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Independence Day parade Saturday

Please note that this year's parade will be held on Saturday, July 3. Enter Northville dressed in the uniform of the day - red, white and blue. The theme for this year's Independence Day Parade is Happy Birthday, USA, and will feature music, floats, marching bands, clowns, children's characters, vintage and classic cars, bike parade and pet parade. The Northville Community Foundation will host the Parade for the 12th year and once again everyone is so very grateful to St. Mary Mercy Hospital for being the event sponsor.

The fun begins at 10 a.m. at the foot of Griswold and Main Street in downtown Northville.

If you have a parade entry and would like to participate, you must pre-reregister by calling (248) 374-0200.

Lisa Barry and Dr. Bill Demray will be enceeing the parade and Grand Marshal will be America's Master Handy Man - Glenn Haege.

Everyone is invited to be a part of the Parade - making a float, bringing your favorite pet to the Pet Parade, or decorating your bike for the Bike parade; entrants should arrive at 9:15 a.m. at north west parking lot at Sheldon and Seven life; bikes will be judges at 1977 930 a.m.

Fireworks safety tips

The Northville Twp. Department of Public Safety would like to remind everyone about the importance of fireworks safety this season

 Always have adult supervision Buy from reliable sources. Use outdoors only.

City investments still conservative

CELEBRATING SUMMER

HOMETOWNLIFE WOMAN, SPECIAL SECTION INSIDE

Municipal bonds represent safety

BY PAM FLEMING * STAFF WRITER

The city of Northville is maintaining a conservative investment portfolio, according to a report to council on June 21.

Nickie Bateson, former assistant city manager and finance director, whose last day was yesterday, said Ambassador Capital has been managing the city's investments for about five years.

About 51 percent of the portfolio is in municipal bonds.

Greg Prost and Tal Gunn from Ambassador Capital explained that these short-term investments make sense for municipalities because the risk is so low. "They have strong credit worthiness," Prost said.

In fact, many municipalities buy

back their own bonds, Gunn said. investments, however, remains low.

'Anything above I percent is going to be hard to find," Prost said.

Gunn has 30 years of experience in the municipal bond world, and he explained that they have multiple levels of credit support.

"They are an attractive choice for Act 20 (government) funds," Gunn said.

He said the city has a good mix of city, county and state bonds, as well as those in the school bond loan fund.

ack their own bonds, Gunn said. "We try to take a conservative The interest rate on these short-term approach," he said. "With these types of bonds, the city is early in line for repayment."

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Bateson said the Build America Bonds are new in the bond market. In this program, the federal government provides 35 percent of the interest paid to investors.

There are few issues with municipal bonds as far as their repayment," Gunn said. "We're quite comfortable as a group investing in municipalities."

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Country Garden Club picks July 7 for 17th walk





A day lily in the garden of Juliana Cerra's Northville Township garden.

Tickets available online, walk day

Members of the Country Garden Club of Northville are preparing for their 17th garden walk that will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on July 7.

Their primary fund-raiser, this year's theme for the walk is. For the Birds: Gardening with Nature."

TICKET INFORMATION

For more information about tickets, go to www.cgcnv.org or cail Gardenviews on East Main Street in downtown Northville. No strollers are allowed. The event will take place rain or

Special attractions will include refreshments at the Cady Inn at Mill Race Village, a garden market at Mill Race Village and a raffle with items from local busi-

 Always have water (a hose and a bucket) nearby. Never re-light a dud (wait 15-20 minutes and put it in a bucket of water). Never throw or point fire-

works at other people. Make sure the area is clear of combustibles Dutifi mix acconot and fire-

works.

 Dispose of fireworks, especially spanders, by soaking in water before placing them in a trash can

 Light one firework at a time. If the firework flies, spins, makes a loud band or leaves the ground it is illegal. For full details, go to https://

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Juliana Cerra relaxes on a bench in her Northville Township garden. See our photo gallery at hometownlife.com

nesses **Tickets** are

\$10 in advance and \$12 the day of the walk. They are avail-

able by printing a mailing form online at www.cgcnv.org or at Gardenviews on East Main Street.

THE CERRAS' GARDEN

One of the featured gardens is at the home of Rob and Juliana Cerra.

"The garden began in 1998 when Rob and I laid the front flagstone walk," she said. "We were newly engaged, and he wanted something done with the entrance to the house.

"I can do that," she said, and her obsession with the garden began.

The original landscaping consisted of a 4-foot swath of rocks ringing the founda-

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Oil disaster should impact voting Presentation by Northville Democratic Club

BY PAN FLENING STAFF WRITER

Dr. Henry Pollack, a University of Michigan professor, said citizens should let politicians know that energy policy is important to them, and that it will affect their vote.

Pollack talked about the current situation following the Gulf of Mexico oil disaster

June 17 at Hillside Middle School's Forum in Northville.

The presentation, "Our Energy Future: What We Can Learn from the BP Oil Spill," was a Town Hall Meeting of the Northville Democratic Club.

Pollack is a Nobel Peace Prize winner, scientist and author. He and his colleagues on the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

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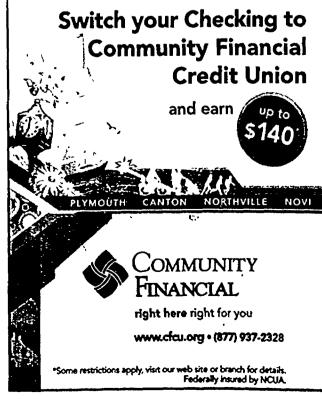
shared the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize with former vice president Al Gore. Pollack has been a professor of geophysics at the University of Michigan for more than 40 years and has conducted scientific research on all seven continents. He is the author of "Uncertain Science ... Uncertain World* and "A World without Ice."

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OCAL NEWS

MICHIGAN TEXTING BAN

 Goes into effect July 1 The new law prohibits drivers

ing a motor vehicle.

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from reading, writing and send-

ing text messages while operat-

. The following fines would be

applied to a person ticketed:

\$100 for a first violation, \$200

· This bill was passed as a pri-

mary offense, which means a

person could be pulled over and

ticketed based on the text mes-

No points will be added to a

Suri is a big supporter of the ban and said keeping the

roadways safe and driver dis-

tractions at a minimum is an

According to the National

Administration, nearly 6,000

that involved distracted driv-

ing. Distracted driving applies

to anything that takes your eyes

off the road, your hands off the

steering wheel, or interrupts

study by Clemson University

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A December 2007 simulator

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Independence Day celebration

Head over to Nill Race Village for a taste of 1910 merriment from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, July 3. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the grounds. Events include Eclipse Vintage Base Ball vs. Woodstock (Ont.) Actives at Ford Field; Civil War Soldiers from the American Civil War Shooting Association; patriotic and Dixieland music by the Keith Burton Quartet and a 1910-era Speaker in the gazebo; King's 8th Regiment Detroit 1768-1785 (pictured); races for young and old and Docentguided tours of the buildings. Free and open to the public, Contact (248) 348-1845 for more information.

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A hands-free solution to texting ban

Local company develops texting alternative to make roadways safer

BY YICTORIA MITCHELL GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Novi resident Paul Pawlusiak and his business partner, South Lyon resident Tim Suri, have a solution for those wanting to communicate in their cars following today's texting ban.

Suri is co-founder and inventor of a hands-free device unlike any other car communicators are used to - Got2bVoice, a platform allowing drivers to e-mail, update their status on social sites like facebook and Twitter and text without reaching for their phone.

"We offer affordability to a consumer," Suri said, "but also keeping them safe."

Suri started the company Got2bWireless with Pawlusiak to produce high-tech, handsfree devices for users' automobiles after about a year as senior vice president of the biggest hands-free company in the world.

And with Michigan's new law banning texting while driving, their business has been receiving national attention from the media and consumers looking for a way to keep texting while keeping both eyes on the road and two hands on the wheel.

Beginning today, police in Michigan will be able to pull over motorists for using their cell phones to send, type or look at text messages or e-mail. Drivers can still use dashmounted navigation systems.

The law is a primary offense, meaning officers can stop a motorist and ticket them just for texting.

In previous issues, it was

reported that Bruno Novel, who

was arraigned by Judge Michael

Gerou in 35th District Court on

identity theft charges following



Paul Pawlusiak, left, and Tim Suri display some of their products from Got2bWireless. The area company offers hands-free texting.

A ticket for a first offense will cost a driver \$100, followed by \$200 for a second offense. No points will be added to a driver's record.

Suri said Got2bWireless costs less than a ticket, making the purchase a worthy investment. The device costs \$124.99 with an average installation price of about \$75. The portable device costs \$89.99.

The entire Got2bVoice service package is included for one year and costs \$49.99 per year thereafter for unlimited use.

The company officially launched in January and product distributors include ABC Warehouse and Mickey Shorr. "I knew it would be success-

ful, I just didn't know it would be embraced this quickly and to

the level," Suri said. Got2bVoice works through a car's stereo equipment

an investigation by Northville

bond of 10 percent of \$200,000.

Judge Ronald Lowe reduced the

bond to 10 percent of \$25,000

Township detectives, had a

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Bluetooth technology, allowing hands-free calling. Music is also accessed through the device.

will greet users with a safety reminder message before walking them through texting, accepting or rejecting phone calls, checking and updating their calendar or going through e-mail messages - all without touching a phone, not even in the beginning of the process.

speaks what they want to say, and the text is sent verbatim with punctuation. The same process is used for updating a social website status or e-mail.

Suri said the company is currently in the process of adding the capability to access movie times, weather and turn-byturn instructions via voice com-

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Suri said the platform

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Fred's Ice Cream shop opens in Northville Square downtown

Family-run store operated by local resident

BY PAM FLEMING STAFF WRITER

Janice Mackie would have never guessed that a trip to New Zealand would change her life.

Mackie of Northville and her brother, Dale Moore of Howell, opened Fred's Ice Cream at Northville Square about a month ago.

The shop is located at 133 W. Main Street in the space formerly occupied by the Empire Deli.

Mackie traveled to New Zcaland for two months last December and January to visit the parents of her husband, Richard.

THE FLAVORAMA

It was there that she discovered a machine called the Flavorama that blends ice cream or frozen yogurt with fruit.

Her daughter, Makenna, 12, actually found it first. Then, Mackie's best friend, Karla Brauer of Ann Arbor, kept wanting to go back to this store in Hokatika, New Zealand, that sold it.

"She took me many miles down these twisty, turning roads for this ice cream," Mackie recalled.

When Mackie returned to the states, she decided Americans would like the ice cream concoction, too, and after many weeks was able to have one of the machines shipped from Australia.

The shop also serves hard ice cream in several flavors, soft drinks and plans to add milk shakes later.

The fresh fruit that can be combined with the ice cream or fat free frozen vanilla yogurt in any combination includes strawberries, mango, blackberries, peaches, bananas, cherries, pineapple, raspberries and blueberries.

"It's refreshing," Mackie said. Some of their favorite combinations are strawberry/pineapple



Some of the fresh berries available to be mixed into yogurt or ice cream at Northville's Fred's Ice Cream shop.

and raspberry/peach.

"This is a family-oriented ice cream shop," she said. "We want to be part of the community."

The business is named after the owners' late father, Fred

Moore, who loved ice cream. "He used to take us out for ice cream on summer evenings," she recalled when she was a girl growing up in Detroit.

"He would think it was a hoot that we named the shop after him," Mackie said. Pictures of their parents even hang on the wall.

The Flavorama has an auger that blends the fruit with the dairy product.

"It's prevalent in other countries, so I thought it would be popular here," she said.

Business is increasing, with the shop already attracting some regulars.

Business owner Jim Long is rumored to frequent the counter.

HARD-PACKED FLAVORS

The brother-sister team will rotate the hard-packed ice cream flavors made by Hudsonville Ice Cream in Holly since 1926. "We tasted ice cream from

several suppliers and liked this the best," Mackie said. Some recent flavors featured Deer Trax (vanilla ice cream with chocolate swirl and peanut butter cups), Traverse City Chocolate Chip (made with cherries and chocolate chips), Sleeping Bear Dunes Bear Hug (chocolate ice cream with chocolate-covered cashews and caramel), Coffee Lovers, Milky Way, Birthday Cake, Triple Peanut Butter Cup, Cookies and Cream, Candy Playdough, Key Lime Pie and Butter Pecan.

LONGTIME RESIDENT

Mackie has lived in Northville since 1983 and was formerly in advertising and a labor and delivery nurse. Her brother works for Federal Express.

"I twisted his arm to help me," she said. Erin Rauch of Canton is the store's manager.

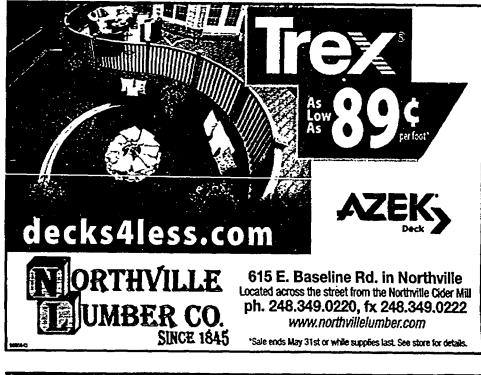
Mackie said she's enjoying running the shop and will be looking for some new employees when the college students she has hired this summer go back to school in the fall.

Hours are noon to 11 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 9 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, call (248) 760-3490.

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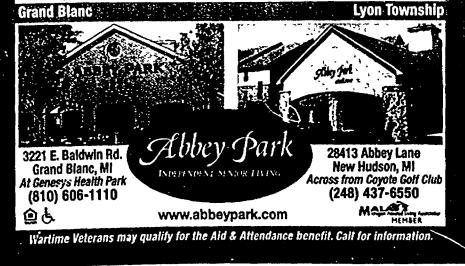


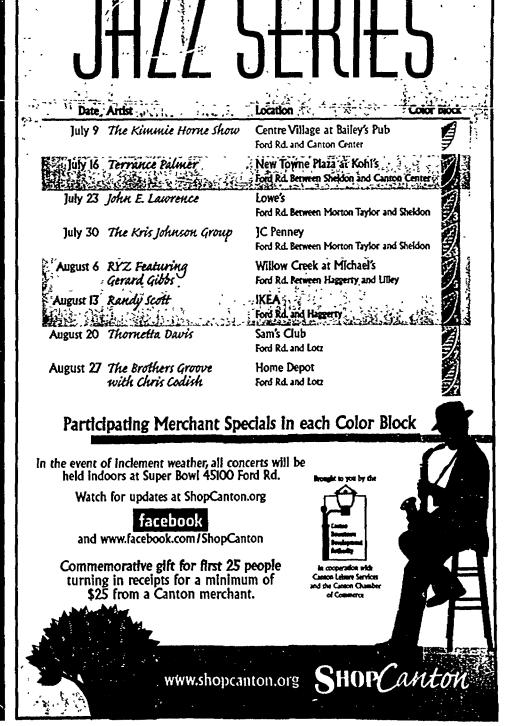


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tion and scattered groups of box elder and diseased hawthorn trees. Their neighbor, who loves to use his chainsaw, cleared the thorny trees, and Juliana began planning for the future.

NEW SECTION EACH YEAR

Each spring, she began a new section of the garden, and the acre now includes numerous

beds and borders, an herb and vegetable garden, a koi pond, an orchard, native plant areas, and an apiary.

"I appreciate many styles of gardens, but I'm most drawn to one of structured informality in the style of Jens Jensen and Piet Oudolf," she said.

"I've tried to design each area from multiple viewpoints, so that the garden will have unique aspects depending upon the route taken," Juliana said.

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The Cerras' garden features more than 400 perennial and annual cultivars, and nearly 200 different species of trees and shrubs form the plantings. Traditional favorites like peonies and coneflowers share space with the exotic and unusual.

"I often order unique plants from online nurseries and grow the small specimens in pots until they're ready to set out in a permanent location," she said. Because of deer, groundhogs

and rabbits, the most difficult things to grow have been vegetables and fruit in their yard.

"While we wait for productive fruit trees, I've taken up beekeeping to ensure good pollination," Juliana said. Two beehives occupy a shady spot on the west border, both started from swarns captured in 2008 and 2009.

COMPOST AND MULCH

Compost and mulch play important roles in the Cerras' garden, since the soil is very sandy. The many rocks edging beds and walks emerged when she turned the ground for planting.

