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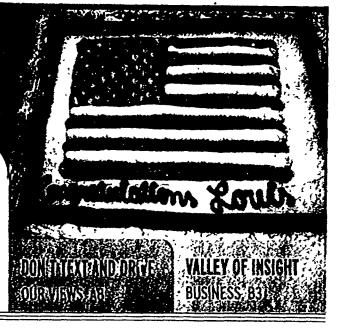
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Civic Concern help

The cupboards at Northville Civic Concern are again almost bare. They have 160 families they are supporting and are nearly out of tuna, cereal, laundry soap, pet food and canned fruit or applesauce. The organization can use more of everything.

They will be distributing July 9 and 23. Civic Concern is located at 42951 Seven Mile Road. Phone (248) 344-1033 for more informa-

Bizarre Bazaar vendors

Crafters and vendors needed for the Third Annual Community Bizarre Bazaar to benefit Village Banking at the First United Methodist Church of Northville from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23 at the corner of Eight Mile and Taff roads.

For details and to reserve a space, contact Pat Breslin at furncbazaar@gmail.com. Learn more about Village Banking at www. FINCA org.

Camp for grieving kids

New Hope Center for Grief Support a Christian based bereavement outreach center, is offering a two-day "KIDZ KAMP" for grieving children on Aug. 19-20 at historic Mill Race Village in Northville. The camp will offer many fun activities for children ages 412 including music, crafts, artwork a scavenoer hunt and memorial activities. Lunch will be avs. avsb ribod beloivong

Because of the generous support from the Hitachi Foundation, the camp is free, but space is

of For more information and to register, please contact New Hope ± (248) 348-015.

1-275 Metro Trail cleanup

Join the Friends of the F275 Pathway for the third trait deanup of the season from 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, July 10.

This trail day will focus on one of the worst sections for overgrowth - the portion that paratlets M-14, just north of Hines Drive.

The group will meet in the parliand lot of Trait's Edge Cyclery. 15073 Northwille Road (near Five Mile Road).

Bring work gloves and dippers, if you have them, and wear pants and long-sleeved shirts - poison ivy is a concern. Water and oranota bars will be provided.

For more information call Dave Duffield at (248) 994-3074 or visit the Friends of the F275 Pathway on Yahoo! groups or Facebook.

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attendees stand and applaud as Northville's **Yelerans** of Foreign Wars Post 4012 march past.

Fourth of July festivities



With hands on hearts, Kevin Wilson and son Seth, 1, listen as the National Anthem is sung before the beginning of Northville's Fourth of July Parade on Saturday, July 3. For more photos, see Page A13.

Changes planned at special ed schools

Parents upset about building conditions at OV

> BY PAM FLEMING STAFF WRITER

Following two formal complaints made by parents of special education students in Northville, some changes are being made at Old Village School on W. Main Street and

Cooke School on Taft Road this year. Four concerned parents of OVS filed a complaint with

"As a parent, it is heartbreaking to learn that the very individuals charged with the special education and safety of our most vulnerable children have chosen to ignore our children's most basic needs and their rights. We truly have tried to be a part of the solution, working with NPS and RESA for over two

MILI MISH, parent

the State of Michigan Department of Education because administrators plan to move all but about 60 students from OVS to Cooke School in the fall. The parents say placing impaired students ages 3-26 in the same building violates the Michigan Administrative Rules for Special Education.

FEDERAL COMPLAINT A federal civil

rights complaint was aiso filed with the U.S. Department of Education Office of Civil Rights in Cleveland. Ohio, by OVS parents. This complaint

alleges discrimination on the basis of disability. It alleges that the Northville School District discriminates against students with disabilities who attend OVS as it does not comply with accessibility requirements.

It also alleges that the school is not comparable to the district's other facilities with respect to the amount of classroom space provided for students and the efficacy of the heating, ventilation and air-conditioning system.

Planned changes to Cooke School include adding six toilet stalls for the 60 severely-impaired students Northville Public School intends to move into the Cooke educational facility. The majority of these students have toileting as a

STATE COMPLAINT

The state complaint says these six toilet stalls are not sufficient to allow the students to meet their goals.

Please see SPECIAL ED, A10

Senior transportation changes to save about \$8,000 annually

Usage numbers, feedback to be reviewed as well

BY PAM FLEMING STAFF WRITER

After a committee met several times earlier in the year, the city and township of Northville are now saving about \$8.000 a year in the senior transportation pro-

Jerry Mittman, one of the members of the committee that looked at changes that could be made, said the intent was to maintain or improve service while reducing costs and providing some

revenue increase. The changes took effect on July 1 — the start of the new

The long-term goal is to assure the viability of this important resource for Northville seniors," Mittman

Following are the changes that will be implemented:

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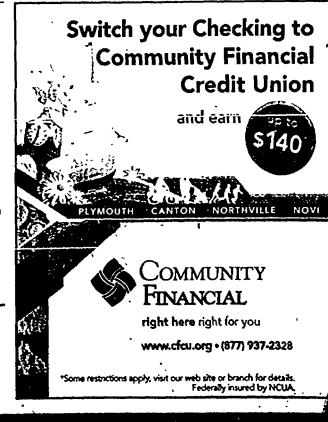


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Northville Grub Crawl slated July 27 with three new spots

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6th annual event features 11-stops

You have to crawl before you can walk, so get ready for the sixth annual Northville Grub Crawl.

The event, presented by the Northville Chamber of Commerce, will take place from 6-10 p.m. on July 27.

Indulge in Northville's unique collection of restaurants as you sample their signature specialties. Eleven restaurants will offer samples of appetizers and entrée items along with cash bar specials for

Crawlers can use free shuttle transportation to each restaurant or "crawl" on their

Participating restaurants this year are Aubree's of Northville, Brann's Steakhouse & Grill, Buca di Beppo, Buckminister Public House, Edward's Café & Caterers, Five Restaurant, Gaucho Brazilian

Steakhouse, Northville Sports Den, Poole's Tavern, Rusty Bucket Restaurant and Tavern, The Gathering Place and Wine Syne.

Free shuttle transportation - courtesy of Millennium Limousines and Independence Village of Plymouth - will be provided.

There will also be a Grand Prize drawing for gas grill, courtesy of The Home Depot.

Tickets are \$30 per person ("crawlers" must be 21 or over) and are available at Gardenviews, Good Time Party Store or the Northville Chamber of Commerce. There are several new restaurants that are part of this year's Grub Crawl," said Jeri Johnson, member services director. These include Aubree's of Northville, Buckminister Public House and The Gathering Place.'

She said the Chamber staff has also increased the number of shuttle vehicles to four this year to accommodate the large

This event is typically a sell-out, so don't delay in purchasing tickets.



A group of lovely local ladies having fun at a previous year's Northville Grub Crawl. Get your tickets now for the July 27 event.

This year's Grub Crawl is sponsored by: Gardenviews, Good Time Party Store, The Home Depot, Independence Village, the Northville Record, Millennium Limousines, Remerica Hometown One - Patti Mullen

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Voters to decide on millage renewal for county parks

Tax supports operations, land acquisition, improvements

BY NATHAN MUELLER

Oakland County residents will have a chance to show how much they value the county's parks when they vote on a millage renewal on the Aug. 3 primary ballot.

The renewal is for a 10-year period at a millage rate of .2415 mills, which equates to roughly \$21 per household for a home valued at \$175,000. The millage, which represents approximately 50-55 percent of Oakland County Parks' operating dollars, is also used for park improvements and land acquisition for the 13 county

This is an opportunity to preserve a parks system and natural areas for future generations," said Dan Stencil, executive officer for Oakland County Parks. "(The parks system) is an economic driver as people select where they

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

Addison Oaks Catalpa Oaks **Groyeland Oaks** Highland Oaks Independence Oaks Lyon Oaks Orion Oaks Red Oaks Rose Oaks Springfield Oaks

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Stencil said county residents have indicated in recent years they want to see more hiking, biking and walk-

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them."

ing trails in the county, and the parks have become more popular as people are staying closer to home to vacation.

"Recreating locally has become the trend," he said.

The 13 Oakland County parks

take up more than 6,700 acres of land, with approximately 70 percent of it kept as natural areas. There are 68 miles of trails, and two parks, Catalpa Oaks in Southfield and Highland Oaks in Highland Township, were added in the last two years. Some of the parks contain campgrounds, nature centers, waterparks and golf courses.

The parks system serves 1.5 million visitors annually. Lannie Young, Lyon Township supervisor, said having Lyon Oaks, a 1,043-acre park in the

"It's very important because it is another amenity to bring people to our area so they can see what we have to offer," he said.

area, is a "real asset."

Projects planned for the next 10 years include increasing conservation efforts to protect natural resources, continuation of collaborative recreation planning assistance for local communities, providing web-based reservation and registration systems, instituting recycling programs at the parks and more.

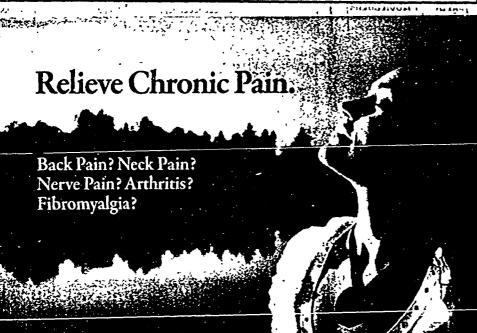


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Summer reading

Paul Snyder, President of the Friends of the Library, assists Rishad, 15, and Sohan Mutpur, 7, as the brothers sign up for the Northville District Library's summer reading program on its first day, June 18. Snyder said that the program, with reading rewards, crafts, assemblies and, obviously, lots of books, had more than 100 enrollees within its first four hours.





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Oakmont Northville resident honored as veteran of World War II

Family travels to **Europe for week**

BY PAN FLEMING STAFF WRITER

Louis "Louie" Siembor may have been a soldier in 1944, but he can still talk about it like it was yesterday.

Siembor, 88, who moved to the Oakmont Northville retirement community on Seven Mile Road last September, recently returned from a trip to France where he was honored for his service during World War II.

To celebrate the 65th anniversary of the end of World War II, the Moselle River 1944 Association and the U.S. Veterans Friends, Luxembourg, decided to organize this International Friendship Week with activities in Luxembourg, France, Belgium and Germany. Siembor was also honored with a reception July 1 at Oakmont Northville that included a cake with an American flag depicted in frosting on the top, a poster displaying some of the photos taken during the trip and a portable microphone set up so that he could tell his fellow residents about the bonor.

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ONLY SIX FROM DIVISION

About 50 veterans were honored at several ceremonies the week of June 15-20 in Europe.

Siembor was a staff sergeant who served in the 10th Armored Division 61st Armored Infantry Battalion of the U.S. Army. There were only six men on the trip from his division, and Siembor was awarded a Legion of Honor medal from the U.S. Veterans Friends of Luxembourg. It has the words Thank you America for our liberation" engraved on one side.



COURTESY KATHY WESNER

A June 19 ceremony took place with U.S. veterans of World War II on the bridge over the Moselle River in Malling, France. This is where current Northville resident Louis Siembor, third from right, crossed the Moselle on a pontoon bridge with his truck full of ammunition on his first night of combat in November 1944. He participated (with two other veterans) in throwing a wreath of flowers into the river in memory of all the soldiers who died there. The man on the left is the mayor of Malling.

