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The Northville Farmer's Market opens May 6 and features over 100 stalls of Michigan Made and Michigan Grown products. Hours are 8 a.m. -3 p.m. The Market runs every Thursday through the last Thursday of October and located at the corner of Seven Mile and Sheldon in the Northville Downs lot.

The Farmers' Market is presented by Tom Holzer Ford. The Market is sponsored by: Northville Downs, Remerica Hometown One - Patti Mullen, Buckle Family Chiropractic, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Trupp Chiropractic Varsity Lincoln Mercury, and WOW Cable.

Features to check out this season: Master Gardeners, Civic Concern donations, garden pot recycling, Forgotten Harvest and chefs at the market.

Cox hosting park clean-up

Bennett Arboretum in Northville will get spruced up

Council wants input on budget

Special meeting slated May 24

BY PAN FLEMING STAFF WRITER

The city of Northville wants its residents to speak out on what's important to them when it comes to city services.

And, city leaders are taking steps to do just that. Although the 2010-11 fiscal

year budget will be adopted by the May 17 council meeting, members decided at their final budget session on April 22 that it's time to get the community involved.

A special public meeting, during which residents are invited to come and tell council members how they want their tax dollars spent, is planned for 7 p.m. May 24 at city hall.

The idea is to form a special committee of public officials and residents to help hash out next year's budget.

DEFINING THE MISSION

million budget shortfall this fiscal year, and chances are there will be more cuts in subsequent vears.

Please see BUDGET, A6

'This revenue shortfall is long-term ... What is it that we're not



going to do anymore?' CILLS JOILISHI, mayor of Northville

Jewelry by Northville High School senior Rose Schlemmer.

Northville High School seniors to show off work at First Friday

Exhibit open through May 15

Northville High School seniors will present some of their work at the Northville Art House at tomorrow's First Friday Art and Fashion Walk. This annual event will kick

long-term," said Mayor Chris Johnson. "And, there haven't been a lot of Headlee override

Defining the mission of this

committee will be important, according to council members. The city of Dearborn is starting

a similar process. "This revenue shortfall is

elections in the entire state (that would allow the city to increase taxes). What is it that we're not going to do anymore?" The city had to tackle a \$1.1

as Wavne County Commissioner Laura Cox (R-Livonia) hosts her 6th Annual Park Clean-Up Day on Saturday, May 8.

Volunteers are encouraged to join the Commissioner in cleaning up Bennett Arboretum, which is Michigan's oldest public arboretum. The arboretum is located in Hines Park's Middle Rouge Parkway in Northville.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., with the actual working event taking place from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. The first 50 volunteers to sign up will receive a pair of tickets to a Detroit Tigers game at Comerica Park, the commissioner said.

For more information about the Clean-Up Day event, contact Commissioner Cox's office at (313) 224-0946 or e-mail Jordyn Salmon at Jsalmon@co.wayne. mi.us.

off with a reception from 6-9 p.m. at 215 W. Cady St. so area residents can meet some of these talented young artists and ask them about their exhibited pieces.

The Northville High School Senior Class Art Exhibition is part of the school's curriculum.

Each year in the spring, senior art students plan and present an exhibition of their work throughout the year.

The students work in diverse fields - from photography and graphic design to metals and ceramics.

The show will continue through May 15 during Art House Gallery hours, 1-5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. For more information, call (248) 344-0497 or visit www.



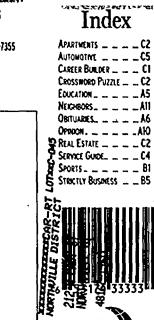
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Northville City Council OKs new walkway plan

Local \$125,000 donation to help BY PAM FLENING STAFF WRITER

Northville City Council members unanimously approved a walkway project next to Comerica Bank on East Main Street Monday night.

The project has been estimated under \$800,000, and money has already been budgeted for the effort through the Northville **Downtown Development** Authority. The exact cost of the project has not yet been stated.

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The Northville Area Development Corporation, a fund which is under the direction of local businessman Chuck Lapham, has also agreed in writ-ing to contribute \$125,000 to the project. This donation was only to be made, however, if the second out of four options was selected by the city.

This corporation was developed in 1962 to help downtown Northville, according to Lapham.

DESIGN COMMITTEE MEETS Members of the DDA Design Committee met on April 27 and approved the second option

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LOCAL NEWS



Emma Herrmann of Northville with her 2-year-old dog, Wishbone, that her parents gave her for her 9th birthday. Wishbone enjoys trips to the Community Park Dog Park in his own special bike basket.

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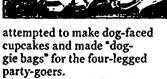


Northville dogs have their day at Community Park Dog Park

Cupcakes and 'doggie bags'

BY PAM FLENING STAFF WRITER

It was a dog day afternoon at Northville Community Park's Dog Park last Saturday. Emma Herrmann, 11, the daughter of Mindy Herrmann, Northville Township trustee, invited family and friends to celebrate the second birthday of their dog, Wishbone. Mom and daughter



Another dog, Shelly, who belongs to Bob and Gloria Moreillon, shares Wishbone's May 1 birthday. So the party was for both dogs. Emma made an invitation to hang on the gate at the dog park. "If you've never been to

the park with a bunch of dogs, it is a hoot," said Mindy Herrmann. "There is a simple pleasure in seeing dogs having the time of their lives."

WALK THE DOG

Mindy Herrmann said the impetus for the event stemmed from the fact that Emma Herrmann takes Wishbone for a bide ride in his dog basket regularly to the Northville Dog Park.

Wishbone has made many friends at the park, as has Emma, so it seemed reason-

The party table included dogfaced cupcakes for two-legged birthday partygoers and 'doggie bags" filled with dog toys and treats for the fourlegged guests.

able to her to host a birthday party for him with his friends," Mindy Herrmann said.

About a dozen dogs attended the party.

Emma Herrmann and her sister, Annelie, 14, worked hard the night before creating the cupcakes and bags filled

with doggie toys and treats. Information about joining the dog part is in the Northville Parks and **Recreation Department bro**chure. A pre-requisite for membership is a one-hour class to learn the rules of the two Northville Dog Parks. The other part is on Cady Street behind the Northville Art House.

The key fob to get into the dog park requires a refundable deposit, and an annual park pass can be purchased for one or both parks.

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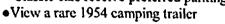


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Relay for Life to honor area residents touched by cancer

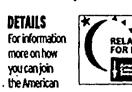
Annual event held May 15-16

The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life event is often defined as a celebration of life and truly symbolizes the courage and spirit of the more than 500,000 cancer survivors who, each year, proudly walk the event's survivor lap at more than 5,000 Relay For Life events nationwide.

"More people are surviving cancer than ever before and I am one of them," stated Kimberly Horvath, a two-year breast cancer survivor. "In fact, there are 11 million cancer survivors living today. Because of progress made by the American Cancer Society, cancer is no longer an immediate death sentence. I am living proof that this disease is survivable, but there is still more work to be done to ensure everyone diagnosed with cancer celebrates more birthdays. That is why we hold the Relay For Life of Northville each year

On May 15-16, from 10'a.m.-10 a.m., local cancer survivors will be honored during the Survivor Celebration at the American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Northville. Survivor celebration activities offer both survivors and caregivers an opportunity to expenience healing, receive support, and celebrate their collective victory over cancer.

"Relay For Life is a place where



Cancer Society Relay For Life of Northville, contact Nicole Abdilla, ACS Event Staff Partner, at (248) 663-3410. Donations can also be made directly to the American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Northville by visiting www.relayforlife. org/northvillemi.

you can go to share your story without saying a word," said Jack Klarr, Relay For Life of Northville Survivorship Chair. "We are inviting all cancer survivors, no matter if it's been one day or one decade since their diagnosis, to come out and be celebrated."

Participating cancer survivors are given special shirts to wear as they lead a special Victory Lap around the track in honor of their triumph over cancer. This year's Victory Lap will be held immediately following opening ceremonies, which start at 10 a.m. on May 15.

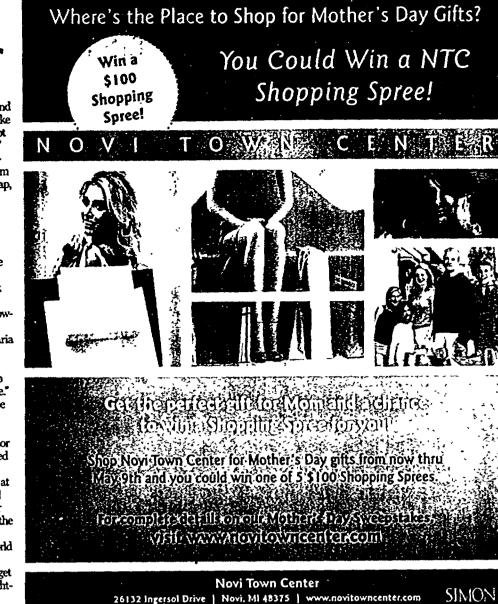
"The Victory Lap is one of the most moving experiences of my cancer journey," said Horvath. "Each year I'm overwhelmed by the crowds of people who surround the track cheering on survivors like myself. It reminds me that I'm not alone in my fight against cancer."

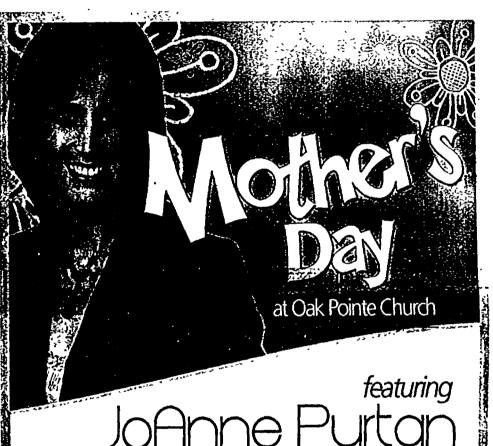
If you know a survivor or caregiver and would like to invite them to be part of this year's Victory Lap, please call (248) 663-3410.

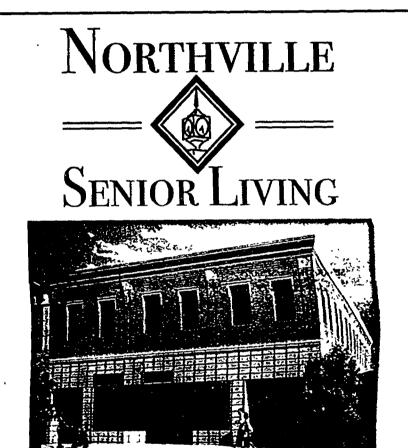
Also at the heart of this emotional event is the Luminaria Ceremony, which occurs after sundown. Luminaria are small candlelit bags decorated with the names of people who have faced cancer. The lit bags line the track often into the morning bours.

"The sight of the huminaria glowing in the darkness is breathtaking," said Horvath. "The Luminaria Ceremony brings to light the impact cancer has had on our community and inspires us to do everything possible to find a cure." The Luminaria Ceremony will be held at 9:30 p.m. on May 15.

If you would like to make a donation for a Luminaria in hotor or in memory of someone touched by cancer, call (248) 663-3410. Luminaria will also be available at the event. All donations received for Luminaria and the Relay For Life as a whole are used to fund the American Cancer Society's mission to save lives and create a world with more birthdays by helping people stay well, helping people get well, by finding cures, and by fighting back against cancer.







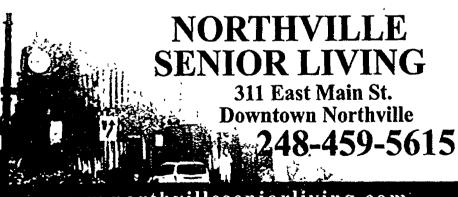
We're celebrating Mom with a special weekend of services in her honor! WXYZ-TV news reporter and mom JoAnne Purtan will be our special guest during each service. She'll share some of her own experiences as she talks about the amazing relationship between faith and motherhood. Invite all the moms in your life to experience a relaxing hour of encouragement and love as we say, "Thanks, Mom!"

Weekend Services: Saturday, May 8th @ 5:15 p.m. Sunday, May 9th @ 9:15 & 11:15 a.m.

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'Sound of Science'

Silver Springs Elementary School student Hayden Notario seems to be enjoying a device that illustrates how sound is transferred along a metal coil during Jennifer Price's "the Sound of Science" after school Excel Enrichment program.



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EDUCATION **Students from Northville High**

appear in Oprah show rally

Support no-cell use while driving

Northville High School students are jumping on Oprah Winfrey's bandwagon to try to get people to stop using their cell phones while driving.

In fact, members of the school's Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) chapter were in the national talk show's audience in one of five city rallies that took place across the country and was broadcast on the "Oprah Winfrey Show" last Friday.

The show, devoted entirely to Winfrey's "No Phone Zone" campaign to end the deadly habit of distracted driving, highlighted the local impact of distracted driving (including texting and talking on cell phones) and Metro Detroit's involvement and commitment to ending distracted driving-related crashes and deaths.

SERIOUS LOCAL ISSUE

"This is a serious issue for Northville," said Carolyn Miranda, student assistance, Northville High School. Last September, SADD, in partnership with local law enforcement and community agencies, presented a simulated car crash for NHS students - the result of texting while driving - followed by a simulated, real-time

response by emergency personnel.

Winfrey and Harpo Studios announced recently that last Friday was National "No Phone Zone Day."

U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA), National Organizations for Youth Safety (NOYS), FocusDriven, SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) and RADD, the entertainment industry's voice for road safety, joined Winfrey for a national day of awareness

to end distracted driving. A large-scale effort to honor victims of distracted driving, "No Phone Zone Day" also educated and activated Americans to end deadly driving habits that kill nearly 6,000 Americans a year, according to the National **Highway Traffic Safety** Administration.

"A call or text isn't worth taking a life," said Winfrey. "We must not allow more mothers and fathers, daughters and sons, sisters and brothers to die before we take action against distracted driving. Let's put a stop to it now by making our cars a No Phone Zone."

We know that if we can get people to put away cell phones and other electronic devices when they are behind the wheel, we can save thousands of lives and prevent hundreds of thousands of injuries every year" said U.S. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood. "That's why I'm proud to support and participate in Oprah's 'No Phone Zone Day." "No Phone Zone Day" viewing rallies took place in Atlanta, Boston, Detroit, Los Angeles and Washington, D.C. The rallies brought together victims' families, elected officials, advocacy organizations, parents, youth, and law enforcement to discuss best practices and steps to limit distracted driving in their own communities. In addition, a new "No Phone Zone" public service announcement campaign was showcased on the "Oprah" show.

CORPORATE PARTNERS

In addition, "No Phone Zone" corporate partners Sprint, General Motors/Chevrolet and Liberty Mutual are lending their support, both for national "No Phone Zone Day" and in the coming months to spread the "No Phone Zone" message. As a national call to action, all viewers and town hall participants were asked to take the "No Phone Zone" pledge. By pledg-

"I've made it my mission at the ing, drivers agree to make their DOT to end distracted driving. car a "No Phone Zone" and refrain from using their phone while driving, eliminating distractions from incoming calls, texts or emails.

More than 160,000 people to date have signed Oprah's "No Phone Zone" pledge at Oprah.com. Many celebrities have already joined the cause, including Oscar winners Sandra Bullock, Jeff Bridges and Mo'Nique, comedian Jerry Seinfeld, actress Raquel Welch, Olympic superstar Shaun White, country music's Lady Antebellum, entertainer and entrepreneur Tyler Perry, the cast of TV's "Glee" and many more.

A 2008 NHTSA study indicated that at any given moment during the daylight hours, more than 800,000 vehicles are being driven by someone using a hand-held cell phone. According to a 2005 study for the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, drivers are four times less likely to get into accidents serious enough to cause injury when they turn off their cell phones while behind the

wheel. For more information on "No Phone Zone Day," and to take the No Phone Zone pledge, please visit www.oprah.com/ nophonezone. For more information on distracted driving, visit www.distraction.gov.