"I try to select plants that are appropriate for the site and tolerant of the Michigan climate," Juliana said. "I water new plant-

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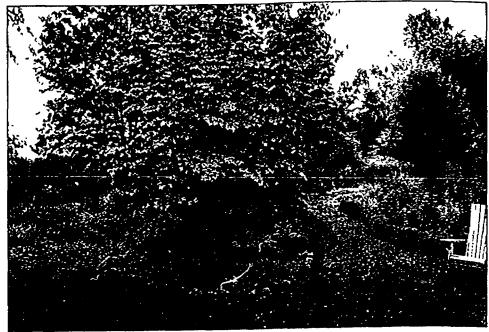
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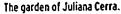
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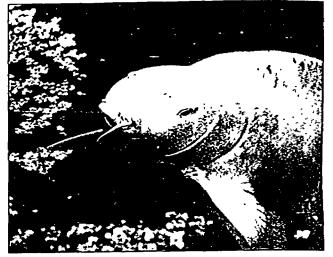


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ings by hand (no sprinkler system) the first year, but after that they are on their own. I avoid pesticides whenever possible because we enjoy watching the birds and butterflies."

Until 2004, the north border of their property was wooded, and they also lost 14 large ash trees, so many areas transitioned to sun. At the same time,



One of three giant goldfish kept in a pond in the Cerras' garden. They know to come up to the surface for snacks when Juliana Cerra stamps her feet near the pond.

the many trees and shrubs they planted have matured to create new shady areas.

Rob built all of the wooden garden furniture and the garden shed.

"With my father, he built the loggia," Juliana said. "Our son, Peter, built the lawn shed for my Mother's Day gift this year, and I rely on him for lawn care."

Friends have contributed many garden ornaments over the years, and she cast the numerous concrete leaves.

Juliana is a self-taught gardener with a background in art and textiles. With the exception of digging the pond, the garden reflects her effort.

"I love to share plants and advice with novice gardeners and learn new things from those more experienced," she said. "There is always something to enjoy today and anticipate tomorrow in the garden. Each season brings change - budding, flowering, and decline - that keeps life in perspective."



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Spring concert

Above and at right, Members of Northville High's Symphonic Band 9 perform a piece by Shostakovich on Monday, May 24 during the school's spring concert.

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Boston College

Northville's Melissa Straub (biology major) graduated from with a bachelor of science degree from the university's College of Arts & Sciences.

Madonna University

The following Northville students were named to the Dean's List in recognition of superior academic achievement during the winter 2010 semester: Sandra Hisham Abou Hamdan, Sara Hisham Abou-Hamdan, Becki A Azcez, Kathleen E Beger, Alyssa Kathleen Bitell, Kristin Lynn Buddenborg, Colleen M Burke, Michelle M Chisholm, Kathryn Ann Collins, Diana Ghassan Deaibes, Lauren Ann Duggan, Karyn Alexis Feick, Jarrett James Fenech, Jeremy Michael Francois, Nicole Meagan Grow, Andrew Stephen Harris, Melanie Anne Hengesbaugh, Jaclyn Louise Hoekstra, Casimir Huyck, Emily Sara Kalweit, Lauren Kane, Hee-Won Kim, Kevin Peter Kohlert, Xin Ma, Callie Lynn Marotta, Victoria Ashley Mast, Jared Lee McCallum, Jonathan Paul Mix, Lauren Danielle Mix, William Michael Musselman,

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Laura Allison Netti, Morgan Elizabeth O'Donnell, Lisa Annette Ondrus, Andrea Nicole Pellosma, Natalie Marie Pilarz, Matthew Phillip Reed, Denise M Robaczewski, Rene L Roberts, Danielle Bronwen Rogers, Rebecca Sakowski, Christina Marie Salvatore, Sean M Shaffer, Sarah Elizabeth Sherwood, Seong-Hwan Shin, Kevin Jess Sobas, Loren Bess Tacconelli, Erin Elizabeth Thayer, Caroline Benson Vacketta, Jeffrey Lewis Varley, Brittnay Nicole Webster, Samantha Brianne Wood, Michael Joseph Zuidema

Saint Mary's College

Jenna Hansen of Northville graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

Butler University

Northville's Valerie Fishbeck. a pharmacy major, was named to the Dean's List for the spring semester.

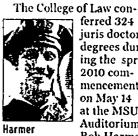
Alma College

Northville's Katherine

Hallam was named to the Dean's List for outstanding academic performance during the 2010 winter term.

Students who achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average during a term, while carrying a minimum of 13 credits, at least eight of which are evaluative grades, are named to the Dean's List.

Michigan State University



ferred 324 juris doctor degrees during the spring 2010 commencement on May 14 at the MSU Auditorium. Rob Harmer,

of Northville, is among the members of this year's graduating class.

Columbia College Chicago

Northville's Kalin Franks was named to the Dean's List for spring semester 2010.

NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

Summer Connections

Information regarding Summer Connections 2010 is now available on the Northville School District website at www.northville.k12.mi.us/ instruction/summerconnections.asp.

Kindergarten notice

Northville Public Schools is now accepting Kindergarten enrollment for fall, 2010. If with a schild, when the second schild a second state of the

years of age on or before Dec. I, 2010, please contact your local elementary school for kindergarten enrollment information. The Northville Public Schools kindergarten sessions are halfday programs, offered in the morning or afternoon. School phone numbers are as follows: Amerman (248) 344-8405

Moraine (248) 344-8473 Ridge Wood (248) 349-7602 Silver Springs (248) 344-

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.mi.us/district/boundarymaps asp. If you have further questions, please contact the Northville Public Schools Office of Instruction at (248) 344-8447 or visit www.north-



TOS BY JOHN HEIDER STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Moraine cleanup

Moraine Elementary School kids help tidy up their school's landscaping on May 24. With donated tools and plants and funding by the school's PTD, students and staff took turns weeding and planting and spreading new mulch around the school during a two-day effort.

Moraine Elementary second grader Neville Oesselke helps with the school's spring cleaning.



Moraine Elementary's Alyssa Koneh helps to plant marigolds on the school's ground during a May 24 spring cleaning of its exterior.



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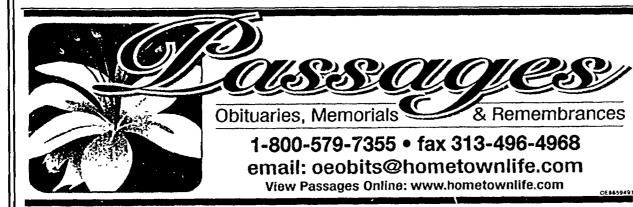
WHAT WENT WRONG

BP lost control of the pressure of the well. The well blew, meaning natural gas and petroleum 18,000 feet down rushed up the drill pipe, catching fire. There were 11 deaths; it burnt for a few days, collapsed and sank to the bottom of the ocean, with fluid coming out at a high rate. At first, BP officials said the oil was coming out at 1,000 barrels a day, then it went up to 5,000 a day. Then, independent analysts said it was upwards of 12,000-30,000 barrels a day, then 40,000 a day.

"The latest estimate I saw was 60,000 barrels a day," said Dr. Henry Pollack, a University of Michigan professor. Obviously, BP officials want to try to keep the estimates low because if they are assessed criminal penalties, they are on a per-barrel basis, Pollack said.

WHAT THEY ARE DOING

Pollack said one of BP's efforts was to cut the pipe off below where it was crimped and bent. Workers also tried to cement the well with mud. They tried to place items in the well to clog it up, which failed. They also found when they tried to cap the well that the fluid inside was turning to ice. "So far, every attempt to stem the flow has failed," Pollack said. "They are trying to collect the oil and pump it out to a ship and put a cap over the spewing well. But, they're not capturing more than 20,000 barrels a day."?



JAMES A. VALLEE

Aged 58, of Milford, formerly of Stamford, CT, and the UK, passed away June 21, 2010. Father of Matthew and Nicola. Son of Jennifer Hazelden. Brother of Simon (Jenny), Robert, Charles (Jennifer), and Alison. Dear friend of Alison Etlis. A memorial open house will be held on July 10. Please contact the family for details. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Arbor Hospice Foundation, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103, https://www.server1011.net/

-arbor/volunteers/donate html.



HERBERT R. ARTHUR

Age 86 of Royal Oak, died June 24, 2010. Beloved husband for 62 years of Dorothy. Loving father of Michael (Linda) Arthur, Patricia (Richard Sniecikowski) Singh, Bruce (Linda) Arthur, Pamela Arthur, Susan Swain, and the late Cindy Lee Arthur. Also survived by 19 grandchildren, 15 Joving family members. The family will receive friends from Tuesday 3-9 PM at the Sawyer-Fuller Funeral Home, 2125 12 Mile Rd., (2 Biks. W. of Woodward) Berkley. Funeral service, Wednesday 11 AM at the funeral home. In Lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate memorial contributions to be made to the American Diabetes Association and/or the American Heart Association. Share your memories at www.sawyerfuller.com

RICKARD "DICK" LEO COLE Age 76, passed away June 24, 2010, at home surrounded by his loving

at home surrounded by his foring family. He was born on March 18, 1934, in Detroit, to the late Leo & Madge (Hayes) Cole. Dick is survived by his beloved wife Ann (Shoup) Cole; Ioving children: Pamela (Kenneth) Dragon, Richard L. (Becky) Cole Jr., and Debi Gelardi; 8 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren; and siblings: Betly Connor and Dr. Robert Cole. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his son James Robert Cole. Services for Mr. Cole were held at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook www.philfipsfuneral.com

ARLINE MARIE HARRIS

Age 73, of Howell, formerly of Brighton, passed away peacefully on sune 24, 2010, at home, surrounded by her loving family She was born on May 9, 1937, in South Lyon, to Arthur & Virginia (Simpson) Budnik Sr. She was an extremely proud and devoted grandmother. Arline is survived by her beloved husband John Harris, her mother Virgina Budnik, children: Jacquie Banner, Ted Harris, Tracy Harris, Patrick Harris, & Connie (Darrell) Templeton; grandchildren; Sara, Justine, Joshua, Bridget, Aiyssa, Bradley, & Decker, and sib-lings: Virginia Peevey & Michael (Linda) Budnik. She was preceded in death by her father Arthur Budnik Sr., ner brother Arthur Bodnik Sr., and sister Marilyn Slaybaugh. A memori-"al service was held on June 29th at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Brighton. Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

DOUGLAS CARL HEIKKINEN

Passed away June 25, 2010. He was born on November 12, 1935, in Mohawk, MI, son to the late John & Julia (Majurin) Heikkinen. Doug was

UCILLE M. MURPHY 96; was born September 26,

Age 96; was born September 26, 1913 in Detroit, Michigan; and died on June 18, 2010 in Mulford Twp., Michigan. Beloved wife of the late James J; Loving mother of James E. (Nancy), Joan (James) Sall, Jean, Lawrence J. (Margaret), and the late Shirley (Ronald) Cunningham; Cherished grandmother of 21 grandchildren & 47 great-grandchildren; Funeral Mass will be 11.00 am (Instate at 10:00 am) at SL Patrick's Catholic Church 9086 Hutchins Road White Lake, Michigan. Family Will Receive Friends Sunday June 20th from 2-8 pm at the Highland Chapel of the Eiton Black & Son Funeral Home 3295 East Highland Road Highland, Michigan.

DOROTHY NEIKIRK NEW HUDSON, MI

Age 87 died June 19, 2010. Dorothy was born March 27, 1923 in Detroit, MI the son of John and Barbara (Maser) Schonmeier. Dorothy married Preston Tabor and he preceded her in death in 1979. She then remarried to husband Paul Neikirk and he preceded her in death in January of this year. Survivors include her chil-dren: Royal (Jackie) McMahon of Texas, James McMahon of Clarkston, Barbara (Cliff) Williams of Gregory, step-children Elaine Simo and Jerry Netionk & grandchildren - Rachael Tolman, Renee, James II, Joshua, Heidr, Sarah, Stacie and Ethan, greatgrandson, Jackson Tolman, seven step-great-grandchildren and sisters, Elma Fretter of Bloomfield Hills and Virginia Kochans of Petoskey, A Graveside Committal will take place 11:00 AM Monday, July 5, 2010 at

Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia, Mi. Please leave a Message of Comfort to Dorothy's family by calling 877-231-7900 or visit her guestbook

at www.borekjennings.com.



JEFFREY L. POTTER

Age 58, passed away June 21, 2010. He was born on June 15, 1952 in Ann Arbor, the son of the late Dr. Richard L. and Betty (Tilley) Potter. Jeff worked at the Ford Wixom Assembly Plant and retired after 30 years. Jeff was honored to serve the people of his communities both as Mayor of South Lyon and Oakland County Commissioner. He always believed in nutting his principles before politics. Jeff is survived by his loving wife Andra (Keilhacker) and children: Daniel, Michael, and Jessica; dearest subings Joan (Roger) Bonderud and Richard (Carolyn) Potter; targe and caring extended family; and the chil-dren's loving grandmother Fern Richmond. Jeff was preceded in death by his parents. Dr. Richard and Betty Potter; and his brothers: Paul and Steven Potter. A memorial gathering will be held on Thursday, June 24th from 2-5 & 6-9 p m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. The memorial service for Jeff Potter, will be on Stiday, Juge 25th at 2:00 p m. at Phillips Funeral Home. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Jeff Potter

Memorial Fund. Online guestbook www.ohilliosfuneral.com

ROBERT EARL ROBINSON

Age 85, June 23, 2010. Funeral was June 25, 2010. Memorial donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association. Online sympathy message: www.obriensulivanfuneralhome com



University of Michigan professor and author Dr. Henry Pollack, fourth from left, with Northville Democratic Club members, from left, Barbara Lucas, Pilar Fierro, Joan Wadsworth and Roland Hwang at the June 17 Town Hall Meeting at Hillside Middle School.

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He spoke on the ecological and political consequences of the ongoing oil spill.

Pollack said oil drilling moved off-shore after World War II, and the well that is running wild in the Gulf of Mexico is in deep water, 5,000 feet below the surface and off the edge of the continental shelf, with the drill down another 13,000 feet.

The drilling platform is like a boat with propellers guided by a global positioning system.

"Safety procedures have not been well-tested in this new environment," he said. The oil stored under the surface of the earth is also under high pressure, which complicates the problem if a leak occurs.

"This is an awkward setting, because the well head is not at the surface where you can look at it "Pollack said. "Everything has to be done remotely, and there are little submarine robots working the well head. It's much different and much more difficult than land or shallow-water drilling."

WHAT LED TO THE FAILURE?

Pollack said the drilling operation was contracted out. Another company, Halliburton, provided the drilling mud for the operation. "So, there were three players" on site," he said. Pollack said BP cut corners to save money and cut one corner too many.

A fourth player in the game was the federal government, which is supposed to oversee the site.

"Over the years, it (the government agency) has been captured by the petroleum industry," Pollack said.

"This was a failure of government oversight. But, it's leaking well to reduce the pressure so it can be plugged. Dealing with the pollution

Pollack said BP was woefully unprepared to deal with a major spill. Chemicals have been spread on top of the water, but this just diminishes the size of individual droplets.

Barriers of various types have been suggested, such as building sand berms. But, a big storm could simply wipe them out.

Pollack said about 30,000 people are currently involved in the cleanup, and more than 1,000 ships are skimming oil.

The fishing industry in the Gulf of Mexico has been killed, at least for this season. He said if the marshes are lost, it affects the climate because it affects carbon capture and storage. The marshes are also hurricane and storm buffers. There's also the cultural cost of the people who live in the bayou and have to leave because of the oil.

"How do you put a price ou that?" Pollack asked. Plus, there is the recreation and aesthetic value of the marshes. Estimates of the cost of ecosystem services because of the oil spill are \$10-\$50 billion a year, Pollack said. "I don't think we'll have the same Gulf ever again."

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Americans use about seven billion barrels of oil a year or 20 million barrels a day. Since 1970, production has declined, but consumption has continued to climb. So, the U.S. is importing oil.

There's no way we're going to be able to drill our way out of the petroleum problem," Pollack said.

Pollack said people have asked him if there is anything positive that could come out of the Gulf oil disaster.

He said it could be a wakeup call for Americans that

V!%GINIA "JENNY" CORA BARTLETT

Age 68, passed away June 19, 2010 in Knoxville, TN. A funeral service was held June 24, 2010 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon.



