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Work to begin on Mary Alexander Court

Construction work will begin Monday on Mary Alexander Court in the approximately \$2-million sidewalk and street enhancement program in downtown Northville. The work will begin from the east and move westward on the one-way street between Hutton and Center streets. Local merchants will be updated with morning coffee meetings weekly on the progress of the project.

Emergency Blood Drive

Our Lady of Victory Church will be holding a blood drive from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1. Blood supply is critically low; all donors are welcome. The OLV social hall is located at 770 Thayer, Northville. Call or email to schedule an appointment: Christine Abbey at (248) 701-5221 or chrisabbey@comcast.net.

Maybury Camp

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

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

The Day Camp begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 12:30 p.m. and is held on Wednesday and/or Thursday throughout July and August.

Children may be signed up for either one or two days in the same week. Camp is limited to 10 children per day. Dates are July 22, 28, and 29; August 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, and 26.

Tuition fees are \$25 per day per person (must be paid in full to register); includes a mid-morning snack. Call (248) 374-0200.

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 4-12, including music, crafts, artwork, a scavenger hunt and memorial activities. Lunch will be provided both days. Contact New Hope at (248) 348-0115.

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7 Mile property cleanup funds OK'd

Township will first check with developer to cover the costs

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Northville Township trustees unanimously approved the expenditure of \$5,000 from money gleaned from a salvage operation to clean up trails on the Seven Mile Property last Thursday night.

However, after Mindy Herrmann, trustee, and others on the board asked why the developer REIS couldn't pay for the cleanup, Mark Abbo, township supervisor, said he would check on that first before the money was spent.

The goal of the cleanup project is to get the walking trails on the property ready for use in the near future, said Margie Banner, trustee and member of the steering committee on the property.

Banner said Jim Porterfield, a certified arborist who is a member of the committee, said recently that he believes the aftermath of the REIS logging operation should be undertaken by professionals.

"The (tree) harvesting really kind of left a mess," said Mark Abbo, township supervisor.

Banner also said it would be great if some Northville

Township business leaders would possibly donate some funds for the cleanup of the trails.

TRUST FUND DONATION

Banner said one of the reasons it is important to start thinking about doing something with the trails is because the state has agreed to provide about \$8 million in grant money for the property.

The money will come through the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, whose board members approved

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This photo of the Seven Mile Road Property in Northville Township shot last summer shows some of the debris left from the REIS tree harvesting operation. The township may spend some of the money gleaned from a salvage operation currently going on the property to pay to clean up the area for walking trails.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Visit to the Farm

The Shooting Star Theatre group performs their piece "Visit to the Farm" on July 17 during a visit to Northville's Maybury Farm. From left are Danielle Paul, 12, Nathan Van Meter, 14, and Haley Haywood, 12. The group came up with a number of musical pieces to describe life on the farm and performed them three times during the day at the farm.

Northville has collected nearly \$150,000 through salvage operation

Seven Mile Road project ongoing

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

It may have cost Northville Township something to bring it in, but the township has so far netted about \$144,000 on a salvage operation at the Seven Mile Road property it owns.

Township residents voted to purchase a good chunk of the property last year from developer REIS. Now that it owns the land, the business of gleaning steel, copper and other materials from buildings and infrastructure on the property is ongoing.

Don Weaver, director of public services for the township, said so far about \$180,000 worth of materials have been collected, with a price tag of about \$35,000 paid to obtain the product.

"The main items are the underground wiring and the water tower," Weaver said.

Companies have been hired to go through the property building by building to see what can be saved and sold.

There's talk about using some of these funds to help pay for the removal of trees left from the tree harvesting operation so that people

COMPANIES INVOLVED

The company American Traders paid \$150,000 to the municipality for the removal of electrical conductors and electrical switchgear components on March 30.

Carbon Credit paid a \$30,000 for the elevated water tower on April 6.

Expenditures have included \$160,000 to Richard Zanotti for consultation services on Feb. 1; \$739.40 to McDowell and Associates for PCB and asbestos sampling; \$27,000 on April 1 and \$5,400 on April 13 to MCI and Associates for project management; and \$2,215 on April 21 to McDowell for environmental oversight of the project.

Thus, total income has been \$180,000, with \$35,514.40 in expenditures, for a net income amount of \$144,485.60

can start using the walking trails.

Chip Snider, township manager, said the salvage money could also be used to pay for the property to be mowed.

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City leaders appoint members of Citizens Budget Committee

Suggestions to
be made in fall

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Our founding fathers wanted a government by the people and for the people.

Now, city of Northville residents will be gaining an opportunity to become even more involved in their local government.

On May 24, council members talked about the appointment of a committee to engage a larger number of people in order to establish a dialogue with the community, communicate options available to the city and recommend solutions to budget concerns.

Earlier this month, Northville City Council members appointed members of a new citizens Budget Committee, with names still being accepted.

The group will meet on a regular basis, with feedback expected to be presented to the council sometime in October.

VARIETY OF PEOPLE

In appointing names suggested earlier this spring and



J. Mittman

summer, council members and city staff searched for a group that represented a broad cross-section of the community. That meant choosing those

from different walks of life with various work and personal experience.

"Such a committee would be charged with assembling a knowledge base regarding the city's finances and options, presenting information to the public and gathering public input on options and priorities, and presenting recommendations for long-term fiscal stability," said Pat Sullivan, city manager.