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International sisterhood

Ridge Wood first graders Alex Lewter (I) and Caitlin Hoffman (r) hand out treats at the March 15 Ridge Wood Girl Scouts Thinking Day. The girls, members of Daisy Troop 822, were 'representing' Taiwan at this annual celebration of international sisterhood. Other countries represented on the 15th include Armenia, Bulgaria, China, France, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Spain and the United States.

NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

Summer Connections

Information regarding Summer connections 2010 is now available ithe Northville School District tions asp.

Kindergarten notice

Northville Public Schools is now accepting Kindergarten enrollment for fall, 2010. If you have a child who will be 5 years of age on or before Dec. 1, 2010, please contact your local elementary school for kindergarten enrollment information. The Northville Public Schools





NORTHVILLE ON CAMPUS

DePaul University

Six Northville students -- Ryan Finn, Julie Raymond, Meghan Weber, Kathleen Keiffer, Daniel Kozerski and Kelley Logan -- were named to the Dean's List for the winter 2009-2010 quarter. To receive Dean's List commendation, full-time students must earn a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 or above on a four-point scale.

Central Michigan University

School, will be graduating from Central Michigan University, after seven years in being in the Honors Program, with a doctorate in physical therapy.

Kettering University

Northville's Brandon Gutowski (mechanical engineering) made the Dean's List at Kettering University for the winter 2010 semester. The Dean's List at Kettering University is an honor earned by students, who in a given term, have attained a grade point average of 3.5, have received no grades below a B, and have earned a minimum of 16 credits.

ukindergarten sessions are nau-day programs, offered in the morning or afternoon. School phone numbers are as follows:

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- Moraine (248) 344-8473
- Ridge Wood (248) 349-7602 Silver Springs (248) 344-8410 Thornton Creek (248) 344-8475 Winchester (248) 344-8415

Please note that attendance boundary information is located on the school district Web site at www.northville.k12.mius/district/ boundary-maps.asp. If you have further questions, please contact the Northville Public Schools Office of Instruction at (248) 344-8447 or visit www.northville. k12.mius. A parent meeting for incoming 2010-11 kindergartners will take place at each school during May.



Janeen Crittenden, left, helps Bine Classon wrap up a cake she's made and donated to the Hillside Middle School carnival on March 19. The carnival, featuring games and a bake sale was to raise funds for the school's PTSA.

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Hillside eighth grader Katherine

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Boss proudly displays her balloon hat during the school's PTSA fundraiser carnival on March 19.

Angela Neihoff, a 2003 graduate of Northville High





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Rummage sale

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Residents of Allen Terrace, the city of Northville's senior housing facility, will have a rummage sale from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. tomorrow and Saturday. Pictured with some of the items that will be for sale are, from left, Lydia Daniel, president of the Resident Council: Dorothy Sitarski, past president; and Lorraine Yaughn, secretary. The apartments are located at 401 High Street. Proceeds from the event go to a general fund that provides such items as kitchen supplies for the residents. For more information, call (248) 349-8030.



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LAWRENCE LEE BEAHAM

Age 79 of Pontiac, MI, passed away peacefully April 26, 2010 surrounded by his loving family. He is survived by his children Vickie, Philip, Karen and Robert and his five grandchildren. Larry was very proud of his accomplishments at General Motors in Detroit, Brazil and Mexico. He retired to Tellico Village, Tennessee in 2000 where he lived his retirement to the fullest. The beauty and friendships he enjoyed in Tennessee made his last years very special. He will be greatly missed. In lieu of flowers, we suggest a donation be made to Kettering University, Alumni Affairs, 1700 University Avenue, Flint, MI 48504. Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City, TN is in charge of arrangements www.clickfuneralhome.com

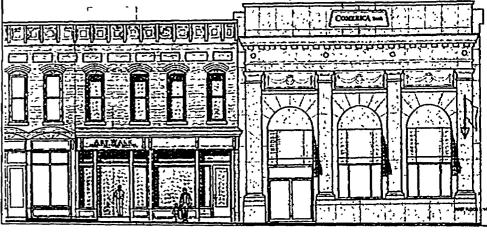


Age 96 recently of Gaylord, MI, died Wednesday, April 21, 2010, at Aspen Ridge Care Facility in Gaylord, MI. Catherine was born on May 14, 1913, the second daughter of John Henry and Nellie (Leary) Bush, in Milford, MI. She graduated from Milford High School in 1930 and married her high school sweetheart, Richard H Gaul, July 24, 1936. They moved to Farmington, MI, in 1938, and Dick's job with Cadillac Motor in Detroit. Catherine graduated from the Detroit Conservatory of Music, June, 1941. While in Farmington, 1938-2008, she was a homemaker, mother, and piano teacher to many children. She enjoyed playing the piano and organ at home, church, and at silent movies early in her life. Her husband and family were her life and much time was spent with her children, grandchildren and great grandchil dren. Due to her gentle character and ready smile, she will be missed by all who knew her. She is preceded in death by her husband, Dick and her

JUNE LORETTA WASILKO

Age 82, passed away April 28, 2010. She was born on July 4, 1927, in Detroit. June is survived by her son Michael (Marci) Wasilko; grandchildren: Kari and Zachary; and great grandchildren: Gavin and Karli June. She was preceded in death by her husband Michael Wasilko in 2005 and by her mother Margaret Mathews. A memorial service was held at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, South Lyon. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home.





COURTESY COOPER DESIGN

This is a rough sketch of Cooper Design's concept of the East Main Street Walkway that will be constructed in downtown Northville. This shows the front of the walkway that will be just west of the Comerica Bank branch office.

'We found nothing unusual,"

Cooper said. "There were no

wall was in better shape than

surprises." In fact, the west

Since there were no prob-lems found following the

council members voted for the.

DDA staff to proceed with the

Lori Ward, executive direc-

tor of the DDA, has said that

since the 1990s for downtown

Northville, since many people

park north of Main Street in

Once the walkway is con-

structed, people won't have to

walk around the buildings to

get to Main Street.

council's vote.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Several members of the

community gave their support

to the project just prior to the

Janet Young, a member of

the Northville Beautification

Commission, is in favor of the walkway. "We want to see

the Marquis Parking Lot.

this has been considered

structural investigation,

designers thought.

project.

WALKWAY FROM PAGE A1

provided by Gary Cooper of Cooper Design in Ann Arbor. This was also the design council had expressed an interest in several weeks ago, as did the Historic District Commission and the DDA

Board. But, the council wanted some assurance that the building was sound enough to not require further work in the project.

Cooper was then instructed to have a structural analysis performed on the building where the walkway would be built in the former Girly Daze space just west of the current Comerica Bank branch.

The space is owned by the bank, with bank officials agreeing to pretty much donate the area through a long-term lease agreement to the city.

The structural analysis was performed, with Cooper reviewing the findings at Monday night's council meeting.



Photograph by Northville High School senior Emily Ryznar.

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A structural engineer bigger and better things for Northville," she said. went through the space with members of the Northville Mary Poole, former owner Department of Public Works.

of Poole's Tavern in downtown Northville, also thinks the plan is a good idea. "Northville doesn't want to be ordinary. It wants to be extraordinary," she said.

Lou Mascola, who recently moved his Gardenviews business to East Main Street, said he believes the new walkway will give customers a good experience when they come to Northville.

Mayor Chris Johnson also publicly thanked Lapham for the contribution from the Northville Area Development Corporation.

"This (corporation) has really made a difference to the community for a lot of years," Johnson said.

Greg Presley, chair of the DDA, was present for the vote.

"This is one of the most important things we have done," Presley said. "Visually, I think it's going to be the landmark and legacy of our time. It will be here 150 years from now.'

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Photograph by Northville High School senior Emma Buck.



FRANK H. FIREK, SR.

67. of Northville: April 27th. 2010. High school sweetheart and beloved husband of Frances (Thornton) for 45 years; loving and devoted father of Frank Jr. (Amy), Todd and Joleen; cherished grandfather of Frank Allen and Ashton LaBarge; dear brother of Hank (Liz), Robert (Cathy) and Alfred (Teri); and adored uncle, cousin and friend to many. Frank was preceded in death by his father, Frank J. Firek, and his mother, Bernice (Makoski), of Farmington. Northville Cub-Master; U.S. Air Force; The Firek Vision Council - a Reading Tutoring Program, Frank lived life to the fullest, loved unconditionally, made a difference in the world and wouldn't change a thing. A funeral service with Military Honors, was held on Tuesday, May 4th, at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, (downtown Farmington) 248-474-5200. The Rev. Karen Boland, Renaissance Unity of Warren, officiated. Memorial tributes suggested to the Alzheimer's Association - Greater Michigan Chapter (www. alz.org/gmc) or to the family for use in completing the movie, Frankly Speaking: Alzheimer'sTM - The Documentary.

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of Boyne Falls, and son, Richard (Joan) Gaul of Farmington Hills. Missing her are grandchildren Marcia Monchilov of Gaylord, and Robert Killian of Traverse City, as well as Shelli Connelly of Fenton and Richard Gaul of Waterford, and great granochildren Mason and Morgan Monchilov, Abigail and Ashley Killian, and Shawn and Josie Connelly. Cremation has taken place. A gathering of family will take place in Milford, May 7. There will be no funeral or visitation times. Her ashes will be buried at the Oak Grove Cemetery, in Milford. Memorials in her name may be directed to the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Rd., Farmington Hills, 48334 or the Salvation Army

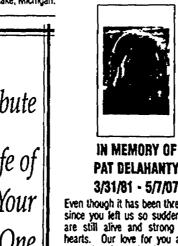
sister, Zetta. Catherine is survived by

her daughter, Marilyn (Robert) Killian

HELEN M. HIENZ

Age 89, born in Detroit, Michigan on November 23, 1920 and passed away on April 10, 2010 in South Lyon, Michigan. Beloved wife of William S for 71 years; Loving mother of Gail (David) Zuk, William (Sandra) Hienz, & Robert (Jane); Cherished grand-mother of Jennifer Prout, Julie (Michael) Dunn, Jeff (Kathy) Hearn, Erick (Tara), Nick (Cathie), & Lee, and great-grandmother of 6; Dear sister of Barbara Jackson. Arrangements entrusted to the Union Lake Road Chapel of the Elton Black & Son Funeral Home, White Lake, Michigan. Born to Mary & Henry Zoch on May , 1940 into a family steeped in love. He led a wonderful life filled with amazing people and events. He appreciated every facet of his experi-ences. His warmth, brilliance, generosity and talent made him a very special person. Frank earned advanced degrees in education. He enjoyed a rewarding career in teaching. He retired from Children's Village School in Waterford. He had myriad hobbies and interests. He was a very active member of the Multilakes Conservation Club. He leaves to cherish his memory; his wife of 44 years, Patricia Garrity Zoch, his mother, Mary Zoch, his brother, Joseph (Bonnie) Zoch, his sister, Roseanne (Larry) Ruehlen, his sister-in-law, Judie Garrity and many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and uncles. He was so blessed to have loyal and loving family and friends. A Funeral Mass was held at St. Mary Catholic Church in Milford on Tuesday, April 27th with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Memorials may be made in Frank's name to St. Benedict Church, 60 Church St., Highland Park, MI 48203. For further information please visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com.

In Memory Of



IN MEMORY OF PAT DELAHANTY

Even though it has been three years since you left us so suddenly, you are still alive and strong in our hearts. Our love for you and the memories of each day that we shared will never fade. See you at the finish line. Love, Mom, Dad, Chris and CJ



northvillearts.org. The Art House is a facility of the Northville Arts Commission through the city of Northville. Admission to exhibits is always free and open to the public.

STARRING "THE GALLERY"

At Starring "The Gallery," 118 W. Main St., artist Sheri Munce's extractionist paintings will be featured at May's First Friday. This will be a repeat performance for the artist. Her unusual technique involves the application and removal of paint on the back of glass.

Munce will be available to discuss her work at the gallery from 6-9 p.m. tomorrow. The public is invited to meet the article and enjoy her work.

BROUGHTON MUSIC

Those strolling throughout the downtown tomorrow

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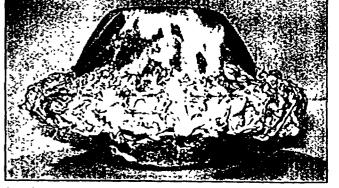
Although the city of Northville is holding steady on its millage rate, in other words, not increasing taxes, the good news may not last forever.

"There's no magic formula," Johnson at the April 22 meeting. "There's no one size fits all (when it comes to the budget)."

He wants a broad representation of city residents to help decide what financial steps the city should take next.

Technology in the police department has helped them operate more efficiently with less manpower," Johnson said. "A lot of people don't realize this.'

Nancy Darga, council mem-



Ceramics by Northville High School senior Shelby Mamo.

evening during "First Friday" will have a special treat this month. Look for students from the Broughton Music and Art Center of Northville in Old Church Square at Center and Dunlap streets who will perform throughout town Friday evening.

OTHER PARTICIPANTS

Don't forget to stop by other locations in downtown Northville that will be

ber, wants this group of citizens

organized as soon as possible to

start identifying priorities for

Johnson said he and Pat

Sullivan, city manager, have spent a lot of time going to

meetings of the Michigan

Municipal League, a lobby

group for local governments,

in Lansing over the past few

"They are saying that they

can't do anything until we have

a new governor," Johnson said.

have to concentrate on what we

Johnson said it's difficult for

cities to balance their budgets

when forced to pay for such

the Detroit Water and Sewer

expenses as \$88,000 from

That's six months away. We

years

can do here."

the next budget year.

participating in tomorrow's First Friday activities, such as Dancing Eye Gallery at 101 N. Center Street, Northville Gallery at 123 E. Main St., and Tiffany Art Glass at 121 E. Main St.

Clothing stores and other unique and interesting shops, such as Van Dam's Boutique for women will also be open late. For more information about

other events in May, go to www.downtownnorthville. com.

Department as well as several thousand dollars to repair the Randolph Street Drain.

CONSTITUTION AMENDED?

"About every 16 years, there's a proposal on the November ballot about a constitutional convention," Johnson said, that would take a critical look at the state's constitution with the goal of making needed changes.

"It's under the radar, because special interests don't want it (the constitutional convention)," he said. "The constitution hasn't been reviewed in detail since 1961. That's almost 50 years. I just might vote for it this year."