EMMA BESANCON

A long time resident of Milford, and devoted member of the Milford United Methodist Church, died in the care her family on June 25, 2010, at the age of 94. She was preceded in death by her husband. Raloh E. Besancon, and her son, Doug Besancon in 2008. She is survived by her daughter, Sue (Wilson) Combs of Highland, daughter-in-law, Mary Besancon, and grandchildren, Ralph (Julie) Muelling, Jill (Jeff) Savitsky, Stephen (Karla) Combs, Michael, Katherine, and Robert Besancon; great grandsons, Matthew and Andrew Combs, and many dear friends. Funeral Services were held at the Milford United Methodist Church, Mülford, on Tuesday, June 29, 2010. Memorials may be made in her name to the Am. Heart Assoc. or to VNA Hospice. For further informa-

tion please phone Lynch & Sons, Mittord, at 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors com



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united in marriage to Rachel (Knuutula) on September 27, 1969 He proudly served his country for 2 years in the U.S. Army in Germany, Doug retired from Ford Motor Advanced Vehicle Div, in 1997. He is survived by his wife Rachel; chil-dren: Julie (William) Lazzaro of South Lyon, John (Jackie) of Howell, and Kristina (Jeffrey) Rogers of South Lyon; 6 grandchildren: Rachel, Sandra, & Kara Lazzaro, Oliver Heikkinen, Brandon and Marissa Rogers; his brother Milton Heikkinen of Houghton, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers Theodore and Maurice Heikkinen. A funeral service was held on Monday, June 28th at 11 a.m., at First Apostolic Lutheran Church, in Farmington Hills, with Pastor Donald Pennala officiating. Arrangements entrusted to FHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook www phillipsfuneral com

MARVIN R. LAKVOLD

Age 74, passed away June 27, 2010. He was born on July 20, 1935, in fromwood, to the late Martin and Edla (Saari) Lakvold. Marvin is survived by his loving wife Shelby, sons: Richard (Donna), Tony (Dede), Dale, & Brian Lakvold; daughters: Betty (Don Dates & Bors (Bonso) Bast (Don) Barker & Rosy (Bryan) Ray; 13 grandchildren: seven great-grand-children; siblings: Anna, Esther, Paul, Farl and Howard. He was preceded in death by five brothers and one sister. Marvin was A Devoted Yooper. Visitation will be Wednesday, June 30, from 2-9 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m., on Thursday, July 1, at Phillips Funeral Home, with luncheon to follow at the Upper Peninsula 10770 Calumet Road, Club. Whitmore Lake, 48189. Online guestbook www.phillipstuneral.com

PAUL JOSEPH MCKEOUGH

June 21, 2010, age 76. Funeral was June 25th at Our Lady of Victory Church, Northwille. Burlal Hoty Sepulchre Cemetery. Donations to: Capuchins or Alzheimer's Assoc. On line sympathy messages: www.obriensuilivanfuneralhome.com

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BRETT P. NETKE

Age 42, of Waukesha, Wisconsin formerly of Northville MI died June 20, 2010 from injuries sustained when hit by a car while on a bicycle training ride. He is survived by his loving wife Darlene and 3 beautiful children, Tyler age 7, Alyssa age 5, and Gabrielle age 3; his father and step-mother, Edward (Sharon) Netke of Northville, mother and step-father, Jane (Sheldon) Bingham of North Ft. Myers, FI; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Wes (Linda) Barns of Hillsdale, MI; sister Rachel (Nate) Bishop of Holland, MI; sister-in-law Jene (John) Brehm of Waldron, MI; brother-in-law Wesley Barns Jr. of Reading, MI; aunt Barbara Netke of Waterforo, MI and niece Yattyn Brehm of Waldron, MI. He was a 1985 graduate of Northville High School and graduated from Michigan State University in 1990. He ran cross country and track at Northville High and track at MSU He was an avid bicyclist and a Masters racer. He was the Global Procurement Director for Johnson Controls in Milwaukee. WI. Interment Evergreen Cemetery in Ransom Twp. MI

DEMETRIS P. NICCLOAS

Age 68, passed away, June 28, 2010. He is survived by: his beloved wife Pamela, his loving daughters, Christina (Paul) Majewski and Anastasia Nicokoas and his grandsons, Matthew and Kyle. He was preceded in death by his son Anthony in 1990. Please contact PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME at (248) 437-1616 for visitation and funeral service arrangements, or visit:

www.phillipsfuneral.com

CARL RODRIC "ROD" OLSON

Of White Lake Twp., died June 22, 2010, age 89. Memorial Services held at Milford Presbyterian Church, Monday, June 28th, 2010. For further info: Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford, 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

SUSANNE STARK (NEE: LUCKEY)

Age 46, June 27, 2010. Beloved wife Ken; dear mother of Emily, Matthew and Alyssa; dearest daugh ter of Diane and the late Donald; foving sister of David (Shari), and Sarah (Terry) and aunt of 10. Family will receive friends Tuesday 4-9 and Wednesday 1-9 at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia A Funeral Service will be Thursday, in-state 10 am until the time of service at 11 am at Oakpointe Church, 50200 Ten Mile Road, Novi. In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to: Susanne Stark Education Memorial Fund, Please share a memory with the family at: www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

MARILYN A. STELMACH

Age 81, longtime resident of Northville, passed away 6/21/10. Service held Thurs., 6/24/10 at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville. Contributions to Angela Hospice or Michigan Humane Society appreciateo

KATHLEEN REGINA STRAYER

Age 69, June 22, 2010. Funeral was June 26th at St. Gerald's Church, Farmington, Burial Holy Sepukhre. Donations made to Special Intentions of the Family. On Line messages www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

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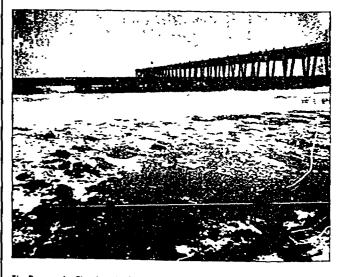
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quite clear to BP officials that everyone is going to hold them responsible."

Pollack said other companies have offered suggestions on how to cap the well, but there is no easy way, and no one knows what's going to work. One way that's been discussed is to drill relief wells near the there is a tremendous cost to our continued reliance on petroleum. The Gulf oil disaster could lead us to more seriously consider other energy sources.

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The Pensacola, Fla , beach after it was recently closed in June.



A young boy on the beach in Pensacola, Fla., be'ree the DP oil disaster.

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CHURCH EVENTS.

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

Church of the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Neadowbrook Road Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamitynovi.org

Mass Schedule

TIME/DAY: 7:30, 9, 10:30 a m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 9 a m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday Friday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 5 p m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday Holy Days: 9 a m., 5:30 and 7:30 p m. Reconciliation: beginning 9 a m. Saturdays or by appointment Crosspointe Meadows Church Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org. Sunday Worship: 11.15 a.m.

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

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dfcnaza-

rene.org Sunday Schedule: 9.15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10.15

a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:30-11.15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m. Men's Evening Bible Study Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, **Ouilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast** Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do Women of the Word Time/Date: 9:25-11 15 a m. . Details: The WOW. 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.

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 427-1175 or churcholtheholycross com

Sunday Worship: 7.45 a m., 10 a m. Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a m. Worship Service Alzhelmer's Support Group

Time/Date: 10 a m. second Saturday of month

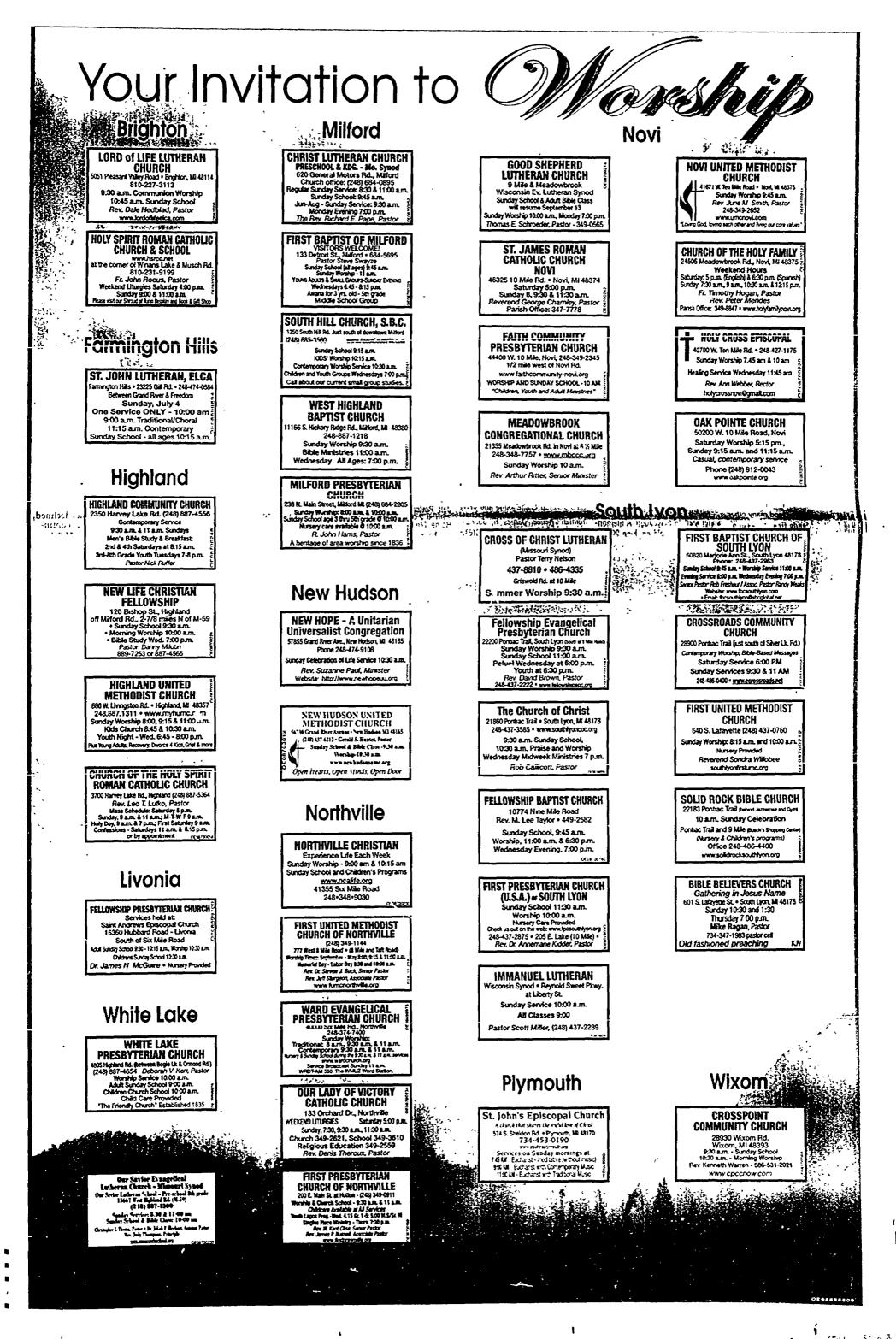
Faith Community Presbyterian Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit faithcommunity-novi.org Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Northville Location: 217 N. Wing Contact: (248) 348-1020 Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every

month First Baptist Church of Novi Family Integrated Church

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

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OUR VIEWS

A time for pride

Democracy proves worthy of efforts to preserve it

The men and women in our armed forces knew this country was founded on the basis of freedom, that it was a concept and an ideology worth fighting - and dying - for.

It's what our military members have been doing since Thomas Jefferson authored — and members of the Second Continental Congress signed — the Declaration of Independence. It took a lot of cour-

All people have rights, unalienable rights, Jefferson reasoned as he wrote. That means those rights come from a higher order and can't be abolished by any person – not a king of England, an egomaniacal tyrant in Iraq or a common thug hiding in a cave. Nor can any group of men – whether the British Parliament or Al Qaeda – disband those rights.

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Clearly, they had worked to resolve their differences with the British. The list of disputes in the document is extensive.

But given the alternative, the document declares, the signers have the gumption to go to war. That's pretty tough talk, but it is also thoughtful and well-reasoned.

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"Look, we tried," says the document in so many words. "But you folks are taking away our rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Our safety is threatened, so it seems better to just go our own way."

That we did, and the rest is history. It's a living history being renewed daily, whether by citizen groups such as the League of Women Voters or by men and women serving and dying in Korea and Vietnam, in Afghanistan and Iraq. It's been 234 years since 56 men from 13 states put pen to paper. But we still carry that independent streak declared July 2, 1776, as the British fleet entered the New York harbor. It was declared again on paper two days later.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What are you looking forward to doing most during your summer break?



"No homework and the pool."

Sam Feil Amerman fifth grade



"We're moving into my teacher's former house, and I'm going to decorate my new room."

Sophia Casanova Amerman fifth grade



"Going on vacation to Florida." Joseph Bennett Amerman fifth grade



"Going to New York - because New York isn't Michigan."

Kyle Condino Amerman fifth grade

LETTERS

NEA is out of touch

As parents of three children who attend Northville Public Schools, we are frustrated and dismayed by what is going on with the school district. It is heartbreaking to watch many young and enthusiastic teachers receive layoff notices and leave the district. With the reduction in staff, class sizes at the elementary level are expected to go up significantly. We have learned that the anticipated class size for our child's fourth grade class this fall is 35 students and that further cuts may be required.

While the school administration continues ministo struggle to balance the budget, we appreciate the sacrifices being made by the service employees and the administrative staff. Unfortunately these sacrifices are similar to those that many parents in the private sector have made in the last few years. In the meantime, we are angry and disappointed that the leadership of NEA (the union which represents the majority of the district employees) has yet to come to the table to help the district. Where do young teachers and students fall on their priority list? From our point of view, both appear to be thrown under the proverbial bus. Is NEA management really ready to sacrifice the reputation and integrity of Northville Public Schools, which has allowed their members to benefit from some of the best paid teaching positions in the state? As involved and active supporters of the Northville schools, we have always been

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grateful for the education that our children have received. This is due to many wonderful teachers, the challenging curriculum and dedication exhibited by the administration and staff. We believe that the union management is out of touch with what parents, students and employees want for the district. As revenues decline, health care and pension costs increase, and the state continues to struggle to fix any problems; Northville's school funding has been drastically cut. It is the responsibility of everyone involved to step up and help balance the budget during these tough times. After all, the Northville school district is in the business of educating children, and shouldn't the students be the first priority of all of us?

Susan and Bob Evans Novi

Kudos from Rotary

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Northville, t wish to express our most sincere gratitude to Greater Media Detroit, the Northville Township Board of Trustees and Northville Parks and Recreation Director Traci Sincock for bringing HarleyFest to our community and for allowing the Rotary Club of Northville to fund raise through parking lot duty. This fund-raising opportunity will greatly enhance our ability to provide grants through our foundation.

The Northville Rotary Foundation provides scholarships to local high school students, supplies to a school in Peru and funds for clean water initiatives in South America At the club level, we have partnered with a school in Detroit to make playground improvements and to increase attendance on student count day, and regularly contribute money and canned goods to our local food bank. We also help with Rotary International's efforts to eradicate polio worldwide. The HarleyFest was a wonderful opportunity for us to work together with the Northville Kiwanis Club to provide a service while raising funds for our humanitarian efforts.

Independence is inbred in us, part of our genetic makeup.

That's why we bolt upright at attempts to abridge our civil liberties, and growl over things like foreclosures and the price of gas that threaten our happiness.

Our independence must be nurtured aggressively, if it is to continue. That doesn't mean agreeing with everything that comes out of Washington; it does mean passing along the memories and the message of the Declaration of Independence.

What better way to do so than by taking time on the Fourth of July to celebrate what we have achieved and to renew our will to protect it.

From parades to flying the U.S. flag, there are ample ways to renew our patriotic spirit. Parents will want to go to www.usa.gov for everything from recipes from first ladies to activities for children and teachers.

We have another right — the right to be proud of who we are as a country. It's the best democracy around, and our history proves it.

Safety first on holiday of Fourth

Use common sense when lighting fireworks this holiday weekend.

•Never use fireworks in an area where flammable materials, such as dry leaves or dead grass, are present or where they could ignite overhead obstructions.

•Don't let young children play with fireworks under any circumstance.

•Always keep water nearby in case of an emergency. •Never attempt to make homemade fireworks.

The safest way to enjoy fireworks is at a public display conducted by trained professionals.

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Sue Campbell

president. The Rotary Club of Northville

Time to describe democracy, freedom

n Sunday, July 4, our country will be another year older. When the signers of the Declaration

came together July 4, 1776, in Philadelphia at the Second Continental Congress, they declared the 13 colonies "Free and Independent States ... Absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown of King



George III." Thomas Jefferson called this document, "an expression of the American mind." "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by

their Creator with certain inalienable Rights, that among them are Life,

Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

My first recollections of these words was in fourth grade in the shadow of our nation's capital where I grew up in the early 1960s. My 10-year-old mind heard the words, but my reality at the time told me they were not totally true.