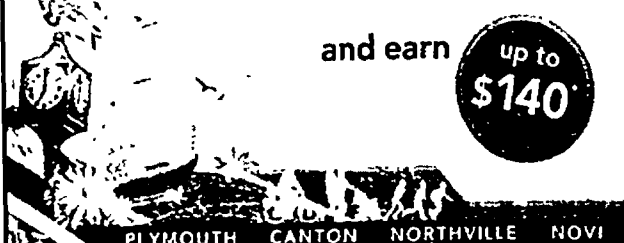
At that meeting, it was discussed that the committee should feel free to develop its own recommendations, without undue influence from council, and that the council's attendance should be limited to the initial, educational meeting.

It was also suggested that a large committee, perhaps in excess of 20 members, be assembled.

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Northville master gardener wins garden plot contest

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Kay Doig has been a master gardener for more than a decade.

Her knowledge finally paid off when her garden, the #1 plot, recently won first place in a contest to select the best community garden at Thayer's Corner Nature Area. Her garden is now highlighted with a shovel featuring a bird house and silk flowers.

"It was quite an experience," Doig said of her first year planting the community garden. "I just recently retired, so I finally had time to do something like this."

Doig worked for Wayne County for about 25 years. For the last five, she worked in the Wayne County Environmental Health Division, handling such issues as West Nile Virus, restaurant inspection, and rabies specimen reporting for the county.

She had tried patio gardening in the past at her home but, "the squirrels had a field day," she said, and deer enjoyed munching on her hosta plants.

USED INVISIBLE FENCE

Doig sprayed an invisible fence product that helped to keep the critters away from the 20-by-25-foot plot at Thayer's Corner Nature Area. She also used a fabric liner and mulch to stave off the weeds, but she still weeded daily.

"I didn't realize how much work it would be," she said about the garden that features

tomatoes, zucchini, beans, peppers, herbs and kale.

Former co-workers, Andre and Matt, helped her with the initial work in the garden, using plants Andre raised from seeds.

"We're just starting to eat the zucchini and a few tomatoes," she said.

Her neighbor, a Korean woman, made her zucchini pancakes this week, and she plans to make some zucchini soup for her next.

Doig said she was a bit late planting the garden this year, as she didn't get started until after Memorial Day. "You have to plant lettuce, carrots and radishes earlier in the spring," she said.

She even dug out some of her materials from the Michigan State University master gardener course, which she said consisted of a four-month class, three hours a week, plus 40 hours of community service.

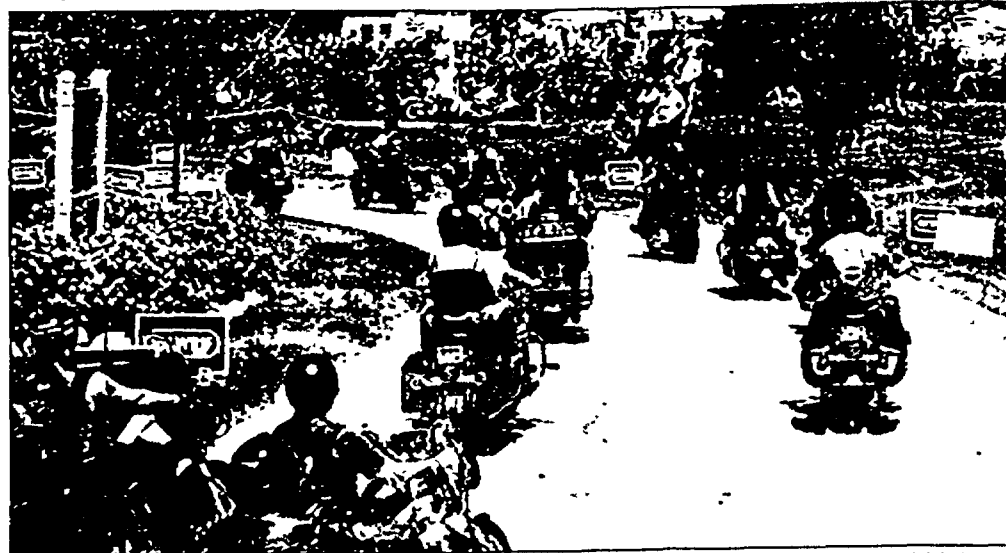
"It's an excellent course," Doig said. "I worked as a volunteer at Home Depot and English Gardens."

Since she's new to caring for a larger garden, Doig said she was surprised she won first place.

"I was absolutely thrilled," she said. "It was trial and error. But, I'm moving forward. Next year will be better."

Tim Jeromesky, who has garden #21, took second place in the contest and received a painted rock done recently at one of the nature area's events.

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GREATER MED A INC

About 5,000 people attended the June 19 12th Annual Harley Davidson HarleyFest at Northville Township's Community Park at Five Mile and Beck roads. The bikers enjoyed the venue so much that they have decided to have it at the same place next year on June 18.

Northville Township nonprofits reap benefits of Harley Davidson event

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

It wasn't just the bikers who were pleased with the outcome of the June 19 12th Annual Harley Davidson HarleyFest in Northville Township.

Chip Snider, township manager, said at last Thursday's township board meeting that the all-day event raised a decent chunk of change for two of the community's nonprofit organizations.

Snider said the Northville Rotary Club and the Northville Kiwanis Club collected about \$3,700 each at the event.

The two clubs split proceeds from the \$10 parking fees, said Traci Sincoc, director, Northville Parks & Recreation.

The Kiwanis' funds will be used for such charitable causes as a bowling program for individuals with special needs, said L.T. Sylvestre, coordinator of the Kiwanis Club workers at HarleyFest 2010.

The Rotary Club is dedicated to providing clean water projects to needy people across the world. Sue Campbell from the Northville Rotary recently wrote a letter to the editor of the *Northville Record* about the outstanding turnout at HarleyFest 2010 and what the proceeds meant to the local club's efforts to help those less fortunate.