"It is a beautiful medal," Siembor said. He also has a Purple Heart, as he was wounded during the war when he was hit by shrapnel and thrown against a wall, bruising his kidney.

His daughter, Kathy Wesner, and her husband, Mike, of Livonia, accompanied him on the trip and also attended the July 1 reception at Oakmont.

Besides tours that took them to towns the veterans had been to during the war, the organizers of the week planned a cruise down the Moselle River.

Townspeople of all ages stood along the bridge and along the bank, waving American and Luxembourg flags and singing, according to Wesner.

BORN IN DETROIT

Siembor was born in Detroit and lived most of his life in Wyandotte. His wife, Jean, died last September. He also has two sons, Jim of Allen Park and Bill of Novi, and four grandchildren.

A survivor of the Battle of the Bulge, Siembor was just 21 years old when he joined the Army. He



Louie Siembor, who lives at Oakmont Northville retirement home, shows off the Legion of Honor Medal he recently received in Europe at festivities for the 65th anniversary of the end of World

remembers sharing food with the European citizens ravaged by the war in 1944 and said they especially enjoyed chocolate bars.

"Many people told us they would have starved to death had it not been for the American soldiers providing food for them during the war, Siembor said.

Wesner said while they were in Europe that children were always involved in singing or escorting

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a memorial because the people there want to be sure their children and grandchildren also never forget what these American soldiers did for them.

TRIP TO MALLING

On one day during the tour, Siembor was assigned to a group of veterans going to Malling, France, After seeing the town, he realized that this is where he crossed the Moselle River during

The veterans were joined by the mayor of Malling and townspeople at a lunch organized in their honor. A large cake was brought out, with three smaller cakes on top and a 6-inch in diameter cookie for each veteran with a sugar tank and the veteran's name in frosting.

"Dad was so touched that he cried, as did we, several other veterans and the townspeople," Wesner said. "People hugged him, we all took pictures, and it was a very emotional moment. You better believe that cookie got wrapped personally by dad to

bring home." Wesner said her father put some polyurethane on the cookie to preserve it.

"I'm sure dad will never forget it (his recent visit to Europe)," she

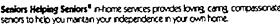
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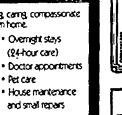
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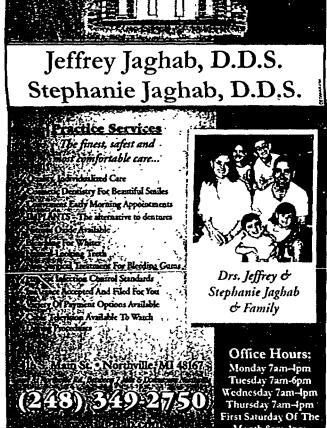
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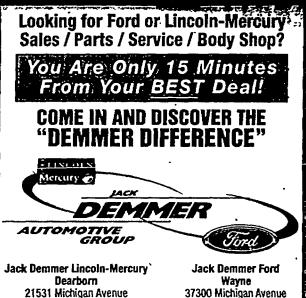
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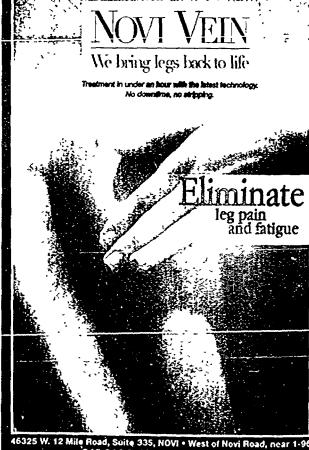
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PILLAR: Helping students transition from middle school to high school

The freshman year of high school is critically important to the future academic success of students, and Northville students are no exception. Poor grades and attendance can follow students throughout their high school career and beyond. Students transitioning from smaller middle schools to a large high school experience two significant changes at the same time: a school transition and a difficult stage in adolescent development. Physical changes, an increase in peer influence, and an increased need for independence can make the transition difficult. In addition, students who are shy or resistant to change may experience increased stress over a new year and a new school.

In order to ease this transition for students entering Northville High School, Northville Youth Assistance offers the PILLAR Program for incoming freshmen at Northville High School. The acronym PILLAR stands for Personal strengths, Introduction to NHS, Leadership, Listening Skills, Adventure education and Relationships. This two-week program, which offered at no charge incoming freshmen at Northville High School, strives to build participants'

DETAILS

This year's PILLAR Program will take place from Aug. 9-19. Classes will be held Monday through Thursday from 9-11:30 a.m. There is limited space, and participants must be preregistered. To register, parents should call Sue Campbell at Northville Youth Assistance at 248-144-1618. There is no fee to attend.

confidence and to help them be more comfortable in their new environment.

After a recent study, it was learned that students who participated in the PILLAR Program earned better grades and had better attendance than those who were recommended by their middle school counselors for the program but declined to par-

Students have reported that they particularly enjoy the opportunity to tour the building and to work with teachers and staff they will later encounter as students at the high school. This year's staff includes Northville High School Assistant Principal Diana Hoffman, counselor Diane Costlow, Student Assistance Coordinator

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Carolyn Miranda, School Social Worker Tonya Prewitt and Northville High School teachers Cheryl Brooks, Teryn Chrzanowski and Kurt Kinde. Sessions will include workshops on personal responsibility, the students' vision for their future, and learning cooperation, teamwork and effective communication skills. Participants will also receive their class schedules and will have an opportunity to map out the route between their classes and their locker. New this year will be a segment on CPR training to help foster confidence in learning a new skill. The program culminates with a trip to a high ropes adventure challenge course in Walled Lake



Brightest & Best

Over 250 high school seniors gathered at WXYZ-TV/Channel 7 for the 31st annual Brightest & Best event on May 15. Pictured are (I to r, back) Charles Swanson, South Lyon High School; Diana Lewis-WXYZ anchor; Robert Kubiak, South Lyon East High School; Anirudh Yinnakota, Novi High School; (front) Emily Kempa (of Novi), Ladywood High School; Lauren Lim (of Novi), Walled Lake Western High School; and Zhounan Xie (of Novi). Northville High School.

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 you have a child who will be 5

years of age on or before Dec. 1, 2010, please contact your local elementary school for kindergarten enrollment information. The Northville Public Schools kindergarten sessions are halfday programs, offered in the morning or afternoon. School phone numbers are as follows:

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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.northville.k12.mi.us.

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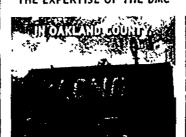
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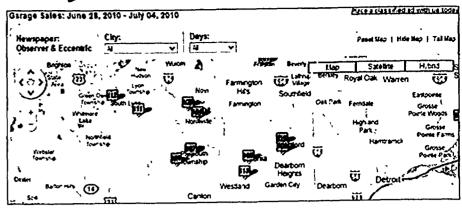
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June 30, 2010, Age 51. Joe served for 30 yrs as a Southfield firefighter. Funeral was July 6, 2010. Donations made to BMT Program, 5303 Cancer Center - SPC 5941, 1500 East Medical Center, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-5941. Online condolences: www obriensullivanfuneralhome com



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Of Milford died peacefully in the lov-ing care of his family July 2, 2010. He was 86 years old. Arthur is survived by LaRayne his beloved wife of 62 years; sons Brian (Liz) Derisley, Scott (Shari) Derisley; grandsons Ryan (Erin), Justin, Jonathan, Christopher, and Andrews, great orangdaughter and Andrew: great-granddaughter Ella; brother George (Lois) Derisley; also extended family & dear friends. Funeral Service was held July 7th at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home. Rev. Deborah V. Kerr officiated. Memorials encouraged to Milford Presbyterian Church. For further information. please phone 248 684 6645 or visit www LynchFuneralDirectors com

REVEREND RALPH A. **EDWARDS**

Age 90, passed away, July 1, 2010. A memorial service will be held in the future. Funeral Arrangements entrusted to: PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon

PHYLLIS MARY FLYNN

Age 86, passed away July 1, 2010. Funeral mass was held at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. Bunal took place at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield, Funeral Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon.

CLARENCE "BILL" HUBBELL

80 of Petoskey passed away June 28, 2010 at his home. A memorial Service was held on Friday July 2nd at 11:00 AM at the United Methodist Church in Harbor Springs. Pastor Kathy Cadarette will officiate. Friends may arrive at the church beginning at 10:00 AM. Bill was born March 16, 1930 in Detroit to George E. and Margaret (Goodson) Hubbell. He grew up in Detroit where he attended school before moving to Milford where he graduated from Milford High School in 1947. He attended University of Michigan where he earned a bachelors degree in civil engineering. On March 28, 1952 he married the former Wanda Elliott in Mulford where they made their home. Bill served in the US Army during the Korean War. He was a partner in the consulting engineering firm of Hubbell, Roth and Clark. He was affillated with several professional organizations including Associated Underground Contractors and Michigan Society of Registered Land Surveyors. Bill was an active member of the Emmet Co. Sportsman Club. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, cowboy action shooting (where he was referred to as Barleycom Bill), trap, skeet and five stand shooting. Bill is survived by his wife Wanda, son George "Jed" Hubbell and his wife Sally of Milford, daughter Nancy Foote and her husband David of Rockford, Mi., grandchildren Erica and Lauren Hubbell, Kathryn Foote Bialkowski and her husband Steve, and Emily Foote. Also surviving are his brothers Jim Hubbell and his wife Dawn and Pete Hubbell and his friend Judy, and many nieces, nephews and cousins. The family suggests that Memorial Donations be made to the

Emmet County Sportsman's Club.

The family was assisted by Schiller

Funeral Home of Harbor Springs.

EVELYN LEARMAN

Age 48, died July 2, 2010. Beloved wife of Robert for 26 years Loving mother of Jason, Melissa, Krista and Amanda. Dearest daughter of Ralph and Marian Deitzen and sister of Vince (Denise) Deitzen and Anthony Deitzen. Please see the story of Evelyn's life and leave a message at the online guestbook @

www.mccabefuneralhome.com.

DONALD JAMES MASKILL, SR.