I wondered, "inalienable rights": What about the fact we committed genocide on the original inhabitants of North America, native peoples, then went on to enslave African peoples? Who has the "right" to do that, I wondered?

The signs had only recently come down in Washington, D.C., saying "whites only" or "Negroes uses the rear entrance." I heard my parents talk that the evils of the discrimination that was still pervasive in the deep south and across the land.

We understand democracy to mean not just the rule of the majority, but also the protection of the rights of the minority Our forefathers understood this after winning the revolution against the British. But if political rights are not guaranteed to everyone, then it seems there are no guarantees for the rights of anyone.

As the 1960s gave way to the '70s, once again I was confronted by our nation's ideals and my realities. I saw wealthy kids avoid the horrors of the Vietnam War using connections and college deferments while everyday people and minorities took their place on the front lines.

My friends who came home in flagdraped coffins or with their minds tangled and bodies mangled did not pursue this happiness. It was unfair they served while others with wealth and connections avoided not just the "draft" but death.

It was not until 1989 that I came to truly embrace what many take for granted in our developing and imperfect nation — "freedom."

The lesson was learned in Beijing, China, in mid-May 1989. It was the early morning and I was standing with the Chinese students who had gathered in Tiananmen Square to protest official corruption. The students huddled around me in Tiananmen Square, peppering me with questions about life in America. They awakened my patriotism and pride in America with this: "Describe democracy; describe freedom."

I remember stumbling and sputtering all the wonders we have: where we live, freedom to work anywhere, to worship or not, to have children and how many — everyday things that the Chinese students, at the time, could only dream about. I took these for granted.

Trying to explain the freedoms we have was like trying to tell someone how you wake up and start to breathe; what was "normal" to us was only a distant dream to these students.

I remember stepping off the plane back in America in late May 1989, wondering what would become of the protesting students in Tiananmen Square and falling to the ground and kissing the soil of our evolving and imperfect nation.

A few weeks later, the world learned the fate of the protesting students as the Peoples Liberation Army was ordered to turn on the Chinese people and hundreds, if not thousands, of students lost their lives, never realizing their dream of democracy and freedom.

We Americans have so far to go in reaching the ideals set by our founding fathers. Yet, the fact that we can point out our flaws, criticize our government and not be silenced and thrown into prison or suffer a worse fate is one of our greatest strengths as a free nation.

Tom Watkins is a regular contributor to these pages and served as the state superintendent of schools, 2001-05. He can be reached at: tdwatkins@aot.com,

LOCAL NEWS

NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Summer Cleanup on the I-275 Metro Trail

Join the Friends of the I-275 Pathway for the third trail cleanup of the season from 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, July 10.

Even as crews are busy reconstructing and repairing major portions of the trail, there is still some work that needs to be done. After a very wet spring the vegetation is growing wild, and that brush needs to be cut back to keep the path useable. This trail day will focus on one of the worst sections for overgrowth -- the portion that parallels M-14, just north of Hines Drive.

The group will meet in the parking lot of Trail's Edge Cyclery, 15073 Northville Road (near Five Mile Road).

Bring work gloves and clippers, if you have them, and wear pants and long-sleeved shirts - poison ivy is a con-cern. Water and granola bars will be provided.

For more information call Dave Duffield at (248) 994-3074 or visit the Friends of the I-275 Pathway on Yahoo! groups or Facebook.

Here comes

the Candy Cops

On patrol from Preservation Dental and Miss Harriet's Dance Studio, the Candy Corps will be looking for an invasion of sweet treats on the streets of Northville during the annual Independence Day Parade downtown at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 3. Dr. William Demray is offering a reward to all those who turn in a stash of candy during the parade and immediately following the parade no questions asked! The concept of Candy Cops

is the brainchild of Demray. There may be a message, there may be a reward, but honestly - it's just about hav-ing a little fun."

Youngsters can turn in bags of candy to one of the Candy Cops who will be in the parade accompanied by a black vintage VW appropriately decorated for the job. They will receive a gift certificate for a free Happy Meal of their choice at one of two area McDonald's - Eight Mile and Haggerty (Novi) or Grand River and Wixom (Wixom).

Candy stashers can also come to the office of Preservation Dental on the corner of Griswold and Main in downtown Northville immediately following the parade to turn in the loot. They will receive the reward and a chance to have their face

painted.

First-time voters who register by mail must vote in person in their first election, unless they hand-deliver the application to their local clerk, are 60 years old or older, are disabled or are overseas.

To check their registration status, residents may visit the Michigan Voter Information Center at www.michigan. gov/vote. Residents can also find information on voting by absentee ballot, Michigan*s voter identification requirement, using voting equipment and contacting their local clerk. In addition, they will find a map to their local polling place and a sample ballot.

Those who wish to receive their absentee ballot by mail must submit their application by 2 p.m. Saturday, July 31. Absentee ballots can be obtained in person anytime through 4 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 2. Voters who request an absentee ballot in person on Monday, Aug. 2 must vote the ballot in the clerk's office. **Emergency absentee ballots** are available under certain conditions through 4 p.m. on Election Day.

Library's summer reading programs

It's not always easy finding time to read over the sum-mer. Librarians at Northville District Library have the answer. They want kids to "Make a Splash and Read!" and teens to "Make Waves at Your Library* by registering for Library Summer Reading Programs.

Eager readers, reluctant readers and new readers -from babies and beyond -- can visit the library to register now for these free reading programs. Adults can participate in the Read! Relax! Enjoy! program.

Summer Reading incentive games encourage participants to keep a reading log and earn prizes. Kids can enter a weekly prize drawing to win prizes by completing simple book reports. A variety of special programs and events are offered throughout the summer for kids, teens and adults. "It's so important for chil-

dren to keep reading over the summer in order to maintain the reading and writing skills they've achieved in school," said Julie Herrin, library director. "We want to provide a fun side of learning for kids by motivating them to read and earn prizes as they do it. We believe the library offers a positive, educational learning environment for children, especially when school is not



Peace pole

Girl Scout Cadette Troop 40844, of Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan, "planted" a Peace Pole in the back garden of the Northville Library on June 9. "May Peace Prevail On Earth" is written in four languages— English, Spanish, French and German — on the four sides of the pole. The troop just completed their "It's Your World— Change It" Journey Patch. Pictured (front row, I to r) Maggie Ritchie, Constance Carswell, Jennifer Kowalczyk, Maheru Jahania, Megan Hobson and Marin Furuyama; (middle row) Ellie Janitz, Erin Neis, Yalyn Schleicher, Kaity Graham, Chris Kowalczyk, troop leader, and Julie Herrin, director of the Northville Library; and (back row) Lori Stapp, leader; Winnie Odom, membership specialist, Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan; Rileigh Freeman and Shannon Stapp.

Season passes to go on sale this weekend for theater season

Enter drawing to win Al Kalinesigned baseball

Season passes will go on sale Saturday for the Tipping Point Theatre's next season, an All-American lineup.

Those who buy 2010-11 season passes from July 3-Aug. 4 will be entered into a drawing to win an Al Kaline-autographed baseball.

The passes go on sale from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday after the Fourth of July Parade and during the Tipping Point Theatre's regular Box Office hours: 0 a.m. to 5).m. through Friday. Here's the run-down of the next season:

"Last of the Red Hot Lovers" by Neil Simon, Sept. 2 to Oct. 16; previews Sept.

2-3. "Wiley and the Hairy Man," a family-oriented production by Jack Stokes, Oct. 23, 24, 30 and 31. This show is not included in the Season Pass holder's tickets.

"Guys on Ice," a musical about ice fishing; book and Lyrics by Fred Alley and music by James Kaplan, Nov. 18 to Jan. 15; previews Nov. 18-19.

"Proof" by David Auburn, Feb. 3 to March 5; previews Feb. 3-4.

"The Cocktail Hour" by A.R. Gurney; March 24 to April 30; previews March 24-25. "Crimes of the Heart" by Beth Henley, May 19 to June 25; previews May 19-20. e inform n ca

beginning in January 2011. Meetings of the Board of Trustees are held on the fourth Thursday of each month. Trustees also serve on several standing committees, for which meetings are also scheduled.

Trustees act as strong advocates for the library, work to assure adequate funding and careful allocation of library resources, and make decisions regarding library policy. A willingness to serve the library and its community is the most important qualification for anyone seeking this office.

Northville residents wishing to run for a trustee position on the Northville District Library Board need to pick up petition forms at the library, and then collect a minimum of 40 valid signatures. The deadline for filing petitions at the Wayne County Clerk's office in the **Coleman Young Municipal** Building is 4 p.m. July 15.

Candidates may pay a \$100 filing fee in lieu of the nominating petitions. The election will be held on Nov. 2, with candidates running on a nonpartisan ballot.

For more information, please contact Library Director Julie Herrin at (248) 349-3020.

Doctor, will be answering questions at one home this year.

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

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

Maybury Camp

Maybury Farm will now offer a Day Camp for children age 7 to 12 years beginning in July. Children will learn many facets of farm life and will have a hands-on farm experience including barns, caring for the animals, grooming, recycling, etc. They may also help with barn and garden duties.

Their day is complete with traditional day camp offerings such as team-building activities, games, and good old fashioned 'farm fun'.

Demray will once again host Faces in the Air in the parking lot of Preservation Dental. The airbrush face painting artists will be prepared to "decorate" the cheeks, arms, legs - even bald heads - of passersby with patriotic designs and more, compliments of Demray.

Voter registration

The deadline to register to vote in the Aug. 3 primary election is Tuesday, July 6.

This is an important election year in Michigan with many state, federal and judicial seats on the ballot," said Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land, the state's chief election officer. "As always, your vote is your voice. If you are not yet registered to vote, I encourage you to do so and then cast your ballot on Election Day."

To register, applicants must be at least 18 years old by Election Day and be U.S. citizens.

Applicants must also be residents of Michigan and of the city or township in which they wish to register.

Voters may register by mail; at their county, city or township clerk's office; or by visiting any Secretary of State branch office. The mail-in form is on the Department of State Web site at www.michigan.gov/sos.

in session.

The Youth Summer Reading Program runs through July 31. Teen Summer Reading ends Aug. 20 and the adult program ends Aug. 31.

For more information, visit the library's website: www. northvillelibrary.org or call (248) 349-3020. Library hours tinuing education department are 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; and 10-5 Friday-Saturday. The library is closed for Sundays through Labor Day.

Fishing derby at Maybury

Maybury State Park will be hosting a fishing derby from 1-3 p.m. on July 3.

It will be taking place at the fishing pond, which is accessible from the Riding Stable parking lot; follow the signs to the pond.

Prizes will be given for the most fish caught by a participant.

You do not have to be present to win and you may enter the contest at any time during the derby hours.

Contact Maybury State Park: (248) 349-3858 or www. michigan.gov/natureprograms

A motor vehicle permit is required to enter the park. Kids under 17 do not need a fishing license to participate.

Learn to ride

Schoolcraft College's conwill hold a series of weekend motorcycle classes for those interested in hitting the streets on two wheels.

Using federal grant money, the school has held the program at Milford High School for several years. Vince Consiglio, who works for the school, said it didn't look like the money would be available this year, but the state allocated some money a few weeks ago for the program.

The class is open to anyone ages 16 and older and runs three days, including a Friday evening and all day Saturday and Sunday. Sessions run July 9-11, July 16-18 or July 23-25. The program costs \$25, and students must provide their own gear: helmet, boots, gioves, long-steeve shirt and long pants.

Motorcycles are provided. Those adults who pass the class can waive the state license test to get a motorcycle license, although that test isn't required for all motorcycle riders.

(248) 347-0003 or go to www.tippingpointtheatre. com.

"The skills that are taught in the motor safety class will enhance the riders basic ability to survive on the street and give them the legal cycle endorsement," Consiglio said.

Register by calling (734) 462-4452 or register online at www.schoolcraft.ccmi.usin the continuing education section.

Library trustees election

The Board of Trustees of the Northville District Library is seeking possible candidates to fill four openings for trustee positions that will occur at the end of this year.

Of the four positions due to expire in December, three now have incumbents who are expected to seek re-election. The Library Board is composed of seven elected trustees whose main function is to oversee the operation of the Northville District Library. The district includes both the city and township of Northville, and any resident of these communities may run for the trustee position.

Trustees elected this year will serve four-year terms,

Looking for Great Homes

American Association of University Women Northville-Novi is looking for a few great Northville homes to feature in its 15th annual AAUW Home Tour.

A highlight of the Northville Victorian Festival, the tour will be held for 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sept. 18.

Typically homes featured are widely different in architecture and interior design, span three centuries of construction and reflect how families have adapted to 21st century living in a community with a Victorian village at its heart. Joe Gagnon, the Appliance

The Day Camp begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 12:30 p.m. and is held on Wednesday and/or Thursday throughout July and August. The first camp day will be Wednesday, July 7. Children may be signed up for either one or two days in the same week.

Camp is limited to 10 children per day. Dates are July 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, and 29; August 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, and 26.

Tuition fees are \$25 per day per person (must be paid in full to register).; includes a mid-morning snack.

To register or for more information, call (248) 374-0200.

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Listings: Etc. includes Meetings;

Senior Events; Library Lines; Parks and

Rec; Volunteering; Support Groups; Clubs and Groups; and Health Events.

Please visit our Web site (hometown-

life.com) to view the complete listing.

Submit: Send item submissions via

e-mail to cstone@gannett.com; by

fax to (248) 685-2892; or by mail to

Northville Record, 101 N. Lafayette SL.

South Lyon, MI 48178, Items must be

received by noon on Tuesday to be

included in Thursday's newspaper.

Date: Second and fourth Tuesday of

Date: First and third Monday of the

Location: City Hall, 215 W. Main St.

Date. Third Tuesday of each month

Location. City Hall Meeting Room A.

Contact: downlownnorthville.com

Date: Second Wednesday of every

Location. Allen Terrace, 401 High St.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Date. Third Wednesday of month

Date Second Wednesday of every

Location: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Date. First Monday of every month

Details: Individuals and organizations

Location: Northville City Hall, Meeting

Location. Township Hall, 44405 West

Northville Township

PLANNING COMMISSION

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Location: Township Hali

Date Last Tuesday of month

Date. Third Thursday of month

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Date: Third Wednesday of month

on lower level, 215 W. Main St.

PLANNING COMMISSION

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AUTHORITY MEETING

MEETINGS

the month Time: 7:30 p.m.

Northville Public Schools

Location: Old Village School

City of Northville

CITY COUNCIL

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Time. 7.30 p.m.

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Location: City Hall

ARTS COMMISSION

Location. City Hall

HOUSING COMMISSION

month

BOARD OF EDUCATION

NORTHVILLE ETC.



Here chick, chick

Marissa Ohlsson, 4, feeds a chicken some grass at Northville's Maybury Farm on June 15. Ohlsson was there with her grandmother Linda Mertens, who is a staff member at the farm.

Thursday of each month Details, Call Senior Community Center 24 hours in advance to register; \$1 per person **FRIDAY FLICKS** Time: I p.m. every Friday Details Cust is \$1

LIBRARY LINES

Northville District Library Location: 212 W. Cady St., near Northville City Hall Time/Day: 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday-Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Contact: (248) 349-3020 oc northvitlelibrary org for information regarding programs and library materials. The library will be closed for Independence Day on July 3-5 Summer Storytimes Time/Date: 11-11:30 a.m., Friday, July 2 Details: "Splishy Splashy Rainy Stories." Fun for all ages! Due to space limitations, summer library activities cannot accommodate preschool groups, daycare groups or day camps Just drop in.

Time/Date: 4.45-10 p.m. Friday, July 9 Details: For those entering 6th through 12th grade. Immerse yourself in the world of Greek mythology. Enjoy activities related to Rick Riordan's popular series. Participants must register by calling (248) 349-3020 and arrive at the library prior to 5 p.m. closing Space is limited.

PARKS AND REC

Northville Parks and Recreation Office Location 775 N. Center St. (back entrance of Hillside Middle School) Contact: (248) 349-0203 or visit website at northvilleparksandrec.org PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION Meeting Date/Time: 6.30 p.m. fourth Wednesday every other month begin-

ning in January Location: Northville Township Hall, 44405 W. Six Mile Road DROP IN ADULT VOLLEYBALL Time/Date. 7.45-9 p.m. Thursday Location: Community Senior Center, 303 W. Main

303 West Main Details. \$2 per person except \$3 Tuesday evenings **DROP IN TABLE TENNIS**

Time/Date. noon-4 p.m. every Saturday Location: Recreation Center at

Hillside Details: \$5 Per person, 8 tables available, All skill levels welcome DROP IN CO-ED 50+ VOLLEYBALL Time/Date: 10 a m.-noon every Monday, Wednesday and Friday Location Recreation Center at

Hillside Details: SI per person, all skill levels welcome, Bring your friends.