The event, brought to Community Park at Five Mile and Beck roads by WRIF Radio, will return to the Northville Township venue next year.

The 13th Annual HarleyFest is will take place on June 18. Both bikers and nonbikers are welcome to come hear a variety of bands, eat a variety of food and enjoy a variety of vendors. A motorcycle ride takes place from the Harley Davidson location on Grand River Avenue in Farmington to the park the morning of the event.

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Northville student raising endangered moths at home

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Arthur Greenlee has an interesting summer hobby this year — breeding the endangered cecropia moths in the screened porch of his family's Northville home.

The 10-year-old, who will be a fifth-grader at Moraine Elementary School in the fall, became interested in the moths at the suggestion of his mother, Susan, who is a member of the Friends of Maybury Farm.

The moths lay their tiny eggs on the wood inside the porch, which eventually hatch into caterpillars. The eggs have to be kept dry to hatch, so the Greenlees are keeping them in an empty cat litter container.

These are kept in a small aquarium lined with paper towel. The Greenlee family has to spray the paper towel with water daily to keep the area moist plus make sure the caterpillars have leaves from a backyard apple tree to eat.

"You can feed them apple, pear, cherry, maple and birch leaves," he said. "But, they are not an agricultural pest," she said.

CATERPILLARS GROW LARGE

The caterpillars can grow to as large as one's finger before moving to the cocoon stage.

Susan Greenlee said the eggs hatch in 10-15 days. They're waiting to see how long it takes the caterpillars to mature into the cocoon stage.

But, they spend most of the year inside the cocoon before transforming into the beautiful, colorful moths. Unfortunately, they live as moths for only up to two



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Arthur Greenlee, 10, holds one of the dozens of cecropia moths he and his family have raised in their Northville home this summer. The moths are rare in the wild today due to a tiny wasp that was brought in to control gypsy moths — that also attacks the cecropia. The Greenlees release many of the moths they raise, especially once they've bred and added more caterpillars to their collection.

weeks. They don't live very long because they have no mouths, and, therefore, can't eat.

"But, you can hold them and they don't bite," she said.

Arthur said it's easy to tell the difference between a male and female cecropia moth as the females' abdomens are much larger and their antennae are smaller. The moths vary in size, but can grow quite large.

"We recorded one that was 6 and 1/4 inch," he said.

The moths' colors include rust, tan, gray and white.

Humans can touch their wings once they are dead, but it's not good to touch them when they are still alive, according to Susan.

The moths are unusual because they are the largest species in Michigan, Arthur said.

INDIGENOUS TO MICHIGAN

"They are native to the state, but they've become very rare in recent years because the Michigan Department of Agriculture introduced a parasitic wasp to get rid of gypsy

moths," Susan said.

But, then the wasps began attacking luna and cecropia moths.

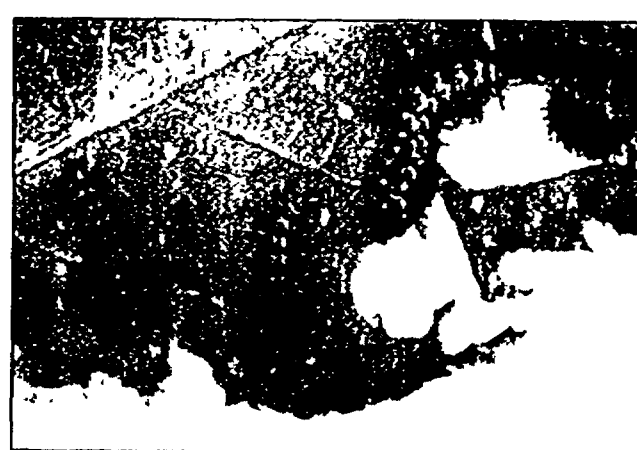
The Greenlees have raised about 20 moths this summer, starting with 14 cocoons.

The males come fluttering in from outside the porch.

WHAT'S THE ATTRACTION

"I like how beautiful they are, their furry backs and their wide wings," Arthur said.

"They are nocturnal and cold-blooded, so their body temperature has to get to 95



Some of the cecropia caterpillars being raised into moths at the Greenlee home. Each of the caterpillars in this photo is about a half-inch long. They are shown on apple leaves that they'll eat until they cocoon.



Some of the cecropia cocoons in the Greenlee household.

degrees before they can fly," Susan said.

"One landed on my shoulder, and I was so startled I screamed," he said.

"They're a showpiece of nature," Susan said. They plan to release them back into the wild.

All sixth-graders have to do an insect project, so Arthur's ahead of the game with his

moth collection.

"I bet no other kids will have one of these," he said. He also likes to play video games, swim, ride his bike and play badminton and the piano.

For those who would like to raise these moths in their own home, the cocoons can be purchased on the Internet.