Age 84, of Rochester,

passed away June 18, 2010. He was born September 4, 1925, in Detroit to the late William and Olive (Steinmetz) Maskell. Don was educated at St. Martin's on the Lake in Detroit, Assumption High School in Windsor, Ontario, and Michigan State University. He bravely fought with the 5th Marine Division in Pacific Theatre during World War II and witnessed the raising of the United States flag on Iwo Jima. He was married to the love of his life, Margaret June Turley for 61 years. He is survived by his brothers William and Gerald Maskill and his sister Margaret Corbett Chariot. Father of Dawn (Jaye) Helman, Denie' (Tracy) Maskill, Debra (Martin) Cohn, Dale (JoAnn) Maskill, Mark Maskill, Mananne (the late Dennis) Wetoszke. Donald (Carol) Maskill, Jr., Tammy (Kurt) Foote, Marty Maskill and Lisa (Kyle) Smalley. Also survived by thirty grandchildren and seven greatgrandchildren. Funeral Liturgy was held on Wednesday, June 23, 2010 at St. Andrew Catholic Church, in Rochester. Inument was made at Guardian Angel Cemetery in graduated from Fenton High School graduated from Fenton High School Rochester. The family requests that and earned her BS, R.D H and MS in lieu of flowers, contributions in Don's name be made to The Capuchin Ministries, 1820 Mt. Elliott St., Detroit, MI 48207-3485 Send condolences at:

www pixleyfuneralrochester com

ROSE ANNE MORICONI

Age 81, June 30, 2010. Funeral was July 6th at Shrine of the Little Flower Church, Royal Oak. Memorials to SOAR, 2900 Varnum Street NE, Washington, DC 20017. Online conuviences:

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GARY F. NADOLSKY

Age 58, of Northville. Beloved son of the late Leonard and Tillie. Loving brother of Geraldine (John) Fusco. Ron (Mary Ann), and Evelyn Halas. Adored uncle of 8 and great uncle of 9. Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

DEMETRIS P. NICOLOAS

Age 68, passed away, June 28, 2010. He was born on October 13, 1941 in Leonarisso, Cyprus Island. Demetris was a respectable man that was hardworking and well liked by all who knew him. His family always came first in his life. He is survived by: his beloved wife Pamela, his loving daughters, Christina (Paul) Majewski and Anastasia Nicoloas and his grandsons, Matthew and Kyle. He is also survived by his siblings, Helen George, James Pappas and Mike Nicolaou. He was preceded in death by his son Anthony in 1990. Visitation was held on July 2 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. Funeral mass was held on July 3 at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Memorial Contributions requested to: CURE PSP, Executive Plaza III, 11350 McCormick Rd., Suite 906, Hunt Valley, MD, 21031. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

TOMOKO OGAWA

Age 48, passed away July 1, 2010, in Ann Arbor. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Funeral Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon

DEBORAH L. ROGERS

June 29, 2010 age 52. Debbie was a treasured friend & second family to the "Grace of Life" group. Memorial service will be held at St. Constance Church, 21555 Kinyon, Taylor, Friday July 9 at 7 PM. Memorials to the church. Online condolences www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

JOHN SLEZAK

Age 82, passed away June 24, 2010. Prayer service was held on June 28th at St. Joseph Catholic Church Arrangements by:
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EDITH J. STOSCUP

Age 78, of South Lyon, passed away June 30, 2010. A memorial service was held July 5, 2010 at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon. Contributions suggested to Medilodge of Plymouth, 395 W. Ann Arbor Tr., Plymouth, MI 48170

MARY VARILONE

Age 90, July 2, 2010. Funeral was Saturday, July 3, 2010 at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Memorial donations may be made to PKD ** Foundation, ** 8330 **. Ward Parkway, Suite 510, Kansas City, MO 64114-2000. Online condolences: www obriensullivanfuneralhome com

JANET LUCILE WARD

Age 67, went to be with the lord on June 30, 2010. She was born on April 10, 1943, daughter of the late Stanley from the University of Michigan, She worked in Clinical Dental Hygiene at University Hospital & was employed by the University of Michigan Medical chool, Dept of Neuroanatomy as a Research Assistant. Janet was a member of Class Officers and Leadership Council, 1974-1977. She also served as chairman of the Curriculum in Dental Hygiene. In 1975, Janet was Chairman of the UofM-Dental Hygiene class of 1965 reunion. She is survived by: her sister, Carolyn Buta Kenny of Blaine, WA, her nephew Charles Kenny and her niece Carla Kenny. She is also survived by three dear cousins who have lovingly watched over her and many friends throughout the country. A memorial service was held on July 6th at South Lyon Senior Care & Rehab Center, 700 Reynolds Sweet Pkwy, South Lyon. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to South Lyon Senior Care & Rehab Center. Funeral arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon.

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Senior Fest

Above, Northville City Council member Michele Fecht helps to serve food at the June 9 Senior Fest at the Northville Community Senior Center. At left, Terrie Jensen enjoys a box lunch during the June 9 Senior Fest at the Northville Community Senior Center. Originally planned for Waterford Bend Park, the fest was moved indoors due to weather and featured lots of information on services for seniors, door prizes and even a "dollar dance" with Northville fire

BARAGE HOLUS IS STUDGENER ...

Mill Race celebrates Independence Day 1910

Suffragette protest marred event 100 years ago

Mill Race Village came alive with on Saturday visitors from the parade downtown. A Civil War encampment was set up beside the Yerkes house. Soldiers from the American Civil War Shooting Association demonstrated their weapons and talked about the food they ate and how it was prepared.

The Eclipse Vintage Base Ball team hosted the Woodstock (Ontario) Actives at Ford Field and feted them afterwards with dinner at the Cady Inn. Patriotic and Dixieland music drifted from the gazebo, played by the Keith Burton Quintet. "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" was heard as the Actives took the field.

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Mayor Chris Johnson portrayed 1910 village mayor, Beach Northrop, as he spoke to the people gathered around the gazebo. He introduced Dan Puschell, portraying John S. Haggerty of the Wayne County Road Commission. Wayne County had just laid the first mile of pavement in the country and he was asking everyone to vote for the funds to pave more roads.

Just then a protest broke out among the women (who did not have the right to vote in 1910). Wielding protest signs, they were demanding the right to vote. Amidst boos from some men in the crowd, one unruly woman had to be escorted

from the gazebo by the mayor. Daniel O'Connell of the King's 8th Regiment Detroit 1768-1785 demonstrated his weapons in thunderous volleys of smoke. Visitors enjoyed try-

ing on his uniform and posing

for pictures.

Various races delighted the crowd. Parents cheered on their children as they neared the finish line. Children scrambled to find a "piggy" for the piggyback race, giggles filling the air.

The event was sponsored by the Northville Historical Society, and research and scripts were provided by Linda Last.

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Wadsworth fundraiser at Table 5

Supporters of Joan Wadsworth's bid for the Michigan House of Representatives 20th District seat in the November general election are hosting a campaign fundraiser for the candidate from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday, July 13, at the Table 5 Restaurant, 126 East Main Street, in downtown Northville.

Those interested in attending the fundraiser can register by visiting Wadsworth's website at www.joanwadsworth.com. The evening also will include hors d'oeuvres specially prepared by Table 5, a cash bar and music by popular Northville musician Shawn Riley.

Fundraiser sponsors are Patricia Mallon, PC; Steve Remski; Lori Dow; Linda and Ted Chapekis; Judy and Bill Prain; Susan and Chuck Nichols; Cheryl and Greg Spinazze; Eric Stempien; Sharon and Al Ferrara; Susan and Paul LaMoureux; and the Northville Democratic Club. Hosts for the event are Margie Banner; Judy Mardigian; LuAnne DeBeliso; Chris and Patsy Johnson; and Michele and Steve Fecht.

Library's summer reading programs

It's not always easy finding time to read over the summer. 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 children 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 chil-dren, especially when school is not 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 are 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; and 10-5 Friday-Saturday. The library is closed for Sundays through Labor Day.

Learn to ride

Schoolcraft College's continuing education department will 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, gloves, longsleeve 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.

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.cc.mi.us in the continuing education section.

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OUR VIEWS

Be responsible

Don't drive and text even if cops can't prove it

Michigan's ban on texting while driving went into effect a week ago today.

The civil infraction is a primary offense, meaning someone can be pulled over for that reason alone. The fine for a first offense is \$100, for a second offense, \$200. It does not carry any points.

Some motorists think the new law is difficult to enforce. They believe a police officer won't be able to tell the difference between a driver who's texting and one who's dialing his cell phone to make a call.

They wonder how far a police officer and the court system will go to prove someone was texting, such as trying to get access to their cell phone records.

These motorists are missing the point: Texting is dangerous.

An 18-month study of long-haul trucks with video cameras found that when the drivers texted, their risk of getting into an accident was 23 times higher than when they weren't texting, according to a New York Times article.

Not only do texting drivers put themselves at risk, they endanger their passengers, other motorists and their passengers and pedestrians.

If you must read, write or send a text while driving, pull over and stop. Whether the new law is enforceable or not, it's the safe, responsible thing to do.



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COMMUNITY VOICE

What's your favorite thing to do in downtown Northville?



"Going to Ford Field with my son or strolling around downtown on a Friday night."

Jennifer Mouradian Northville



"We come down for wine tastings, concerts or Starbucks."

Bill Frigon Northville



"Fort Griswold - they've got a great playground. And we go to Baby Baby and the Farmers' Market."

Rachel Dick Livonia (former Northville resident)



"I like the concerts in the town pavilion, and walking around downtown with an ice cream and meeting my neighbors."

Will Hayes Northville

LETTERS

Honoring nurses, students

National Nurses Week is celebrated in all 50 states of the United States each year from May 6-12 This year, 2010 is designated by the International Council of Nurses (ICN) as The International Year of the Nurse. All nurses are enjoined to host gatherings to honor and celebrate our colleagues, speak at schools and civic meetings about the value of nurses, write about NURSES and NURSING to make the general public aware of the value of nurses in the United States and throughout the world. We are all acutely aware of the shortage of nurses, and how many nurses have left the profession, are getting too tired to handle the 12-hour shifts that is now commonplace in many health care facilities, or getting old enough to retire. The patient population likewise is getting older and sicker, so the demand for skilled care is even greater. The Philippines, a small country in southeast Asia is a steady source of nursing manpower. Hospitals periodically send recruiters in the Philippines, and entice nurses to come to the U.S. on a working or H-1 visa

However, the gravity of the nursing problem has gone global. Because Philippine nurses are attracted to go abroad (U.S., Canada, U.K., Saudi Arabia, and other countries), the Philippines itself is in short supply of qualified nursing faculty to teach in their schools and colleges of nursing Some Filipino nurses are now going "home" during their vacation, or after retirement, to teach at

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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their alma mater. Such is the case in my College of Nursing, Mary Johnston College of Nursing, a department of the Philippine Christian University in Manila

Last year, I participated in naming the theme for National Nurses Week. My entry was short and simple "NURSES – Building a Healthy America." I thought of this theme for two major reasons: the aging population and their chronic medical problems, and the young people and the growing incidence of obesity among our young people. Was I surprised when my entry was chosen by ANA! In 20:0 the theme is closely related to last year's. "NURSES – Caring for a Healthier America" Nurses

do care for a healthier community. But how can we take care of our community when there is a dwindling supply of care providers?

It is my earnest hope that by hosting the "Open

House and Nursing Career Fair" during Nurses Week, that we will inspire and motivate many young people, high school students, even elementary and middle schoolers, to consider a career or lifetime vocation in nursing. After serving as the first president of the Philippine Nurses Association in Michigan (in 1974), I made it my life mission to encourage, support, and provide avenues, for men and women who have the aptitude and compassion, to consider this career choice I also continue to urge and nursing colleagues who have baccalaureate degrees to go back to school for a master's or doctoral degree, or even a teaching certificate in nursing, in order that they can teach full time, or even part time, at the schools of nursing or community colleges in their city or hometown. Even nursing faculty in Michigan colleges are aging, and most are approaching retirement age. We need qualified, experienced nursing educators to teach in the classroom and in the clinical setting, so our young nurses will learn the ABCs of caring and healing from seasoned practitioners

To find out more how you can participate in the International Year of the Nurse, go to the website: www 2010iynurse com.

Georgianna Rose Tutay, M.S., R.N. Mary Johnston College of Nursing Alumni Association, Michigan Chapter, Novi

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS



The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues, In Your Voices Find more comments or join the discussion on the Web at hometownlife com

Lacrosse: Glenn scores top

All-Area position

Who picked the All Area team? Looks like the South Lyon and Huron Valley coaches were the only ones at the meeting. Northville had three players who were all conference this year Kayley Dahring, Charlotte Peterson, and Rachel Jurczyszyn, yet only one made the all area team. Jurczyszyn was the goalie for Northville and backstopped their team for every game; faced almost 450 shots; stopped 280 of those shots; had over a 60% save average; had 27 shots saved against South Lyon on May 10th. Her total shots stopped in one game and for the season are, according to the MHSAA potential lacrosse goalie records. I can't believe this doesn't even merit an honorable mention nod for the all area team. Let's start looking east of Beck Road, too, when it comes to the girls All Area lacrosse team!