GOLF OUTINGS

Northville Township Police Officers Date: 8 a.m. (breakfast/registration) July 26; 10 a.m. shotgun start Location: Meadowbrook Country Club, 40941 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville Details: 10th annual outing with proceeds benefitting the Police **Benevolent Fund** Contact: Jerome Jackman at (248) 349-9400

Friends of the Northville District Library

Details: There are openings for our Board of Directors. The Friends are volunteers who promote reading, support programs in the library and financially support projects not covered by the library's budget. Board members attend a monthly meeting and serve on a committee. If interested, send a letter to Paul Snyder, president of the Friends, c/o Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St., Northville, 48167.

Heartland Hospice

Yolunteers Needed Time: Day and evening training classes Location: 28588 Northwestern Hwy. Suite 475, Southfield Details: Caring and compassionate individuals needed to register for Heartland Hospice Volunteer Training. We serve individuals and their families during their end of life journey in the Tri-County area. Office support is needed.

Contact Mary, (800) 770-9859

Time: 7:30 p.m. Location: Township Hall **BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION** Date: Third Monday of month Time: 7:30 p.m. Location: Township Hall YOUTH ASSISTANCE Date: Second Tuesday of every month Time:8 a.m. Location: Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road Contact: Sue Campbell (248) 344-1618

SENIOR EVENTS

Senior Community Center Location: 303 W. Main St. Contact: (248) 349-4140 THURSDAY 8 a.m.: Walking Club 9 a.m. TOPS; Massage by appt. 10:30 a.m.: Yoga 11 a.m.: Cribbage Noon: Walking Club 12.30 p.m.: Pinochle FRIDAY 8 a.m.: Walking Club 11 a.m.: Poker 11.30 a.m.: Walking Club Noon: Walking Club 1 p.m.: Novie MONDAY 8 a.m.: Walking Club 9 30 a.m.: Mah Jongg 10 a.m.: Beginning Line Dance; Oxycise 11 a.m.: Adv. Line Dance Noon. Walking Club Date: First and third Tuesday of month 12.30 p.m.: Pinochle/Euchre TUESDAY 8 a.m.: Walking Club 10:30 a.m.: Yoga 11:30 a.m.: Walking Club Noon. Walking Club 12:30 p.m. Pinochie WEDNESDAY 8 a.m.: Walking Club 9 a.m. Foot Reflexology by appt. 10 a.m.: Oxycise 11 a.m.:: Strength Training 11 30 a m.: Walking Club Noon: Bridge; Walking Club 1 p.m.: Cribbage 7 p.m.: Bridge CO-ED ADULT 50+ OPEN VOLLEYBALL TIME/DAYS: 10 a.m.-noon Monday, Wednesday, Friday Location: Recreation Center at Hillside Details: All levels of play welcome: bring your friends; SL Contact: Northville Parks and Recreation (248) 449-9947 **HEALTH WALKING** Date: Monday-Friday Time: 8-10 a.m. Location: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St. **PILATES CLASS** Time/Date: 6 p.m. each Tuesday BUNCO

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Face Painting Fun Time/Date 11 a m-12:30 p m. Tuesday,

July 6

Details: Have a fun design painted on your face and receive an exciting surprise. Just drop in. All ages welcome. The Music Lady

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Thursday, July 8 Details: Enjoy a fantastic music concert for all ages with Beverly Meyer. "The Music Lady", 100 free tickets available at the Information Desk 10 minutes prior to the program. Summer library activities cannot accommodate preschool groups, daycare groups or day camps.

Library Arcade Drop In Free Play Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, July 7 **Details** Practice for our August competitions with drop in free play sessions featuring Rock Band, and various games on Will and PS3. Grades 6.12.

Percy Jackson & The Olympians After Hours Lock- In

9 a.m.-noon every Saturday Sept.-April

Location Recreation Center at Hillside Details: \$4 per person

DROP IN BADMINTON Time/Date: 7-9:30 p.m. every Tuesday

and Friday Location: Recreation Center at Hillside

Details: \$9 per person, includes birds. Competitive style badminton.

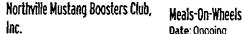
DROP IN PICKLEBALL Time/Date: noon-3 p.m. Wednesday;

10 a.m. noon Friday; 6·8 p.m. Saturday; 1-3 p.m. Sunday

Location Recreation Center at Hiliside

Details: \$3 per person Wednesday and Sunday; \$4 per person Saturday; \$2 per person Friday

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Monday; 1-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday; 9.30 a m. 12 15 p.m. Wednesday/Thursday Location. Community Senior Center



Date: Saturday, Aug. 28 Location Links of Novi, Ten Mile Road Details: Golf scramble and dinner auction. Cost is \$100 per golfer for golf, lunch at the turn, dinner, open bar and auction: \$50 for dinner, open bar and auction; \$75 for student golfers. Deadline to register is June 17. Make checks payable to Northville Mustang Boosters Club, Inc. (a 501(c)3 organization), and mail to Tricia Combe DuQuet, PO Box 312, Northville, MI 48167

VOLUNTEERING

Arbor Hospice

Octails: Seeking compassionate, caring individuals to join our Volunteer Team in support of patients and families by holding a hand, sharing a story, or creating a special moment. Take the first step in this life-affirming experience by contacting our Volunteer Coordinator.

Contact. (248) 348-4980 or marysko@arborhospice org

Date: Ongoing Time: 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Details: Permanent and substitute drivers needed. Contact: Eileen at Allen Terrace (248) 231-9950, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday

through Friday or Judy LaManna (248) 348-1761

Northville Arts Commission seeks Commissioners

Time/Date: 7 p.m., second Wednesday of each month Location. Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Details: Seeking volunteers and City Commissioners to help grow the Northville Art House. Candidates need only to have a passion for expanding the arts in Northville! Committees are formed to assist in the development and facilitation of Art House educational programs, events and exhibitions Contact: 248-344-0497; email art-

houseoffice@northvillearts org or visit www.northvillearts org



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Lanigan & Venditti

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hanzek of Novi announce the engagement of their son, Sean Patrick Lanigan, to Julie Marie Venditti, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Venditti of Lewiston, NY.

The groom-elect is a graduate of Catholic Central High School and Hillsdale College and is employed at Toshiba Business Solutions as an MPS Specialist for all of south Florida.

The bride-to-be graduated with honors from Nova Southeastern University to receive her master's in occupational therapy. She is employed at Memorial Regional Hospital in Hollywood Florida as an acute care occupational therapist.

The couple plans to get married in Niagara Falls, NY, on Oct. 9.



Ambroziak & Fleury Mark and Diane Ambroziak, of Northville, and Frank and Karen Fleury, of Rochester Hills, announce the engagement of their children, Stacy Marie Ambroziak and Matthew John Fleury, both of Northville.

The bride-to-be is a 1998 graduate of Northville High School. She graduated in 2002 with a bachelor's degree in business from Arizona State University, and she is employed with Solta Medical.

The groom-elect is a graduate of Brother Rice High School. He earned a bachelor of science degree from University of Michigan and a master's degree in physical therapy. He is employed with Medtronic. A July wedding is planned at Meadowbrook Country Club.



Crawford & Overbeck Terry and Linda Crawford, of Northville, announce the engagement of their son, Jeffrey David Crawford, of Ann Arbor, to Christina Marie Overbeck, of Chicago, daughter of Dr. John and Carol Overbeck

of Seattle, Wash. The bride-to-be graduated in 2004 from Bellevue Christian High School in Seattle. She earned a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from Calvin College in 2008. She is also an avid runner and was named Chicago's 2009 Female Runner of the Year.

The groom-elect is a 2003 graduate of Northville High School and received a bachelor of science degree with a major in biochemistry from Calvin College in 2007. He is currently in his fourth year of medical school at the University of Michigan. A spring 2011 wedding in

Seattle is planned.

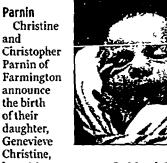
BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lucas

Joseph and Jennifer Lucas announce the birth of their daughter, Abigail Joy, born Oct. 25, 2009, at the University of Michigan Women's Hospital.

Grandparents are Phil and Jackie Ludwig, of Northville; Patricia Lucas, of Livonia; and Jerry Lucas, of Clarkston.

Great-grandparents are Jack Kelly, of Hickman, Ky; and Alan Ludwig, of Plymoutb.

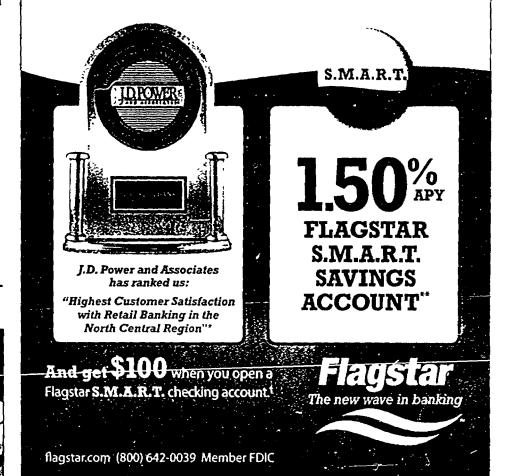


born May 30, 2010, at St. Mary's Hospital. She weighed 6 pounds 13 ounces and was 19.5 inches.

Her big brother is Benjamin. Grandparents are Bonnie and Dave Pilarz. of Northville, and Thomas and Elizabeth Parnin, of Livonia.

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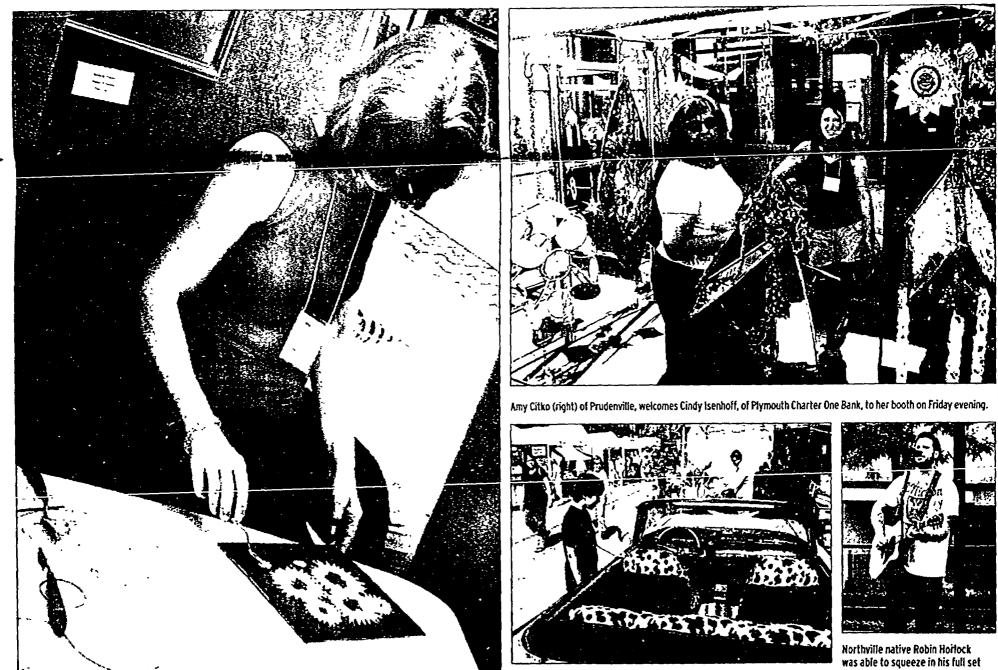
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LOCAL NEWS





Ronald Meyer (right), of Oxford, shows Northville resident Bob Kennedy the detail on one of his wildlife photos.



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Barbara Spraul of Livonia works on one of her paintings Friday afternoon.

In front of Genitti's on Main Street, Matt Apeland, 12, of Northville, checks

of music just before the storms hit Sunday afternoon.

out the Cadillac featured in the film "Unbeatable Harold."

Tipping Point staff announces winners of Sandbox Play Fest

New short-play festival attracts about 50 people

BY PAN FLENING STAFF WRITER

Kitty Dubin of Birmingham won the Tipping Point Theatre's first-place prize and the Voter's First Choice prize in the Arts & Acts Festival's Sandbox Play Festival on June 27.

Dubin is an award-winning playwright whose work has appeared in theaters throughout the country. In Michigan, her plays have been produced at the Purple

Rose, the Boarshead and the JET, where she is Playwright in Residence. She has also been teaching playwriting at Oakland University for the past 14 years. The name of her short play was "Caller Are You There?" A brash radio talk show psychologist, Dr. Linda Messenger's motto is "Kids always come first," but that message becomes suspect after a mysterious young woman calls her show.

She has been a playwright

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for almost 30 years. "I thought it was wonderful," Dubin said about Northville's short-play festival. "This is very popular all over the country. I've been in many short-play festivals across the country

In April, she had a play, "The Joy of Sex," in the New York City 15-minute play festival. Dubin received \$100 for winning first place. The festival drew about 50

people in the audience Sunday, according to Lynn Wilde, the

and development.

SECOND-PLACE WINNER

Matthew Gwynn won second place in the play festival with his play, "4:30 at the Beach." He is thrilled to have Tipping Point produce his debut as a playwright. This is his first collaboration with the Tipping Point Theatre. As an actor, his recent appearances include "Our Town," "Bleeding Red" and "Growing Pretty" as part of the Purple Rose Theatre Company, as well as shows with the Arkansas Repertory Theatre,

theater's director of marketing The American Family Theatre and the current Williamston Theatre production of "Five-Course Love."

THIRD-PLACE WINNER

David MacGregor was the third-place winner in the competition, with his play, "Epiphany."

The product of immigrants from Scotland, MacGregor was born in Detroit. His upbringing included bagpipes being played in the basement and a grandfather who washed his hair with scotch.

His plays have been performed across the United States and in London. He is proud to say that not only has he been hung in effigy, his writing has been publicly burned as well. His most recent play, "Gravity," was just nominated for the Pulitzer Prize in Drama, and his next full-length play, "Consider the Oyster," will premiere as part of the Purple Rose Theatre's 2010-2011 season.

The Tipping Point Theatre staff may consider bringing the three plays back at some point in the future.

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NORTHVILLE POLICE REPORT

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Outstanding warrant

A 52-year-old Northville man was arrested for driving while his license was suspended at 6:19 p.m. on May 28 at Edward Hines Drive and Wing Street.

The man was pulled over because an officer noticed that the vehicle he was driving appeared to have an expired license plate.

The man also had a warrant out for his arrest for failure to appear on a drunk driving charge from the Michigan State Police.

Retail fraud arrest

2 A 17-year-old Northville Township juvenile was arrested for retail fraud at the Marathon gas station at 510 S. Main Street at 9:15 p.m. on May 29.

The man picked up a pack of Swisher Sweets Cigarillos and slid them into the front, left pocket of his shorts. He then left the station without paying for the tobacco item valued at \$5.

Larceny from building

3 The 43-year-old daughter of an 85-year-old resident of S. Center Street told police that someone stole her mother's lamp shade from the light fixture affixed to the wall outside her apartment between 5:05 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on June 1.

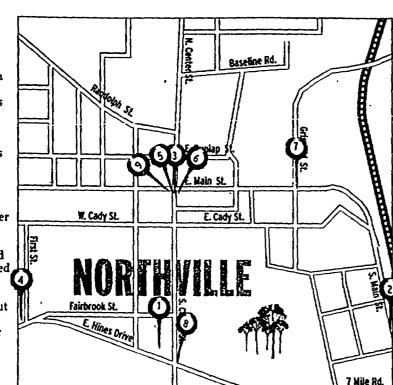
The daughter, who lives in Canton, said that there have been other similar thefts at the MainCentre Apartments, and that an elderly couple had their apartment broken into recently.

The shade was valued at \$15.

Fishing without license

Police part disput that the to Fish Hatchery Park at Fairbrook Street and Orchard Drive at 0:30 p.m. on June 4 after someone reported that three men were scooping fish out of the water with bags.

The men, who included two 19-year-old Livonia men and a 61-year-old Northville man, were issued citations.



Stolen vehicle reported

5A 59-year-old Northville resident reported to police that someone had stolen a car belonging to his 76year-old brother-in-law of Oscoda between 6:30 p.m. June 5 and 2 p.m. June 6 at W. Main and Center streets. The 1996 maroon Chevrolet Camaro was valued at \$7,500.