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Name: Laura Cox, incumbent
Age: 45
Spouse: Mike, 15 years
Children: Lindsey 27, Sinead 14, Connor 12, Rory 10.
Grandchildren: Grace 3, Savanna 6 months
Residency: Livonia, 10 years
Community involvement (within the last two years): Rouge Rescue Clean-up Program sponsor (Bennett Arboretum), Community Opportunity Center board of directors, Infant Mortality Foundation Board member, St. Edith Fun Fair coordinator, MI Troops, Michigan Girls State, March is Reading Month promoter, INFORUM a professional women's alliance.
Related experience: Commissioner 5 1/2 years
Profession: Wayne County Commissioner, 10th District
Education: BA in criminal justice, Michigan State University, MS in criminal justice research and planning, Michigan State University
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Name: George J. Hartman
Age: 52
Spouse: Denise, 21 years
Children: Anastasia, 14
Residency: Northville, 10 years; Wayne County, 49 years
Community involvement: Parent coach for Hillside Middle School Science Olympiad Team
Related experience:
Profession: Private family business owner, George J. Hartman Architects, P.C., for over 18 years
Education: BS in architecture, Lawrence Institute of Technology
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Name: Timothy John Olszewski
Age: 42
Spouse: None
Children: None
Residency: Livonia, 36 years
Community involvement: Worked at the Livonia Spree within the capacity of law enforcement

Related experience:
Profession: Retired police sergeant, Detroit Tigers Ball Club travel security representative
Education: Wayne State University, Schoolcraft College

WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE MOST PRESSING ISSUE FACING WAYNE COUNTY?

Our most pressing issue is deficit spending. We have been operating in a deficit for way too long, and it continues to grow. We cannot get our budget under control until we stop spending money we don't have and reign in those who continue to spend that way.

The size and cost of operating county government is an extremely pressing issue. Oversized government, excessive taxation, decreased populations and decay of the business community are issues that need to be addressed if Wayne County is to thrive. The taxpayers of this county are paying a greater percentage of their reduced incomes in taxes to support a county system that has grown too large. The system needs to be corrected. County government needs to function more efficiently to reduce the tax burden on the residents, businesses and taxpayers.

I see the most pressing issue with economic development within the entire county, not just the 10th district.

WHY ARE YOU SEEKING THIS POSITION?

I have spent the last 5 1/2 years fighting for the taxpayers of the 10th District, but the fight is not over. We continue to be in difficult economic times, and my constituents deserve a commissioner they know will not balance the county budget on their backs and will continue to fight for their tax dollars. My record is clear. The 10th district deserves a fighter, and that is what I am.

I am seeking this office to try to make a difference in the county structure. Like many residents that I speak with, I am frustrated that county government growth and spending continue to rise while the incomes and property values of the county residents continue to decline. I have decided that rather than just complaining about the problems that we face as a community that I would run for office in an attempt to actually make a difference.

The citizens of the 10th district are in need of a new approach. Old approaches simply don't work any longer.

WHAT IS YOUR MAIN GOAL IF ELECTED, AND HOW DO YOU PLAN TO ACCOMPLISH IT?

To make sure that the county reduces its deficits. The county must stay within its proposed budget for the next fiscal year and keep with its deficit reduction plan. Last year during the budget deliberations I supported the use of state revenue sharing dollars to reduce our deficit. I will encourage this practice again for this year's budget. As the Chair of Ways and Means I will not support a budget that the taxpayers cannot afford. While I am only one commissioner, I have the opportunity to offer leadership on good sound fiscal policy as chair of Ways and Means.

My main goal if elected is to reduce the burden that county government places on its residents and taxpayers. Private industry has gone through a significant restructuring and it is time for government to do the same. A review of county spending needs to be conducted and non-essential spending eliminated. All aspects of county spending need to be investigated and reduced wherever possible. Reducing the tax burden on businesses and residents will stimulate economic growth in the county. This business growth is essential to the economic survival of the area. We need to work to keep our business community healthy. Property taxes need to be brought into line with the depressed property values to help encourage development and additional growth in the county. This will make property and business investment in the county more attractive.

If elected, solicit both small and large companies to move into the vacant structures that stand in our county. Be committed to utilizing the current tax dollars wisely, and to support the current plan of County Executive Robert Ficano.

WHAT QUALIFIES YOU TO SERVE IN THIS POSITION?

I have experience on the job and tenacity I've spent 5 1/2 years fighting for my constituents. Most importantly I listen to the residents and work towards a resolution for the taxpayers. As commissioner I have a record that reflects my ability to work hard and get things done. My record proves that I will not balance the budget on the backs of the taxpayers. In 2009, I was appointed as chair of Ways and Means, a powerful position of leadership for the lone republican on the Commission.

I believe that I am qualified for this position based upon my experience in the private business world. As a self-employed architect and builder, it is imperative that I run my business efficiently to provide quality and value to my customers. Government should function the same way. I believe that my experience in the private business environment will be an asset in understanding the ability of the community to effectively support county government.

My career of 22 plus years working as a police officer offered a wide view of all 43 communities within the county. While working for once Sheriff Robert Ficano, my duties ranged from all communities along the Detroit river, Lake Erie and Lake St. Clair and in the city of Detroit. The last 12 years were spent in the county's park system, another concern and love of mine (Hines Park). Honestly, the compassion to better the community I live in and the desire to work as hard as the women and men in both the 10th district as well as the county.

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Cox pushes for more transparency in Wayne County government

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Laura Cox believes the county can look at juvenile justice, court services and privatization of some county services to help balance the budget.

And if her husband, Republican gubernatorial candidate and state Attorney General Mike Cox, wins the gubernatorial race in November, Laura Cox said they aren't moving from Livonia.

Cox hopes to be re-elected to county commission to serve another two-year term, which would be her fourth term in that office.

Wayne County faces a \$226 million deficit this year. As County Executive Robert Ficano and the commission struggle with balancing the budget, Cox believes the commission has already taken steps, but that much more needs to be done. She also wants to continue to push for more transparency in county government.

"We need to look at every part of the budget and look at each piece and see what is mandated and what's not," Cox said. "If it's not, we need to move that money to the mandated services so we actually are providing the services that are mandated first. And there's not going to be very much left."

Cox believes it will take "courage and strength."