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Were they only picking girls from two teams? Looks that way. One girl from Northville. Pitiful voting.

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Record sports writer Sam Eggleston replies: "Northville coach only nominated one player. We asked her for more but no response."

GUEST COLUMN

Michigan needs to be FIRST to learn

hat is FIRST? It's an acronym: For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology.

Dean Kamen, the founder of FIRST, is an inventor, entrepreneur and tireless advocate for science and technology. Kamen is best known for inventing



Tom Watkins

the product that eventually became known as the Segway, an electric, selfbalancing human scoter.

The vision of FIRST is "to transform our culture by creating a world where science and technology are celcinated and where young people dream of becoming science and

technology leaders."
FIRST was founded in 1989. It is a non-profit, public-sector company based in Manchester, N.H., that designs accessible, innovative programs to motivate young people to pursue education and career opportunities in science, technology, engineering and math, while building self-confi-

dence, knowledge and life skills.
School districts throughout Michigan
are engaged in FIRST programs, from
Armada, Belleville, Crestwood and Detroit
to Zeeland.

Some of Michigan's top companies, including Ford, General Motors, Delphi, Chrysler, DTE Energy, Dow Chemical, Magna International and Stryker, are actively involved by providing coaches, mentors and resources. Community foundations and such notable Michigan founda-

tions as Skillman, Dart, Gerber, Kellogg. Herman Miller and others also are contributors

Our public and private colleges and universities, as well as our excellent network of community colleges, contribute their academic firepower as well.

The robotics team Frog Force 503 at
Novi High School in Southeast Michigan
perfected the philosophy of teamwork and
cooperation while competing and winning
the Chairman's Award, the highest award
given by FIRST at the state competition.

Jeff Wong, a Frog Force 503 mentor, commented, "FIRST Robotics has made a huge impact on my son's high school experience, providing not only relevance to the topics taught in the classroom, but a real-world experience in designing and building a game specific-robot in a business-like atmosphere. Our team is set up just like a business, with design, purchasing, production and marketing departments. This provides hands-on experience as to how the business world works."

Magna International, the most diversified auto supplier in the world, was the sponsor of Frog Force 503 and invested time, expertise and lots of sweat equity and financial resources to create a real-life learning experience for approximately 55 Novi High School students. Those students who participated and made the travel team received a high school "letter" just like they would have in a sport.

John Lawrence, principal of Novi High School, said, "Students who are engaged in FIRST Robotics not only learn many different aspects of engineering and problem solving, but also learn many of the 'soft skills' necessary today to be marketable in a highly competitive global job market and

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Mitchell Wong, 17, who will be entering his senior year at Novi this fall and is helping build his and our state's collective future, has this to say about his FIRST Robotics experience: "Throughout our education, we are told that the material taught in the classroom is applicable in 'the real world.' Most students do not have the opportunity to apply said material, but FIRST gives us the opportunity to do so. The physics, mathematics, English and business skills we have learned are fully utilized through FIRST in 'real-world' applications."

The infectious excitement of the Frog Force 503 robotics team can be viewed on You Tube.

Across the nation, FIRST has more than 90,000 volunteers working with students and a network of over 3,500 corporations and educational and professional associations mentoring and assisting young people.

Its programs include: Robotics
Competition, Technology Challenge, Lego
League and First Place, an innovative and
creative learning and development program designed to let everyone discover and
explore all types of science, math and technology on his or her own terms and in an
energetic environment.

Tom Watkins is an education and business consultant in the U.S. and China and served as Michigan's state superintendent of schools from 2001-05.

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NORTHVILLE ENGAGEMENT

Adamisin & Steffke

The bride-to-be, daughter of David and Kathleen Adamisin of Northville, is a 2002 Northville High School graduate. She earned a bachelor of fine arts degree in 2006 at Albion College and a master of fine arts degree in 2009 at Miami University, in Ohio. She is a lecturer at Oakland University in Rochester and design coordinator for Pewabic Pottery.

The groom-elect, son of Ted and Diana Steffke of Fowlerville, is a 2002 grad-uate of South Lyon High School.

He earned a bachelor of arts degree in 2006 at



Albion College and a juris doctorate degree in 2009 at Toledo University. He is employed by Sullivan, Ward, Estate.

Asher and Patton. A September wedding is planned at the Henry Ford



NORTHVILLE ENGAGEMENT

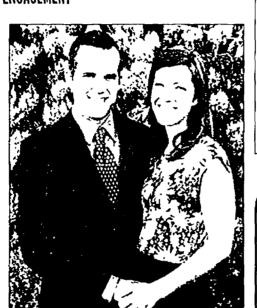
Harmer & Bishop

Sandy and Bob Harmer of Northville proudly announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Ashley Harmer, to Andrew Thomas Bishop, son of Michelle and Doug Bishop, also of Northville.

The bride-to-be is a 2004 graduate of Northville High School, and a 2008 graduate of Hope College where she earned a bachelor of science degree in nursing. She is employed in the hematology and oncology unit at Children's Hospital in Chicago, Illinois.

The groom-elect is a 2004 graduate of Northville High School, and a 2008 graduate of Michigan State University where he earned a bachelor of arts degree in finance. He is employed by TPI in Chicago as a financial ana-

The couple are planning a July 2011 wedding at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit.



Wolverine Sightings

University of Michigan alumni and supporters were everywhere — from the Hamilton Room and Tallulah Wine Bar and Bistro in Birmingham to Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Hills - networking and raising scholarship and programming funds. Tallulah Wine Bar and Bistro was the destination for the University of Michigan Kinesiology Alumni Society Board and the Pat Maloy Scholarship Committee. The Wine Tasting event was held in honor of UM Sports Management Professor Bernard "Pat" Maloy who died of esophageal cancer in 2001. Maloy's former Sport Management students established the scholarship program to benefit incoming need-based Kinesiology freshmen who have been directly affected by cancer. (From front to back) University of Michigan Kinesiology Alumni Jon Zemke and Kristin Lukowski of Detroit and UM graduate Brian Scherle of Northyille enjoy an evening of wine tasting to benefit the scholarship fund at Tallulah Wine Bar and Bistro in Birmingham.

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The minimum age used to be 50 years of age to ride the senior transportation buses, with exception made for riders with special needs.

The new program is designated for riders age 60, with the same exception for those with special needs.

The service area has also been changed. It used to be up to a five-mile radius, except a 10-mile radius for medical appointments. Now bus drivers serve up to a four-mile radius, with an eight-mile radius for medical purposes.

An analysis of usage was done before changes were made.

Rider fees have also been revised. The former rate structure was \$3 within a five-mile radius, with an additional dollar charged for each mile beyond five miles. The new fees are \$3 within the city and township, \$4 within a four-mile radius and \$5 within an eight-mile radius.

The cancellation policy has also been changed. Before, cancellation fees were not routinely enforced. Now, they will be enforced after two cancellations.

GROCERY RUNS

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Runs to local grocery stores used to be made two days a week, both in the morning as well as on an "as requested" basis.

Under the new policy,

Garages

grocery runs are made two days a week, but one in the morning and one in the afternoon. "As requested" runs are encouraged to be eliminated or at least reduced.

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The transportation schedulers used to work 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., with reservations taken from 9-11:30 a.m.

The schedulers now work the same hours, but their hours have been reduced by one hour per day.

Service days used to be Monday-Friday. Now, the service is not offered one day a month, normally the first Wednesday of each month.

Fuel-saving practices on the buses are also being encouraged.

The senior transportation program is a shared service between the city and the township. Traci Sincock, director, Northville Parks & Recreation, and the transportation schedulers worked with the committee members on the program changes. "We're trying to make the program more fiscally responsible while still providing the same level of service we have in the past," Sincock

said. Members of the Northville Senior Advisory Commission will review usage data and feedback on the program in general on a quarterly basis. To make a reservation in the Northville senior transportation program, call (248) 449-

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In September 2008 a committee of parents, staff, and administrators from Northville Public Schools agreed that OVS was not appropriate for the current population.

Parents of OVS students, including Beth Bentley and JoAnn Johnson, say this will cause undo hardship to the current students at Cooke School.

The parents say if Northville Public Schools is unwilling to use space in existing buildings, the district should rent a building in another district for the OVS students or give up hosting of the Wayne County programs for students under 14 years of age and give up the approximate \$600,000 incentive it receives from the county to host the program.

Additionally, the parents say Northville Public Schools receive approximately \$90,000 in rent money from Wayne County RESA to use the facilities at Cooke and

They say those funds could be used to rent a different facility that would better meet the needs of the students at OVS without displacing the students at Cooke School and without having to change the educational goals and behavioral plans of the OVS students.

"As a parent, it is heartbreaking to learn that the very individuals charged with the special education and safety of our most vulnerable children have chosen to ignore our children's most basic needs and



JOHN HEIDER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHE

Cooke School Principal Mary Meldrum escorts a group of Old Yillage School parents around on June 17 during an informational tour of the building. The school district plans on moving six Old Yillage classrooms to Cooke in the fall.

their rights," Johnson said. "We truly have tried to be a part of the solution, working with NPS and RESA for over two years."

The district is moving the severely multiply-impaired and the severely cognitively impaired students from OVS to Cooke. Dual-diagnosed students (those who are cognitive and emotionally impaired) will remain at OVS. Some Cooke students will also be moving to OVS. Some special education students also go to Hillside Middle School in the program. Some staff will move from OVS to Cooke as well.

Cooke is losing some classroom space, a computer lab, music room and student lounge in the changes. One classroom will be made into

ADMINISTRATION'S RESPONSE

Dave Bolitho, former assistant superintendent operations, said

a committee met for two years about OVS building issues that included parents, staff, building administration and the central office.

"Cooke became part of the solution," he said. "I was surprised that there was such an uprour. We thought the benefits (of OVS) outweighed the issues with the building because it (the program) is in Northville."

He said the special education staff signed a petition this year that they favored staying at OVS.

Parents quit the committee and said the facility is unsafe because of the lack of emergency evacuation. He said, however, that this can be done in five minutes during fire drills, which is documented.

WHAT ELSE WAS DONE

Bolitho said money is being spent for a sprinkler system after a state fire marshal came to OVS.

"We had at least three visits by the state fire marshal," Bolitho said. "Each time, different things had to be modified (at OVS)."

Healso said storage cabinets, a sofa, copy machine, wheelchairs and lift devices were moved from the hallways at the fire marshal's request.

About \$17,000 was spent at OVS on doors alone, plus area of refuge signs to be used in the event of a building evacuation were purchased as were walkietalkies and an emergency hallway light.

An updated floor plan of the building was also requested by the

Office of Fire Safety. We have spent a lot of money because we want this building to be safe," he said. "Until proven otherwise, the building is safe."

SPECIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR

Lynn Mossoian, special services director, said River Rouge has special education students ages 5-18 together. And, Macomb County has a successful program with special education students of all ages under one roof.