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NORTHVILLE / NOVI CHURCH EVENTS

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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 of 13 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows org Sunday Worship: 11:5 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 dicnazarene.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, S4 per person, S12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do Women of the Word Time/Date: 9:25-it15 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

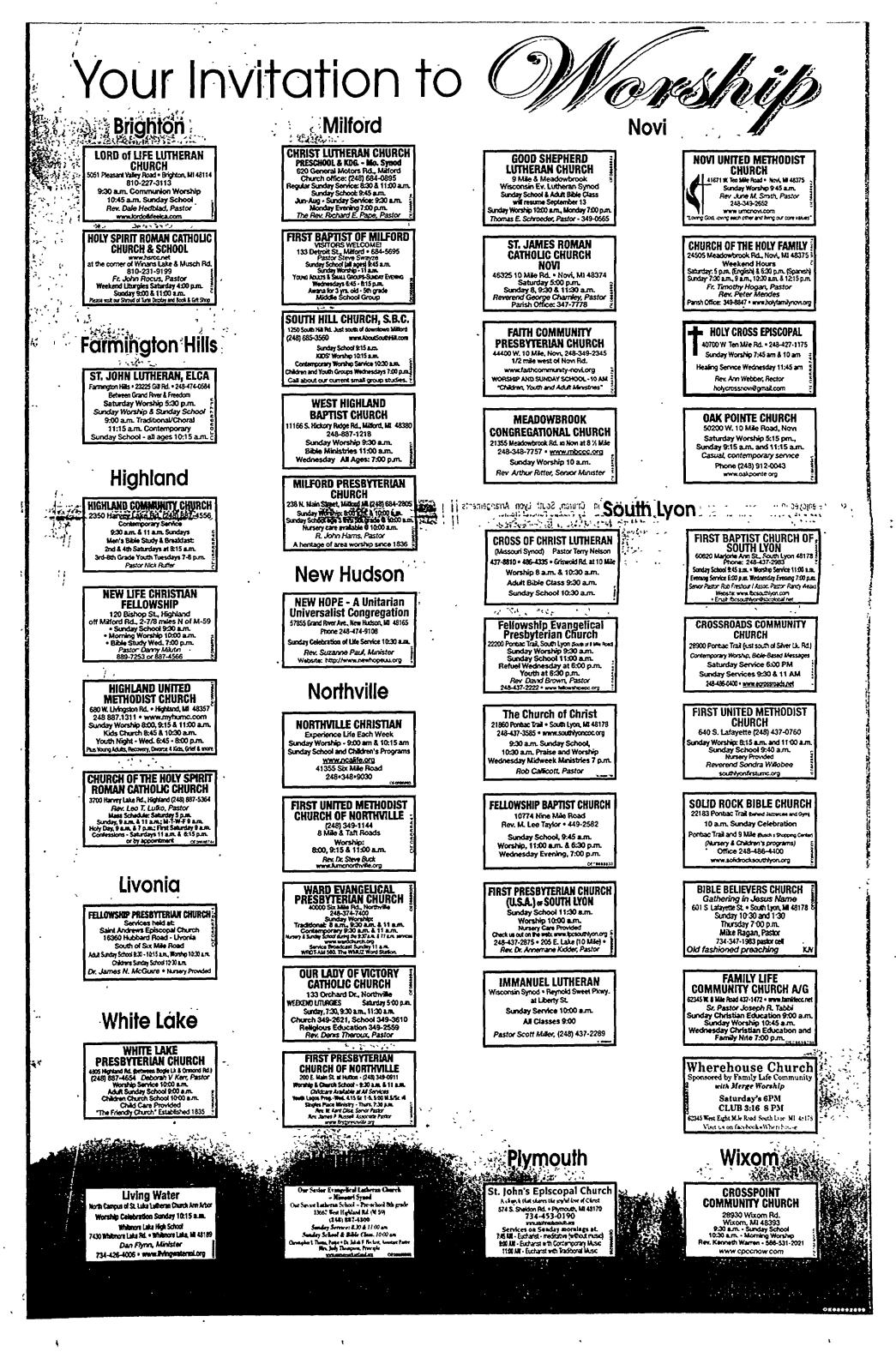
Location: 34567 Seven Mile Road, Livonia Contact: (248) 442-8822 or www.newhopecenter. From Grief to New Hope Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m.; eight-week workshop beginning April 14 Details: Each session will begin with a talk about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. 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.

Sunday Worship: 7.45 a.m., 10 a.m. Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. Worship Service Alzheimer's Support Group Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month Faith Community Presbyterian Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit faithcommunitynoviorg Sunday Worship 10 a.m. Festival of Faith and the Arts Time/Date: 4:8 p.m. May 14; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. May 15 (concert at 4 p.m.) Vacation Bible School Date. June 21-25 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

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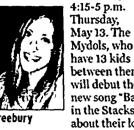
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Mydols ready to rock Book Week

In honor of National Children's Book Week, May 10-16, rockin' mom band the Mydols will perform at Northville District Library



between them, will debut their new song *Back in the Stacks," about their love of libraries and

children's literature

The Mydols are April Boyle, vocals, of Pleasant Ridge; Judy Davids, guitar, of Royal Oak; Wensdy Von Buskirk, bass, of South Lyon; and Laura Spern, drums, of Royal Oak. The band will release its new album "Family Rules" on Mother's Day and is set to appear on an episode of "Gene Simmons Family Jewels" this spring.

Visit www.mydols.com. For this show, 100 free

tickets will be available at the information desk starting at 4:10 p.m., five minutes before the show.

To mark the occasion, Dorie Freebury, head of youth services at the Northville District Library, offers a list of her top 12 "hidden gems" in two age categories.

What a joyful challenge this was setting to the task of creating a modest list of my favorite children's books culled from hundreds, if not thousands, of beloved titles," Freebury said. "This is a list of my personal favorites - stories that have tugged at my heart, launched fits of giggles or that have left me humbled and inspired by exquisite illustrations, fantastic stories or endearing characters ... cherished books that have remained with me long beyond savoring the final page."

JUVENILE FICTION

1. Because of Winn Dixie - Kate DiCamillo 2. Catherine Called Birdy - Karen Cushman 3. Everything on a Waffle - Polly Horvath 4. Evolution of Calpurnia Tate - Jacqueline Kelly 5. Frindle - Andre Clements 6. Harry Potter (series) - J.K. Rowling 7. Julie of the Wolves Jean Craighead George 8. Missing May - Cynthia Rylant 9. Savry - Ingrid Law 10. Tuck Everlasting - Natalie Babbitt 11. Van Gooh Café - Cynthia Rylant 12. Walk Two Moons - Sharon Creech

PICTURE BOOKS & EARLY READERS

1. Frog and Toad Are Friends - Arnold Lobel 2. Gus is a Tree - Claire Babin 3. Heart and the Bottle - Oliver Jeffers 4.1 Will Never Not Ever Eat a Tornato (and all Clarice Bean and Charlie & Lola

books)-Lauren Child 5. Library Lion - Michelle Knudsen 6. Miss Rumphius - Barbara Cooney 7. Money Tree - Sarah Stewart 8. Red Sings from Tree Tops: A Year in Colors - Pamela Zagarenski 9. Sophie's Masterpiece - Eileen Spinelli

10. This is a Poem that Heals Fish - Jean Pierre Simeon IL True Story of Stellina - Matteo Pericoli 12. When Stella was Very Very Small (and all Stella books() - Marie Louise Gay

National Children's Book Week was launched in 1919 to spread the word about children's literature and encourage the joys of reading. Traditionally scheduled the week before Thanksgiving, National Children's Book Week moved to May 2008.

The Northville District Library is located at 212 W. Cady St. Call (248) 349-3020 x212 or visit http://northville. lib.mi.us.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Mydols are April Boyle, vocals, of Pleasant Ridge; Judy Davids, guitar, of Royal Oak; Wensdy Von Buskirk, bass, of South Lyon; and Laura Spern, drums, of Royal Oak.

Local cheerleaders place fourth in national competition

NHS graduates enjoy experience

BY PAN FLEMING STAFF WRITER

Two local young people made their mark in the cheerleading world this spring.

Kevin Mantay and Andrea Manney, Novi residents who both graduated from Northville High School, were part of the University of Michigan Cheer Team

that placed fourth at the NCA/NDA Collegiate Cheer and Dance Championship in Daytona, Fla., April 10-11. Mantay graduated from

NHS in 2009 and will be a sophomore at the University of Michigan in the fall. Manney just graduated from U-M this spring and asked Mantay to try out for the team. Kevin is close friends with Manney's brother,

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The team consists of 20 females and 20 males, and they cheer for football, volleyball and basketball. Manney was a marketing major at U-M. Mantay is currently undecided on his major, but is leaning toward economics.

AN 'AMAZING EXPERIENCE'

"Being a part of Michigan cheerleading is an amazing experience," Manney said. "Running out of the tunnel onto the football field in the Big House in front of 120,000 screaming Michigan fans is incredible! I'm really going to miss that rush I get after I graduate. The University of Michigan, specifically its athletics, has such history and tradition, and it's an honor to be a part of it and to truly represent the Michigan tradition as a cheerleader leading the crowd in Michigan chants.'

Manney said for a young woman to be a part of the Michigan cheerleading team, it's essential that she can demonstrate enthusiasm, confidence, elite tumbling passes and other fundamental cheerleading skills.

"Because very few boys



University of Michigan Cheer Team members Andrea Manney and Kevin Mantay, who both live in Novi and graduated from Northville High School, Manney graduated from U of M this spring, and Mantay will be a sophomore in the fall. The two traveled to Daytona, Fla., April 10-11 to compete in the National Dance ... ; and Cheer Championship. The U of M team placed fourth.

participate in cheerleading in high school, we look for men who are athletic and love Michigan sports," she said. "As Michigan

cheerleaders we get a lot of benefits, including Adidas sponsorships, some scholarships, and the opportunities to travel to football and basketball games at the other Big Ten schools - not

to mention the TV time and recognition on campus." Manney said one of her favorite memories was when she cheered at the Illinois vs. Michigan football game at Illinois in 2007.

"The entire crowd was booing us while we ran across the field, leading the football team and waving the big M flag," she said. "But then we went on to win the game. It was so exciting.

Às a cheerleader, Manney has also had the opportunity to be a part of the Student Athlete Advisory Council and a representative of the Michigan Leadership Academy, both of which include members from all of Michigan's sports teams.

These programs have given her more leadership . opportunities, and she's really enjoyed getting to know a lot of the other athletes and coaches at U-M.

Being a Michigan cheerleader has made my experience at the University of

Michigan so unique from other students, and I've loved every minute of it," Manney said.

NATURAL ATHLETE

Mantay, like most cheerleaders, obviously has some natural athletic ability. He was a wrestler and pole vaulter while at Northville High School.

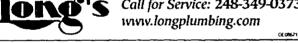
He's the son of Dale and Julie Mantay of Novi. His mother is chairman of the city of Northville **Beautification Commission.** He's the grandson of Barbara O'Brien, Northville **Township Beautification Commission member and** former township trustee. Manney is the daughter of Tim and Kathie Manney of Novi.

"Kevin has really loved being a member of the U of M Cheer Team," his mother said. She asked him what he enjoys the most about being a University of Michigan cheerleader. 1.1. 5.1. . .

"I've enjoyed the wonderful group of friends I have made and, of course, having the best seat in the house at game time," Mantay said.

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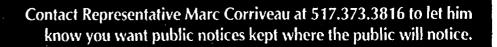
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The Northville Township Fire and Police Department (NTFD/PD) joined forces to raise money for charity in the annual Trenton Firefighters Charity Hockey Tournament at the Kennedy Recreation Center in Trenton April 2122. This was the third year that the team has competed in the tournament and had yet to win it all. NTFD/PD had some tough competition facing-off against three teams from Canada. The tournament was a round-robin format with the top 2 teams competing for the championship. NTFD/PD first game was against Essex EMS and your Fire and Police came out on top with a 3-1 win. In the second game Northville faced Windsor Police. Northville won that game as well with a score of 4-2. The third and final game of the round-robin was against Lambton O.P.P. Team Northville dropped that game with a score of 2-3. NTFD/PD qualified for the finals, which would be a rematch against Lambton O.P.P. The Northville team was determined to win the championship and came out on top with a 2-0 shutout. NTFD/PD most consistent and best player was Firefighter Kyle Susewitz, who backstopped the team to victory with an impressive 1.5 goals against average. The team had a great time and enjoyed competing against other Police Officers and Firefighters. The team would also like to acknowledge members from Livonia Police, Livonia Firefighters, Redford Firefighters, and Taylor Firefighters in helping us compete in the tournament.

Autistic man accused in case

BY ERIC D. LAWRENCE GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

A man wandered away from an adult foster care home in Northville Township and walked into a neighboring house, where he banged on a bathroom door while a terrified woman huddled inside and called police, authorities said.

The 26-year-old woman's father, who owns the house. wants action taken over the April 24 incident. And not just against the man -- who a township official said is autistic and had come onto the family's porch earlier in the day -- but against the owners of the Ranch, a group home operated by Broe Rehabilitation in Farmington Hills.

The facility is licensed to house up to six people with mental illness, developmental disabilities and traumatic brain injuries.

"My daughters cannot sleep right now," said Tom Hughes, 56, whose house in the Grand View Acres subdivision is next door to the foster care home. "I am beside myself."

Hughes said he and his wife were out of town when the man came into the house about 8:40 p.m. through an unlocked front door while his daughter was home alone. She heard some noise coming from downstairs, went to check and then fled into an upstairs bathroom with her cell phone when she spotted the man. As she called police, the man walked to the bathroom door and began pounding, Hughes said. Police arrived a short time later. grands

The 24-year-old man, whose identity has not been released, is

expected to be arraigned in the next day or two on a home invasion charge, according to John Werth, Northville Township public safety director.

Werth said police have been called 21 times in the past year to the foster care home on Maxwell Street or to neighboring houses for incidents involving the foster home's residents. He said the incidents have escalated in severity from just mere walkaways.

Ann Manning, Broe's vice president, said its resident did not pose any danger because the facility does not serve residents with violent histories.

"He made a poor decision," she said

The Michigan Department of Human Services is investigating a complaint received Monday" against the Ranch.

NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP POLICE REPORT

Warrant arrest

A 64-year-old Northville woman was arrested for an outstanding contempt of court/failure to appear warrant on a civic matter in Gogebic County at 2:53 a.m. May 1 at 42951 Seven Mile Road.

The woman told police the warrant was issued because she had missed a court hearing regarding her brother's estate.

An officer saw the woman's vehicle parked in front of a business on Seven Mile Road and watched as the woman entered the business. He learned about the outstanding warrant when he ran her license plate.

No-license driving

2 A 21-year-old Northville Township man was arrested for driving on a suspended driver's license at 4:23 p.m. April 7 at the Subway sandwich shop at 42971 Seven Mile Road.

Police were dispatched to the shop where a customer was upset that his sandwich was cold. When police arrived, the man was gone.

Police told dispatch to call the man back and ask him to return to the scene, which he did.

Officers informed him that the cold sandwich was a civil matter, and that he would have to take it up with Subway management. Police learned the man had a suspended driver's license when they ran his license plate.

Malicious destruction

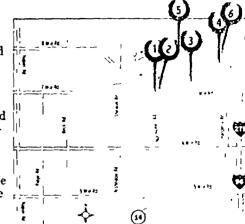
3A 43-year-old Northville woman who lives on Seabrook Court reported a malicious destruction of property incident that occurred between 9 p.m. April 8 and 8 a.m. April 9.

The front windshield of her vehicle had been damaged, with the damage estimated at \$200.

Embezzlement case

A 49-year-old Plymouth Township woman was arrested for embezzlement at Kohl's department store at 20155 Haggerty Road at 11:39 a.m. April 9.

A loss prevention agent told police that he had received a tip on March 19 of an employee possibly stealing from the company. They conducted surveillance on the woman, which showed her selecting a greeting card from the stationary department and enter the employee Compiled by staff writer Pam Fleming



break room. She then left the store without paying for the card.

After being interviewed, she admitted to the theft and additional thefts that totaled \$186.98.

More windshield damage

5A 59-year-old resident on Scenic Lane **5**reported a malicious destruction of property incident that occurred between 6 p.m. April 8 and 11 a.m. April 9.

This man also complained about damage to his vehicle's windshield, with the damage estimated at \$200.

Shoplifting, paraphernalia

6 A 19-year-old Farmington Hills man was arrested for retail fraud and possession of drug paraphernalia at 4:10 p.m. on April 10 at the Meijer store at 20401 Haggerty Road.

The man stole a Sony car stereo valued at \$99.99 and fled in his vehicle, with loss prevention getting his license plate number.

Farmington Hills police stopped at his residence, had a positive ID on the stolen merchandise and a confession from the man. The man was already removing wires from his vehicle to install the stereo when police arrived.

Police then asked if there was anything in the vehicle that they should be aware of that was illegal. The man said there was a pipe in the center console. Police found a multi-colored glass marijuana pipe and two plastic baggies with marijuana residue and seeds in them.



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Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land is mulling a request for guidance from the Michigan Chamber of Commerce on how it should report the source of funds spent on political advocacy.

The question before Land is how much transparency is enough in a campaign world now governed by the Citizens United vs. FEC decision that treats corporations as "persons."

Any ruling by Land, and any corrective legis-lation by the Legislature, should err on the side of ever more transparency. The Citizens United case will spur the ingenuity of those wishing to spend their way to political influence and test the commitment of the public to restrain money's effect on public service.