Cox said she and her husband have no plans to move out of Livonia to Lansing should Mike Cox win the gubernatorial race. "We love Livonia, we're very happy here and for seven and a half years, we've commuted to Lansing and it's never been a problem, and that's the way we want it to be."

Cox opposes an increase in gas taxes to provide more state Act 51 monies to communities. She'd rather see the funds more evenly distributed among counties. Wayne County received \$82 million in those funds this year.

"We are a donor district just as Michigan is a donor state," Cox said. "We can try and get the state to look at Act 51 and try to get it changed so that that money comes back to the county," Cox said.

Cox suspected that legislators will not look at the formula now in an election year, but expected the issue would be revisited later. "The state money has dwindled, the federal money has dwindled and those roads are not magically repairing themselves so that is a problem," she said.

Cox believes public safety is the No. 1 priority for the county. "Government's job is to create a safe environment for people to live and work," she said. Funding the prosecutor's office, the



Cox

courts and mental health services are top priorities. Cox also wants the county to use \$42 million in state revenue sharing to go toward deficit elimination.

Cox has chaired the commission's Ways and Means committee. It wasn't a problem for the commission and its 14 Democrats to give that chairmanship to Cox, the lone Republican. "If any crazy cuts need to be made, then you can blame it on the crazy Republican," Cox said. But Cox also reappropriated \$10.8 million for core services she and her committee agreed were important, such as the prosecutor's office and children's family services. "That was me working really, really hard with the CEO (County Executive Robert Ficano) and my fellow commissioners to see if changes needed to be made in the budget. There was a lot of hard work, meetings, and meetings of the mind," Cox said.

Part of it was to increase the tether program with the Wayne County sheriff. "That's a great program," Cox said. "You've got a guy who was convicted of a DUI, he's got a job and a family. Why throw him in jail when you can keep him functioning, keep him out in the community working, and keep him with his family on a tether and not in a jail? That's a savings to the taxpayer, and it's a benefit to the community."

Cox also helped secure \$150,000 for Veterans Park at Five Mile and Farmington in Livonia and is working to secure funds for a pedestrian pathway on Sheldon Road in Northville. She has worked to secure 15 percent of park millage funds back to each district.

"It still leaves a big pot of money for Ficano to distribute to the county parks," Cox said. Cox encourages expenditures in Hines Park, but said the system still isn't fair and even. "That's something that is a constant struggle," Cox said.

Cox wants to continue to push for transparency in government. "There's always a bad rap about Wayne County and 'back door deals,' well, let's open it up," Cox said.

The county has a transparency website, shows reports and cash flows. She expects a second phase by year's end that will allow anyone to search for a business and see bids. "If he wants to bid, he can see how much that contract was and what that guy got it for," Cox said.

"That will be a wonderful thing. It will give power to the taxpayers. They can get on there and see where their tax dollars are going."

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Hartman: Cut all county departments 10 percent

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

George Hartman believes Wayne County government should be cut 10 percent in all departments.

Hartman is running on the Republican ticket for county commissioner representing the 10th District.

"We haven't seen the bottom yet," Hartman said. "Properties are being assessed higher rates than what the value of the property is." The county may not see the full impact of those declining assessments for another four or five years, Hartman said.

Commissioners should examine the budget item by item to cut further or to replenish for mandated services, he said.

The private sector is "taking a beating," he said. "People have lost their jobs. They are taking 30-, 40-, 50-percent pay cuts. Taking 10 percent from the county isn't asking for too much."

Hartman believes more savings can come from bidding to private contractors than using county employees.

"A number of contracting services are competitive in their pricing, and I think that's a good place to start," Hartman said.

That includes road repairs funded by state Act 51 monies.

"Again, it comes down to private bidding," Hartman said. "Things can be done more efficiently. People in private business do this all year long."

Hartman wants to reduce the tax burden on residents by residents getting a "fair and proper" appraisal. "Across the board, properties are taxed at a higher rate than the value of what those properties are," he said. "That's one of the quickest ways to put money back in the pockets of county residents and taxpayers."

Cutting the budget by eliminating unnecessary services would be another step, he said.

"It's a matter of persuasion to make your case that something needs to happen for



Hartman

the good of the community," Hartman said. "It's not about one person; it's about the community."

Hartman has never sought elective office, but has always been interested in politics.

"I thought it would be a challenging position," Hartman said of the commission seat.

"I considered running for school board, but decided that wasn't for me."

Hartman has 30-plus years of business experience. He said he's spent time "agonizing" over how he can run his business, put food on the table and make his customers happy.

"I spend time with committees and groups about the design of buildings, but also with local planning commissions and city councils," Hartman said. "I spend a lot of time trying to please a lot of people."

Hartman believes courts and prosecutors are important county priorities in the budget.

"We need to make sure we aren't detrimentally affecting the families and children in the community," Hartman said. "That's critical in any budget-cutting situation."

Commissioners need to make sure the county is providing fair basic services, Hartman said. "If there's something that can be done better by a private business, we should investigate that if it represents a savings to the community."

Hartman believes voters will support him because they are looking for a change.

"I feel that there hasn't been a reduction in taxes, and that people are not satisfied with the county services," he said. "As I am out in the community, a lot of people are voicing an opinion that it's time for a change." Hartman thinks transparency is great, but added: "It's frustrating that it's taken five and half years to get here."

"The information is there; load it up."

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Focus on jobs in 7th Senate race

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Abe Munfakh has no illusions the process of fixing the state will be easy, but he figures the place to start is pretty simple.