"A lot of this (the complaints) is building issues," Mossoian said. "The staff (at OVS) is grieving that six classrooms are leaving and going to Cooke. They love being

Mossoian said OVS, built in 1916, is a historical building, and that's one reason district administrators don't want it torn down.

This is a good decision (to move the students), a good plan, and the staff has been involved," she said. She said a committee process

led to the upcoming change. We're able to maintain part of the program at Old Village and look forward to the restructured

program at Cooke." Mossoian said Cooke was getting rid of the computer lab anyway, the music room is now going to become a classroom, with the music teacher coming to the

The principals (of the two schools) are confident in their ability to make this a smooth transition," she said.

Bolitho, whose last day was June 30, said the district is involved in making physical changes to Cooke.

We've tried all different angles in looking at the OV population," he said. We may have to move the program to another school district (if complaints continue). These are good people (the parents complaining). We just can't do what they wanted, and it's caused a lot of frustration."

He said Mossoian has addressed the two complaints.

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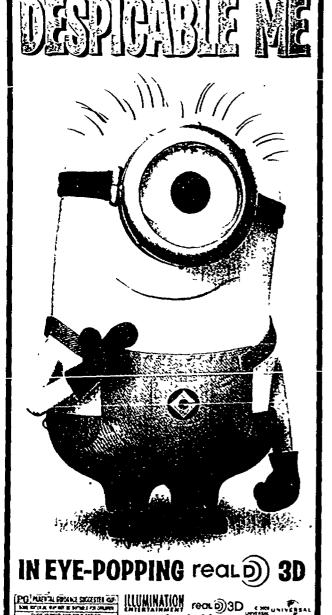
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American Legion Location: Northyille American Legion

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Time/Date: 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 27 Details: Indulge in Northville's unique collection of restaurants as you sample their signature specialties. Eleven restaurants are offering free samples of appetizers and entrée items along with cash bar specials for our "Crawlers". Crawlers can use free shuttle transportation to each restaurant or "crawl" on their own, 2010 Participating restaurants are Aubree's of Northville, Brann's Steakhouse & Grill, Buca di Beppo, Buckminister Public House, Edward's Café & Caterers, Five Restaurant,

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Warrant arrest

A 38-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for a misdemeanor warrant for a traffic offense at the

Northville Township Police station at 41600 Six Mile Road at 1:02 a.m. on June 1. The woman was in the lobby to post bond for another prisoner when a dispatcher discovered she had the warrant out of Farmington Hills.

The traffic offense was for not having a valid license.

Malicious destruction

While on patrol at 3:05 a.m. on June 2 an officer noticed that a yellow sign that said "Napier Road" under a stop sign ahead warning sign had been tagged with green spray paint at Six Mile and Napier roads.

The sign was on westbound Six Mile Road about 14 mile east of Napier Road. The Wayne County Road Commission was notified of the and coins in a small change damage to the sign by dispatch. purse in the vehicle.

Larceny from auto

3A 35-year-old resident of Clement Road told police that someone had gone through his vehicle between 6 p.m. May 29 and 7:30 a.m. June 1.

He then discovered that his other vehicle had been rifled through overnight from June 1 to June 2. He also noticed that a duffle bag had been stolen over the weekend. The gym

More larceny reported

bag was valued at \$60.

4 A 53-year-old resident of Oak Leaf Lane told police that someone rifled through her vehicle between noon on June 1 and 7 a.m. on June 2 and stole a GPS unit and some assorted cash and coins.

The Garmin GPS unit was valued at \$200 and was sit-

ting on the dashboard. She had about \$15 in cash

Operating intoxicated

5A 22-year-old Novi man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 2:26 a.m. on June 3 at Northville and Seven Mile roads.

The man was pulled over when an officer traveling west on Seven Mile Road east of Silver Springs Drive saw that the man's vehicle was weaving.

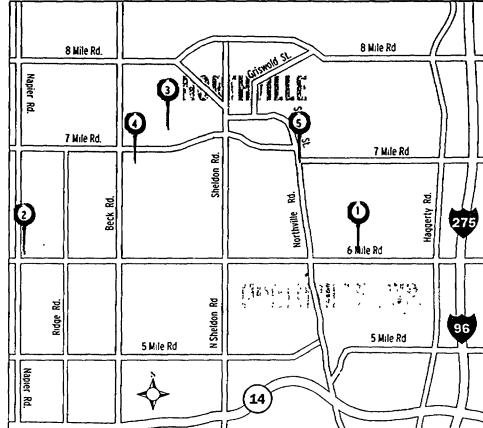
The officer also noticed that the vehicle crossed the fog line and that it came to a stop past the stop line at Seven Mile and Northville roads.

Police could smell alcohol on the man's breath. He said he had come from the Post Bar in Novi and was en route to drop off his two passengers.

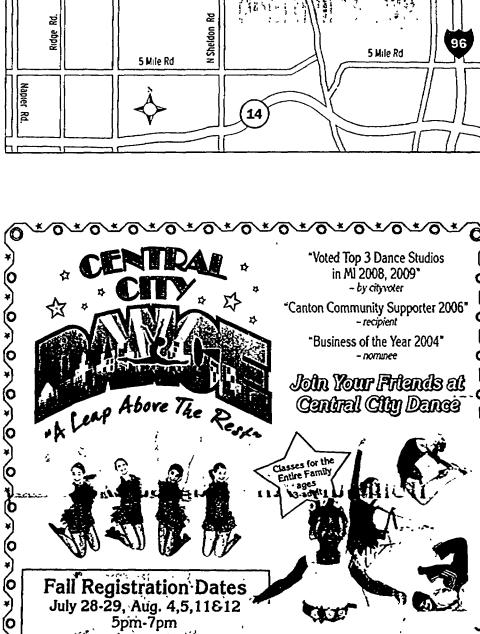
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Compiled by staff writer Pam Fleming



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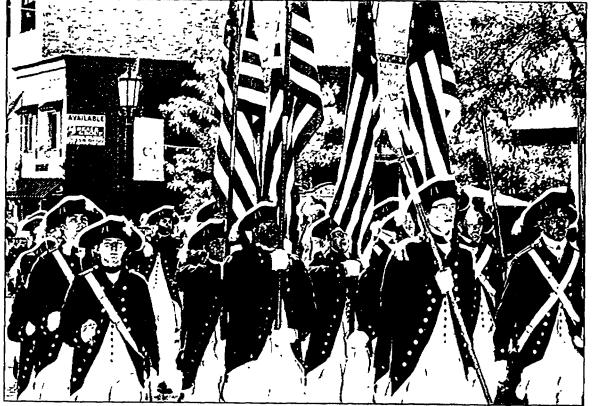


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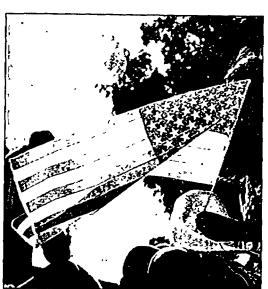
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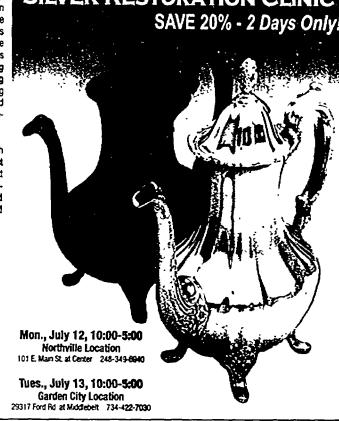
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Consistency nets Northville's Grigg top player honor

Lion Tubbs, Cougar Hawkins land spot on second team

> BY SAN EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

There are few things harder to decide in the world of covering high school athletics than an All-Area team. What factors should weigh more than others? Should a senior be picked over a freshman of the same, or slightly better, quality?

In the end, you have to turn to the intangibles. You have to consider what makes one player stand out from another on any given day.

It's not a single tournament - or even a state final that decides who the better player is. It's a run from the start to finish. That's why this year's Player of the Year is Northville's Trevor Grigg.

Grigg, who has been All-State the past two seasons, has been unstoppable almost all season long. Not only did he record an All-Area-best 73.6 average over 18-hole tournaments this year, he was consistent in his play. He won the Birmingham Invitational with a 1-underpar 71 and won the East Lansing Classic with a 2-under-par 69. He also finished second at the East Lansing Invite, third at the District Tournament, fourth at the Regional Tournament and third at the KLAA Conference Championships. To top it off, he finished tied for sixth at the State Finals with a 75 and a 69 in the two-day tournament.

Trevor has been an incredibly consistent player over his four years at Northville," said his coach, Matt Stetson. "He graduates having won districts, regionals, the conference tournament, and over 10 individual tournaments total in his career. He has finished in th top 10 at the state tournament twice.

Trevor is a dominating player who attacks every course he plays. He is extremely long off the tee so he has the capability to birdie just about any hole."

Grigg's selection as Player of the Year is just another addition to his astonishing resume.

FIRST TEAM Mike Panek, Detroit

ALL-AREA GOLF GOLFER OF THE YEAR Trevor Grigg, Northville

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Catholic Central

There's no doubt in anyone's mind that Mike Panek was in the running for the Player of the Year honors. His average over 18 holes this year was 74.3 and his play this season was recognized with honors at the league and All-State First-Team levels. In addition, he took second place at the state finals overall and led his Shamrocks to a Division I state championship. What's amazing is that Panek almost didn't play golf in his senior season after having a bad off-season showing. Luckily for Catholic Central, he changed his mind.

Tyler Manning, Novi Senior Tyler Manning was one of the top players in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association this year, and he proved it not only with his tournament and dual-match play, but also at the conference championships where he secured the medalist position with a 69. This year Manning recorded a ninehole average of 36.78 and an 18-hole tournament average of 76.57 to secure his All-Area First Team nod. Chris Cunningham, Milford

If there's one thing for certain, Chris Cunningham is a competitor. The senior from Milford not only led his team this season with his outstanding regular-season

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Celebrating its eighth year, the Solstice Run in downtown Northville drew thousands of runners on June 26.

Northville Solstice run draws thousands

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

How do you rate an event a smashing success? How about when you hope to reach the staggering goal of over 2,000 participants and that's exactly what happens?

The Northville Solstice Run, which celebrated its eighth year, was the draw for thousands of people to come to the city and township last Saturday. The event featured three major events--a 5K run/ walk, a 10K run and a 10-mile

For some runners, like longtime distance harrier Doug Kurtis of Livonia, Northville's Solstice Run is a great race to add to the summer schedule. For others, like first-time runner Lauren Van Hamme of Novi, this was an all-new experience.

The races, which started at Northville Downs and snaked through the city and township streets, ended with some impressive numbers.

Turning in the best overall time on the 5K for the men was a 16:36 turned in by Scott Setzke, a 29-year-old runner from Wyandotte. For the women, an 18:44 was the best time and was run by 25-yearold Andrea Karl of Casco,

In the 10K run, the women were led by 18-year-old Amanda Lacertosa of Imlay City, Mich., with an impressive time of 42:22. The men were led by Andre Porinsky, a 25year-old runner who took the

top spot with a time of 34:03. The 10-mile race, which was a new addition to the Solstice this year, was won by Boaz Chaboiyozo of Ypsilanti. He ran a 50:57 to win the event. Taking second place overall and first for the women was Nicole Blaesser of Rochester Hills. She ran the event in

The top 10 men's finishers in the 10-mile event behind Chaboiyozo were: Robert Fergan of Livonia (1:00:44), John Nemens of Sterling Heights (1:00:55), John Sytniak of Ann Arbor (1:01:10), Cam McCord of Ann Arbor (1:02.29), Jeff Everett of Livonia (1:03:32), Mack Stillwagon of Romulus (1:04:04), Doug Kurtis of Livonia (1:04:19), Claudio Salas of Allen Park (1:04:24) and Michael Selke of Westland

(1:04:28). Jason Lerner, a standout cross country runner for the Northville High School program, took 12th overall with a 1:05:36.