Warrant arrest

6 A 31-year-old White ELake woman was arrested for outstanding warrants and license suspensions out of Oakland County after police were dispatched to a residence on E. Main Street about a failure to return

a borrowed vehicle that occurred between 6 a.m. June 14 and 4:30 a.m. June 15.

A 30-year-old Northville man told police that he loaned his vehicle to the woman so she could drive to work. The woman did return the vehicle to the man, saying she had fallen asleep after work, and that's why she didn't return it when she was supposed to do so.

Suspended license

7A 26-year-old Brighton woman was arrested for driving on a suspended driver's license at 4:59 p.m. June 6 at E. Main and

Griswold streets. The woman was pulled over after an officer driving

behind her ran her license plate. She also had an expired license plate.

Operating while intoxicated

8 A 37-year-old Westland man was arrested for drunk driving at 2:04 a.m. June 2 at Edward Hines Drive and Center Street. The man was pulled over because his vehicle's driver's side tail light was out.

Receiving, concealing stolen goods

9 A 25-year-old Northville woman and 40-year old Northville man were arrested for receiving and concealing stolen goods at Health Jones health food store at 114 W. Main Street at 10:50 a.m. on June 2. The arrest was the culmination of numerous retail fraud incidents with this particular suspect in downtown Northville.

Other stores who reported thefts the same morning by the same two suspects included Rock on Main at 134 E. Main Street, Utopia Salon at 170 E. Main Street and Dancing Eye Gallery at 101 N. Center Street.

Compiled by staff writer Pam Fleming











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All-Area: Novi's Border earns top honor following state title

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

Novi senior Amanda Border has led the Wildcats for the past three years, but this year she went as far as to win the Division I state title at one singles, which pools the best players from each team across the state. It was Novi's firstever state champion in tennis for either gender.

"A four-year varsity player, Amanda had a career record of 71-15," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "She will play tennis for the University of Toledo next year."

Border went 22-3 during her senior year, capturing the KLAA Kensington Conference and regional championships.

FIRST TEAM

SARA CARLSON (NOVI SR. 35) Racking up Novi's best individual record, Carlson finished 25-2 at three singles this year.

"The KLAA conference and regional champion capped off another outstanding year with a runner-up finish at the state finals," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "Sara is a fourtime conference champion, regional champion and state semifinalist finishing with a career record of 97-12.'

JENNA SNYDER (NOVI JR. 1D) JULIA THOMAS (SR.)

Novi's best doubles squad. Snyder and Thomas teamed up to finish 21-2 at one doubles this season, winning their flight's KLAA Kensington Conference and regional championships.

They made the semifinals at the state finals and earlier in the season had a dual match win against the eventual state champion from Ann Arbor Pioneer," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. ABBY WANG (NOVI SO. 25)

Going 19-4 at two singles against primarily girls two years older, Wang will likely step into Novi's top role next spring as Border graduates.

"Abby added a KLAA conference and regional championship to her many big wins for the Wildcats this year," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "She made the quarterfinals at this year's state finals." JOANNE WEBER (NORTHVILLE JR. 1S)

Weber took a 14-9 record at

one singles and finished second at the KLAA Kensington Conference tournament behind Novi's Border.

"Only lost to Novi during division play. Still the best player on team," Northville coach Sandy Woolfall said. MACKENZIE POWERS

(NORTHVILLE SO. 4S)

With the best individual record on the Mustangs' talented squad, Powers went 22-4 in claiming both conference and regional championships at four singles. She was also a semifinalist at the Division I state meet. JENNA GREZLIK **AMY BERNSTEIN**

(NORTHVILLE SRS. 2D)

This Mustang tandem fin-ished 20-4 on the season and won the two doubles regional title in their flight before bowing out in the state quarterfinals.

"Two of the four losses were to Ann Arbor Pioneer, the state finalists," Northville coach Sandy Woolfall said. ERIN DOUD (NORTHVILLE SO. 25)

In a strong two singles field, Doud went 17-8 while finishing second to Novi's Wang in both the conference and regional tournaments.

"Three of the losses (came) to Novi," Northville coach Sandy Woolfall said. JESSICA YU (NORTHVILLE SR. 35)

Yu had a tough three singles challenge in the division with Novi's Carlson just across the baseline border, but Yu went 16-9 while finishing second in the KLAA Kensington Conference and

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Novi Wildcat Amanda Border won the Division I state title at one singles, and earned Player of the Year honors.

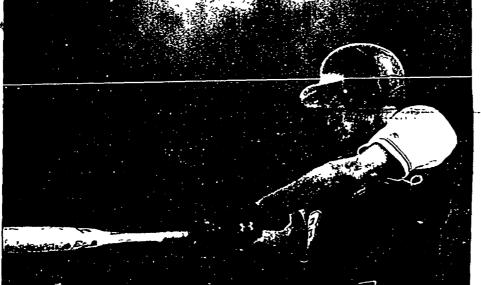
Novi's Regnier has all the tools for top All-Area honor

BY JEFF THEISEN SPORTS WRITER

Baseball players seek the title of being a five-tool player. Novi's Nick Regnier is just that.

He can hit for average and for power, he has speed to burn, plays solid defensively and possesses a strong arm, all of which makes him the All-Area Baseball Player of the Year.

Regnier lit up the stat sheet, leading the Wildcats in several categories. He went 51 for 103 (a .495 avg), swatted seven home runs, drove in 47 runs and swiped 34 bases while only being caught once. He also pitched in 12 games, going 8-0 with two saves. He finished with a 2.17 ERA and recorded 42 strikeouts in the same amount of innings. "Nick did not make an error in the outfield," said coach Rick Green. "He was a fierce competitor who could play anywhere on the field.



Lacrosse: Glenn scores top All-Area position

BY JEFF THEISEN SPORTS WRITER

South Lyon United girls lacrosse scored plenty of goals this year, and it was usually a safe bet Ashley Glenn had something to do with it.

She finished the season with 81 goals, 34 assists, scooped up 71 ground balls, provided 10 interceptions and caused 31 turnovers.

Glenn is the 2010 All-Area girls lacrosse Player of the Year.

"Ashley's speed and stick

All-area First Team

AUUREY KOBE, JUNIOR The South Lyon United goalkeeper earned All-State Second Team, All-KLAA First Team and All-East-Central First Team honors. He made 145 saves and had a 72-percent save percent-

age. "Audrey Kobe has been playing most of the season injured," said Radcliffe. "She is a very important leader on our defense. We depend on her to keep the defense communicating."

"Nick is the only player since I have been coaching that had a green light to steal bases."

Regnier will attend Central Michigan University next year and will continue his career as a preferred walk-on.

KEVIN ZAK, NOVI

First Team

The senior shortstop/ pitcher was also a captain for the Wildcats, Zak was second on Novi with a .451 average (55-122), had 15 extra-base hits, drove in 35 runs and scored 39 times. He was also 3-0 as a pitcher, working in nine games with a 2.49 ERA

Novi's Nick Regnier at the plate.

"He lead by example more than vocal," said Green. "He reached his personal goals by a lot of offseason conditioning/workouts. He was a relentless worker who had a lot of passion for baseball which led to his successful senior season as well as the teams success."

Zak will be attending GVSU in the fall and continue his baseball career. MASARU NOGAMI, NOVE

The senior centerfielder was a defensive standout. He was no slouch at the plate either, hitting .444 (55-124). Nogami led the team with 53 runs scored and swiped 15 bases.

He was by far the best centerfielder I have ever coached at Novi," said

Green. "Masaru was a dream student athlete. Like Zak, he had unbelievable work ethic that allowed him All-State Academic honors and many team and league accolades.

Nogami will be heading back to Japan to further his education and baseball career.

DYLAN BREAULT, NORTHVILLE The Mustang senior was an All-Conference and All-District pitcher. He had four shutouts, three 1-hitters and went 7-1 with a 0.71 ERA in 54.2 innings. DAN MILLS, NORTHVILLE The senior infielder

earned All-District and All-Conference honors. Mills was a three-year starer and hit above .400 all three

years. He was co-MVP for Northville. During his tenure with the Mustangs, the team won 31, 31 and 25 games.

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JOHN JAKUBIK, CC

The senior centerfielder finished off a four-year varsity career with All-Catholic and All-District honors. He hit .375 (33-88), scored 23 runs, stole 18 bases and batted in 15 runs. Jakubik batted .444 with runners in scoring position.

"John was a three sport standout at CC," said coach Kevin Walters. *Despite having knee surgery late in the football season, John showed tremendous resolve to rehabilitate and

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fork are a two areas that set her apart from others," said coach Deanna Radcliffe. "Her ability to find the back of the net is a result of her hard work.

"She plays pretty much year round and is always trying to get better. She has great field awareness an understanding of the game."

Her abilities have earned her a scholarship to continue her career at Drexel University.

"I have coached Ashley since she was a freshman," said Radcliffe. "She has grown so much as a player and individual. I am excited to see what she can do at the next level."

While captaining the KLAA champion South Lyon United squad, Glenn also earned All-State First Team, All-KLAA First Team and All-East-Central First Team honors.

She is everything that you want in a player," said Radcliffe. "She is a great leader and has a lot of determination and dedication."

ASHLEY MUSHNA, JUNIOR Mushna split time between midfielder and defender while providing leadership as a captain. She tallied 22 goals and dished out 11 assists on offense. Defensively, she picked up 62 ground balls, had 12 interceptions and caused 23 turnovers. She was also voted Second Team All-State, First Team All-KLAA and First Team All-East-Central.

"Ashley Mushna has great field awareness," said Radcliffe. "She has a lot of potential. She is unselfish with the ball and always looking to get her team-mates involved." HANNAH GORMAN, SENIOR

The senior defender earned All-State Honorable Mention, All-KLAA First Team and All-East Central First Team with 69 ground balls, nine interceptions and 27 caused turnovers. She also pitched in 17 goals and

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five assists.



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"Hannah is vital to our defense," said Radcliffe. "She is aggressive and has a lot of determination to succeed every time she is on the field."

MARISSA MUSHNA, JUNIOR The South Lyon United attacker earned All-KLAA Honorable Mention and **East-Central Honorable** Mention after posting 25 goals and 14 assists with 44 ground balls and 10 turnovers forced.

"Marissa is a very unselfish player," said Radcliffe. "She has a great attitude and always wants to learn." GRETCHEN GORMAN, FRESHMAN

Despite being a freshman, Gorman earned All-KLAA Honorable Mention and East-Central Honorable Mention with 78 ground

balls, 28 caused turnovers and nine interceptions. She also scored eight goals and handed out three assists. 'Gretchen is always

hustling whether during a game or just practice," said Radcliffe. "I expect great things from her in the future."

MADDY ROSOCHACKI, FRESHMAN Another newcomer mak-

ing a big difference for South Lyon United. She also earned All-KLAA Honorable Mention and East-Central Honorable Mention at attack with 24 goals and 11 assist. She also collected 21 ground balls, had three interceptions and caused eight turnovers.

"Maddy has a lot of potential, and I expect big things from her," said Radcliffe. MEGAN VIECELLI, SOPHOMORE On defense, Viecelli

earned East-Central Honorable Mention with

44 ground balls, 14 caused turnovers and nine interceptions. She also scored twice.

*Megan has improved a lot and will only get better," said Radcliffe. "She always tries her hardest and always has a positive attitude." STEPHANIE HOLMES, JUNIOR Huron Valley's center earned Second Team All-State this year after leading the team in almost every defensive statistic. She led with 113 ground balls, 58 caused turnovers and 13 blocks. She also scored 18 goals with six assists. Holmes was the go-to person for draws, winning 54.3 percent.

Stephanie is an amazing player to watch on the field," said coach Tara Johnson. "She has speed, strength and wicked stick-handling skills. As one of the leaders of caused turnovers in the

state, she changes the game and leads the team on the field." DANIELLE SMITH, SENIOR

Huron Valley's top attacker was always around the net with 46 goals and 14 assists for 60 points. She had an 81.1 shooting accuracy and will continue her career at Adrian College in lacrosse and hockey.

*Danielle is a clutch player, setting up plays and shoot-ing dynamic shots that leave every goalie guessing," said Johnson. "She is a committed player and leads by example. She will be greatly missed next year.' EMILY MICHELIN, SENIOR

The senior middle scooped up 37 ground balls, caused 21 turnovers, scored three goals and passed out five assists for Huron Valley. CAITLIN WOJICHOWSKI, SOPHO-MORE The underclassman mid-

BASEBALL

senior baseball season. He was our go-to player as he could beat you with his bat, glove, speed or his heart. His teammates and coaches selected him as the team's MVP.

NOLAN NUNEZ, SOUTH LYON EAST

The Cougar senior finished off his career in style, batting a sizzling .430 (34-79) with 12 extra-base hits, 25 runs scored and 15 batted in.

"Nolan is an all-around baseball player," said coach Mike Lindman. "He does everything great - hits. fields, throws and runs bases all very well. He is a student of the game and knows the game inside and out."

Nunez will continue his career with a scholarship to Hillsdale. CAESAR SABUDA, SOUTH LYON

The senior catcher was voted team offensive MVP and earned All-District honors. He batted .330 (32-97) with a team-high 22 runs

other for the Lions," said coach Nick James. "His grit and determination set him apart from the rest of the league. He was our leadoff hitter and unrivaled leader in our clubhouse."

GRAHAM SHEARER, LAKELAND Shearer helped the Eagles to an 18-12 season by hitting .342 (40-117) with 14 extrabase hits. 27 runs scored and 28 runs batted in. He also walked 17 times and only struck out 10 times. Shearer stole 28 bases.

fielder played like anything but. She was third in goals with 24, tied for the team lead in assists with 14 and tied in interceptions with eight.

NICHOLE LAFLANNE, SOPHO-MORE

Laflamme was another underclassman putting up big numbers for Huron Valley. She found the back of the net 42 times with four assists. She also scooped up 24 ground balls.

KAYLEY DAHRING, SENIOR The Mustang attacker notched a team-high 54 goals, provided five assists and had 48 ground balls. She led team with senior leadership abilities," said coach Jamie Francek. "She has a great attitude and dedication to the sport and her teammates."

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BASEBALL ALL-AREA PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Nick Regnier, Novi **FIRST TEAM** Kevin Zak, Novi Masaru Nogami, Novi **Dylan Breault, Northville** Dan Mills, Northville John Jakubik, CC Nolan Nunez, South Lyon East Caesar Sabuda, South Lyon Graham Sheaer, Lakeland Bryar Miller, Milford SECOND TEAM Zack Szajner, Lakeland Ryan Finneran, South Lyon Davin Montgomery, Northville Colin Gerish, Northville Chris Slack, Novi Adam Paulk, Novi JC Savakus, CC Cole Borland, CC Luke Johnson, Milford HONORABLE MENTION Novi: Tyler Root, Jimmy Eloff, Mike Kruse, Logan Regnier CC: PJ Nowak, Bobby Dulzo, Nathan Beck, Mitchell Gatt, Joe Panfil South Lyon East: Petar Radakovic, Ryan Ferguson, Choineire. Tom Kort, Collin Morrison Milford: Davey Zilinskas

had 19 extra-base hits and batted in 31 runs while scoring 30 times.

Second team

ZACK SZAJNER, LAKELAND Szainer was on base often ALL-AREA GIRLS LACROSSE PLAYER OF THE YEAR Ashley Glenn, South Lyon

FIRST TEAM Audrey Kobe, South Lyon Ashley Mushna, South Lyon Hannah Gorman, South Lyon Marissa Mushna, South Lyon Gretchen Gorman, South Lyon Maddy Rosochacki, South Lyon Megan Viecelli, South Lyon Stephanie Holmes, Huron Valley Danielle Smith, Huron Valley **Emily Michelin, Huron Valley** Caitlin Wojichowski, Huron Yalley

Nichole Laflamme, Huron Valley Kayley Dahring, Northville HONORABLE MENTION Rachel Wrobleski, Huron Valley Alyssa Glenn, South Lyon Teresa Landis, South Lyon Kaitlyn West, South Lyon

team pitching MVP. DAVIN MONTGOMERY, NORTHVILLE

The three-year letter winner was voted as an All-Conference outfielder after going 32 for 100 (.320). He scored 23 runs and batted in seven.

COLIN GERISH, NORTHVILLE The Mustang pitcher earned All-Conference honors. He went 5-3 with a 2,89 ERA, striking out 46 in 53.1 innings. He also batted .273 (27-99). CHRIS SLACK, NOVI

The Wildcat senior held down the hot corner while also being an assistant captain. He raised his average more than 100 points from his junior season, finishing at .364 (36-99). Slack scored 37 runs and batted in 24.