Michigan law, even prior to the Citizens United ruling, was lacking when it comes to transparency over independent expenditures. The Michigan Campaign Finance Network, a watchdog group, notes that, "Since 2000, the Michigan Chamber of Commerce and the political parties have spent some \$45 million for television advertisements that sought to define the character and qualifications of candidates for public office: \$11.6 million in the 2002 gubernatorial campaign; \$18.1 million in the 2006 gubernatorial; and \$14.3 million in Supreme Court campaigns from 2000 through 2008. None of that spending is reported in the Department of State's disclosure system (data were collected by MCFN from broadcasters and cable systems)."

Since the Citizens United ruling allows unlimited "independent" expenditures, it is that much more vital that disclosure of financial donors be complete.

The Republican campaign for governor already has been roiled this year by the transparency issue. The Michigan Civic Educational Fund has funded radio ads and a billboard critical of candidates Rick Snyder and Mike Bouchard.

A Macomb Daily report found that two of the three men who formed the group have given to Mike Cox's bid to beat Snyder and Bouchard for the GOP nomination. But under existing rules, the group is not required to disclose the donors for its own activities. (Cox's campaign says it has nothing to do with the group.)

The U.S. Supreme Court has created an environment where "persons" - be they human beings or corporate entities - may spend whatever they want on political advocacy, as long as they stand a step apart from actual political candidates and parties. But the court has made clear that the public can develop disclosure standards to see exactly who is doing the speaking. Land should use her authority to advance such disclosures and such transparency for the benefit of all Michigan's "persons."

COMMUNITY VOICE

Earth Day was April 22: How are you helping the planet in your everyday life?



"What I've been doing is re-using a lot of disposable cups - glasses, too. I've also tried to use less water at home."

Firefighters raise big bucks

Fire Department looking a bit different.

That's because some firefighters were grow-

ing Mustaches for Kids, and the inaugural

Township Professional Firefighters Union

fund-raiser/contest had the Northville

(NTPFFU) growing sweet, sweet mus-

Starting March 1, firefighters began

fee to buy in to the contest. Competitors

were not allowed to shave their mustache

shave fee was assessed and they were dis-

growing their mustaches after paying a \$10

for the entire month. If they did, a \$20 early

qualified from the contest. Rules regarding

mustache maintenance and grooming also

applied. What began as a fun way for fire

department members to compete against

one another blossomed into a fund-raiser

that will benefit Detroit Children's Hospital

taches.

Dr. Ken Stopa Northville



"Basically, I'm trying to unplug chargers at home when I'm not using them. and I'm turning off lights more."

> **Ashleigh Price** Wixom

LETTERS

recently than in Americas past. Our last real In the month of March, you may have noticed members of the Northville Township one was Reagan.

Petronius, the Roman, was first to advance a view that "the world desires to be deceived, so let it be deceived." More recent politicians manipulate the naive expectation of honesty very artfully, but suspicion is growing. Politicians set up the unwary or less responsible as the sacrifices, especially challengers, as both enemies of the State, ... and villains. The left easily forgets the subprime mortgage legislation and community redevelopment fiasco was designed in the Carter years.

Over this past year, our Congress and our president faced the subprime-created financial problem. Claiming to save America from certain doom, they magnified it. Now the nation spins under a heavy yoke of a super-sized, incoherent debt. Using the crisis, the debt might just present an opportunity for miscreants to redirect and to control basic economic systems. Set aside in spending programs has been a large part of the unspent stimulus fund which may be the stash for political distribution prior to the November election. Will America soon mirror Europe where massive public employment and organized dependency drives stagnation and the ensuing evaporation of creativity, competition, self-reliance and hopefulness? Private sector job growth there being replaced by many government-sponsored enterprises like Fanny or Freddy contributing essentially zero to a healthy Gross Domestic Product. America's fertile economy was grown and thrived in a competitive capitalist environment. This is the mortal enemy of America's craven groupie socialists. Maligned business leaders show the real scorecard of initiative, effort and success or failure of commerce. India and China adopted many American competitive ideas to ignite their explosive economic growth. India and China, however, carefully avoided any limiting shackles on industry or

individual freedom to succeed. Competitive effort has lifted many of their people. Literacy there has especially benefited. Freedom of information is restricted, is

exported soon? Petronius was prescient. Americans, it seems, are further misled by irresponsible newspeople who protect inept governance drowning our nation and states in debt. They overlook the malicious officeholders who seem ravenous in desire to undo Americans from faith, foundations, culture and essence? I am hopeful better talent might arise with skills needed to turn this tide and save our nation from the regime of the commune.

curtailed in China to collar dissent. Maybe

Jim Nowka Northville

Vote for Wadsworth

'Where I live, we've recently' gotten a recycling program, so I'm using that and trying to get my kids into it." **Christine Gutierrez** Westland



"Well, I kind of honor it every day by recycling and serving organic food. I also sell water in biodegradable containers."

Carolyn Simon (owner of the **Red Pepper Deli)** Northville



Burn Unit to the tune of \$608.

At the end of the month, a poll was taken amongst NTPFFU Local 3961 members and on Facebook to see who was voted Best Stache. The winner, firefighter/paramedic Jason Hendrian, received an amazing custom-made trophy. Firefighters wish to thank Erica Zazo, a Northville Township High School senior, who designed and created the very impressive trophy.

Mustaches for Kids ended March 31, but if you'd like to show your appreciation or just get more information about the Northville Township Fire Department, visit www northvillemich.com or search Northville Township Firefighters on Facebook.

> Jeff Sims, Mustache coordinator firefighter/paramedic, Northville Township Fire Department

Better talent needed

Everyone has a basis of judgments. Mine are those of one who knows American history. There is a lower quality of leaders

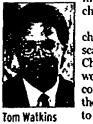
Being a new resident of the city of Plymouth, I have been attending various functions to meet those running for offices in the upcoming elections. I don't believe there has ever been a more pressing time in Michigan's history for inspired leadership. One person who has impressed me with her knowledge of issues is Joan Wadsworth. Although I've only known Joan Wadsworth for a short time, I've learned that she has served on the Northville Board of Education for many years. She has also been actively involved with the Chamber of Commerce board of directors, the Northville Downtown Development Authority, the Senior Citizens' Commission. and the library.

The number of hours devoted to helping others shows her commitment to community and her desire to make the area she will serve, as our representative in Lansing, a better place for all of our district's citizens.

Doreen Lawton Plymouth

Catholic Church child abuse scandal: never again

etroit Archbishop Allen Vigneron recently said "the archdiocese is stepping up its



initiative to protect children.' Certainly, with the child sexual abuse scandal in the Catholic Church sweeping the world, this is welcome news. While the stepped-up effort

to protect children is welcome, given the historical abuse, this is

a bit like closing the barn door after the cows have escaped.

These actions are part of the Vatican effort to deal with the ever-widening child sex abuse scandal. There are unforgivable sins. Sexually abusing a child is one.

I attended Catholic grade school and graduated from a Catholic high school. I was taught that honesty and integrity matter. I was taught that lying, cheating and covering up problems are

wrong. I was taught that you should always tell the truth and if you make a mistake to admit it, accept your punishment, do your penance and try to be a better person.

The Church has historically maintained a code of silence and covered up for a sin that comes as close to "unforgivable" as anything I know - harming children. No, let's call it for what it is: child rape.

Could the Roman Catholic Church, built on the revelation of truth and faith, fall apart due to lies and deceit?

There are some that want to make this issue as a problem of "faith" when it is one of transparency, truth, accountability and right and wrong.

There are also those who argue that anyone who raises these issues is "anti-Catholic." I am not.

Priests who sexually abuse children are not "confused souls" - they are criminals. People who shield and cover up for criminals are charged with obstruction of justice.

Clearly, not every allegation against

priests has stood up to scrutiny, and it can be assumed a few of the accusers and their attorneys are fabricating stories of abuse in an attempt to heap scorn on the church and extract money.

Yet, the seemingly pervasive, systematic, deceitful actions in the eyes of many have stripped the church of their historic moral authority.

Let's be clear: The charges are lodged against some, not all, priests and bishops. There are many good men and women, both ordained and lay people, in the church.

Yet, the sex abuse scandal in the Catholic Church continues to roll on in numerous countries.

What the now pope knew (both as archbishop in Munich and later as a cardinal heading up the Vatican morals office), when he knew and what actions, if any, he took to stop the abuse is casting an ugly shadow over him and the Catholic Church as this scandal continues to swirl.

Many feel and victims have called for the pope to take responsibility for

the systemic abuse of children that many feel may have touched the highest reaches of the church. They believe the secrecy and culture of hiding the problem allowed priests to molest children at will for decades. The Vatican strongly disputes this assessment.

The priest's pedophile behavior, having sex with children, is not an isolated incident; it's wrong morally, spiritually and legally. Yet, if there is such a thing as a "worse sin" or a greater crime, it is reserved for those higher up in the church hierarchy who concealed and covered up this evil!

It is said that the issue of child molesting was hidden to protect the church!

Some, trying to spare the church further embarrassment or worse, are describing this scandal as a "reprehensible indiscretion of a few to cast a shadow on the church as a whole." Nonsense.

Be clear, this is a problem the church has brought on itself by looking the other way. It could and should have

been stopped yet was allowed to fester, from within.

There is no amount of money or punishment that can restore the harm done to countless children and families. I only wish there were."

How can the institution of the church stand for anything when they did not stand up for the rights of children?

The truth has a way of eventually coming out and the cover-up often becomes worse than the original problem. It is good to see local church leaders taking action, even if it is after the damage has been done.

As a church and society, we must declare, "Never again!"

Tom Watkins is a free-lance writer and a former state superintendent of Michigan's schools, 2001-05. This column is adopted from a essay on the church pedophile scandat and solutions for addressing the crisis and can be found at Dome Magazine - domemagazine.com. Watkins can be reached at tdwatkins@aol.com.

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NEIGHBORS

Northville's Mnich earns his Air Force wings

In graduation ceremonies held April 29-30 at Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio, Texas, 2nd Lieutenant Jeffrey M. Mnich - son of Jan and Mike, brother of Steve and Amy Mnich of Northville - graduated from the coveted Air Force Pilot Training Program.

One of only 10 pilots in his class, Mnich was also awarded with the Outstanding Leadership Award by the base commanding staff as well as an overall award for leadership given to him by his peers. In addition to these awards, Mnich was selected twice as Class Leader of his flight.

Not a stranger to leading others, Mnich, a graduate of Northville High School in 2002, served as class president in his senior year.

From Northville High School, Mnich went on to earn his undergraduate degrees (2002-2006) in political science and international affairs from The George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

In 2004 while serving as an intern for U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow in her D.C. office, Mnich decided to join the Air Force Reserves.

'I realized that if I ever was going to run for public office, I needed to have a greater understanding of our military," he said.

In the summer of 2005, after completing Air Force boot camp, Mnich was stationed out of Andrews Air Force base - ironically, the same base that is home to the president's ride of choice, Air Force One.

In 2006, when Mnich graduated with honors from George Washington University, he began a full-time position with Stabenow. While working at the U.S. Capitol, Minch applied for and was accepted to the Air Force Officers Training Program and Pilot Training Program. The Pilot Training Program is typically reserved for graduates from the Air Force Academy. Mnich, a Reservist was an exception. Pilot training is a full time commitment lasting almost two years. Mnich's training took him to Del Rio, one of just three bases in the U.S. where pilots can earn their "wings." After an extensive one year program involving hundreds of classroom, simulation training and flying hours, Mnich graduated April 30.

But training is not over yet. Later this week, Mnich flies out to the state of Washington for a 26-day "Survivor" training program followed by a four-and-a-half-month program in Oklahoma where he will begin training on his aircraft of choice, the KC-135. This refueler aircraft is one of the oldest but most valuable in the Air Force fleet.

After completing his training in October of this year, Mnich returns to the town he calls home for now, Washington D.C., to complete his training on the KC-135 at Andrews Air Force Base.



Northville's Jeff Mnich recently graduated from Air Force Pilot Training Program in Del Rio, Texas.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT



Fraternal twins, Nicholas

James Deacon, 2, at home in Covington, Wash. » Grandparents are Jim and Deacon, all of Northville. Great-grandparents are Frank and Flo Mattis of Dearborn Heights and Marge Deacon of Livonia



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Faith and the Arts Show Date: May 14-16

First Baptist Church

of Novi-Family Integrated Church

Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnoviorg Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m. Family Worship: II a.m. Bible Study: 6 p.m. Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth

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 "HE Will Be There ... Because HE's GOD!" Time/Date: 5 and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 9

Location: sanctuary Details: For the past 35 years the youth from many different faiths and many different schools have joined together to share their witness to their faith. Many thousands of folks have been touched by this musical outreach. Please join us for the final two performances of this year's musical, directed by Ms. Amy Heard, on Mothers' Day, 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

Livonia Church of Christ

Location: 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia Contact: For further information. please contact NSO Douglas K. Wells at (313) 964-6595.

Meadowbrook Congregational

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org. Sunday Worship: iO a.m. Sermon: Having a Plan Church School: 10-11 a.m. Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m. **Merry Widows Luncheon** Time/Date: 1230 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month **Pilgrim Fellowship** Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays

Asking Questions adult education 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 multipurpose gymnasium 10:15 a.m. Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210) **Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study** 8.45-10:30 a.m. (café) Wednesday Family Night 7 p.m.: Adult elective classes; jr. and sr. high student ministries; children's

programs (M-Pact Girls Club & Royal Rangers Boys Club) Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade) - contact (248) 348-9031

Novi - Northville Center for Jewish Life

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 umcnovicom 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 It 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; all are weicome.

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 oknorthville.org Saturday Worship Time:5p.m. **Sunday Worship** Time: 7:30, 9:30, it 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 fellow-

ship 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 during meetings. Contact: Kris Endreszi (248) 946-4080 **Blood Drive**

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. 2 p.m. May 16 Details: Appointments are necessary and can be made by contacting Frank at (248) 890-3801

St. John's Episcopal Church Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road, Phymouth

St. John Lutheran Location: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills

Contact: (248) 474-0584 or visit stjohnlutheran.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 National Day of Prayer Service Time/Date: 11:15-noon May 6 Details: all welcome Unitarian Universalist

Church of Farmington Location: 25301 Halstead Road, **Farmington Hills** Contact: www.uufarmington.org Youth Interfaith Journey Time/Date: 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays Details: This religious education program is open to the public and currently enrolling new students. The UUCF Interfaith Journey curriculum encompasses the Unitarian Universalism philosophy of individual worth and the power of community with a study of the World Religions that are practiced around the globe. This program compliments the mission of UUCF Religious Education of teaching youth inclusion, compassion and peace and provides the environment to live and learn in a culturally diverse community. Classes are grouped into grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 with age specific education materi-

als for all Contact: Jennifer Teed at 248/478-7272 or dre@uufarmington.org Lifelong Learning Forum Time/Date: 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays Details: Six weeks exploring different topics like religion, philosophy, science,

health, social and political issues. No advance registration necessary; a \$5 donation suggested. Drop in and pick the class that interests you most. Contact: (248) 478-7272 or uufarmington.org/uuci/re-lifespan

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church Location: 40000 Six Mile Road Contact: (248) 374-7400 or (248) 374-5978

Sunday Worship

Time: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Traditional; 9:30 and 11 a.m. Contemporary, Nursery and Sunday School during the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. Service Broadcast Details: 11 a.m. every Sunday on WRDT-AM 560. The WMUZ Word Station.

Single Point Ministries (45 and

older)

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Single Point Ministries (35-50 years old)

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday to deepen your personal relationship with Christ.