The top 10 women runners that finished behind Blaesser were: Marybeth Reader of Bloomfield Hills (1:05:46), Dori Downey of Grosse Pointe Park (1:06:14). Heather Dyc of Redford (1:09:22), Gwen Frederickson of Ann Arbor (1:10:51), Erin La Russo of Ypsilanti (1:10:59), Nicole Schramski of Wesley Chapel. Fla. (1:11:15), Julie Scordino of Canton (1:11:40), Elle Robinson of Novi (1:13:00) and Katie Bell of Boulder, Colo. (1:13:21).

In the 5K run, finishing first in their respective age groups were: Nicole Mosteller (22:13.3), Julia Schroeder(20:43.2), Emily Derusha (23:04.1), Andrea Karl (18:44.9), Jennifer Jackson(25:26.7), Kristi Matuszewski(19:50.3), Robin Mitchell (21:10.3) Dawn MacAddino (24:29.6), Marsha Eicholtz (22:47.1), Donna Smith (27:22.3), Grace Harrison (22:46.9), Cora Hill (31:27.8), Dee Crowe (44:18.5), Daniel Sims (18:58.2), Nick Renberg (16:51.2), Bennett Prudhomme (17:52.3), Scott Setzke (16:36.6), Christopher Imber (18:47.6), J. Sweeny (18:23.3), Eric Green (16:40.2), Adam Gomez (19:12.8), J.C. Collins (17:25.8), Larry Whittaker (20:23.5), Dale Yagiela (22:16.2), Monte Piliawsky (23:16.5) and Jerry White (28:31.3).

In the 10K run, finishing first in their respective age groups were: Amanda Lacertosa (43:22.9), Kate McClymont (44:10.9), Andrea King (48:42.1), Melissa Maynor (45:03.9), Cathy Sanborn (45:48.4), Mary Dorazio (43:06.0), Julie Winter (46:14.0), Gail Mroz (49:26.9), Constance Doughty (1:01:01.9), Donna Olson (46:24.0), Joann Wascha (1:11:38.7), Michael Higgins (48:16.6), Victor Allen (35:51.2), Alexander Townsend (35:29.9), Andre Porinsky (34:03.2), Thomas Szocinski (42:05.9), Matthew Sikora (37:46.9), Shawn Wehrly (41:04.4), Eric Pagac (41:14.1), Kevin Dailey (44:27.8), Ed Baas (46:11.3), James Patton (50:26.1), David Scarlin (56:47.5).

Standout Northville High School track star Ed Clifton finished second in his age group with a 40:05.6.

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

Novi pommers bring home pair of camp championships



Novi seniors Alexa Boron, Taylor Boron, Kelsie Autterson, Kimberty Powers and Jessica Dipaola entertained the Mid-American Pom summer camp crowd by performing a special high kick routine to a mix of Lady Gaga songs.

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

Of more than 300 pommers, it was Novi's Taylor Boron who claimed the highest individual award at the Mid-American Pom summer camp.

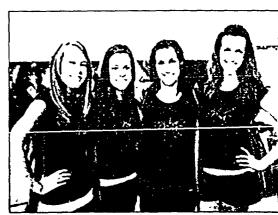
Novi's varsity and junior varsity pom pon teams participated in the summer camp June 27-30 at Davenport University in Grand Rapids. Of 19 teams, more than 300 pommers attended, but Boron, a varsity captain, was granted the "Smile, Sparkle and Shine" award as the Lest overall individual, based on leadership, teamwork and pom technique.

This is such a deserved honor for Taylor. Out of around 300 pommers, to be singled out for leadership, character and performance is just outstanding," Novi head coach Kristy Renaud said. "She is one of the best pom girls I have ever coached and she has one of the best work ethics I have ever seen. I am beyond proud."

Captains Alexa Boron and Taylor Boron led the varsity pom team to the coveted Grand Champion Award again this year. The team earned excellent ratings in the original routine, speed learning and high kick categories to accomplish this feat.

"Our varsity team had goals of precision, strength and showmanship going into camp. They met and exceeded each goal we set for them," Renaud said. "We feel we gave them a challenging and exciting routine, but it was their performance that made them successful. All the credit goes to their hard work this camp

Varsity team members include Kelsie Autterson,



JY coach Eigse Bartos and varsity coaches Erin Bartos, April Brousseau and Kristy Renaud stand together at the Mid-American Pom summer camp.

Mackenzie Betts, Lauren Collins, Alex De La Cruz, Jessica Dipaola, Mikaela Falsetti, Mary Favorite, Marisa Giampa, Katie Groechel, Paige Gurizzian, Gi Hong, Sara Hudgens, Megan Jamrog, Mackenzie Kelley, Kaley Kennedy, Christy Lyon, Ashley Miller, Kailey Oppat, Kimberly Powers, Nicole Rigdon, Morgan Shepherd and Ashley Wojtylo. Seventeen members of the Novi varsity pom team also made the Mid-

American Pom All-Star team. *Both varsity and JV came to camp as the reigning

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NOVI SPORTS BRIEFS

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Baseball

Novi High senior Nick Regnier, who earned All-Area Player of the Year honors from the Hometownlife Weeklies last week, was named to the Detroit Free Press' Class A first team last weekend.

Hockey

Novi High School's hockey squad had an impressive 20-6-2 finish in March, which led to six All-State awards being handed out to Wildcats.

Junior goalkeeper Michael Pesendorfer (2.39 GAA), junior defender Nolan Valleau (nine goals, 20 assists), junior forward Joey Ferriss (12 goals, 28 assists) and senior forward Tyler Perpich (24 goals, 20

Top athletes

attending Northville High School next year.

assists) each earned first-team honors, while senior defender Alex Cova (four goals, eight assists) and senior forward Tyler Manning (14 goals, 17 assists) earned second-team honors.

Pom pon summer camp

The State Champion Northville High School pom pon program is proud to announce a new summer pom pon camp for girls that are entering 6th, 7th and 8th grades. This camp is especially designed for girls that would like to begin preparation for pom pon at the high school level.

Information will also be distributed regarding a competitive Northville Middle School

Allie Chapekis (right) and Anton Travis (left) were selected as Athlete's of the Year for Meads Mill Middle School. Chapekis excelled in swimming as team captain, helping to break a school record as part of the 400 medley relay team and medaling twice at the state meet; in volleyball as a middle hitter and top defender; and in basketball, as the second leading scorer and top defender as a center/forward. Travis led the football team in touchdowns as quarterback and was a premier defensive player; the diving team placing 10th at the state meet; basketball as a forward excelling on defense; and track and field where he commonly placed first in high jump. They were both honored during the school's year-end Celebration of Success and will be

pom pon team.

Participants will receive instruction from coaches and members of the Northville High School pom pon teams. Girls will learn two short routines and will focus on basic form, kicks and proper technique. Pom pons will be available for use each day and a light snack will be provided.

Camp dates are Tuesday, August 24; Wednesday, August 25; and Thursday, August 26 from 9 a.m.-noon each day at Northville High School. Cost for the clinic is \$75 and participants will receive a free T-shirt.

Please contact Karlyn Jones at (248) 912-5645 or karlynjones@comcast.net for registration information.



Novi's junior varsity pom squad earned the coveted Grand Champion Award at the Mid-American Pom summer camp last month. The JY team only returned five members from last year's JY state champion.

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state champions. Both teams had to defend their title at camp and they both did," varsity co-coach Erin Bartos said. "Varsity had a record high camp score for Novi pom of 96.3 out of 100 on their original routine. Both performances wowed the crowd and we were given great feedback

Captains Aditi Chadha, Delaney Ulle and Emma Weil led the Novi JV pom team to a title of their own, with a similar Grand Champion Award finish at the camp. Additionally, Novi JV won the "Peppy Pom" award for the team with the most spirit and

With only five returning

are so unified and determined to succeed. It really showed in their performance.

JV team members include Gillian Autterson, Laura Baumgarten, Amy Cao, Jenny Chang, Kristen Coury, Patricia Dixon, Chetali Jain, Brooke Laney, Kelsey Lewinski, Amy Liang, Rachel Murray, Annie Segal, Caitlyn Sultana, Drew Thomasson and Renee Weil. Elyse Bartos is the JV pom coach.

"The pressure is very high but the skill level and work ethic of the teams make the girls ready for the next season of competition," Renaud said. "We can't wait to see what these talented performers can do."

Five Novi varsity seniors - Alexa Boron, Taylor Boron, Kelsie Autterson, Kimberly Powers and Jessica Dipaola - also entertained the crowd by performing a special high kick routine to a mix of Lady "Love Game."

"Our senior class is the

leaders and each has excellent skills," Renaud said. "They did a phenomenal job and did Novi proud."

Novi pom will be running a weeklong pom pon clinic for girls first-through eighthgrades Aug. 2-5. Cost is \$75 per participant, with poms and T-shirts also available for purchase. Camp is 9-11 a.m. for fourth-grade and younger, and noon-2 p.m. for fifth-

grade and older. "We teach Class A style pom and stress the skills needed to make a team. We focus on strength, flexibility and pom form," Renaud said. "We also have a lot of fun teaching the girls warm up activities - the current team members do this. The girls learn and perform a full routine with kickline, along with a series of jumps.

Contact the coaches at novipompon@gmail.com for more information or visit www. novi.k12.mi.us/athletics/high/ WebPages/Pom.aspx or www. novipompon.webs.com for details.

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Novi's varsity pom squad earned the coveted Grand Champion Award at the Mid-American Pom summer camp again this year. The team scored excellent ratings in the original routine, speed learning and high kick categories during the championship performance.

from the judges and audience."

enthusiasm.

members, our JV team had to work extremely hard to get their skills ready for camp, Renaud said. The new JV coach, Elyse Bartos, worked with each girl individually to build up their strength, stamina and skill level. These girls

Gaga songs, including "Bad Romance," "Poker Face," "Paparazzi," "Monster" and

strongest group of pommers I have ever seen. They are all

play, but he led all Mavericks since golf was first taken up at the school. Cunningham set the Milford record with an impressive 18-hole average of 73.3 this season. He finished eight different tournaments with eight top 10s, six top fives and two medalists. He also earned himself the honor of being crowned the Oakland County Champion with a 72 this year. Cunningham finished the year as team MVP and All-KLAA and an All-State First-Team selection.

Connor Street, Detroit

Catholic Central It takes teamwork to win a state championship, and though Detroit Catholic Central senior Connor Street may not have finished in the state finals as high as his teammate Panek he still turned in some very impressive numbers. What's more is that Street was key in helping his team each step of the way this year, shooting an average of 76.7 over 18 holes, including a 73 at the regional tournament to help the Shamrocks earn a bid to the state finals. There, he shot a 76-76 to help his team secure the championship. His performances didn't go unnoticed, earning him First-Team All-State

Blake Bonatz, Northville Blake Bonatz has a bright future at Northville. As a junior, he's already proven himself to be a leader, which makes us wonder what he's capable of next year. The focus, however, is the 2010 season and Bonatz did everything that was asked of him, winning the U of D Jesuit Sunday Shootout this year with a 69 before tying for sixth overall at the KLAA Conference Championship to earn All-KLAA honors. In addition, he medaled three times for the Mustangs to help his team to a 10-0 dual meet record. He finished the year with a 76.6 average over 18 holes.