ADAM PAULK, NOVI

The senior pitcher had a knack for the strikeout, getting 74 whiffs in 58 innings. He went 6-3 with a 3.03 ERA.

He will continue his career at Hope College. JC SAVAKUS, ČC

The senior leftfielder finished off a three-year scored and seven batted in. Radakovic, Ryan Ferguson, varsity career with a .345 Herrick Powers, Sustin Unich, Swill average (29-84), scored 25/// ZA backstop like none. South Lyon, Jon Newman, Jated ... runs, kindeked in 10 and stole 144 bases. He earned All-Leauge and All-District Academic honors. COLE BORLAND, CC

The senior utility player was all over the field for the Shamrocks. He played infield, outfield and batted designated hitter. He finished with a .340 average (34-100) with 26 runs, 23 **RBIs and 11 stolen bases**



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• Wednesday B: July 7-Sept. 1 (Hillside)

• Thursday - Women's, July 8-Sept. 2

• Thursday - Men's, July 8-Sept. 2 (Hillside)

The senior was a massive bright spot on a struggling Maverick team. He went 42 for 71 at the plate for a scalding .591 average. He

hitting at a .337 clip (33-98), but he also walked 35 times. He scored 23 runs and batted in 32. RYAN FINNERAN, SOUTH LYON

Finneran was a force at the plate and on the mound. He went 24 for 88 (.273) with 19 runs scored and 15 batted in. He was also voted

LUKE JOHNSON, MILFORD

The Milford junior batted .350 (35-100), hitting nine doubles and four home runs. He batted in 26 and scored 26 runs while stealing eight bases.

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First place

The 10u Northville Mustangs placed first in the Grand Haven Tournament last weekend. Pictured (I to r, back) are Head Coach Eric Stegmayer, Mitchell Smith, Ben Brady, Benji Eckerle, Jackson Stegmeyer, Coach Rob Hoffman, Coach Glenn Perkins; (front) Ryan Perkins, Ben Schmidt, Liam Fleming, Ethan Hoffman, Shane Rankin and Lucas Buccellato. Not pictured are Jonathon Michalak and Jake Justice.

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at the regional meet. "Only conference loss is to Novi three times," Northville coach Sandy Woolfall said.

Second Team

ALLY WEAVER JACKIE KJOLHEDE (NORTHVILLE JRS. 3D)

An impressive 24-2 record carried Weaver and Kjolhede to the state semifinals at three doubles after winning regional and KLAA **Kensington Conference** championships in their flight. Their season ended with a three-set loss to the eventual state champions from Ann Arbor Pioneer. NEGAN FOLAND (NORTHVILLE SR. 4D) CHRISTY MURFHY (JR.)

Foland and Murphy never lost a Division I contest all season and claimed the conference, regional and state titles at three doubles while finishing 25-2 on the season. LAURA TAYLOR CAITI DARISH

(KORTHVILLE SRS. 1D)

Leading the Mustangs' doubles tandems, Taylor and Darish finished second in both the KLAA Kensington Conference and region after three close losses to Novi's one doubles pair. The Mustangs went 16-8 on the season.

ASHLEY ALJADAH (NOVI JR.) ORI NAGASAKA (SO. 3D)

With a 17-7 record, Aljadah and Nagasaka contributed to the Wildcats' depth at three doubles while finishing second in both the conference and regional tournaments to Northville. LAUREN FELCHER (NOVI SR. 45)

After three years as a top doubles player, Felcher made a successful transition to four singles, finishing 18-8 with runner-up performance at both the conference and regional tournaments. She also upset the No. 6 seed on her way to the state quarterfinals.

MARYSA HERBERT (LAKELAND 35)

Herbert was Lakeland's most consistent player, racking up a 15-4 record at three singles. She made it to the KLAA Lakes Conference semifinals after winning the Howell and Brandon invitationals.

ANDREA LOLLO (NOVI SR.) MEGGIE RIEGEL (JR. 2D)

At 13-8 on the season, Lollo and Riegel were strong performers despite having Novi's worst winning per-centage. A true sign of the Wildcats' depth, the pair fought through a tough two doubles flight to finish second at both the conference and regional tournaments behind Northville. BAILEE MAMAYEK (LAKELAND 2S)

One of the Eagles' top performers, Mamayek was a KLAA Lakes Conference runner up behind Grand Blanc. Behind a 14-6 record, she also won the Brandon Invite.

Honorable Mention

LATELAN - Rachel Adriansen (1S), Lindsy Dehnbostel (4S) Milford - Stef Thorpe (2S), Cassie Halt (1D), Betsy Kolb (1D), Erin Dougherty (2D), Kathie Zarish (2D), Katie Golicz (1S)

NOVI - Meng Meng Jie (Jr. 4D), Emily Kwederis (So. 4D)

SOUTH LYON - Jessica Bemiss (Sr. 1S), Megan Penkevich (Sr. 2S), Andrea Cogo (Sr. 1D), Brittany Johnston (Jr. 1D)

SOUTH LYON EAST - Lindsay Heikkinen (Sr. 1S), Anna McGuire (Jr. 2S), Sarah Marquardt (Sr. 1D), My Tran Ha (Jr. 1D)





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Partnering

Northville Mayor Christopher Johnson drives home a point about supporting Michigan products and services at last year's Buy Michigan Now Festival opening ceremonies in Town Square. Buy Michigan Now has announced they will again partner with Downtown Northville to host an upbeat celebration of Michigan, Aug. 6-8. The family-friendly Buy Michigan Now Festival will showcase various Michigan entertainers, businesses, products, and educational opportunities. The weekend celebration is designed to coincide with "Buy Michigan Week," which focuses extra attention on Michigan-based businesses and locally-produced merchandise to help stimulate the economy. This is also the second year for Buy Michigan Week, which will run Monday, Aug. 2-Sunday, Aug. 8. The Buy Michigan Now Festival will run from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. on Aug. 6 and 7 and noon-5 p.m. on Sunday Aug. 8. Nore than 100 vendors and merchants are expected to participate and the festival is free to the public. For information on vendor or sponsorship opportunities, contact Buy Michigan Now 248-390-0974 or info@BuyMichiganNow.com. A full list of events will be announced soon.

NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

Prudential HWWB Realtors will 'Work for Food'

As the real estate market is on the rebound, Prudential broker/owner Gerry Burke and his sales people will be donating 5 percent of their commissions now through the end of 2010 to a local food bank.

"We are proud to be a part of this community, we want to help the people we interact with everyday," Burke said. "As the market is turning, partly due to the recent tax credits, we are able to donate a percentage of our commissions to do exactly that.'

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Busch's launches Great Tastes of Michigan

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Michigan food producers and the: products. "As a Michigan company, we have a keen knowledge of how important it is to champion Michigan producers," says John Busch, co-owner and CEO of Busch's Fresh Food Market. "We're proud to bring our customers the very best Michigan has to offer."

Busch's Fresh Food Market carries more than 3;000 Michigan items, many of which were available as free samples Saturday.

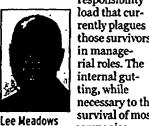
Michigan items will be on sale across all departments throughout the stores during the Great Tastes of Michigan event. Busch's designates Michigan items with special shelf tags in the store.

Busch's online MyWay program can be used to filter a shopping list or an online order by Michigan products.

A few of the Michigan products available at Busch's stores include Dearborn Brand deli-style sausage, Zingerman's Whole Bean Coffee, Sleeping Bear Farms Honey, Detroit Michigan Brand Jung. onage Cheese, Hudsonville Ice Cream, Leelanau Cellars wine, Dark Horse Brewing Company beer, and many more.

Plan for the future while dealing with the now

eft among the wreckage from the domestic organizational restructuring that has crossed industrial borders is the increased work and responsibility



those survivors in manage-rial roles. The

internal gutting, while necessary to the survival of most

companies, has taken traditional notions of 'Span of Control' and stretched it across flattened structures, crossfunctional teams, reorganized departments and compressed timelines

One of the primary appeals of supervision/management was always the opportunity to develop and position oneself for future leadership opportunities within the current structure. This process was seen as purposeful, methodical and developmentally linked to a series of support activities with the idea of insuring the organization's leadership future. As one key executive remarked to me just recently, "Long-term leader-ship development is a luxury we cannot afford." The result being an immersion into a drowning pool thinly disguised as a baptism by fire.

While this method may well demonstrate to the organization those persons capable of weathering the storm, the higher levels of burnout, disenchantment and minimalist creativity creates a bigger gap between the organizations' present state and its future needs, Leadership voids are not to be taken lightly,

and any lack of formal effort by an organization puts it at competitive risk. The double-edged sword of managerial happiness at having a job and discontent at its ever expanding duties slices deep into mental preparation needed to work with and manage the day-to-day leadership tasks.

How do we balance trying to get-it-done-now with a this-is-what-we'll-need-later' approach to positioning managers for future leadership opportunities? It's no secret that corporate training and development budgets have been considerably reduced or altered due to the unpredictably, volatile nature of the business environment. Restructuring typically means doing more with less, so training, mentoring, coaching and education are seen through a narrower lens despite a broadening spectrum of responsibilities that stockpile and dim the light at the end of the managerial tunnel.

The anticipated shortage can be off set by focusing on a few critical items.

* Perform an internal examination and surgical removal of all those redundant or antiquated tasks that exists because no one thought to get rid of them. Though restructuring eliminates jobs, it rarely eliminates tasks.

* Pay closer attention to how the supplies and services budget is spent just may generate additional dollars that can be reallocated to specific skill development activities the organization will need from its future leaders.

* Purposefully seek out and become involved in a leadership

development curriculum with the idea that the focus of that activity is essential to the longterm health of your career. It's not a Band-Aid; it's a preventative.

* Plan an organizational 'gut-check' by getting face-to-face with your managers, both direct and project, and asking them about their needs, fears, insecurities, dreams and all those things that may be getting in the way of their leadership aspirations. Their success is your success.

• Prioritize the future by turning away from the past. It is clear that the globe is the organizational playing field and our industrially domestic approach to being in the game will require more than just a baptism-by-fire approach to filling the leadership gap. Check with the people currently drowning under a sea of managerial tasks. I think you'll find that they have some great ideas for swimming back to the surface.

There is genuine concern about the state of our business enterprise ability to continue leading the way through an uncertain future. That concerned will lessen as your formal commitment to developing your leadership skills broadens in scope and deed. (2:22

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grocer, Busch's Fresh Food Market, this past Saturday in Northville launched its Great Tastes of Michigan event in celebration of

BUSINESS WORKSHOPS Oakland County offering business workshops

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

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Pre-Business Research - Are you thinking of starting your own business and want to research your business idea? Are you a business owner who wants to understand which research sources to use for your business plan and where to find the information you need? Presented by The Oakland County Business Center, The Entrepreneur's Source, Oakland County Market Research Department, and a Business Reference Librarian. Thursday, July 8, from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required.

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Fundamentals of Starting a Business is a seminar for anyone thinking about going into business. Participants examine their entrepreneurial skills, learn how to implement their ideas and receive a list of pitfalls to avoid when starting a business. Thursday, July 15, from 9 a.m.-noon The fee is \$30. No refunds.

Legal & Financial Basics for Small Business - This workshop covers many of the key legal and financial issues faced by both new and existing small businesses in Michigan. The program initially focuses on the many management and liability concerns faced by entrepreneurs, as well as today's tax consequences. The program also provides solutions and techniques for business concession and individual investment and retirement planning. Presented by Carter & Affiliates, P.C.

Tuesday, July 20, from 9 a.m.-noon. This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required.

Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan is a workshop for small business owners who are developing a plan to serve as their road map to

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success. Thursday, July 22, from 9 a.m.-noon. The fee is \$40, which includes all materials. No refunds.

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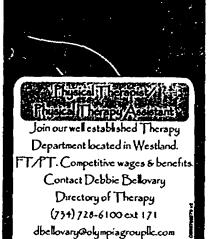
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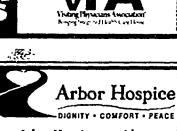
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For fast-growing careers, healthcare is where it's at. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), medical assistant will be among the fastest-growing occupation through 2016. Here's a look at this hot job from the BLS's Occupational

Overview

Outlook Handbook.

Medical assistants keep the offices of physicians, podiatrists and other health practitioners running smoothly by performing routine clinical and administrative tasks. In small practices, assistants rotate between administrative and clinical work, but assistants in larger clinics have more specialized duties. Assistants' general administrative duties include greeting patients, answering phones, updating and filing patients' medical records, filling out insurance forms and handling billing. Clinical duties vary according to state law, but generally include recording vital signs; preparing patientsfor examinations and assisting the physician during examinations.

Education and Training

Applicants for medical assistant positions usually need a high school diploma or equivalent, though most employers prefer graduates of formal programs in medical assisting. These programs are

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Pros and Cons of Medical Assistant Jobs

Full- and part-time medical assistant positions are available, and most offices are clean and well-lit. This job is good for those who enjoy interacting with other people. However, applicants must be able to handle multiple responsibilities at once, especially in smaller offices.

Salary

Median annual earnings of medical assistants were \$27,430 in 2007. Those who worked in general medical and surgical hospitals brought home the highest wages.

Job Outlook

According to the BLS, job prospects are excellent for medical assistants through 2016. Technological advances in medicine and a growing and aging population will bring more patients in to clinics and hospitals, spurring the need for additional support personnel.

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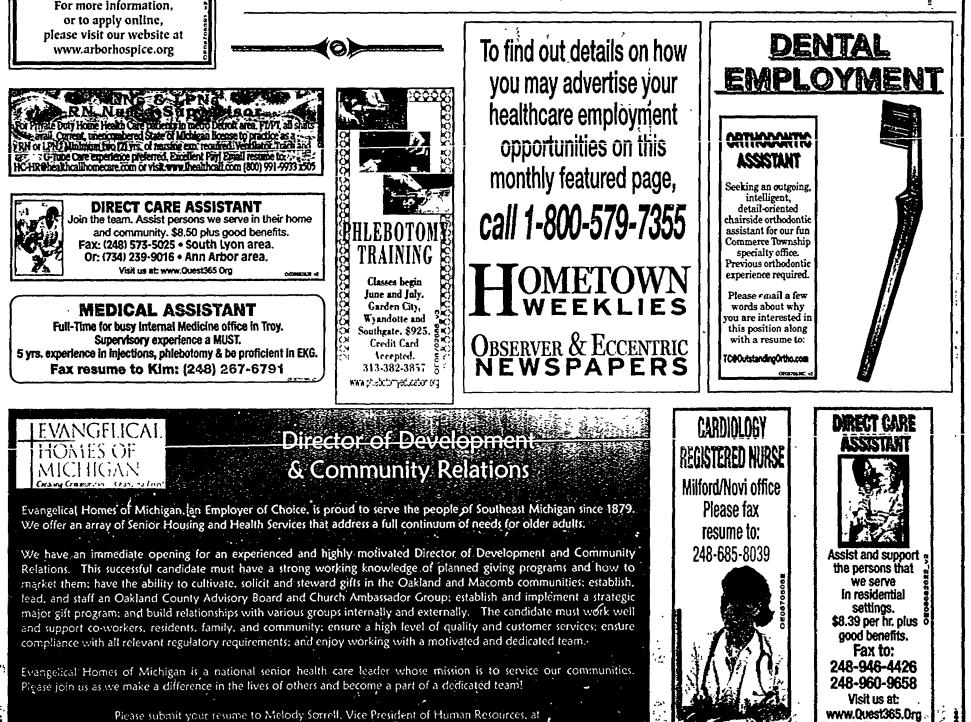
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Opportunities

Approximately 62 percent of secondary vocational schools medical assistants worked in and vocational-technical high physicians' offices. Around 12 percent served in hospitals and almost 11 percent worked states require them to take a in other health practitioners' test or course before they can offices. Assistants can also perform certain clinical tasks specialize and perform additional duties. For Employers prefer applicants example, podiatric medical assistants make castings of