Munfakh

Michigan, said the former Plymouth Township trustee, must become more business-friendly. "This state has not been business-friendly for a lot of years," Munfakh said. "No attempt has been made to compete with our neighbors." Munfakh, 67, a retired engineering management consultant, believes his business background makes him the choice to help Michigan do just that. He's seeking the Republican nomination in the state's 7th Senate District, the seat being vacated by the term-limited Sen. Bruce Patterson (Canton), in the Aug. 3 primary. The district includes Belleville, Brownstown Township, Canton, Flat Rock, Gibraltar, Grosse Ile, Huron Township, Northville Township, part of the city of Northville, Plymouth, Plymouth Township,

Please see **MUNFAKH, A10**

THE MUNFAKH FILE

Who: Abe A. Munfakh, 67

What: Republican candidate, 7th District state Senate seat
Family: Wife of 40 years, Darlene; two daughters, three grandchildren
Residency: Plymouth, 32 years
Community involvement: president, Schoolcraft College Foundation Board; Plymouth Community Foundation; worship commission and minister of hospitality, Our Lady of Good Counsel; chairman of the board, Arab American & Chaldean Council
Hobbies: Music appreciation, fishing, reading
Related experience: Plymouth Township board, three terms; Plymouth Township planning commission; Wayne County Planning Commission, executive committee, SEMCOG
Profession: civil engineer, retired president of Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May, Inc.; CEO, Munfakh & Associates, LLC
Education: bachelor of Science in civil engineering, Louisiana State University; management courses through University of Michigan; registered professional engineer in Michigan, Indiana and Louisiana
Website: www.Abe4Michigan.org

Colbeck: Make state an 'enterprise zone'

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Patrick Colbeck believes the way for Michigan to climb out of its economic doldrums is clear, if not obvious: Climb from what he says is a ranking near the bottom in business friendliness in the country to the top spot.



Colbeck

And the way he says the state should do it is to "start treating businesses as customers, not piggy banks." "Businesses provide jobs ... the more people who have jobs, the more taxpayers we will have," Colbeck said. "The more taxpayers we have, the more tax revenue we generate. The more tax revenue we have, the more we can effectively support the government services called for under our constitution."

Colbeck, a self-employed management consultant from Canton, is seeking the Republican nomination in the state's 7th Senate District, a seat being vacated by the term-limited Sen. Bruce Patterson (Canton), in the Aug. 3 primary. The district includes Belleville, Brownstown Township, Canton, Flat Rock, Gibraltar, Grosse Ile, Huron Township, Northville Township, part of the city of Northville, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Rockwood,

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THE COLBECK FILE

Who: Patrick Colbeck, 44

What: Republican candidate, state 7th Senate District
Family: He and his wife, Angie, have been married more than 14 years
Residency: 14 years
Community involvement: outreach coordinator for Good News! Via de Cristo, member of Canton and Northville Chambers of Commerce, member of SharePoint Users Group, Northridge Church in Plymouth Township
Hobbies: reading (history, religion, politics), golf, volleyball
Related experience: treasurer, Canton Charter Academy Board (2009-present)
Profession: Currently a self-employed management consultant (11 years total experience). Past six years have been on my own. Also provides IT consulting and web hosting services. Also has held senior management positions within the professional service and manufacturing industries, and provided systems and design engineering support for NASA and the Department of Defense.
Education: Detroit Catholic Central High School (1983); bachelor's (1987) and master's (1988) degrees in aerospace engineering, University of Michigan; International Space University, life sciences (1989).
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Osterman: 'Unpopular' solutions needed

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Dan Osterman thinks state government is broken, an administration that has become dependent on Washington to solve its problems.



Osterman

And he thinks he's the right candidate to help fix the problem. Osterman, 55, of Van Buren Township, is one of four Republican candidates — along with Deborah Whyman, Patrick Colbeck and Abe Munfakh — seeking the Republican nomination in the Aug. 3 primary for the state Senate seat in the 7th District, a seat being vacated by term-limited Sen. Bruce Patterson. The district includes Belleville, Brownstown Township, Canton, Flat Rock, Gibraltar, Grosse Ile, Huron Township, Northville Township, part of the city of Northville, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Rockwood, Sumpter Township, Trenton, Van Buren Township and Woodhaven.

Osterman said he belongs to a grass-roots organization, Campaign for Liberty, members

THE OSTERMAN FILE

Who: Dan Osterman, 55

What: Republican candidate, 7th state Senate District
Family: Wife of 12 years, Marguerite; children Brandon, Adam, Amy, Renee
Residence: Lived in Van Buren Township for 12 years
Community involvement: County coordinator, Grassroots activist organization.
Hobbies: Golf, fishing, hunting
Profession: Engineer
Education: Bachelor's degree in engineering
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Website: www.ostermanforsenate.com

of which approached him about running. "Lansing is broken," said Osterman, an engineer by trade. "Lansing is looking to Washington for a solution. We're not going to get a solution out of Washington. We've got to look to ourselves."

He said he has a three-point plan to fix

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Hopeful says bringing in business key to recovery

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The first time she served in the state Legislature, Deborah Whyman spent time with her party in the minority, and time with her party in the majority.



Whyman

As such, she said, she learned to work on both sides of the aisle to try and get things done. It's a talent, said Whyman, who served in the state House from 1993-1998, that would work well for her if she's sent back to Lansing.

