at 4 p.m. Monday.

- Sam Eggleston All times p.m. unless noted

### PREP SCHEDULES

### Novi High BASEBALL

All games 4 p.m. unless noted 10 a.m. @ Saline (DH 1)

4/24 12 p.m. @ Saline (DH 2) Plymouth 4/28 Northville (DH 1)

4/28 6 p.m. Northville (DH 2) SOFTBALL

All games 4 p.m. unless noted TBA @ Stacey Shaleb 4/24 Tournament

4/26 Plymouth 4/28 Northville (DH 1) 4/28 6 p.m. Northville (DH 2)

All games 7 p.m. unless noted @ South Lyon 4/27 @ South Lyon East Northville

**GIRLS TENNIS** 

All meets 4 p.m. unless noted @ Livonia Stevenson 8 a.m. @ Ann Arbor Pioneer Invite

4/27 Northville **BOYS LACROSSE** 

7 p.m. @ W.L. Western 4/26

### 7:30 p.m. @ Notre Dame

Preparatory **BOYS/GIRLS TRACK & FIELD** All meets 4 p.m. unless noted

@ North Farmington 4/23 Raider Invite

4/24 9 a.m. @ Balawadjer Relays 4/27 @ South Lyon

BOYS GOLF All meets 3:30 p.m. unless noted

4/26 12 p.m. @ West Bloomfield Invite

4/26 @ South Lyon East 4/28 Northville 4/30 8:30 a.m. @ Bryon Invite

Catholic Central

BASEBALL All times 4 p.m. unless noted 4/24 11 a.m. O L. St. Mary's (DH)

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LACROSSE All times are p.m. 4/23 7@ Dublin Jerome

4/26 7:30 O.L. St. Mary's 4/28 7:30 DeLaSalle

TRACK & FIELD

4 @ Brother Rice4/30 4/26 3 @ Jackson Invite 4/30

3 @ Harrison 9th√10th **Grade Relays** 

9 a.m. @ Ypsilanti Invite

Northville High BASEBALL

All times 4 p.m. unless noted 4/24 10 a.m. @ Brighton (DH) 4/26 Canton (DH)

4/28 @ Novi (DH) SOFTBALL

All games 4 p.m. unless noted 8 a.m. @ Saline (Invite) 4/26 Canton

@ Novi (DH) **GIRLS TRACK** 

10 a m. @ Ypsilanti (Invite) 4/24 4/27 3:45 p.m. @ Stevenson **BOYS TRACK** 

4/24 10 a.m. @ Ypsilanti (Invite) 4/27 3:45 p.m. @ Stevenson

4/30 3:45 p.m. @ Harrison (Frosh/Soph Invite) **BOYS LACROSSE** 

All times 7 p.m. unless noted 2 p.m. Powers Catholic

4/26 Stoney Creek @ Rockford

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GIRLS LACROSSE All game times p.m. 4/23 6:15 South Lyon 4/26 6:15 Harrison

7 @ Waterford Mott **BOYS GOLF** All times are p.m. unless noted 9:30 a m. @ East Lansing 4/26

(Invite) 4/26 3 Salem 4/28 3:30 @ Novi 4/30 9 a.m. @ University Of Detroit Jesuit HS (Invite)

GIRLS TENNIS All matches 4 p.m. unless noted

4/22 South Lyon East 4/24 TBA @ Saline (Invite) 4/27 Novi 4/28 North Farmington

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The Accounting Office, Inc. is a full service accounting firm for small- and mediumsized businesses. Our specialty is providing bookkeeping and financial statements on a monthly basis. By doing so, our clients get real time information on the operations of their business and we are able to use the information to properly plan for this tax year.

So often we see businesses review their tax situation on a yearly basis. They know this is not proper for a viable, successful business but owners really don't like to address these tasks and most accounting firms are happy to address one's tax situation once per year.

In addition, our clients take advantage of our payroll . services, business formation services (i.e. deciding upon and implementing the most appropriate legal and tax entity), all tax filings, and IRS problem resolution.

How did you first decide to open your business?

Originally servicing large

corporate clients, we made a decision in 2004 to focus exclusively on the much neglected group of small-

and medium-sized entities - businesses that are much too small to hire a company controller or hire a firm, typically hourly, to take a more hands-on and timely approach for the business's accounting and tax requirements.