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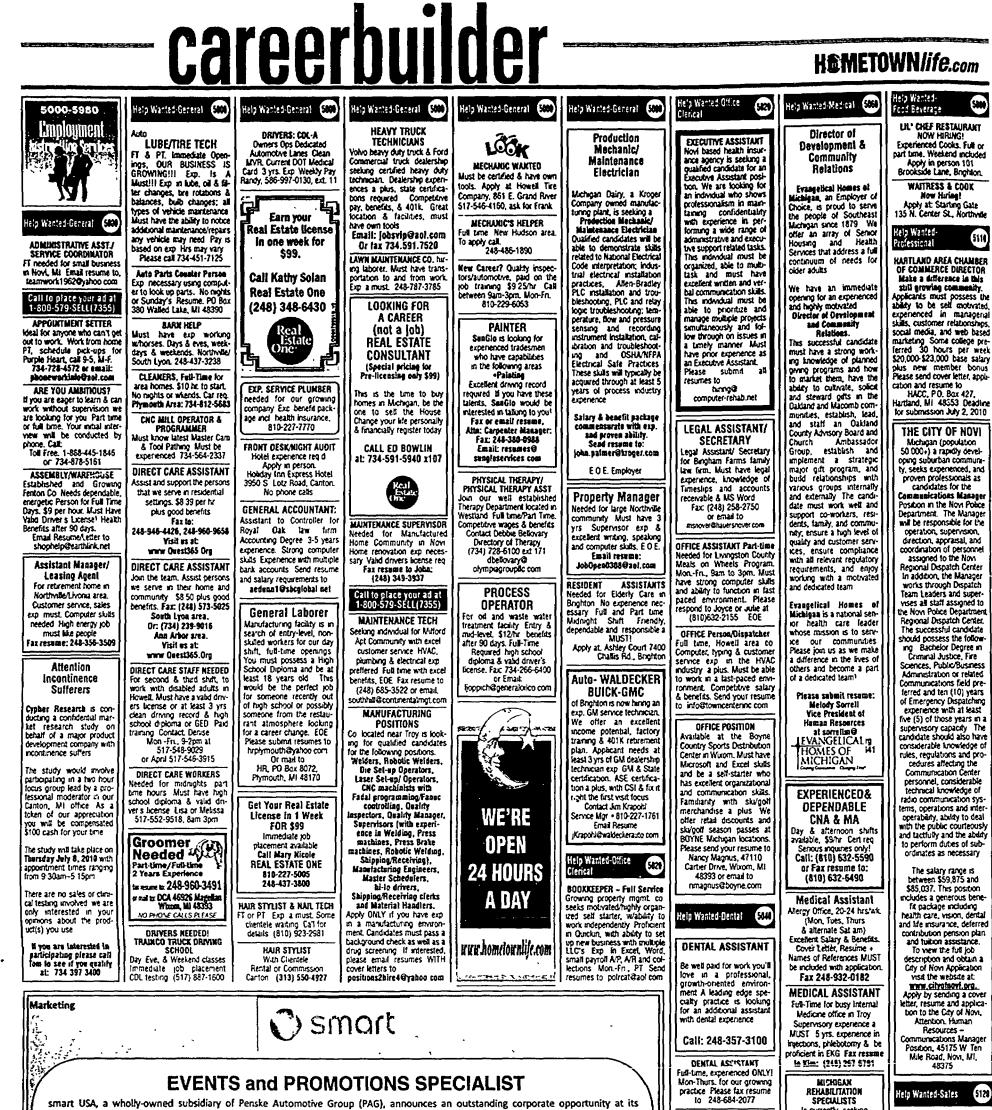
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Fire safety warnings are always in style

BY JULIE BROWN **OSE STAFF WRITER**

According to a new study, Home Structure Fires, from the National Fire Protection Association, home fires account for 92 percent of fire deaths that occur in structures. These fires cause an average of 2,840 civilian deaths each year.

Tom Kiurski, training coordinator for the Livonia Fire Department, agreed fires peak around dinnertime, which the study says is 5-8 p.m. "That's when the people get home and when people start cooking."

He recommends when you turn on a stove or oven to cook, stay by it. Don't forget and leave the room.

Kids are curious and they like to see what's going on," Kiurski said. It's best to have a kid-free zone, maybe coloring at the kitchen table. For everyone's safety, you should use back burners, which make it harder to reach, and turn pot handles to the inside of the stovetop.

Capt. John Adams of the Westland Fire Department said that's not necessarily true there. "It does promote the probability of increased activity," he said of stove use around mealtime.

"Dish towels are a big issue also," Adams said, especially with electric stoves. "They're a combustible product that will go up rather rapidly."

Watch for grease when cooking, as it often causes fires, Adams said. "It needs to be attended."

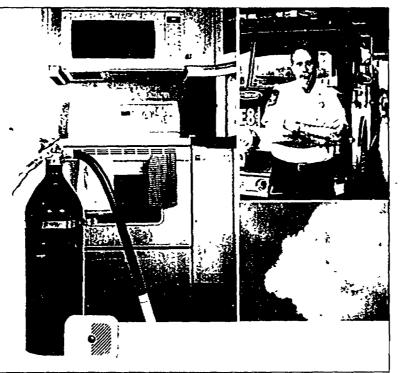
Kiurski always advocates fire safety, and agrees the message is getting out. There are about 12,000 fire deaths in the U.S. per year during the 1960s and 1970s, now about 3,500 per year, "which is still bad. As long as you're heading in the right direction, that's all you can do."

Kiurski would like to see sprinklers in new homes, and noted they could even be added at a higher cost to existing homes. "They have a good track record of safety," he said.

Smoke alarms are inexpensive, and most communities including Livonia can get and even install them if you can't. "Make sure you test them once a month and make sure you change the batteries at least once a year," Kiurski said.

"You hope to catch a couple people every time," he said of fire safety infor-mation, which he doesn't tire of dispensing. "It's a reminder." Someone may miss a newspaper story or broadcast, but eventually heed a warning and say "Now's a good time for me to check that alarm.

The city of Farmington Hills also can



fire and safety inspections are also offered. To request a Farmington Hills inspection, contact the Fire Prevention Division at (248) 871-2820. The number to call for the Livonia Fire Department is (734) 466-2444.

In Westland, call (734) 467-3201 and ask for John Adams. "We'd be happy to come out and assist them." That city has a Fire Safe Neighborhood program, in which firefighters will do home inspections. They have detectors available for income-limited seniors.

We have actually gone out and installed smoke detectors," Adams said.

During the period of 2003-07, U.S. fire departments responded to approximately 380,000 home fires a year. These fires not only caused a large number of civilian deaths, they also caused an average of 13,160 reported civilian fire injuries and \$6.4 billion in direct property damage.

From 2003-07. smoking materials caused the largest number of fire deaths. Heating equipment was the second leading cause of home fires and home fire deaths, according to the NFPA.

The leading cause of home structure fires, civilian fire injuries, and unreported fires continues to be cooking equipment. Forty-one percent of home fires started in the kitchen area and caused 15 percent of the home fire deaths and 36 percent of the reported fire injuries.

Other key findings inclu

a.m., however 52 percent of home fire deaths resulted from fires reported during these hours.

•Thirty percent of reported home structure fires and 38 percent of home . fire deaths occurred in the quarter including December, January, and February.

•Reported apartment fires were more likely to start in the kitchen than fires in one- and two-family homes.

•The two leading items first ignited in home fire deaths are upholstered furniture in 21 percent of home fire deaths, followed by mattress and bedding in 13 percent of the deaths.

Properly installed and maintained fire protection can prevent most fire deaths. Forty percent of fatal home fire injuries occurred in properties where no smoke alarms were present. Home fire sprinklers can also help, as the déath rate per 1,000 reported home fires was 83 percent lower when wet pipe sprinkler systems were present, compared to reported home fires without automatic extinguishing equipment.

Most Westland homes don't have sprinklers, Adams said. There was recent debate on that in the Michigan Legislature, but it was not voted on. "There's a lot of debate on it." It's a good safety tool related to fire suppression, and is found in a lot of commercial and public buildings like churches.

Those are inspected and mai

at cityofwestland.com, to complete a file for possible EMS runs. That information will help EMTs who respond.

The NFPA offers these safety tips to prevent home structure fires from occurring:

•Keep anything that can catch fire - oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains - away from your stovetop. •Keep anything that can burn,

such as paper, bedding, or furniture, at least three feet away from heating equipment.

•Remember to turn off portable heaters when leaving the room or going to bed.

If you smoke, smoke outside using a deep, sturdy ashtray. Remember to make sure butts and ashes are out, and dousing water or sand on them is the best way to do that.

"Less and less people smoking in the homes," Kiurski said. He urges people to stay away from smoking when tired or taking medicine.

•Keep matches and lighters up high, out of children's sight and reach, preferably in a locked cabinet.

 Install smoke alarms inside every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement. Larger homes may require additional smoke alarms to provide a minimum level of protection.

Even inside a bedroom is good, Kiurski said, noting a smoke alarm can be bought for \$5. "It'd be nice to have that in the room for early warning." That would be a big help if a child's nightlight caught fire.

·For best protection, install combination ionization/photoelectric smoke alarms or both photoelectric and ionization alarms. Photoelectric alarms are more responsive to smoldering flames and ionization alarms are more responsive to flaming fires.

•Smoke alarms with nonreplaceable batteries are designed to remain effective for 10 years. If the alarm chirps, warning that the battery is low, replace the entire smoke alarm right away. For smoke alarms with any other type of battery, replace batteries at least once a year. If the alarm chirps, replace only the battery.

•Test smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.

•Replace all smoke alarms, including alarms that use 10-year batteries and hard-wired alarms, when they are 10 years old or sooner if they do not respond properly when tested.

 Smoke alarm accessories are availle for people who are hard of hear-

Slip, fall tough to establish in Mich. Q. Walking



from my home to retrieve the mail, I slipped on what was claimed to be black ice. I suffered damages. A

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week before the accident,

two to four inches of snow fell in the neighborhood and after the snowfall the snow removal company performed its contractually obligated snow and ice removal services at my condominium. Four days later, an additional + inch of snow and slush fell and the company performed additional snow and ice removing services. Do you think I have a case against the association for not making the premises safe on the day of the accident?

A: Michigan slip and fall cases are hard to establish. In a similar case in New Jersey, the plaintiff did not show that the association did not act in a reasonably prudent manner in clearing the common areas of any ice and snow. The court stated in that case that a fall on ice in connection with a common area does not automatically indicate a lack of reasonable maintenance in the common areas. The evidence in that case showed that after each snowfall, the association appropriately engaged the services of a contractor to clear the snow and ice from the community. Check with a good personal injury lawyer.

Q. I understand that there is a recent decision by the Michigan Court of Appeals with respect to taxation of common elements in a condominium development and I am wondering if you have

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isit residents nomes to detectors and provide information on replacements if necessary. Home

•Only 20 percent of the reported home fires occurred between 11 p.m. and 7

regularly, Adams said. He also encourages Westlanders to visit the city website

ing. These accessories activate from the sound of traditional smoke alarms

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 15-19, 2010, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses. and sales prices

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573 N Old Boodward Ave	\$165,000
2282 W Lincoln St	\$560,000
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2407 Hunt Club Dr	\$450,000
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685 Hickory Heights Dr	\$375 000
1990 takeward Ln	\$195 000
485 Stoneridge In	\$425,000
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5667 Chesthut Hill Dr	\$155,000
5364 Drayton Rd	\$65,000
5604 Northcrest Xing	\$160,000
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7180 Old Pond Dr	\$135,000
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61 S Holcomb Rd	\$250 000
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1177 Quail Ridge	
615 S Baldwin R	

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Rochester	
872 Aspen Dr	\$222 000
1760 Chase Dr	\$264 000
1643 Deepwood Cur	\$86 000
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1044 River M st Dr	\$250 000
413 Wesley St	\$158 000
Rochester Hills	
1421 Burhaven Dr	5279 000
372 S Ivervale Dr	S251 000
1094 Fountain View Cir	\$80 000
Southfield	
27855 Abington St	\$105 000
26250 Cornwall Ct	\$153 000
29432 E Chanticleer Dr	\$100 000
21090 Mahon Dr	\$50 000
28045 Marshall St	\$38 000
28640 Ranchwood Dr	\$141,000
26527 Tavistock Tri	\$124 000
26751 W Carneg e Pa & Dr	\$40,000
30625 Woodgate Dr	\$95 000
Troy	\$210 000
1058 Arthur Dr	\$135,000
2523 Avonhurst Dr 6380 Canmoor Dr	5185 000
3556 Delaware Dr	5222 000
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42428 Barchester Rd	\$51 000
3373 Brocklyn Dr	\$237,000
325 Bockingham Rd	\$115 000
310 Cherry Grove Rd	\$115 000
7637 Embassy Dr	\$235,000
1345 Hamoshire Dr	\$138 000
344 Harbor St	\$235 000
176 Harvard St	\$158 000
7542 Hallsboro Or	\$162 000
1515 Knightsbridge Rd	\$160 000
45540 Marfield Ct	\$220 000
429 Princess Dr	\$125,000
6532 Raintree Ct	\$140 000
44603 Ridgefield Rd	\$155 000
4444) Savery Dr	\$35 000
1443 Wagon Wheel Rd	\$168,000

1693 Woodbridge Ct	\$110 000	
Garden Cit	Y	
31471 Barton St	\$62,000	
29498 Bridge St	\$75 000	
6736 Burnly St	\$57,000	
28528 Kathryn St	\$63,000	
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11800 Farmington Rd	\$88,000	
16340 Houghton Dr	\$183 000	
16242 Hubbard St	\$183,000	
30576 Jeanine St	\$145 000	
32396 Maria Ct	\$266,000	
29675 Nottingham Cir	\$100 000	
18793 Paralana St	\$11000	
31103 Roveroft St	\$130 000	
15692 Williams St	\$129,000	
Horthville		
44603 Aspen Ridge Dr	5265 000	
19479 Eddincton Pl	\$44,000	
48864 Freestone Dr	\$327 000	
41190 Karghtsford Rd	\$230 000	
19058 Overlock Trl	\$50 000	
19755 Smock	\$389 000	
18441 Stoneridge Ct	\$85 000	
20155 IF Whipple Dr	\$275,000	
44506 White Pine Cir E	\$390 000	
Plymouth		
275 Burroughs St	\$170 000	
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45572 N Turtiehead Ct	\$265 000	

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8247 Gary Ave

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28501 Kanover Blvd 600 Lansdowne Dr 35758 Palmer Rd

7777 Rivergate Dr

35725 Schley St H39 Shoemaker Dr 31022 Somerset St

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18642 Poinciana 26225 Ross Dr 26491 W Six Hile Rd

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The Wayne County · **Real Estate Investors** Association will be having a picnic at Millward Park in Allen Park on Tuesday, July 6, at 6 p.m. All real estate investors are welcome. Call Bill Beddoes at (734) 934-9091 for directions.

Career Seminar

Keller Williams Realty is looking for people that are: positive minded, highly ethical, servicebased, self-starting, eager to learn and professional in appearance.

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Candidates would benefit from previous experience or successes in: service industries, account management, retail sales, small business operations, marketing or event planning. Candidates should have: good people/communication skills, some computer knowledge, a strong work ethic, an optimistic "can do" attitude and a strong desire to achieve results through helping others.

A Career Seminar will be held 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 15, at 40600 Ann Arbor Road,

Suite 100, Plymouth. To reserve a seat, call (734) 459-4700.

Property management

Learn how professional property managers run their businesses to produce cash flow. Sponsored by Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland on Thursday, July 8, 5.30-9:30 p.m. at Club Venetian, 29310 John R, north of 12 Mile, Madison Heights. Seminar free to members, \$20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747-6742.

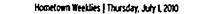
any information about it. A: I believe you are

referring to the case of Paris Meadows, L.L.C. vs. City of Kentwood which held that the plain language of the Michigan Condominium Act specifically provides for the right of a developer to subsequently develop or otherwise modify property in a condominium project and that interpreting the MCA to preclude a developer from retaining rights in the common elements goes against the plain language of the Act since the MCA clearly provides for the reservation of developer rights by the developer. Therefore, the court concluded that the plain language of the Condominium Act prohibited the separate taxation of the property at issue, namely the common elements, from the individual units owned by the developer. In that particular case, no individual units had been established on the taxed parcel and, therefore, there was no property subject to taxation since only units can be assessed.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer

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

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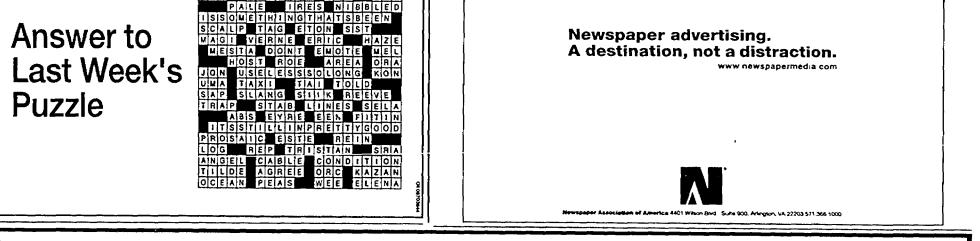
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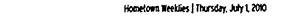
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