Whyman, 52, of Canton, is one of four Republicans — along with Patrick Colbeck, Dan Osterman and Abe Munfakh — seeking the Republican nomination for the state

Please see **WHYMAN, A11**

THE WHYMAN FILE

Who: Deborah Whyman, 52

What: Republican candidate, 7th State Senate District
Residence: Lived in Canton since 1983
Related experience: House of Representatives (1993-1998)
Profession: Attorney
Education: Bachelor's degree in information systems (1980), Central Michigan University; master's degree in administration (1987), Central Michigan; Juris Doctorate (2002), University of Detroit
Hobbies: Active "behind the scenes" in community theatre. Assisted in costume room with many shows. Costume chair for "Dial M For Murder" and "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown." Tutor for adult literacy; photography; sailing
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July 14, 2010, Age 75. Funeral was July 17 at Our Lady of Victory Church, Northville. Donations in Mr. Bosio's name can be made to St. John Hospice.
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Booher: 'Trying to make a difference'

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Walking door to door to talk politics, Steve Booher Jr. has heard a lot of complaints about state government.

Michigan politicians can't seem to improve the climate for business, instill public confidence in their budget decisions, stabilize school funding or make the difficult changes to government that would benefit the state in the long run, Booher said. What they seem to do best, he said, is fight with each other.

When he tells those neighbors he's seeking elected office,



Booher

Booher joked.

Booher, 34, is running for the Michigan House of Representatives in the 20th District, which includes Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville and a portion of eastern Canton Township. He faces Plymouth Township attorney Kurt Heise in the

they're sometimes stumped.

"You look like a nice guy. Why do you want to go and join those crooks?" is a typical response,

Tuesday, Aug. 3, Republican primary.

The winner will run against Democrat Joan Wadsworth in the November general election. The district is currently represented by two-term Democrat Marc Corriveau, who is not seeking re-election.

Booher, a manufacturers representative and a salesman for an Internet technology staffing company, casts himself as a "common person trying to make a difference."

"You have to believe that one person can make a difference," Booher, a Plymouth Township

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Heise: Tax, regulations cut key to growth

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Heise

Kurt Heise wants to be on the team that reverses what he calls Michigan's "state of crisis."

Lawmakers need to cut business taxes, streamline regulations, ensure certainty in public education funding, make structural reforms to reduce the cost of government — including cutting their own pay — and trim the budget in order to set Michigan on a course toward job-creation and growth, Heise says.

"I want to start with changing the overall environment," said Heise during a recent

interview. Heise, 44, a Plymouth Township attorney who has worked with local governments for most of his career, is a Republican

candidate for the Michigan House of Representatives in the 20th District, which includes Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville and part of eastern Canton Township. He's vying with Steve Booher Jr., a manufacturers representative, in the Tuesday, Aug. 3, GOP primary;

the winner faces Democrat Joan Wadsworth, who has no primary opponent, in the November general election.

The district is now represented by Democrat Marc Corriveau, who is not seeking re-election.

Heise said his experience working with local governments on policy details, and his knowledge of western Wayne County, make him the better candidate.

"I've been working in these communities and working with these communities on a variety of issues for over 15 years,"

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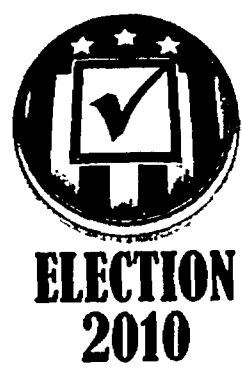
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Six Republicans, 3 Democrats seek nominations for Senate

BY PHILIP ALLMEN
STAFF WRITER

A number of western Oakland County residents are hoping they will be the next state senator representing the 15th district.

The 15th state Senate District is located in Oakland county and includes the townships of

Commerce, Highland, Holly, Lyon, Milford, Novi, Rose, West Bloomfield and White Lake, as well as the cities of Northville (Oakland County portion), Novi, Orchard Lake, South Lyon, Walled Lake and Wixom.

In the primary election, voters can cast their choices for either Republican candidates or

Democrat candidates. The top candidate from each party will advance to the Nov. 2 general election, running against one another. The winner of that election takes office effective Jan. 1.

The Republican candidates are Kerry Bentivolio of Milford, Paul Graves of Milford, Mike Kowall of White Lake, John Cyrus

Mohyi of West Bloomfield, Alan Stephens of Milford and Steven Valentini of Novi. The Democrat candidates are Tom Crawford of Milford, Pam Jackson of Commerce and Christopher P. Maloney of Northville.

Valentini, Crawford and Maloney did not respond to requests for information.

Nancy Cassis, R-Nowi, currently holds the state Senate seat. After 8 years in the position, she is term-limited and is not allowed to run for the position again. Members of the state Senate receive a \$79,650 annual salary, as well as a monthly \$1,000 stipend for office expenses.

Family man Graves wants to fix state's problems

BY PHILIP ALLMEN
STAFF WRITER

Paul Graves sees the effects of Michigan's economy in his own family.

More than a dozen of his nieces and nephews are in school or graduated. Many are struggling to find steady jobs, he said.

"They came to me and said, 'What can we do?'" he said. He told his extended family that if they get involved in their local communities, he'll do what he can to help by running for the state Senate District 15 seat. He started his Republican campaign, he said, in May by visiting more than 6,000 businesses throughout the western Oakland County district.

"What an eye-opener that was," said Graves. "So many businesses are really on a string. It's not going to take much to put some of those longtime businesses out if things don't improve."

A financial consultant by trade, Graves said his strong personality will work well in



Graves

the state senate, where 38 representatives across the state craft policy.

"I can bring people in from across the aisle. I'm pretty persuasive," he said.

"Most people like me. I can explain why things need to be done in a certain way to build a bridge to tomorrow."

Things will be difficult for Michigan moving forward, he admitted, but building a team atmosphere in Lansing will advance policies quicker, which is imperative in making changes the state needs, he said.