This segment either cannot afford, or does not receive a return on their investment for, traditional hourly services. We developed a way to perform these necessary services in a way that doesn't draw the client away that is typical when firms charge hourly fees.

Why did you choose this area?

Northville contains many small- and medium-sized businesses that comprise our target market. It is a small, wholesome town with a high quality of life while providing a very professional environment. We live in Northville and wanted to base both our personal and professional lives in the community.

What makes your business unique? Three factors come to mind



Staff of Northville's The Accounting Office (from left): Kasey Sidwell, Holly Jukuri, Debbie Foster, Ted Chapekis, Linda Chapekis, Melissa Wild, Denise Fedrigo, and Greg Bennett.

immediately. First, we do not charge hourly. Rather, we charge a monthly fee for a complete set of services that every good business requires. including monthly financial statements that encompass metrics not typically found in traditional financial statements.

Second, as business owners, we know what every small business should be reviewing regularly to ensure they are on track in achieving their goals. Our experience is only a small percentage of businesses in this segment utilize these tools. Our financial statements are very comprehensive, are tailored to the business's requirements, and are easily understood. We personally meet with every client to describe and discuss their first set of financial statements.

Third, because we review each client's financials regularly, we are able to properly tax plan for the client. We meet with clients mid year

and near the end of the year to ensure our clients are aware of their current tax situation and to take proactive measures to reduce their tax bill to the fullest extent possible. You would not believe the number of businesses out there that hold their breath until March or April only to be surprised about their tax situation. For us, this is incomprehensible.

Do you have a funny tidbit or story about your experience as a small business owner to share with our

The business is owned and operated by a husband-andwife team. Funny tidbits occur regularly as a result. We used to share a large office. However, to 'maximize our operational effectiveness', Linda decided to place other employees in this space, and the couple now has separate offices (Ted still isn't sure this is the real reason).

**How has the recent economy** 

### affected your business?

We have seen more incorporations as those who have left the workforce are attempting to launch an enterprise. Also, tax planning changes when one's business expands or contracts significantly. Although our business has not been significantly affected, it is so sad to see businesses close up or move out of state, even long established businesses.

Any advice for business owners? Many business owners

think they should be very knowledgeable in the bookkeeping, accounting and tax fields. Of course, this is not true. Business owners should feel comfortable in knowing what they went into business to do and comfortable to delegate other tasks. While business owners must be interested and informed about their financial and tax situation, they should be comfortable in knowing that their firm 'has their back'.

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### NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

### ResumeTalks.org launched

Celebrating its first anniversary year in business, Revitalizing Michigan, a non-profit organization dedicated to Michigan's economic recovery,

Supporting its mission to restore Michigan's economic vitality, rejuvenate manufacturing, and revitalize local commerce, ResumeTalks.org streamlines communication between destined employees and hiring agents.

CEO Greg Bernabei states that "From the onset, we wanted to create the world's best online video/audio resume service. Our goal is to provi..e resumes with a better 'voice' in the job-placement market. This website is ideal for job-seekers who want to differentiate themselves."

With a simple, easy to manage video audio recordable feature, candidates are able to record and upload a live mock interview/resume to showcase their employable strengths. From there, candidates have the option to send their profile, containing their digital files and career highlights, to hiring agents as well as their friends and col-

"It is likewise ideal for reputable hiring agents who are looking for a better way to evaluate candidates, prior to investing time in first round interviews," Bernabei said.

Hiring agents can view state-of-the art profiles of all candidates, hear them, access their uploaded resumes, read their career highlights, and contact them if they meet the criteria for the specific posi-

Unemployed and underemployed workers can gain social ground in their job search by creating profiles on ResumeTalks.org. Webmaster Matthew Trueblood says "College and even high school students can begin networking for their dream career on ResumeTalks.org prior to graduation. In creating the site, we've used the latest scripting languages and graphic user interfaces along with recording technologies to produce an highly innovative, friendly job-placement tool for all ages."

The ResumeTalks.org team includes Greg Bernabei, Mike Pizzo, Matthew Trueblood, Kevin Linna, Bob McTavish and Kelly Kwiatkowski.