Single Purpose Connexsions (20-30 years old)

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday in the Chapel for singing, Bible study, and fellowship. Details: For single adults. Active ministry offering various Bible study classes, volleyball, bicycling group, tennis group, support groups, support group for widowed over age 50, fellowship, friendships and more. Contact the number below for more information. Contact: (248) 374-5920 Learner's Bible Study. Time/Date:7 p.m. Mondays Room A101 **Men's Bible Study** Time/Date: 6:30 a.m. Wednesday Single Adult Ministries office

Single's Bible Study Time/Date: 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays, Room C309

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Mothers, daughters offer messages of love



Susan Webber of Northville (left) and daughter, Kali Regan, were photographed at Kali's birthday dinner July 29, 2009, in downtown Brighton. Kali lives in the Lansing area. She is a 2001 graduate of Northville High School. "We had a wonderful evening, we went to dinner , and walked around town," wrote Kali who sent in this favorite photo.





Ellie Steves of Northville (from left) and her four daughters, Linda Quigley of Plymouth, Sandi Rogers of Northville, Janet Goldberg of Northville and Nancy Spirt of Fountain Yalley, California, enjoy a celebration at Tavern on the Green in New York City. The photo was taken June 11, 2006. The restaurant closed Jan. 1, 2010. Located in Central Park on the Upper West Side, the restaurant was a frequent stop for actors, writers, politicians and mother/daughter celebrations.

Nore photos in today's Hometown Life Woman inside

Sunday is Mother's Day and we asked mothers and daughters to share their favorite photographs and special greetings. Here's a few of the photos we received. For a story on the strong bonds between mothers and daughters and more photos, see Hometown Life Woman.



Three generations are represented in this photo submitted by Northville resident Catherine Rabahy. The photo was taken April 10, 2010, at Disneyland in Anaheim, Calif. (From left) Catherine Rabahy (grandma), her daughter, Danielle (Rabahy) Brandon, and granddaughter, Charlotte Brandon, 17 months, are pictured at Disneyland. Danielle's husband, Cpl. Matthew Brandon, is a Marine stationed at Twentynine Palms, Calif. Grandma and Grandpa Rabahy traveled from Northville to California to visit Easter Week 2010.



Andrea Timreck of South Lyon submitted this favorite photo taken at her granddaughter's first birthday party September 2009. Pictured (from left) are Andrea Timreck, her mother, Mary Bartz of Novi, her daughter, Michelle Kolbusz (holding her daughter, Mira Kolbusz) of Farmington Hills. Four generations of mothers and daughters spanning ages 1 to 85.

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The girls in the Lowery family are special because as Tammie Lowery of Novi points out "all the girls' names in our family end with ie." "Here's a picture of my wonderful mother with her daughters and grandchildren. Pictured are Shirlie's daughters and grandchildren (from left) Rylie (granddaughter), Tammie (daughter), Emilie (granddaughter) Tracie (daughter), Shirlie and grandsons, Ethan and Nolan.





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NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY BRIEFS

School health lesson hearings

The Northville Public Schools Board of Education scheduled two public hearings for school parents and community members to comment on a proposed revision in the instructional DVD's used in the fifth grade reproductive health lesson.

The first hearing was Tuesday. At the next hear-ing, the school board will hear comment on the proposed DVD's. The hearing will take place on Wednesday, May 12 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in Room 302, NPS Board of Education Offices at 501 West Main Street, Northville, MI.

There are a variety of opportunities for review of the proposed materials prior to the public hearings, including 6 p.m. on May 4 and 10 a.m. on May 12 in Room 302, NPS Board of Education Offices at 501 West Main Street, Northville. To register for one of the review opportunities, please call (248) 344-8442 or send an e-mail message to Committee Mail@ northville.k12.mi.us.

Protecting townships from annexation

State Representative Marc Corriveau (D-Northville) recently introduced legislation to prevent certain townships from being annexed from a neighboring city or village. Corriveau originally introduced the plan in 2008 with State Senator Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) in response to a dispute that put two communities at odds with one another over a 414-acre site in Northville Township that was in danger of being annexed by the city of Livonia. The legislation passed the House with overwhelming bipartisan support, but later died in the Senate. Despite a tremendous effort from Senator

Patterson, which put his political career on the line, the Senate refused to pass this common-sense reform," Corriveau said. "I look forward to continuing to work with Senator Patterson and I am hopeful that this time, the Senate will do the right thing and act on this legislation. This plan will give town-

ships like Northville the final say in how their land is developed and prevent land disputes between neighboring communities."

Corriveau's plan will protect townships which provide certain services and have a population of more than 20,000 residents from being annexed by a neighboring city or village. The plan was inspired by a 2008 annexation dispute between Northville Township and the Livonia regarding a 414-acre site of the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital. The annexation was eventually defeated thanks to a well-organized grassroots effort by Northville Township leaders and residents for a plan that included residential, commercial and mixeduse development, and fit in with the character of Northville Township.

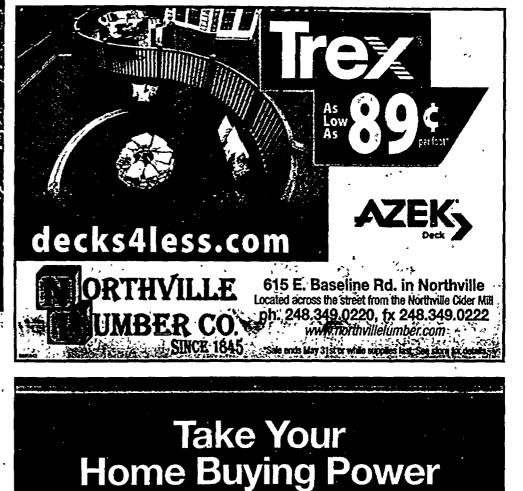
"Representative Corriveau's plan represents the kind of sound public policy that rises above partisan politics to serve the greater good," said Mark Abbo, Northville Township Supervisor.

All About Dyslexia

The Northville District Library is hosting a pro-gram All About Dyslexia on Wednesday, May 12 at 7 p.m. in the main meeting room. The program will be presented by Ann Beatty, Director of Michigan Dyslexia Institute, a non-profit organization. The program is free and open to the public.

The number of persons with dyslexia in the United States is estimated from under two percent to over 20 percent of the population. Many people with dyslexia may also have a condition such as ADHD. This program offers an opportunity to learn more about this learning difficulty and to find out about services that are available for individuals in the community. Testing and tutoring opportunities will be discussed.

Call the Library to register at (248) 349-3020. For more information, visit the library's website: www. northvillelibrary.org.



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Northville girls track takes fourth at West Bloomfield invitational. Page B4

Shamrocks, Trojans get chance to replay '99 game

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

It was 11 years ago, but the images are as vivid as they day the Catholic Central Shamrocks and the Trenton Trojans took to the ice in their regularly-played rivalry game.

The score, tied 4-4 with just about 4:53 remaining, was the focus as the two teams fought for the puck. Hard hits shook the arena. Fans cheered. Electricity zipped through the crowd and the players alike, firing them on all cylinders and pushing them forward.

Life-threatening injury cut rivalry game short, but a winner will be decided 11 years later

One goal could be the difference in the game. A single goal could bring one team or the other the bragging rights both wanted so badly.

In an instant, the score became nothing. No one thought about the tie. No one cared.

Brad Holland, a CC player, tried to split the Trenton defense. The Trojans' Andy Green, now an NHL player with the New Jersey Devils, hip checked him. The impact was

intense and Holland lost his balance, his feet leaving the ice as he flipped into the air. The metal of his blade caught something that gave; something soft.

Kurt LaTarte didn't scream out. The Trenton defenseman slapped his hand to his neck and skated madly toward his bench. Blood poured between his fingers. By the time he reached his teammates, he collapsed. Trainers and coaches waved for help.

Firefighter Alec Lesko, Dr. David Wolf and nurse Leslie Zancanaro - all parents of Trenton players

- raced from the stands to his aide. As Lesko reached LaTarte, his

white Trenton jersey was painted red. 'That's the nature of an injury like

that," said Lesko. "Anything above shoulders oozes a lot of blood." Lesko and the others worked at

stopping the blood from seeping through the cut in the player's neck as they waited for emergency personnel to arrive on scene.

Lesko remembers LaTarte being calm, except for a few moments when he would begin to get anxious and slightly panicked - a condition called hypoxia that is caused due to the lack of oxygen in the blood and tissue.

"I got in his face a little," said Lesko, who is a captain with the Trenton Fire Department. "I was trying to calm him down. I was a famil-

Please see REPLAY, B2

Mustangs surprise Novi on the court

Northville posts 5-4 victory over second-ranked Wildcats

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

Thank goodness for doubles flights.

In a game where every point counts, the Northville Mustangs made the most of their depth as they earned a surprise 5-4 victory over the Novi Wildcats last week.

The squad, coached by Sandy Woolfall, collected four wins in the doubles and a win at fourth singles to secure the upset and the KLAA Central Division title.

"Since Novi is ranked second in the state, we knew it was going to be a tough match," said Woolfall. "I told the girls going in that since we were considered the underdog, we had nothing to lose; just go out

and give them a fight." And fight they did. The Mustangs

lost the top three

but earned a win

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tory over Novi's

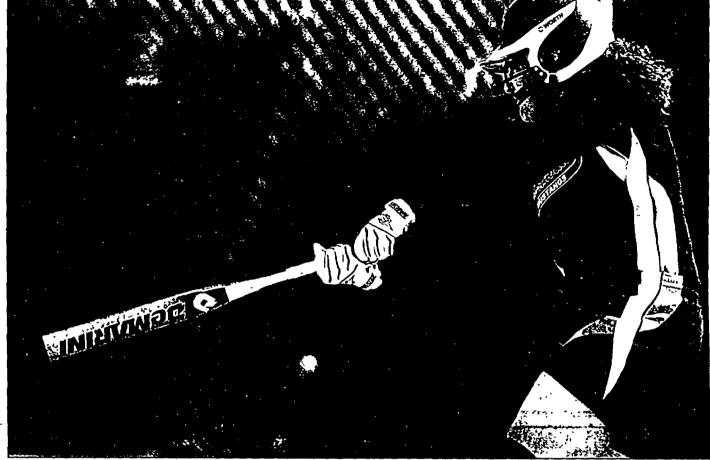
single flights,

The Mustangs tennis team will play in an association cross-over game today at 4 p.m. before going to the Okemos Invitational Saturday. The squad will then play another association crossover game at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

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Lauren Felcher. "The matches that we lost at singles were much closer than the scores indicate," said Woolfall.

Northville's top-flight singles player Joanne Weber took a tough 6-0, 6-1 loss to Novi's top player, Amanda Border. At two singles, Mustang I



Mustang Katie Fenech takes a swing.

Mustangs sweep Wildcats in softball

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Doud had a hard-fought loss to Novi's Abby Wang.

"Erin Doud played some of the best tennis of the season against Wang," noted Woolfall.

At three singles, Sara Carlson got the best of Northville's Jessica Yu, 6-1, 7-5.

Northville's tough luck continued in first doubles as the team of Laura Taylor and Caiti Darish fell in three sets to Jenna Snyder and Julia Thomas, winning the first match 6-2 before falling 7-6 and 6-1.

Northville's final four doubles flight stepped up, however, and secured huge victories for the Mustangs to help their team earn the victory.

Amy Bernstein and Jenna Grezlik took a 6-1, 6-4 win at two doubles over Andrea Lollo and Meggie Riegel while the third doubles team of Ally Weaver and Jackie Kjolhede beat Ashley Aljadah and Ori Nagasaka, 7-6(1) and 6-3. At fourth doubles, Megan Foland and Christy Murphy beat Emily Kwederis and Tanaya Srini, 6-2 and 6-3 while the fifth doubles team of Elizabeth Sakorafis and Ria Barad earned a huge win over Lindsey Johnson and Julianna Zuccato, 6-2, 6-3.

This match gave us the division title," said Woolfall. "I have a lot of respect for the coaching staff at Novi and I know that the next time we meet at conferences and regionals, they'll come out fighting. We need to continue to improve before these tournaments."

Northville also collected a third-place finish at the Saline Invitational. The team, head-to-head, beat Rochester, 6-3, tied Grosse Pointe South, 4-4, and lost to Ann Arbor Pioneer, 6-2.

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



Mustang Mary Rounsifer at the plate.

CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs started their week of softball off with a tough loss to the Canton Chiefs, but bounced back with a double-header victory over rival Novi.

The squad, led by Kary Couchman, took a 7-1 loss against the Chiefs, but rebounded with a 10-1 and 7-3 sweep of the Wildcats just two days later.

Collecting 17 runs over two games would bring thoughts of incredible offense to mind, but it was the pitching of Laura Pond and Natalie Grimmer that stood out. Between them, they struck out 14 batters as they helped the team climb to a 13-5-1 record (4-2 in the Central Division and 6-3 in KLAA play). Pond earned the win in the opener and pitched part of the nightcap before Grimmer came in to earn the win

The Mustangs secured the opening game with a 10-1 victory. The two teams were tied after the first, but Northville jumped to a 4-1 lead in the fourth inning and didn't look back. Karly Fisher was the difference in the inning, cranking out a threerun hit with a double to left field.

In the seventh inning, Fisher added to the score with a home run to go 3-for-4 on the day with four **RBI before Jennifer Buckingham**

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<u>ب</u>ع ON TAP The Northville Mustangs softball team is scheduled to play again Saturday when 🐋 they host Allen Park for a double header starting at 10 a.m. The team will then host Franklin and South Lyon on Monday and Wednesday, respectively, for twin bills starting at 4 p.m. each day.

and Mary Rounsifer were drove home on hits by Katie Fenech and Ellie Asher.

In the second game, the Mustangs pounded out a 7-3 victory after jumping out to a 3-1 lead in the first inning and tacked on two more in the third on a long triple by Meredith Williams.

Northville added a run in the fourth inning and a final tally in the fifth.

Against the Chiefs two days earlier, Northville was on the wrong side of the loss, falling 7-1.

Canton jumped out to a quick 3-O lead in the first inning while the Mustangs struggled against a strong Chiefs pitcher.

Northville's lone run came in the fourth inning when Williams scored Fisher with a sacrifice fly.

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iar face. He knew what I did for a living.

The game stopped then and there.

"The game never restarted and both teams were praying together on the ice as (Kurt) was rushed out of the rink by the ambulance crew," recalled Todd Johnson, Catholic Central's current head coach who had been an assistant that year.

Rivals - bitter enemies - huddled together. No school colors separated them. No malice stood between them. Just hope and prayer that one of their own, a young high school hockey player, would survive.

Lesko didn't leave LaTarte's side as they transferred him to the local hospital and then to the University of Michigan for surgery.

A few days later, LaTarte was home recovering. A few

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weeks later, he was back on the ice in time for Trenton's playoff bid, which ended unexpectedly. Their rivals, Catholic Central, went on to win the state championship that year.

Trenton was upset in the regional final and we went on to win the state championship," said Johnson. "Our record that year was 29-1-1. We lost at Redford, 1-0, to Trenton in January and this game officially went as a tie." The only two blemishes on a

perfect season were handed to the Shamrocks by the Trojans. Many people had assumed that a third game would take place between the two teams, and quite possibly in the state finals. Trenton didn't make it

there. Catholic Central beat East Kentwood, 2-0. Against the overpowering Shamrock defense, East Kentwood only had 10 shots on goal the entire game.

There was always speculation about what would have

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leg pain and fatigue

happened if Catholic Central and Trenton met again. Who would have won? Would it have been Trenton, which won the title the year before, who hoisted the championship? Or would the Shamrocks have forced the same outcome they did over East Kentwood?

The 'what ifs' are always a part of high school sports. Everyone wonders about this game or that, or what would happen had a play gone a different way. Most of them never get a chance to relive the moments except in their dreams.

The players from the 1999 squads of Catholic Central and Trenton will get a chance to relive it for real.

Come May 9 at 3 p.m., those players will take to the ice as a part of REPLAY, Fueled by Gatorade. The game will be played at Compuware Arena in Plymouth.