SECOND TEAM

Brad Ferguson, Lakeland Brad Ferguson led the Lakeland Eagles this season with an impressive 18-hole average of 78.

Cody Tubbs, South Lyon A three-year starter for the Lions on varsity, Cody Tubbs played in 17 matches and finished in the top four in all of them. He led his team 12 times this year and shot in the 70s four times during tournaments in 2010. He also set the school record with a 31 over nine holes.

Bryan Hawkins, South Lyon East

Junior Bryan Hawkins had a strong year this season, turn-

in the state of

ing in a nine-hole average of 39 to lead the Cougars. In addition, he earned a medal this season with a 72 at the Farmington Invitational.

Parker Millington, Milford Milford's top junior was Parker Millington, who started the season on a tear and didn't stop. He shot an 18-hole average of 78.8 as one of the Mavericks' top performers and put up a nine-hole average of 39.7. He earned All-KLAA honors and tied for 12th in the Oakland County Championship.

Brandon Cameron, Northville

Northville senior Brandon Cameron played well all season, even leading his team during key tournament by taking a 71 and beating teammate Alex Bernstein in a playoff to earn medalist honors at the District tourney. He finished the season with All-KLAA honors and averaged 77.5 over 18 holes this year.

Charlie Green, Detroit Catholic Central

Though he's only a freshman, Catholic Central Shamrock Charlie Green is one heck of a player. His 70-70 at the state championship helped his team secure the Division I title and his 73 at the Regional Tournament and 75 at the District Tournament helped his team advance. This year, Green finished the year with an 18-hole average of 75.6.



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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 preregistration is required.

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.

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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.

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

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A trailblazer descends into the Valley of Insight

t is an easy argument to make that most insights aren't the result of something you were thinking about, but something you reacted to that was connected to some, seemingly, insignificant event. Of course, the real trick is to recognize when you've descended into the Valley of

Lee Meadows

Insight and emerged unscathed and far wiser from the trip. My most recent journey came not by way of a philosophical dialogue with my academic

and professional brethrens, but over a light, family breakfast after having completed a morning run. I was the last one at the table. and after the usual morning pleasantries, my son asked if I enjoyed my morning run.

"Absolutely," I replied. Between the cool morning air, the sun, the early morning calm and my music, it is completely relaxing."

In that 15-year-old-contempt-for-anything-that-preceded-his-birth-tone-of-voice, he said, *Dad, you can only listen to so much Motown, Rat Pack and James Taylor before it starts to get boring."
"Listen, beltless one, I have

more cassettes in my collection than you know.'

In, what can only be described as the quiet moment before the storm, he looked at me with eyes that had just seen the end of civilization and said, "Cassettes?"

"Well, duh," I said. "What "Ase would fit in my cassette

Through squinted eyes and

clenched teeth, he said, "You mean to tell us that you've been running outside, where people can see you, listening to music through a CASSETTE PLAYER!!

"Most of the music I recorded from my albums I have, labeled. on an individual cas-

"Yes, son. You see back in the day, when artists could actually sing, they created a body of work. While most of their work was good, there were always those songs that you didn't want to hear, but didn't take away from the artist work. So those of us from that era would remove the ALBUM from its COVER,

My son grimaced, ...And we'd place it on the RECORD PLAYER,

He closed his eyes and his head started to shake, "...We'd put a BLANK

CASSETTE into the CASSETTE PLAYER/ RECORDER, ...Put the NEEDLE down

on the album, press the red RECORD button on the CASSETTE RECORDER and tape the songs we'd want to hear onto the CASSETTE. When we came to a song we didn't want to hear, we'd press the PAUSE button on the CASSETTE PLAYER. Each side of a CASSETTE could run between 30 minutes of TAPE up an hour. I, typically, went with 45 minutes per side."

He snapped the wheat toast in half and said, "I don't believe I'm hearing this! You can download music from a website, into the music player we bought you for your birthday and you're STILL using a cassette player?"

"Well, I said, "Don't be so quick to judge. In an odd sort

of way, music listeners from my era were the trailblazers for, what you now call, the individual playlist. We were limited by the technology that we had, but it was our way of getting around the problems we had with the 8 TRACK."

The what?

"Never mind, I said. "Just know that most advances occur because there were a group of people on the forefront trying to mold it into something that makes sense." "Mold?"

"Hey, it's not easy being a trailblazer, y'know."

He stood up from the table, glared at me and said, "You're not my old man. You're an alien life form. And consistent with your inadequate technology, your time machine misfired and landed you here in the 21st century when you were supposed to be somewhere in the 1980's. I suggest you contact the mothership and let them know that you've been found out." He grabbed his Lacrosse 'D' Pole and stormed outside.

I turned to my wife, who had remained silent throughout the conversation and said, "Well, that's the burden and angst of being a trailblazer."

She took a sip from her coffee mug, leaned toward me and said, "Tell me, really, who are you?'

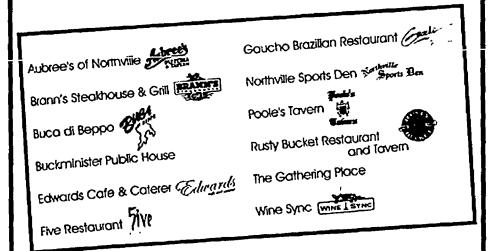
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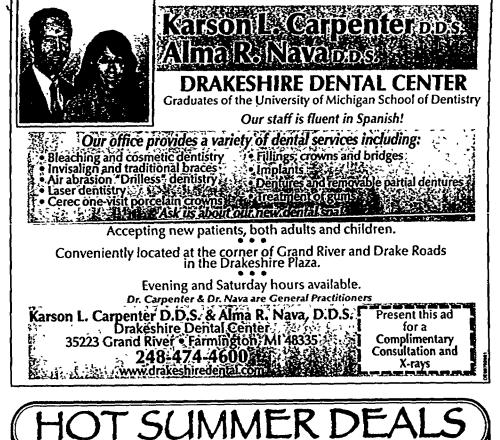




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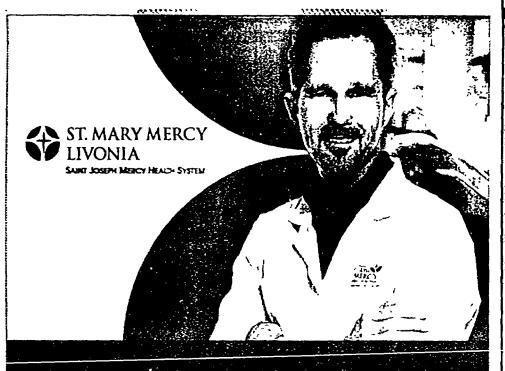
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10 Taboos for Summer Attire in the Office

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When you discuss fashion, you have to acknowledge that no strict rules apply to everyone. For some professions, a suit is the de rigueur attire. In other industries, work clothes make more sense. And plenty of organizations fall somewhere between. During the summer, the rules get even murkier because everyone has his or her own idea of what's appropriate. And if you've taken a look around, you know some people really take liberties with their wardrobe.

Because we can't address every possible mistake for every workplace, we've put together some guidelines that work for many workplaces. Maybe only nine of the 10 tips apply to your company. Still, the bottom line is that you should put some thought into what you wear, because your wardrobe affects your professional reputation.

Here are 10 summerattire taboos:

1. Flip-flops

Professional or dressy sandals are acceptable in many workplaces, and you know better than anyone if you work in such a place. Flip-flops and other recreational footwear are rarely acceptable for the same reason

blowing a bubble with gum in a meeting is inappropriate: You l∞k out of place and inconsiderate to your audience. Plus, that annoying sound of the flip-flop slapping against your heel will not make you any friends.

2. Bathing suits in any form

This tip might sound obvious, and hopefully it is. However, in case it's not, remember that sprucing up your bathing suit with a nice shirt, a belt. shorts or any other accessory will not fool anyone. If you're going straight to the pool after work, just change your clothes in the bathroom or a private office when the day is over.

3. Sunglasses indoors

You're not Bono. Yes. the sunlight is blinding when you walk outside or drive to work, but sunglasses don't belong indoors. People can't tell if you're paying attention to them when your eyes are hidden behind dark lenses, and everyone will wonder if your pupils were just dilated.

4. Shorts

Shorts automatically take the professional image down a notch, which could be a good thing for some places. For example, if you walk into a store that sells surfboards and wetsuits, you want to be greeted by someone in shorts and a tee, not a suit and briefcase. In most workplaces, however,

wardrobes, and you might be tempted to sport one to work. Don't, From an aesthetic standpoint, tanks make people think of a six-pack of beer, not of a six-figure salary A professional look should lean more toward the latter.

6. Apparel that smells like or carries remnants of the beach

Who doesn't love the beach? The sun, the waves lapping against the shore, the sand

7. Funny shirts or shirts from your vacation destination

Your "I'm Not as Think as You Drunk I Am" shirt might make your best friends laugh, but your boss. colleagues and customers or clients will disagree. Clothing shouldn't announce itself, so steer clear of humor. And shirts bearing the name of your last vacation destination ("Mexico!" or "Missouri: The Show Me State") will probably make your overworked colleagues begrudge your time off.

8. Not being prepared

Even if you're allowed to be casual during the summer, have a backup outfit or piece of clothing to dress up your attire. If you're in jeans and a plain Tshirt and your biggest client calls a lastminute meeting, it wouldn't hurt to have a least a blazer or nicer shirt on hand. Being prepared is never a bad thing.

9. Anything see-through

Another tip that should go without saying, but just in case: Skin and undergarments should not be seen through the fabric you're wearing. Lightweight linen that's breezy and comfortable on the

beach is inappropriate at work, not to mention uncomfortable for your co-workers.

10. Testing the limits

If your employer gives you wiggle room with the dress code by using words such as "appropriate" and "reasonable" to describe acceptable attire, use your brain. A ketchup-stained T-shirt, scandalously short shorts and dilapidated tennis shoes are acceptable in your personal life, but not at work. And you know that. So don't ruin summer wardrobes for everyone.

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professional demeanor. Even nice shorts that are more suited for a day the country club than an afternoon painting your kitchen aren't as pulled together as a pair of

shorts detract from a

5. Tank tops

Regardless of the season, you should be wary of showing too much skin. In the summer, tank tops are prevalent in many

Another issue that exists in some organizations is the idea that no one, male or female, should have bare arms. Remember when Michelle Obama took flak for her steeveless blouses? As with many of these tips, use your best judgment. Unless your occupation involves some form of labor where sleeves affect your work, you should keep your upper arms covered

between your toes. If you need to bring a starfish home as a vacation souvenir, by all means, do it. Just don't wear your beach clothes to the office -especially if they have that aroma of fresh ocean life or are leaving a trail of sand behind you. If, by some chance, your beach wardrobe is suitable for your workplace, at least have the good sense to run it through the washer once or twice.