Moving forward, marketing plans include melding the Web site with internet podcasts, maintaining a strong presence at local job/career fairs, and securing radio and television panel interviews. While ResumeTalks.org may require funding eventually, at this time there is no fee for candidates or hiring agents to use the site to support their ambitious growth plans.

### Guernsey carrying new probiotic milk

Ganeden Biotech, Inc., maker of the patented probiotic strain Ganeden BC30, announced the launch of a new probiotic milk line by Guernsey Farms Dairy, a family owned and operated dairy processing facility located in Northville. The new line is the first to incorporate GanedenBC30 and is one of only a handful of probiotic-enhanced milk lines currently available to consumers. The new line includes half-gallon reduced fat

and fat free varieties. In addition to being fortilanedenBC30, the milk is also free of all growth hormones. The new products are currently available at a variety of southeast Michigan grocery retailers, including: Arbor Farms, Busch's Markets, Hiller's Markets, Plum Markets, Holiday Markets, Hollywood Markets, Oakridge Markets, Nino Salvaggio Marketplaces and Value Center Markets, with further expansion planned for the near future.

"With this new line, we are excited to have the opportunity to not only provide new high-quality dairy products to the public, but products that can also play a role in promoting improved digestive and immune health when incorporated into a healthy diet," said Tom Rice, marketing director for Guernsey Farms Dairy. Now consumers who enjoy our milk can have the added health benefits of probiotics without having to take a supplement."

Probiotics are "good bacteria" that have been shown to improve digestive health and support immunity. Unlike many probiotic strains, GanedenBC30 is unique in its ability to survive harsh manufacturing processes, including those used in milk processing. The survivability and viability of Ganeden BC30 can be attributed to the naturally-occurring layer of organic material that protects the genetic core of the bacteria.

"We have been interested in collaborating on a probiotic-enhanced milk line for some time, and have found the perfect partner in Guernsey Farms Dairy," said Ganeden Biotech CEO Andrew Lefkowitz. "We look forward to continuing to work with Guernsey Farms Dairy to expand distribution of this new probiotic milk line to make these delicious and healthy products available and accessible to an even greater number of consumers."

### Oakland offers business workshops

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

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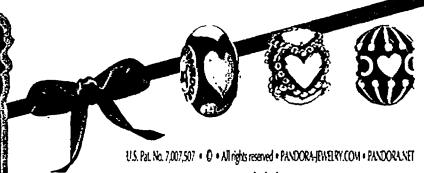
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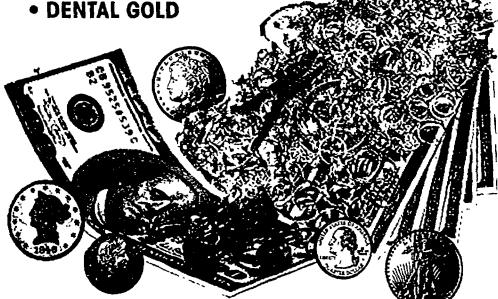
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# Old-School Job Hunting Techniques That Still Work

Anthony Balderrama, CareerBuilder.com writer

Nostalgia for better days is nothing new. The world as a whole was a better place back in your day, wasn't it? The music, your family, manners, society -- they really knew how to do things right. At least, that's what you hear. Depending on what you're talking about, the past might have been better. In other regards, it might have been worse.

When you talk about the process of finding a job, the biggest changes have come from technology. Once upon a time you couldn't look at listings online. You needed a newspaper. You couldn't save 20 different résumés on your computer. You had to type each one out on a typewriter.

Technology has certainly made some tasks easier, but are job seekers relying too much on it? We asked some experts if they thought any job seekers were doing themselves a disservice by ignoring some oldschool techniques. While no one thinks you need to toss your online tools aside, they suggest you go back to the basics to boost your chances of getting the job.

Here are the tried and true job search techniques you shouldn't forget about: A good follow-up

"The tactic that I see falling into disuse is the personal follow up on a résumé submission ... One of the best iobs I ever had came about because I persisted. Years after the president of the company and I became good friends, I asked him why he hired me, initially. He said 'You kept coming back. I could really tell you wanted

"In today's world, the line of distinction between persistence and stalking or being annoying is tough to define, but a candidate who is able to demonstrate or indicate that he or she wants the job more than other, equally qualified candidates gets a real edge." - Bruce Campbell, vice president of marketing for Clare Computer Solutions.