REPLAY, Fueled by Gatorade, re-stages classic games between some of the nation's biggest high school sports rivalries and the CC and Trenton players are grabbing this second chance to determine the winner of their 1999 game.

"The excitement the athletes and the Detroit community has shown for this game is unbelievable, and we look forward to hosting an amazing authentic hockey experience that celebrates this storied rivalry," said Lauren Fritts of The Gatorade Company. "The players' tireless preparation has been an inspiration to all of us. Their dedication and passion to compete sets the stage for a game no one will want to miss."

It was LaTarte who sent in the suggestion for the **REPLAY** game, wanting to give both teams a chance to put an end to the speculation and what ifs.

"Why did I do this? Many reasons, including reuniting with old teammates and

playing real hockey one more time," said LaTarte, who now lives in Oakland County and plays pick-up hockey once a week. He played intramural hockey at Michigan State University and for the local men's league after high school. "After the '99 season, we were disappointed that we were knocked out of the playoffs so early and we felt that we let the city of Trenton down. This is a chance for redemption."

Lesko, whose son, Alec, will be playing in the game, said the excitement and anticipation is building throughout the communities.

"We can't wait," he said about the upcoming game. "No matter what the outcome of the game is, it's exciting to see this group get back together. There was so much talent on these two teams it was unbelievable."

Two players from the squads even made the NHL: Trenton's Green and Catholic Central's

BY SAM EGGLESTON

CORRESPONDENT

Northville's boys golf team

last week, edging the competi-

tion as it stayed undefeated in

Stetson, earned a victory

over Salem, 160-168, before

defeating Novi, 155-157. The

team then went on to place

second in the East Lansing

sixth in the most recent

Northville, which is ranked

coaches' association poll, was

Bonatz shot a 39 while fellow

and Trevor Grigg earned a 41.

Against Novi, Bonatz shot a

Mustangs Mike Walton and

Alex Bernstein carded 40s

led by Blake Bonatz in both

of the dual meets it played in last week. Against Salem,

The squad, coached by Matt

dual matches.

Invitational.

continued its winning ways

David Moss, who plays for the Calgary Flames. Others played in college and some still skate recreationally.

To physically prepare for their once-in-a-lifetime rematch, the Trenton and CC players are currently participating in a comprehensive eight-week training and nutrition program developed by the Gatorade Sports Science Institute (GSSI) and implemented with the help of professionals from Velocity Sports Performance in Canton.

Game day tickets will be sold through the athletic departments of Catholic Central and Trenton high schools and are \$10 each.

For those who won't be able to see the game in person, it will be broadcast on Fox Sports Detroit, though no date was scheduled as of press time.

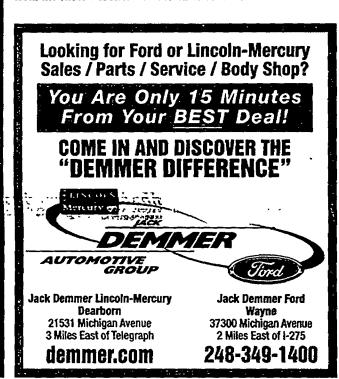
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NHS varsity gymnastics looking for participants

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

Cheer camp

The Northville High School cheerleaders will be hosting a three-day summer cheer camp for girls entering grades first through eighth. It will be held at Northville High School from 9 a.m.-noon daily June 22-24. Participants will cheer with the Northville High School Cheerleaders in the Northville 4th of July parade. The cost is \$75 and includes all three days of camp, a themed T-shirt and daily crafts and snacks. The deadline to register is Friday, May 28. Registration forms can be downloaded from the cheer website: www.northvillecheer.com.



ON TAP

Northville golfers continue to earn wins

The Northville golf team is scheduled to hit the links Tuesday when and Wednesday next week when they visit Stevenson and Salem, respectively. Both matches are slated for a 3 p.m. tee time.

37, followed by Bernstein's 38 while Walton recorded a 39 and Grigg a 41.

The Mustangs took second place in the East Lansing Invitational, finishing behind Holt. Leading the way for Northville was Grigg, who shot a 75 and finished second overall in the invitational tournament.

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NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Northville Planning Commission has scheduled public hearings for Tuesday, May 25, 2010, at 7.30 P.M. at the Northville Township Municipal Office building located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan. The Planning Commission will hear comments regarding the following:

- Rezoning the Township owned portion of the former State Hospital site on 7 Mile Road from 7 Mile Road Planned Unit Development (PUD) to Public Recreation, Facilities and Open Space (PROS).
- Rezoning the developer owned portion of the former State Hospital site on 7 Mile Road from 7 Mile Road Planned Unit Development (PUD) to General Business (B-3).
- Repeal Section 170-20.9, 7 Mile Road Planned Unit

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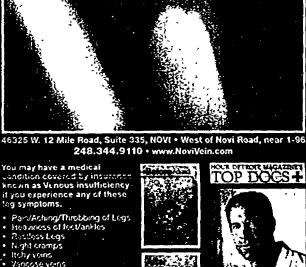
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CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF BUDGET

FY 2011 CITY BUDGET The budget for the various Funds of the city of Northville are proposed for the year ended June 30, 2011 as follows

	Revenues		Revenues	Expenditures
GENERAL FUND		STREET, DRAINAGE, AND SIDEWALK IMPRO		• • • • • • • • •
Property Taxes	\$4,188,401	Property Taxes	\$525,447	\$1,199,500
Licenses, Fees and Permits	218,600	Other .	<u>674.053</u>	
Grants	6,000	Major Street Fund Total	<u>\$1.199.500</u>	<u>\$1.199,500</u>
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State Shared Revenue	493,284	MAJOR STREET FUND	_	
Sales and Services	105,655	Gas and Weight Taxes	\$229,829	\$772,069
Fines and Forfeitures	59,225	Local Contributions	<u>542.240</u>	
Other Revenues	299,225	Major Street Fund Total	\$772.069	<u>\$772.069</u>
Interfund Transfers	110,237			
Appropriation of Prior Year Surplus	<u>368.326</u>	LOCAL STREET FUND		
General Fund Total	<u>\$5,937,119</u>	Gas and Weight Taxes	\$97,811	\$904,065
		Local Contributions	806.254	
	Expenditures	Local Street Fund Total	\$904,065	\$904,065
Administration	1,109,046			•
Buildings and Grounds	436,645	OTHER FUNDS		
Police Department	2,338,959	PARKING FUND	\$139,366	\$139,366
Fire Department	395,395	BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION FUND	\$6,330	\$6,330
Technology	210,830	ARTS COMMISSION FUND	\$91,807	\$91,807
Department of Public Works	539,540	DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	\$2,748,162	\$2,748,162
Planning, Zoning and		DDA DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$166,900	\$166,900
Inspection Services	231,970	PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$378,355	\$378,355
Shared Services	269,286	DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT		
		CONSTRUCTION FUND	\$1,180,674	\$1,180,674
Contributions to Other Funds	170,196	FIRE EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND	\$61,860	\$61,860
Debt Service	48,628	POLICE EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND	\$108,743	\$108,743
Insurance, Central Supplies		HOUSING COMMISSION FUND	\$851,307	\$851,307
and Unallocated Reserve	186.624	GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT		
		RETIREMENT FUND	\$102,878	\$102,878
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PUBLIC HEARING A public hearing will be held on Monday, May 17, 2010, at 7.30 PM. in the City Council Chambers of the Northvulle City Hall, 215 W. Main Street, for the purpose of receiving testimony and discussing the proposed 2010-11 Annual City Budget. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be the subject of this hearing.

TRANSFERS BETWEEN APPROPRIATIONS As provided in State statute, the general appropriations resolution is proposed to allow the City Manager to transfer up to ten percent (10%) of each appropriation to any other appropriation within each fund and up to ten percent (10%) of the total salary and fringe appropriations for distributed Public Works Labor and Equipment Rental between the General, Major Street, Local Street, Equipment, Refuse and Recycling and Water and Sewer Funds. All other interfund transfers require approval of the City Council

BUDGET STABILIZATION FUND As provided in State statute, the City Council has established a Budget Stabilization Fund to receive surplus operating funds which may occur from time to time, as a reserve against unanticipated or emergency expenses or revenue shortfalls in the future. No contribution is anticipated from the 2010-11 operating year due to the current financial position of the City.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN The six year capital improvement plan has been prepared and is a part of the annual 2010-11 City budget document.

COPIES OF PROPOSED BUDGET AVAILABLE A complete copy of the 2010-11 Annual City Budget document will be available for public inspection beginning May 6, 2010 at the City Clerk's office during regular business hours and on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us. In addition, a limited number of copies are available to be signed out for review by City residents at home.

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Dianne Massa City Clerk

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Amendments to Chapter 170, Zoning Ordinance, Articles, 6 One-Family Residential District (R-1 through R-4), Article 7, Multiple Family Residential District (RM-1), Article 10 Office Service District (OS), Article 12 Local Business District (B-1), Article 13 General Business District (B-3) and Article 26 Offstreet Parking and Loading pertaining to assembly uses.

The public is invited to attend this public hearing and express their comments or ask questions. Written comments will be received by the Northville Township Planning Commission at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.

Robert Nix, Chair Planning Commission

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City of Northville NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2010-11 PROPOSED ANNUAL CITY BUDGET

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PROPOSED 2010 MILLAGE RATES The following statements are provided, as required by State statute, concerning the 2010 proposed millage levies for the City of Northville.

> The 2010 tax levy for the City Operating Millage is proposed to be 13.30 mills, compared to 13.30 mills in 2009, reflecting no increase or decrease. The City Council has authority under the City Charter to set the Operating Millage rate within the maximum allowed rate of 14.1824 mills, as adjusted by the Headlee rollback formula.

> The 2010 levy for the Improvement Program for Streets, Drainage and Sidewalks, approved by the voters on March 4, 1997, is proposed to be 1.7670 mills, compared to 1.7670 mills in 2009, resulting in no increase or decrease.

> The 2010 levy for the 2000 Public Safety Debt, which involves a bond issue approved by the voters in 2000 is proposed to be 0.1626 mill, compared to 0.1418 mills in 2009, resulting in an increase of 14.7%.

The total City millage for operating, debt, and improvements is provised to be 15.2296 mills in 2010. Compared to the 15.2088 mills levied in 2009, the increase is 0.0208 mills, or 0.14%.

ANTICIPATED EQUALIZATION FACTORS The 2010. equalization factors for both Wayne and Oakland County are expected to be 1.00 for all classes of property.

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NORTHVILLE ROUNDUP

Mustangs get back-toback wins

The Northville Mustangs girls lacrosse team collected back-to-back wins last week with a 14-3 drubbing of Harrison and an 8-6 win over Waterford Mott.

Against Harrison, the Mustangs followed the lead of Kayley Dahring, who scored eight goals while Allie Vogel added two. Also scoring for Northville was Liz Formica, Charlotte Peterson, Tori Hilmer and Kelsey DeRidder. Kathleen Terrian was the assist leader, collecting three in the contest while Ali Stinehour and Formica had one each.

Earning the win in goal was Rachel Jurczyszun, who stopped 17 shots on goal and allowed just three to get by in 50 minutes of play.

Jurczyszun was also key in the victory over Mott, as she stopped 20 shots on goal to hold off Northville's opponents and allow the offense to secure the win.

Leading the Mustangs was Dahring, who picked up three goals in the victory while Terrian added two in the winning effort. Getting a goal apiece were Peterson, Formica and Molly Burford. Burford, Daring and Terrian had an assist each.

Northville junior varsity lacrosse falls to Harrison, Mott

It was a week of close games for the junior varsity girls lacrosse team, which fell to Harrison, 7-6, and Mott, 9-8, last week.

"The JV is improving each game both their technical and tactical skills," said JV coach Stacey Tardich. "They are passing and playing as a team which is very effective in (girls) lacrosse."

Scoring for Northville in the loss to Harrison were Allie Hartnagle (three goals), Rachel Schafer, Erin Vogel and Alivia Duquet. Scoring for the Mustangs in the loss to Mott were Hartnagle (two goals), Schafer (two goals), Vogel, Tenley Mustonen, Erica MacDonald and Ashley Hart. Earning assists against Mott

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were Hart, MacDonald, Tia Luhtanen and Kali Maisano. JV softball sweeps Novi

The Mustang JV softball team swept a doubleheader with Novi on last week, winning 19-0 and 15-4, to improve their overall record to 10-3 on the season. Carly Oosten (six hits), Madison Merlanti (four hits), Megan Callahan (three hits), Gabrielle Schnepp (four hits) and Casey Dancer (four hits) led the offense. Nicolette Thibodeau pitched the shutout in the opener and Oosten was the winning pitcher in the nightcap.

The Mustangs JV team also defeated Canton, 14-0, earlier in the week. Gabby Schnepp and Suzanne Hasse had three hits each. Casey Dancer added two hits and Meg McCrohan was the defensive star. Oosten and Thibodeau combined on the one-hit shutout.

Freshman softball beats Salem

The Mustang Freshman team won both games of a doubleheader with Salem last week to improve their record to 7-6 on the season. Northville won the opener, 14-4 and the second game, 7-4. Rachel Kalinovik hit home runs in both games. Pitchers Kate Sell and Sarah Cullen each had five strikeouts over the two games. Holly Holshouser, Grace DeRidder, Rachael Paslawski, Hannah Mullally, Renee O'Connell, Sell and Kalinovik all had multi hit games.

Northville looking for freshmen sideline

cheerleaders

The Northville High School cheer program will be accepting new team members on a walk-on basis for the 2010 freshman sideline cheer team now through May 10. There will be no tryout and no cuts, simply sign-up. This will be the last opportunity to join the 2010 sideline cheer team. For more information, please contact Coach Mindy Gentz at gentzme@dorthville.k12.mi.us or 248-344-8420, ext. 376.

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Mustangs split twinbill with Novi

Northville takes opener in five innings, bows in nightcap

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

If there's one thing Northville coach John Kostrzewa likes, it's a good game.

He must have been thrilled all last week then as his team split a double header with Novi, split a double header against Brighton and edged Canton by one run.

Against Novi, the Mustangs started the day off with a fiveinning mercy victory over the Wildcats, 13-0.

Dylan Breault pitched five shutout innings, giving up two hits while striking out two and walking two.

"Dylan did a great job of throwing strikes and getting ahead of the hitters," said Kostrzewa. "He really took control early on after we got two quick runs in the first. We played solid defense behind him and did not commit a defensive error."

Northville was led by Matt Stojkov, who was 2-for-2 with a walk and three RBIs, while Conner Smith scored four runs, walking three times and adding a double. Dan Mills, Davin Montgomery and Joe Close each had one hit.

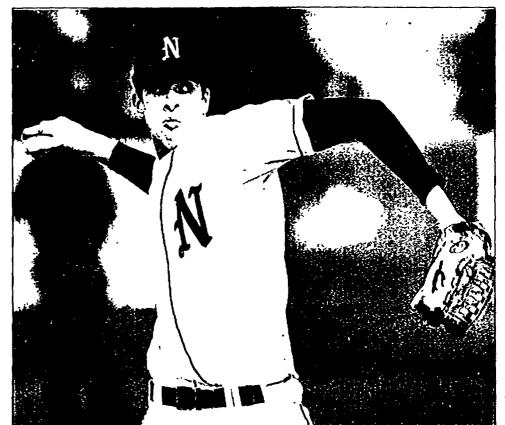
In the second game, Northville's Stojkov took the loss on the mound while Northville had trouble catching up with the Wildcat hurler.

"Give their pitcher credit," said Kostrzewa. "He did a nice job of keeping us off balance and we never really seemed to make the adjustment, only getting our hits in game two." Colin Gerish hit a solo

homerun in the sixth. Northville split another

double header earlier in their schedule, this one against Brighton. In the first game, they lost 7-3 before bouncing back to win 9-4 in the nightcap.

The Mustangs were led by Breault and Montgomery with two hits each in the first game while Stojkov and



Mustang pitcher Colin Gerish fires one towards home.