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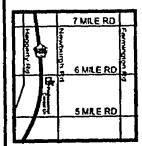
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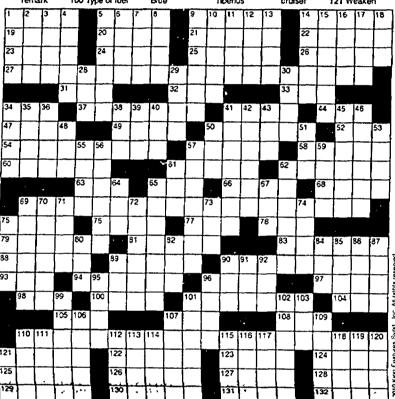
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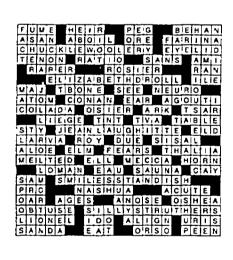
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BBB: Beware of air conditioning scams

As summer temperatures heat up, your local Better Business Bureau is advising consumers not to get burned by air conditioning inspection and repair scams. While most air conditioning service and installation companies are reputable, as the humidity increases there are always a few companies that emerge each season with the goal of taking consumers money for unnecessary repair work or equipment sales. BBB encourages consumers not to give in to high-pressure sales tactics and to always do their homework before

committing to spend any money.
"Air conditioners can be one of the more complicated aspects of maintaining your home," said Melanie Duquesnel, president and CEO of the Better Business Bureau Serving Eastern Michigan. "As such, scam artists will leverage that unfamiliarity of air conditioning to take advantage of the consumer. The best way to defend your pocketbook is by being an educated consumer. Always check out a company with your local Better Business Bureau before accepting any offers and never leave anyone servicing your air conditioning system unattended while at your home."

Advertisements for "free" air conditioner cleanings or tune-ups tend to pop up this time of year. BBB recommends that consumers be cautious of these opportunities. Complaints received by the BBB show a trend in these circumstances regarding recommendations for more costly repairs than are actually required, high-pressure sales pitches to replace existing units with brand new models, or significantly marking up the price for replacement parts. In other situations, dishonest repair people will remove parts or allow coolant to escape causing the air conditioner to not work properly so that the consumer believes a costly repair or the purchase of a new unit is needed.

"If someone is advertising an offer to clean or service your air conditioner for free they are most likely planning on trying to sell you something else while they are in your

home," said Lee Weinstein, general manager for H A Sun Heating & Cooling Inc., a BBB accredited business since 1987. "There is a difference between sending a technician out to provide a free estimate or quote as part of the sales process, which many reputable businesses do, and trying to trick a consumer by allegedly offering a free service with the overall intent of gaining access to their home in order to defraud them or make a high pressure sales pitch. Anytime someone is faced with a pricey repair or new air conditioner purchase, we recommend getting at least three quotes before you make a final decision."

BBB recommends consumers take the following steps to ensure they are getting the proper service for their air conditioner problems:

• Troubleshoot: Before calling for service, check a few basic things out yourself first. Is your thermostat operating properly? Has the electrical breaker powering the unit tripped? Does your system have a winter power shut off switch that needs to be flipped? Are the air intake screens or filters on your outside unit dirty or blocked and need to be cleaned? Sometimes there are minor, inexpensive things you can do yourself to alleviate a problem and avoid paying for a service call or repair.

Air conditioners are complex machinery, don't take them apart or try to repair them on your own or you could end up doing more damage which could result in a more expensive repair. Leave the servicing of your air conditioner to a licensed professional.

Warranty Issues: Is your air conditioner still under manufacturers' warranty? Sometimes using unauthorized service companies or replacement parts can void your warranty. Be sure to check your owners' manual or warranty for any special conditions to avoid unnecessarily paying for any future repairs that might otherwise be paid for under the warranty.

• Start With Trust: Check out service contractors with your local



Better Business Bureau at www.bbb. org or by calling (248) 223-9400. Make sure to use a BBB accredited business or at the very least, one that has a good rating with BBB.

· Written Estimates: Don't be satisfied with verbal promises. Demand a written estimate that notes what is wrong with your air conditioner, what the entire cost to repair or replace the unit will be, and the printed and signed name of the repair person. If they are recommending purchasing a new system, also require the estimate include its make, model, serial number, and system capacity.

· Obtain Multiple Quotes: Obtain more than one written quote before you allow work to be completed on your air conditioner or purchase a new one. Quotes should include a full description of the services and materials to be used so you can adequately compare them; this includes the air conditioner's size and units of energy (BTU) as well as the calculated cooling capacity of your home. Also compare all available warranties. Not all warranties are the same so they should be included

· Be Vigilant: Protect your home and your valuables by never leaving unknown workers alone in your home. Keep valuables out of sight and locked up when you have a contractor doing work. Avoid paying cash and write checks out to the name of the business rather than payable to the employee or another individual. Some unethical employees and subcontractors steal from consumers by convincing them to write checks directly to them rather

in your evaluation process.

than the company that was hired. Consumers are than still liable to pay the company they hired to do the work or face a lien against their property. A canceled check is a useful form of evidence to prove you actually paid your bill.

Make sure the business has a mechanical contractor's license with the State of Michigan. You can check to see if someone is licensed online at http://www7.dleg.state. mi.us/bcclicense/ or by calling (517) 241-9288. Additionally, check that the company is insured against claims covering worker's compensation, property damage, and personal liability in case in accident occurs on your property. Call to verify the contractor's insurance coverage after obtaining the name of the carrier and agency. Ask the provider to send you proof of coverage for your records.

 Annual Inspections: Paying for an annual inspection with a qualified repair shop to check the compressor, moving parts, coolant levels, filter, and furnace blower can identify and resolve problems before they become expensive. Having work done before the peak summer busy season can be less costly than when air conditioning service technicians are in high demand.

The Better Business Bureau Serving Eastern Michigan is a nonprofit organization that fights fraud and promotes ethical business practices in the local marketplace through its business accreditation, consumer education, and dispute resolution programs. Contact your local BBB by calling (248) 223-9400 or by visiting www.bbb.org.

Find an agent you can work with well

Q: Do you have any suggestions on how I can hire the best real estate agent for buying or selling my home?

A: Sometimes it is more difficult to find out about a real estate agent than other professionals. But there are some things you can find out about your agent before you hire him or her.

First, ask the agent to provide a list of what they have listed and sold in the



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last year with contact information. Before you start calling the names, ask the agent if anyone will be "particularly pleased / or particularly disappointed." When you contact these past

clients, ask what the asking price was and then ask what the sales price was.

If you are the seller, ask if these past properties are similar to yours in price, location and other salient features. Obviously, you want someone who specializes in exactly what you are trying to sell. Another good question for sellers is "How long has the home been on the market?" Also, check to see whether the person that you are considering is licensed and if there have been any disciplinary actions or complaints. You may also want to check to determine whether they are a "Realtor and/or a member of the National Association of Realtors," and, whether they have received any awards as such. See if they have any additional credentials meaning they have taken additional classes or training such as a CRS (Certified Residential Specialist) or an ABR (Accredited Buyer's Representative). There is also such a thing as an SRES (Seniors Real Estate Specialist) which means that they have completed training aimed at helping buyers and sellers in the 50+ age range. Keep in mind that a "Realtor" means that he/she is a member of the National Association of Realtors and pledges to support its Code of Ethics.

Further, make sure that your real estate agent or broker is not a new boy on the block and has been in the business at least five years. You regard. Obviously, you are looking for someone who is actively engaged in a particular area and price range, and, you want to know what knowledge of those two factors they can demonstrate and what kind of market presence they have. Check out your proposed agent's listings on line, either at their old site or at realtor.com, and whether they recommend you obtain an attorney.

Finally, make sure you can communicate with your agent and have a rapport.

Q: I am, of course, trying to find out when the bottom will reach in terms of buying property in the Naples area. Do you have any later or additional information?

A: The number of house closings and real estate sales in Naples bas increased substantially over last year (2009). However, there are still a number of foreclosed properties that are enticing investors at very cheap prices. Typically, the foreclosed property is not in the best of condition and that, of course, brings down the "comparables" for real estate pricing in the neighborhood and/or the other units of the development. Some brokers speculate that this will be the last summer where bargains can be obtained in Naples and, for that matter, Southeast Florida, but that still is only a prognostication.

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

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential week of March 22-26, 2010, at the **Oakland County Register of Deeds** office. Listed below are cities. addresses, and sales prices.

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954 Bloomf eld Village Blvd	\$22 000
23ff Dexter Rd	\$14 000
Birmingham	
800 Arlington St	\$790 000
1295 E Lincoln St	\$335 000
736 Graefield Ct	\$60,000
180 Pikgrim Ave	\$455 000
1764 Stanley Blvd	\$495 000
SOS # Frank St	\$723 000
Bloomfield Towns	hip
3280 Berkshire Dr	\$265 000
4387 Dorian Dr	\$295 000
1556 Ledbury Dr	\$170 000
6697 Valley Spring Ct	\$210 000
Clarkston	
8003 Caribou Lake In	\$407,000
4833 Harding Ave	\$184 000
7220 Hillside Dr	\$450 000

8772 Hunters Creek Or	\$50,000
8945 Minne Wanna Rd	\$155 000
4105 Newcastle Dr	\$165 000
5558 Northcrest Village Dr	\$135,000
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4715 Petton Rd	\$60,000
8713 S Shore Dr	\$330,000
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37622 Dorchester Dr	\$221,000
28977 Forest Hall Dr	\$237,000
28211 Green Castle Rd	\$134 000
22047 inkster Rd	\$55 000
22580 Purdue Ave	\$125 000
21965 River Ridge Trl	\$130 000
31915 W 14 Mile Rd	\$86 000
22092 W Brandon St	\$127,000
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3044 Voorheis Lake Ct	\$215 000
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670 Canyon Rd	\$193 000
296 Oakbridge Dr	\$302 000
2975 Shannon Dr	\$271,000
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454 Conway St	\$95 000
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2706 N Lake Dr	\$237,000
3170 Sashabaw Rd	\$79,000
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2015 Bordeaux St	\$150,000
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6655 Pinnock	5372,000
5533 Stanhope St	5150 000
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These are the area residential reat estate closings recorded the week of March 22-26, 2010, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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1647 Aberdeen St	\$177 000
47079 Eastbourne Rd	\$305 000
7044 Foxfidge Dr	\$201 000
50001 Geddes Rd	\$119,000
43818 Hanford Rd	\$190 000
44679 Feather Ln	\$218 000
4142 Kristine Ct	\$168 000
42436 Wajestic Ct	\$155 000
50197 Monroe St	\$80 000
5777 N Beck Ad	\$251 000
Garden City	
28971 Aleia St	\$70 000
534 Belton St	\$87,000
1232 Helen St	\$20,000
29834 Hennepin St	\$10,000
29584 Rush St	\$73 000
30120 Rush St	\$65 000
29146 Sheridan St	\$87,000
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38244 Ann Arbor Trl	\$60 000
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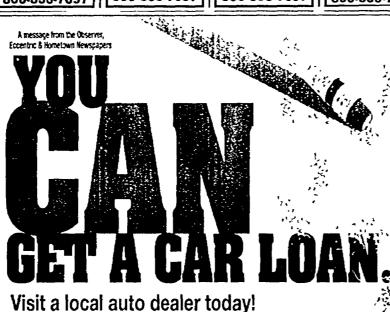
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