A personal touch

"Twitter, Facebook, etc. are about expanding your reach. The old reliance on networking and accessing the hidden job market remains the same. The advantage of being referred by an employee remains the same. The interview process, which is still live and

focused on specific examples and bottom line results, is still the same. The need to negotiate by understanding your prospective employers concerns and constraints remains the same. The new stuff is in addition, not instead of the basics." -Caroline Ceniza-Levine, career expert, writer, speaker and co-founder of SixFigureStart

Solid application materials

"Job seekers who network and stay top of mind with employers still have the best chances. People who present clear résumés focusing on relevant skills and accomplishments get

noticed first. Social networking is great for lead generation, but without a solid résumé as your calling card, you won't go very far." - Tony Deblauwe, founder of

HR4Change.com

"Write a stellar cover letter tailored to a specific job or company. This is your time to shine, don't recycle old cover letters. Send something that is unique to this job and this company."

- Frank Dadah. general manager for Winter, Wyman and Co. Informational interview

"One job search tactic that will never be a bad idea is the informational interview. In a nutshell, this is when candidates ferret out key decision makers at the companies they want to work for

and set up brief meetings with them. It can be intimidating to do this, but on the other hand the worst that could happen is that they say no. If they agree to the meeting - which can be at their office, a coffee shop, anywhere that's convenient for them - you have a golden opportunity to meet a decision maker and make yourself stand out from the applicant field." -Mandy Minor, executive-level resume writer for J Allan Studios

Recruiters

"Sadly recruiters are often forgotten and people forget to cultivate relations with them until they need a job. I

maintain relations with recruiters by emailing them, sending them friends." -Steven Savage, writer, blogger and author of "Fan To Pro: Unlocking career insights with your hobbies'

Thank you notes

"Old fashioned etiquette and the writing of a thank you note to each person involved in the interview process will help distinguish you from the other applicants. There may not be statistics to quantify this fact, but for each person considered for a position. the final decision often reaches beyond the best set of skills, to person-to-person considerations. Exemplifying that you, as the candidate, are a person who is considerate and knows the rules of etiquette (appreciation and respect for others) can put you into the "hired" category. Write this and mail it the day of the interview." - Sandra E. Lamb, career, lifestyle and etiquette expert and author of "How to Write It"

"Definitely a thank-you letter. Notice I said 'letter' and not 'e-mail.' Big difference. A handwritten letter will not only set you apart from most other applicants, but employers will also be pleasantly surprised that you took the extra effort to write a personalized note rather than sending an e-mail template." - Kris Alban, director of strategic partnerships for iGrad

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# MSU lawn care tips will help you 'go green'

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### HEIGHT OF CUT

i Turfgrasses are well adapted to frequent mowing, but mowing too short will reduce the vigor of the plants by reducing their ability to manufacture food. Also, there is a direct relationship between cutting height and the amount of roots a grass plant can maintain. Lowering the mowing height reduces he root system. This restricts the ability of the plant to absorb water and nutrients. In recent years, recommendations for mowing height have steadiby increased for home lawns. Earlier recommendations for a cutting height of 1.5 inches were common. Current Standards suggest between 2 and 3.75 inches. Higher cut lawn grasses are more stress tolerant. This is especially important during the summer heat period. Taller grass plants with higher density have a profound shading effect on the soil surface, which reduces germination of weed seeds, particularly trabgrass. This is an excellent way to reduce herbicide use, especially where the lawn is properly fertilized and watered to maintain vigor.

### **MOWING FREQUENCY**

A general rule of thumb is not to remove more than one-third of the total leaf surface when mowing your lawn. This may require mowing every four to five days during rapid growth in the spring. The table below describes the amount of growth allowed between mowings at specific cutting heights. As the table indicates, higher cutting heights allow more time between mowing cycles. This is desirable during periods of rapid growth. Removing more than one-third of total leaf surface can severely injure the grass plant by decreasing its ability to support its underground portions.