ON TAP

The Northville baseball team is scheduled to play again tomorrow when they host Walled Lake Northern in a double header at 4 p.m. before hosting Franklin Monday at 4 p.m. The team will then host South Lyon in a double header next Wednesday at 4 p.m.

Matt Satterfield had three hits and three RBIs each in the second game. Anthony 'Peraino picked up the first win of his career with just three hits scattered over six

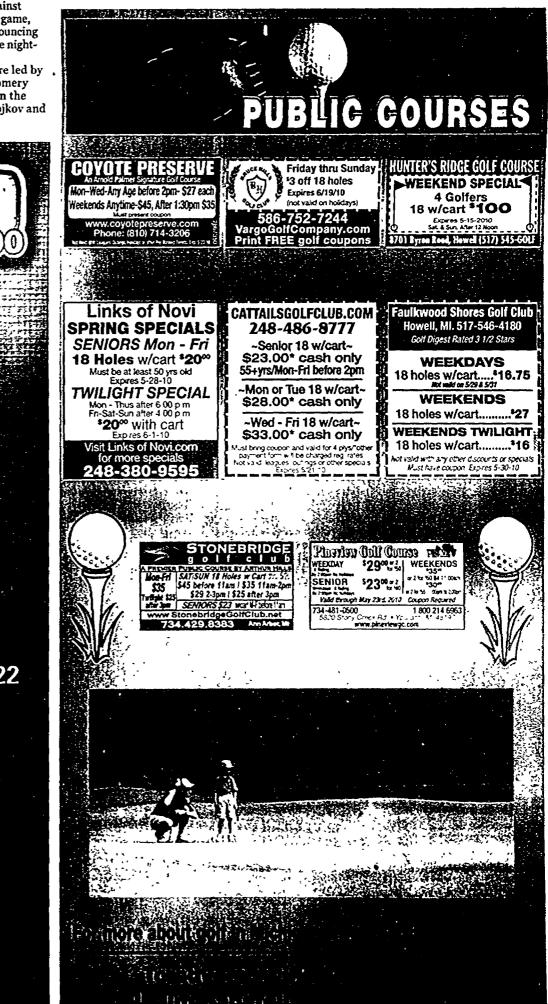
innings. Against Canton, Northville earned a hard-fought 3-2 victory.

"It was a great game," was the first thing Kostrzewa noted. "It was a good win against a good team. We scored all three runs in the first inning, but give their pitcher (Kevin Delapaz) credit; he did a great job of keeping us off balance."

Northville's hurler did well, too. Gerish threw 6% innings and gave up four hits while whiffing four Chiefs batters. "He did a great job of keeping the ball down and getting ground ball outs," noted Kostrzewa. "We played fantastic defense behind him and did not commit a defensive

error." Breault picked up the save with a runner on second and one out in the final inning despite throwing a wild pitch to advance the runner to third. He ended the game with a strikeout and a pop-fly out.

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Baseline girls soccer showcases best

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

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The mixture of two perennial powerhouses both ranked in Division I's top 10 with the always-exciting baseline rivalry meant nothing less than an intense and exciting matchup at Novi's Meadows Stadium last Thursday.

The No. 3-ranked Mustangs (8-0-1, 3-0-1 KLAA Central) came out of the gates fast thanks to speedy senior Lauren Lokey, who quickly took the ball into the left corner for a cross that Novi junior goalkeeper Gabby Gauruder grabbed away before any damage could be done.

It wasn't until 18 minutes into the game that either team registered a shot on goal, when Novi junior Molli Krick got one on Northville senior netminder Shelby Foerg,

"I spoke to the girls about 80 minutes of focus, 80 minutes of passion and playing with controlled aggression," said Northville coach Eric Brucker. "The officials really let the girls played hard and it was another physical match. Neither team backed down from a tackle."

The No. 9-ranked Wildcats (5-1-2, 3-0-1 Central) gained some momentum late in the first half, preventing the Mustangs from getting their first shot until 22:23 into the match.

At the 28:52 mark of the half, senior defender Taylor Hoover chipped a long ball into Northville's goal box from 40 yards out as her forwards and the Mustang defenders ran to its landing spot. Players from both teams went for it and the ball took a bounce off a Northville head and redirected past Foerg to give the Wildcats a 1-0 lead

"She won a ball in the middle and played it out wide. She went down to her third option," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said of Hoover's entry ball.

Northville senior Heidi Haller got hit with a yellow card with 6:49 left in the half after deliberately kicking Novi senior Courtney Laux following a physical one-onone contest that ended with the ball going out of bounds.

Junior Nicki Caruso got a break into the left side of the goal box with 3:45 remaining and was tackgoal lead via penalty kick. Foerg fell to her left to block Caruso's penalty shot and then dove at Caruso's feet as the Wildcat's rebound shot sailed over the net and out. "We probably created more

scoring opportunities in this game than in any other game," O'Leary said.

Sophomore Mallory Weber nearly evened the score with 1:55 'til halftime, but her shot rang off the crossbar and Gauruder covered the rebound shot. Weber went down with an injury to her right leg 32 seconds later, but would return as an instrumental part of Northville's second half rally.

Both teams had four firsthalf shots, but Novi led 1-0 at the break.

The second half wasn't nearly as even. Weber deked through two defenders in the goal box 1:50 into the half, but ripped her shot right above Gauruder's head for the grab.

Senior Kelsey Fiscus injured herself while setting up Weber for a good opportunity minutes later, while sophomore Alex Gjonaj and senior Stacy Cough also got clean shots off that couldn't find the back of the net. That was just the first nine minutes of the half.

Northville's offensive pressure led to a few defensive lapses, however, as Caruso got off a shot from close range, but Foerg robbed her at the left post with a diving save 10:45 into the half.

Despite some strong runs by Caruso and junior Nikki Greenhalgh, that would be the Wildcats' only shot of the half, as they were outshot 9-1 in the second and 13-5 overall.

The Mustangs' shot attempts led to several great saves by Gauruder, including a few punches over the crossbar on free kicks and punches out of the box on corner kicks, which Northville had a 4-2 advantage on.

a 4-2 advantage on. "She's a good goalie. Both goalies were fantastic," O'Leary said. "They were putting a lot of pressure on us. We tried a more defensive setup."

Carrying the momentum while still trailing, the Mustangs continued to pressure and both teams' play got increasingly physical as the two-referee crew allowed more non-calls and rough play than the crowd After getting tripped and earning a free kick, Fiscus let the nearest referee know her feelings, earning a yellow card for dissent with 23:27 to go. It was the second card for her team.

"Its an intense rivalry. You're going to get a lot of rough fouls," O'Leary said. "I'm happy with the way my girls kept their composure."

Play evened out a bit after the card largely due to some strong defensive work from Hoover, but the Mustangs kept the pressure on Novi's end until Weber dribbled in deep up the left side and sent a sharp-angled shot over a diving Gauruder to tie the game at 1-1 with 14:57 to go.

"She's a fantastic player," O'Leary said of Weber. "We kind of matched them up. (Hoover) did a great job. She's our most consistent player."

Soccer wrapup

Earlier in the week, the Northville Mustangs found themselves taking on another undefeated team in the Salem Rocks. However, only one team could leave with that record still intact without the occurrence of a tie, and it was the Mustangs who held that right when the dust settled.

Northville shutout the Rocks, 2-0, in a hard-fought match between the two top-10 ranked teams with Salem holding the No. 8 spot.

"I was really proud of how the defense played tonight," Brucker said after the game. "Salem has been putting up some good numbers on the score board and the defense held them in check."

The game stayed knotted at 0-0 until less than three minutes remained in the first half when Lokey played a cross from the left corner into the goal area. After a deflection off the head of junior Andrea Stark, Weber collected the ball and poked it past the Salem goalie for the 1-0 advantage.

The score remained the ' way until the 18th minute of the second half when Weber drew the defense to her after collecting the ball in Salem's end before placing a slotted pass to the feet of junior Ali Hawksford, who calmly found the back of the net with a well-aimed kick.

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Mustangs take seventh at Observerland Relays

Ali Arastu gets team's only first-place finish

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs boys track team had a good time at the Observerland Relays and got a good, hard look at the type of competition that is going to be facing them in the coming weeks and postseason.

The squad, led by Joe Knisely, took seventh at the always-competitive relays with 44 points. The squad, earlier in the week, lost a close dual meet to Livonia Stevenson, 72-65, on the road.

At the Observerland Relays, senior Ali Arastu was the only first-place finish for the team, earning the top spot in the 110 high hurdles with a blazing . time of 14.72 seconds. Also collecting some big points for the Mustangs was Frank Griffiths, who took second in the open 1,600-meter run.

Northville also took a thirdplace finish in the shuttle hurdle relays with a team of Justin Hsieh, Paul Cherry, Arastu and Andrew Schanne, as did the 4x400 relay team of Paul Gibson. Melvin Joseph, Arastu and Dan Park. The pole vault relay team of Jeff Wagner, Nathan



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Ali Arastu recently shattered Northville's 300 meter hurdles record with a time of 37.1 seconds.

Menovick and Shiva Ramasami took fourth. Also taking fourth was the 4x1,600 relay team of Griffiths, Robert Singletary, Matt Sierra and Colin Riley as well as the 800 relay of Brandon Love, Cherry, Joseph and Arastu.

Earning a fifth-place finish for Northville was the distance medley team of Ed Clifton, Gibson, Chad Cini and Ashwin Easow.

Just a few nights before, Northville found themselves on the wrong end of a loss as they fell to Livonia Stevenson, 72-65.

"Frank and Ali looked good for us today," said Knisely, noting Arastu, who won the 100 high

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The Northville Mustangs boys track and field team will be back in action when they visit Saline tomorrow for an invitational tournament at noon. The team will then visit Novi High School next Tuesday at 3:45 p.m.

hurdles and set a school record in the 400 dash with a 49.16, and Griffiths, who won the 1,600 run and the 3,200 run. "As a team, I don't think we performed our best. There were several areas that we should have done better in, and we knew we had to be at our best to beat a team as good as Stevenson."

Other first-place finishes for Northville included Josheph in the 200 dash, Menovick in the pole vault, Al Myers in the high jump, Love in the 100 dash and the 4x400 relay team of Gibston, Steve Vucinaj, Joseph and Arastu.

Taking second-place finishes for the Mustangs was Chris Bently in the discus and Clifton in the 800 run.

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Northville takes fourth at West Bloomfield

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs girls track team may not have the depth that other teams have, but they sure have enough talent to make up for it.

The squad, coached by Kerry Barnett, took fourth out of a field of 25 teams at West Bloomfield last Saturday after defeating Livonia Stevenson soundly in a dual meet earlier in the week.

"We lack depth, but not talent," noted Barnett and pointed out that Beth Roach, Chelsea Ciampa, Gina McNamara, Jackie Konopka, Michelle Steslicki, Amy O'Brien, Laura Cheaney, MaryKay Brzezinski, Alex Moynes, Kristen Wines are "all competing at a very high level."

The team turned in some impressive performances at West Bloomfield, showing that their talent will indeed net the team plenty of points.

Taking first place finishes for

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The Mustangs will be back on the track tomorrow when they visit Saline for an invitational meet at noon before attending another invitational Saturday at Stevenson at 10 a.m. The team will then take the short trip to Novi Tuesday for a 3:45 p.m. dual meet.

the Mustangs were Michelle Steslicki (pole vault, 10-feet-Oinches) and the spring medley relay team of Morgan Malloy, Courtney Minghine, Leah Bedrosian and Roach (4:19.5).

The team's lone second place finisher was Alex Moynes (high jump, 4-11) and the sole third place was from Amy O'Brien (pole vault, 9-6). Taking fourths were the 3,200-meter relay team (Roach, Haliie Tyburski, Helen Mulcahy and McNamara, 9:58) and the 1,600meter relay team (Malloy, Roach, Rachel Taubitz and McNamara, 4:16.47). Northville also took sixth with Brzezinski (long jump, 14-7) and the 800-meter relay (Malloy, Bedrosian, Minghine and Roach, 1:51.08).

McNamara also turned in a season-best time in the 1,600 with a 5:25.9, and Tyburski turned in her best time to date in the 3,200 with a 5:54.9.

Northville's track team also beat Stevenson, 95-42, in a dual meet last week.

Kristen Wines threw a new personal best of 93-7 while Moynes tossed a personal-best throw of 90-5.

In the 100 dash, Laura Cheaney ran a 13.12 for her personal best time while Alex Rodriguez turned in a 5:47 in the 1,600 run for her top time of the year.

Steslicki won the pole vault with a 10-foot jump with O'Brien reaching 9-6. Minghine ran a 27.48 in the 200 dash while Roach cleared 5-1 in the high jump. Open May Mon. - Sat. 9AM - 8 PM Sun 9AM - 6 PM June—Call for hours

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person not affected by this economy in some way.

Any advice for business owners? Stay positive, your attitude reflects on your business.

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Oakland County: Poised for recovery, job gains in 2011



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A year after enduring its worst labor market in history, the Oakland County economy will stem the tide of job losses this year before adding jobs in 2011, say University of Michigan economists.

The 25th annual U-M forecast of Oakland County's economy was sponsored by 10 Oakland County organizations. Its presentation was hosted by the county's Department of Economic Development & Community Affairs, Chase and Oakland Community College.

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George Fulton and Don Grimes of the U-M Institute for Research on Labor, Employment, and the Economy say that Oakland lost an unprecedented 60,000 jobs in 2009 -- more than the previous five years combined - and will lose another 9,900 jobs this year.

But Oakland County will add 2,400 jobs next year -- the most since 2000 -- and nearly 8,000 jobs in 2012, they say.

The Oakland County economy has been on a roller coaster ride during the first decade of the 21st century," said George Fulton of the **U-M Institute for Research** on Labor, Employment, and the Economy. Job loss in the county mushroomed to an unimaginable number in 2009, reflecting the sharp decline in the national economy and the fallout from the shrinkage of the domestic auto industry.

"But the economic situation has stabilized over the past several months, and Oakland County seems once again to be poised for recovery, particularly with its still-strong economic fundamentals and forward-looking policy initiatives hand, retail trade, which will intact. The first decade of the 2000s will not soon be forgotten, but all will be pleased to put it in the rearview mirror." Fulton and Grimes say

that while the next two years are expected to show the strongest performance in a decade for Oakland County, job gains by 2012 will reach only about half of what they averaged from 1980 to 2000 and the county will still have fewer jobs than it had at the end of 2008. Even though the recovery will be slow initially, they believe, however, that Oakland is entering a period of sustained growth beyond 2012.

"The economy is healing, but it is going to be a relatively long convalescence, and for the unemployed, it will continue to be painful," Fulton said.

According to the forecast, the goods-producing sector, which includes manufacturing, construction and other industries, will lose 3,400 jobs this year, but will add 1,200 jobs in 2011 and 2,100 in 2012. Motor vehicle and parts manufacturing will account for many of the job gains in this sector, thanks to the reopening of the Lake Orion assembly plant in 2011.

Although the private service-providing sector will lose nearly 5,400 jobs this year, more than 2,100 jobs will be added next year and 6,000 more will be created in 2012. Nearly all of the job gains in this sector over the next two years will occur in professional and business services (3.600 jobs) and private education and health services (3,000 jobs). On the other

lose more than 1,800 jobs this year, will continue to post employment losses next year (600 jobs), before adding a handful of jobs in 2012.

In the government sector, which includes public schools and local government administration, more than 1,100 jobs will be lost over the next two years, matching the amount of losses that are expected this year alone.

"With the exception of motor vehicle manufacturing, employment services and home health care services, all of the higher-growth industries, regardless of sector, tend to employ a greater percentage of workers with higher levels of educational attainment," Grimes said. "Information technology and health care service industries are particularly well-represented among the growing industries."

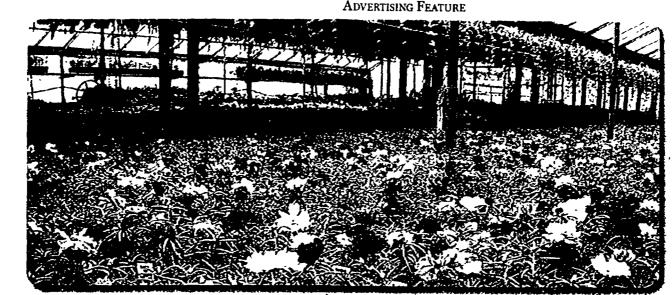
Despite the economic difficulties of the past decade, **Oakland County still remains** among the premier local economies in the country, with its coveted AAA bond rating and high ranking among 33 comparable counties in the United States on a series of measures that indicate future economic prosperity.

Oakland ranks sixth overall among the comparable counties -- an impressive standing, especially considering that the five counties with a higher ranking are all among the most thriving local economies in the nation," Grimes said. Oakland County has survived the economic turbulence of the past decade, and appears to have positioned itself for a much brighter future in the next decade.'

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lettuces, a lot of culinary peppers and strawberry varieties, including hanging upside-down strawberries."

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Springtime is the perfect time to shop for annuals, combination pots, hanging baskets, soils and fertilizers.

"Hanging baskets for patio and deck are always popular Mother's Day gifts," Raney said. "We also carry great potted roses. They are beautiful this year, probably the best I've seen."

Several varieties of annuals and perennials are new this year including Alyssum, normally a ground cover, but this variety

Raney's also carries the perennial Heuchera, commonly known as Coral Bells, that begin blooming in June and don't stop until the end of August. Their foliage colors are very attractive, ranging from burgundy to black, rustic and bright red.

Hanging baskets, combination

wonderful Mother's Day gifts.

looks like a miniature petunia

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or Million Bells. They require no

work other than water and fertil-

planters and potted roses

available at Raney's make

Also new are Euphorbia, commonly known as spurge, that naturally repel moles in the garden. They come in a variety of colors and variegations. An expanded flowering shrub

line is also new this year.

New gift items include a line of wind chimes and an expanded line of stepping-stones that include memorial stones and plaques. Croaking frogs, glow-in-the-dark and solar items, birdbaths, statuaries and pottery are spread decoratively around the store. "We have lots of ceramic

Raney's has expanded its edible gardening offerings to include several varieties of tomatoes - heirloom tomatoes, grape tomatoes called "Jelly Beans," larger pots of tomatoes as well as flats. A popular novelty item is the upside down tomatoes called "Topsy Turvy." "We carry crucifers (cabbages), broccoli, cauliflower, many types of

Raney's Gardens owner Michael Raney travels across the United States to find unique pottery and gift items, like the colorful watering cans shown above.

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Navs to Job Search Smarter

You don't need a Ph.D. to conduct a networking. Everyone you know or successful job search campaign. Achieving your career goals requires an organized strategy and disciplined approach. Below are six tips to help you search smarter, not harder.

Sell your value.

What makes you unique? How will your strengths, skills, and accomplishments solve prospective employers' problems? Determine your Unique Value Proposition (UVP) and use this information as an integral part of your personal marketing plan. Consider every document (resume, biography, business card) or face to face meeting (networking, interview) as an opportunity to communicate your value and address strategic business needs.

Energize yourself.

Searching for a job can be exhausting if you do not have a plan to reenergize yourself. Staying motivated and on task is easier when you develop a practical plan and stick to it. Arrange a daily schedule that is feasible and fits into your lifestyle. Determine how many days and hours a week you will invest in your search and create a document to track your progress.

Activate and build your network.

A strong network can provide you with job leads and information to access the hidden job market. Research shows that more than 60 percent of all jobs are found through www.hoovers.com. Employer's Web strategies that fit your personality

meet and every situation you encounter is a genuine opportunity to grow your network. View every family member, social or business acquaintance as a potential member of your network.

sites are another source of valuable information; there you can learn more about key decision makers, products, and services. If you want to speak to someone within a specific company, try searching for them on professional



Research your options.

The internet is an excellent place to begin your research. If you want to know more about specific industries, average salaries or educational requirements, visit sites such as www.bls.gov/, www.cbsalary.com/, or

networking sites like LinkedIn, Brightfuse or Ning.

Customize your job search strategies.

You will increase your chances for success if you focus on personal preferences. Select two or three

and lifestyle, and build your job search around them. If you like to meet new people, volunteer for an organization or apply for work at a temporary agency. If you are introverted or shy, contact others through social networking sites or alumni associations. Other job search channels you can try are job boards, networking groups, job fairs and trade shows.

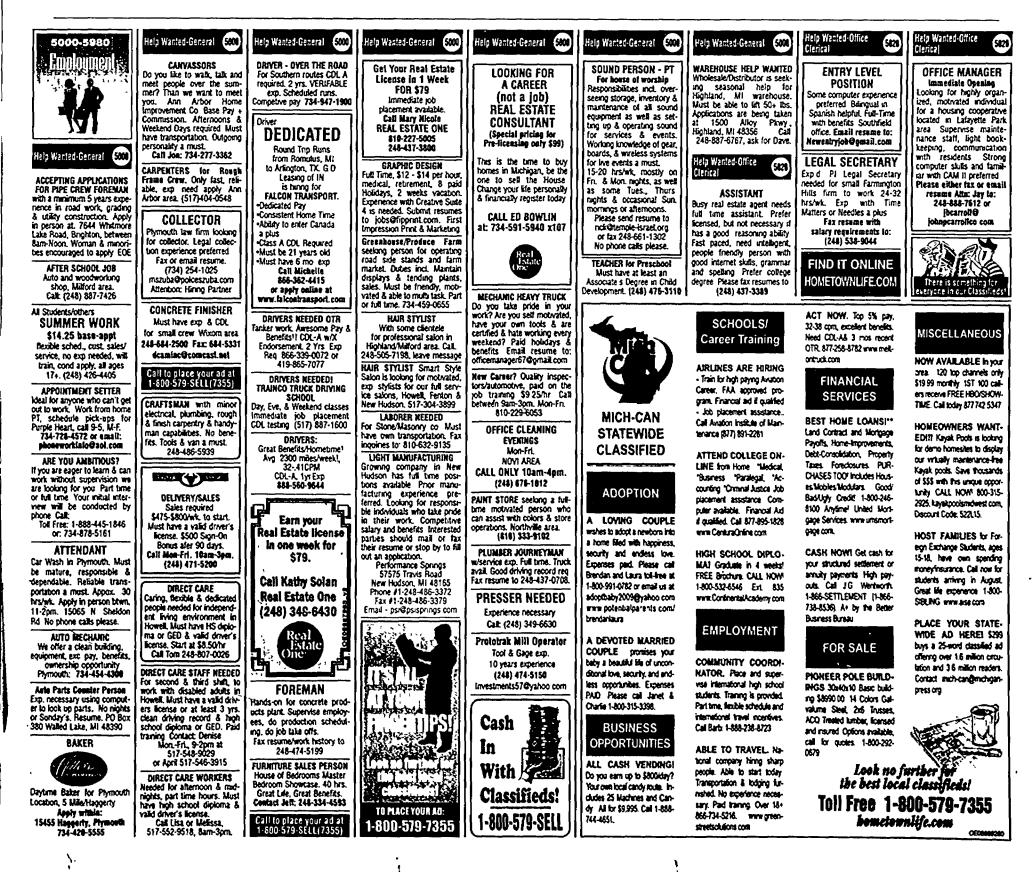
Harness your creativity.

Market yourself with imagination. Five years ago, job applicants would print their résumés on colored paper to get an employer's attention. Today, employers want to hire qualified applicants who know how to present their value. Producing project portfolios or video résumés are two original ways to showcase your candidacy.

Whichever method you choose, conduct your job search in an organized, targeted and creative manner. And remember the adage, "Success is the end result of creativity and all of the hard work around it."

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Singles find owning home suits them just fine

BY JULIE BROWN **O&E STAFF WRITER**

Mary Vellardita is looking forward to moving into her Westland condo.

"The time right now seemed right," said Vellardita, co-owner of C & M Printing and Imaging of Westland and a recent homebuyer. "With hints of an uptick in the economy I wanted to make sure 1 got a good deal before the prices went back up again."

She bought a HUD home, noting the responsibility for meeting city codes fell on her side of the equation. Vellardita has two grown children, daughters 27 and 25, as well as one grandchild, so school district quality wasn't the primary issue. She said she's still glad to be in the Livonia Public Schools district.

"Some people give that a little edge, a greater resale value," said Vellardita, who's moving in from Livonia and shares an abode with her mom. "I've owned homes in Westland before. I was pretty happy."

Even with her association fee, she'll pay less than comparable rentals and get a onecar attached garage, "which is huge." She paid about one-third of the going rate when she lived in the complex years ago.

"I would just encourage anybody who's rented to take advantage of the current situation," she said.

Echoing those sentiments is Gary Reggish, broker/owner of Remerica United Realty of Novi and president of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors. Reggish, a Livonia resident, noted the first-time and step-up credits have generated a lot of activity, including among single buyers.

'It has been a great opportunity for single individuals who would traditionally rent,"



Reggish said. FHA loans are about 3 percent now.

"Money is a very powerful motivator," Reggish said. Singles and others have been able to buy homes at a low price, and take advantage of mortgage interest deductions as well as the homestead deduction.

"They're actually getting paid to buy," Reggish said. "If somebody is credit-worthy, it doesn't make sense not to.

"You do have more flexibility as a homeowner," he agreed. Pet lovers, for example, may have difficulty moving into a rental with a pet.

"It's yours, you own it, you can update it," Reggish said of a home or condo. Some people even rent out rooms to help cover costs of prop-

erty owned. Monthly home or condo payments are less than rent would be, he said. "It's a smart financial decision

across the board." Even those staying put just three to five years are wise to buy, Reggish said.

Nationwide, single women accounted for 25 percent of first-time buyers in 2009, according to Stephanie Singer, manager, media communications, for the National Association of Realtors. Single men who were first-time buyers represented 12 percent of the total in 2009, Singer said.

For repeat buyers in 2009, single women were 17 percent and single men 8 percent.

"Every demographic's important in real estate,' Singer said. Women especially have tended to buy when single for some time now.

'We don't really have the reasons behind that. This isn't really a new trend in term's of a single women," Singer said. It may relate to women wanting to establish a home and enjoy benefits of ownership.

Take swift action to find agent

Q: I have a real estate agent who has been collecting rent from me and has suddenly disappeared. The rent was to be forwarded to me on a monthly basis. What can I do?

A: It appears that you have a serious



problem and that your real estate agent, presumably a licensed real estate salesperson or broker, has a legal responsibility not only to

keep the money in escrow pending its remittance to you, but to keep you informed of the receipt of funds. I would immediately contact the local Board of Realtors and also register a complaint with the State of Michigan Department of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth, Bureau of Commercial Services - Enforcement Division which regulates real estate persons. I would also consider filing a police report after you have made a diligent effort to contact your real estate agent but to no avail.

Q: We have a member who repeatedly engages in what we consider to be outrageous communications and conduct with the association, its managers and the Board of Directors. His conduct includes vulgar and harassing letters, disruption of association meetings and physical assault of a board member. What can we do about it?

A: You definitely need to take legal action, including attempting to get a Personal Protection Order and an injunction. In one case in Maryland, on similar facts, the association sued the member and asked the court to permanently bar the member from using spoken or written words toward any member of the association that harassed or intended to incite a breach of the peace or that verbally harassed or attacked these individuals. The Maryland Court of Appeals ruled that the trial court did have the authority to enter such an order because it did not violate the members' constitutional right to free speech because the order was narrowly tailored to prohibit the members use of "fighting words" that would tend to incite a breach of the peace or invoke a physical or violent response. In that case, the member regularly used personally abusive language against the association and its board members that was likely to provoke a violent reaction.

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ALL AUTOMAKERS QUEUING UP TO OFFER 'INFOTAINMENT'

Advertising Feature



By Dale Buss

General Motors, with OnStar, and Ford, with Sync, clearly have established the strongest brands and some of the most advanced technology in the growing automotive "infotainment" sector.

But every car maker has been jumping into this arena, which is increasingly important to car buyers. In doing so, each OEM is dealing with the following factors that are driving the market for infotainment in vehicles:

The demographics of the customer: Unanimously, OEMs see interest in heavily embedded devices and systems, such as OnStar, being stronger with older individuals and higher in luxury segments. Conversely, the younger a customer, the more interested he is likely to be in a "tethered" approach like the one Ford is using with Sync, relying mainly on smart phones and other devices consumers already are bringing into vehicles.

That is partly because Generations X and Y are much more comfortable with digital hand-held devices than boomers and older generations, and partly because such "decentralized" systems tend to be less expensive, and available in lower-priced vehicles.

"There was a reason we launched Sync on Focus instead of a \$60,000 Lincoln," said Ford's Julius Marchwicki, Sync product manager.

The rate of change: Automakers have long had difficulty keeping up with the

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incredibly fast pace of change in digital technology compared with the relatively slow speed at which new systems and technologies take root in vehicles and with the overall product cycle of cars. But now the tension is getting worse.

"We need to become more nimble, because what's happening in consumer electronics in general and the digital lifestyle is impacting people's expectations of what we can do," said Mercedes-Benz's Robert Policano, product manager for its Embrace infotainment system. "Traditionally we've run on a seven- to 10-year product life cycle, but that's an epoch in the consumerelectronics field."

The ubiquity of mobile devices: Seventy percent of mobile-phone use occurs inside vehicles, according to Toyota, so "a responsible OEM" must consider how consumers interact with handsets and other peripherals in the vehicle, said Jon Bucci, vice president of advanced technology for Toyota Motor Sales USA.

Yet smart phones – those internetconnected devices such as the iPhone and BlackBerry – at this point comprise only about 20 percent of the mobile-phone market. "So making apps that are for smart phones only is somewhat limiting," Bucci said.

The tyranny of apps: More and more consumers simply expect to have the capability to use all their favorite web



sites and apps on their smart phones in the vehicle even if it isn't safe for them to do so while driving. And if the embedded infotainment system of an automaker in some sense tries to limit these desires, then consumers will favor systems that instead help them – or simply work their fingers over their smart phones without a boost from an on-board system.

The resulting challenges to OEMs are profound. "We're trying to make our focus not, "How do we avoid reinventing the wheel by recreating systems in the vehicle?" but, "How can people most effectively use these services?" said Policano of Mercedes-Benz. "If you're talking about Facebook and LinkedIn and other social-networking services, for instance, how do you interact with them in a productive and efficient way while driving?"

The question of redundancy: One of the big advantages of a tethered system is that it doesn't require users of onboard infotainment services to subscribe to another wireless service, such as OnStar or Safety Connect.

"As their own devices gain capabilities, consumers can choose to pay for them if they want, and we as Ford don't have to charge them a premium when they bring



Mercedes-Benz's new mbrace system gives users of IPhone a lot of flexibility in in-car infotainment as well as a robust underlying infrastructure.

them into the vehicle," Marchwicki said. "And they can keep the devices and accounts that they already have."

The robustness of on-board systems: For what safety services promote and offer, they really can't depend on broughtin mobile devices. The reliability of mobile phones, for example, can vary greatly depending on the type of device, the carrier, variances in signal strength according to location, and even interference from within the vehicle.

The role of safety: The issue of how infotainment affects driver and passenger safety is on everyone's lips. "There have to be restrictions applied to these applications or we're going to create an environment in the vehicle that is downright irresponsible," said one automaker executive.

Some, for instance, argue that safety concerns remain one significant drawback of Ford's Sync, despite its obvious other advantages. "Directionally, overall, it's better to have a lot information flow through the car where it's accessed and visible to the car rather than having drivers fumble around with different devices," said Brad Stertz, a spokesman for the Volkswagen Group.

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