. To cut one-third of the leaves Height of cut/Mow when turf reaches/Growth

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/ 1.0"	1.50*	0.50*
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2.5"	3.75*	1.25*
3.0"	4.50	1.50"
3.5"	5.25	1.75"

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### **DEALING WITH CLIPPINGS**

Current Michigan law restricts many residents from dumping yard wastes such as grass clippings and leaves into landfills, so it is best to manage them on your site. Return clippings to the lawn whenever possible. When the lawn is mowed so that less than one-third of the total leaf surface is removed, grass clippings can easily be returned to the lawn. Excessive accumulation of clippings from infrequent mowing may smother the turf and should be removed. A common misconception is that clippings left on the lawn will promote thatch buildup. This is not true. Clippings do not make significant contributions to thatch and should be returned to the lawn whenever possible. These leaves contain mostly water and break down rapidly, releasing nutrients back into the system. Returning grass clippings means that nitrogen applications can be reduced by as much as I pound per 1,000 square feet per year. To accommodate this practice, mulching mowers are now available that chop the clippings into small pieces and distribute them back to the turf surface.

If clippings are removed, they can be used in compost piles or as mulch. Backyard compost stations are becoming increasingly popular, and grass clippings are a welcome addition. An important concept for composting is to create the correct carbon to nitrogen balance ("browns" to "greens") in the pile. Many experts suggest an ideal ratio of 30:1 carbon to nitrogen for best compost results. Grass clippings are relatively high in nitrogen, with an approximate 13:1 ratio for green clippings. Combining or layering grass clippings with tree leaves, straw, soil or other materials considered to have a high carbon content will be effective.

Many gardeners use grass clippings as a mulch in vegetable or ornamental gardens. This is an excellent use for this material, but caution is required if weed control products have been applied recently. In tests conducted at MSU, researchers applied several weed control products to lawn turf, then mowed at two and 14 days after application and used the clippings as mulch around a variety of annual flowers and vegetable plants. Some of the weed control products injured the plants when clippings were used as mulch up to 14 days after application. Insect or disease control products did not cause any noticeable injury. The conclusion: allow at least two weeks after applying weed control products before using clippings as mulch. These clippings can be returned to the



lawn or directed toward the compost pile. The weed control products will degrade quickly during the composting process.

### **MOWING TREE LEAVES**

· Mowing tree leaves in the autumn and returning them to the turf system is an outstanding alternative to raking and bagging (the same landfill constraints also apply to tree leaves). MSU studies have evaluated the effects of mowing tree leaves into lawns. In these studies, up to 6 inches of various types of tree leaves were mowed into lawns. No adverse effects were detected on the lawns. Reports from professional turf managers who have been practicing this technique on golf courses and commercial turf have been positive. Homeowners interested in an alternative to raking leaves might want to try mowing them. A couple of passes with the mower will break the leaves down into small pieces. The leaf residue will be evident after mowing, but it will sift into the turf within a few weeks and will be unnoticeable in the spring. You can even rake leaves that accumulate in planting beds, fence lines or other areas out into the lawn and mow them. For best results, raise your mowing height to better accommodate the tree leaves, and mow when the leaves are dry.

### MOWING EQUIPMENT

The key to a quality cut with any style mower is to use a sharp, well adjusted mower. Dull, poorly adjusted equipment tears rather than cuts the grass, leaving a ready site for disease invasion and giving the lawn a frayed, brownish look. An easy way to accomplish this task is to purchase an extra mower blade for your machine so you can always keep a sharp blade on hand. The frequency of changing the blade is up to you. Many professional turf managers change blades daily, but once a month would be a good start. For best results, mow when the turf is dry; this will also eliminate clumping. Varying the mowing direction from time to time can reduce wear patterns. Recent industry advances in mulching mowers have made them increasingly popular. They differ from the side discharge and reel mowers by recirculating the grass within the mowing chamber to produce smaller pieces.

This fawn care column was written by K.W. Frank, G.T. Lyman and R.N. Calhoun of the Michigan State University Department of Crop and Soil Sciences. For more information, visit www.turf.msu edu online.

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converted to a condominium. Recently my carbon monoxide tester started beeping and I felt some dizziness. I contacted the management company and asked that my furnace be checked for carbon monoxide fumes. I received no contact from the management company and contacted the gas company who said I should call the fire department first. I was billed by the fire department for coming out and now I think it is the



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association's responsibility. -A: You have to see whether the furnace is an area that is to be maintained by you or the association.

If you are responsible, then it is your responsibility to ensure

that it is safe. If it is the association's responsibility, then it should defray the cost of fixing the furnace and determine the cause the carbon monoxide. Since you are a senior citizen with limited income, I suggest that you show this letter to your association if it is its responsibility.

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

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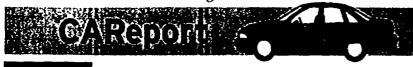
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### **AUTOMAKERS DIVERGE OVER CRUCIAL 'INFOTAINMENT' STRATEGIES**

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By Dale Buss

Over the decades, OEMs have gone their separate ways on a number of big strategic matters that ended up becoming major determinants of the industry's winners and losers. Front-wheel drive or rear-wheel drive? Unionized or non-union factories? Global mega-merger or not?

Nowadays, Edmunds.com says, automakers likewise are diverging around the question of how to approach the "infotainment" revolution in the vehicle. Platforms including General Motors' OnStar, Ford's SYNC, and Mercedes-Benz's Embrace represent early commitments to widely varying answers.

And Hyundai's recent announcement of tie-ins between iPad and the company's upcoming 2011 Equus luxury sedan is further indication that every OEM believes the procurement, packaging and presentation of wireless content and connections going into, coming out of, and bouncing around within vehicles can be a huge difference-maker.

"It's the next big battleground in the industry," said John Wolkonowicz, senior auto analyst for IHS Global Insight, a market-research firm in Lexington, Mass. "It is addressing what people under 50 years old today find absolutely mandatory in their vehicles."

That's because "the car is becoming the fourth screen" after the TV, the PC and the mobile phone, especially for younger Americans, said Fran Dance, development manager for BMW North America's

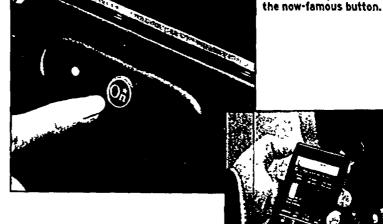
infotainment platform. "We have to do this very, very carefully."

But how? "You're starting to see two general camps emerging," said Robert Policano, product manager for Mercedes-Benz's Embrace infotainment system. "There's a lot of uncertainty, and everyone's approach is ever-evolving.

For each OEM, the basic decision about infotainment is this: whether to "embed" most of the enabling hardware and software for wireless communications into the infrastructure of the vehicle itself, essentially creating their own mobile devices -- or to minimize such integration and concentrate on producing the best possible interfaces with cell phones, smart phones and other appliances that consumers already are using and bringing with them into the vehicle.

Ford sits more or less at one end of the spectrum with SYNC, whose strength on a practical and marketing basis seems to be that the system makes it easy to use already-favorite wireless devices and programs in Ford's cars. Ford recently said 80 percent of potential customers report that a SYNC demonstration improves their opinion of Ford and 70 percent are more likely to consider purchase. And outside analysts are convinced that SYNC has become a big sales driver for hit models including Ford Fusion and Ford Focus.

"We're connecting you to apps you already know and love," said Julius Marchwicki, SYNC product manager for



Nowadays, GM has equipped OnStar

with new mobile applications.

Ford. "We want to integrate that connectivity into your vehicle.'

On the other end of the scale is GM, which committed itself mainly to an embedded strategy nearly two decades ago with OnStar, building the service into its vehicles -- and basically has stuck with that approach since then. OnStar requires a subscription fee but handles everything for users on a voice-activated basis and, when required, with live human beings, from turn-by-turn navigation to help in a locked-out situation to emergency-services notification after a subscriber's accident. And OnStar doesn't require customers to carry anything with them into the vehicle or even do anything but press that magic OnStar button.

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BMW has been a leader in embedded communications for several years in its BMW-branded vehicles but, with its new Mini Countryman, will utilize the iPhone as the interface for accessing a menu of wireless services which will be called Mini Connected.

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