"Anywhere I've ever gone in business, that's the most important thing," said Graves. "We all have to put our egos aside. All 38 have to be united, get down to business and help Michigan."

Graves said voters should take all the information from the various candidates and compare everyone to

decide the best candidate, adding that he'd rather have voters disagree with his views instead of not knowing where he stands on the issues.

"My program is the most comprehensive of everyone who is running," he said. "People really want something different. When I say I'm not a politician, people say 'good.' I'm not worried about the next election. I'm doing it all on my own dime. I don't want to have to pick up the phone and hear someone say I owe them a favor."

When he's not campaigning, Graves said family is his main focus, something that he'd like to see more people embrace. He spends plenty of time helping older relatives around the house or working in the garden.

"I live a very peaceful life. I'm an old soul," he said. "I look out after seniors, I'll be there one day. Someday, I hope someone is looking after us."

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PAUL GRAVES

1. What is your vision for the state of Michigan in the next two-six years?

By making the right decisions now we can create a vibrant economic future through historic initiatives that will substantially downsize government, lower taxes, cut spending, improve education, bring back manufacturing and most importantly, create jobs, jobs, jobs.

2. Do you support repeal of term limits?

I will leave that to the Michigan voters. However if we keep term limits, stagger the years on the senate side so we don't have such a large turnover in any one year.

3. What are your top three priorities for funding key state services?

Before we look at funding key state services, we need to overhaul all department budgets.

4. What are your ideas for improving Michigan's economy?

Shrink government 20-25 percent. Reduce business taxes 50 percent. Reduce senior citizen property taxes at age 70, eliminate at 75. Allow college graduates a 5-year property tax exemption to stabilize housing market and keep educated youth in Michigan. Establish "Right to Work" manufacturing districts for companies with 300 or fewer employees. Move public employees to 401K program and set healthcare premiums equal to private sector.

5. Do you support an increase in the state sales tax for education funding?

No.

6. Do you agree that tax incentives are the best way to attract new business to Michigan?

AT A GLANCE

Name: Paul Graves

Age: 51

Spouse: Mary

Married: 12 years

Residence: Milford Township

Profession: Financial Consultant

Education: Graduate of Michigan State University Major: Finance

There many ways to attract business to Michigan

1. Reduce Michigan business taxes by 50 percent.

2. Give each county the ability to set up "Right to Work" manufacturing districts for companies with 300 or less employees. This would rebuild our manufacturing and keep us competitive with the global economy.

7. Do you support a state constitutional convention?

I need to study this issue before making decision.

8. What specific tax initiatives could you support to enhance Michigan as a place for entrepreneurs?

Reduce Michigan business taxes by 50 percent. Help our Senior Citizens by reducing their property taxes beginning at age 70, and eliminate them altogether at age 75. Allow college graduates to receive a maximum 5 year property tax exemption until the age of 30. This would help stabilize the housing market and keep our educated youth here in Michigan.

Jackson

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Bentivolio sees smaller government

BY PHILIP ALLMEN
STAFF WRITER

Kerry Bentivolio admits he's frustrated.

The veteran of two wars (Vietnam and Iraq) said he's "fed up with what's going on in Washington and Lansing."

Bentivolio said he's someone who can make a difference if voters select him as the next 15th District state senator.

This is his first foray into politics, and the Republican sees himself as one who will take a leadership role in Lansing.

"I was a town hall manager in Iraq for 27,000 soldiers," he said. "I know how to lead."

In the Army, officers didn't want to hear about problems, they wanted solutions, he said. There was a problem with contaminated water bottles for soldiers, he said, which he investigated and corrected. It was an "uphill battle to look into," he said.

"I'm a problem solver," he



Bentivolio

said.

Bentivolio was recently laid off from his position as a public school teacher, although that came well after he started his Senate campaign, he said. He's certified to teach American government, showing

he has a better understanding of the political system than most, he added.

But seeing public safety personnel and educators being laid off across the state — areas Bentivolio said are essential for Michigan — is a shame when he sees millions of dollars in wasteful spending elsewhere.

"I don't mind paying for something as long as I get something in return," he said. "I'm not getting my money's worth. Michigan was hardest hit in this recession. We have some serious problems. We need to cut back on the size of government."

Bentivolio can turn to his own home for examples on

being more self-sufficient. He raises chickens and reindeer, and is a beekeeper. He has 90 grapevines and 10 hop plants on his property. He and his son have made bio-diesel from used cooking oil at area restaurants, and he built his solar earth home in the 1980s, long before government started promoting the idea.

"I do as a way to save money," Bentivolio said. "I'm always green, but that shouldn't be the only business in Michigan."

There's a number of industries the state can capitalize on, but he said any new industry gets overregulated to the point where entrepreneurs are discouraged. Michigan, he said, needs to promote bringing new business instead of becoming a "nanny state."

"Isn't it about time we start taking care of it myself and make our own decisions? It's time we take responsibility for our own actions," Bentivolio said.

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KERRY BENTIVOLIO

AT A GLANCE

Name: Kerry Bentivolio

Age: 58

Spouse: Karen, married 33 years

Children: Daughter Kristin, 30, married, and son Kevin, 25. Two grandchildren.

Residency: Milford Resident of Oakland County entire life.

Community involvement: Returned from active duty military with Michigan National Guard in 2008 with service in

Iraq. Retired with 50 percent injury disability. FIRST Robotics competition as a team consultant. Milford Historical Society.

Profession: Public school teacher, owner of Old Fashion Santa & Company. Owner of small vineyard and farm. Manufacture honey.

Education: B.A. Social Science/ Masters

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Website: www.kbentivolioformichigansenate.org

5. Do you support an increase in the state sales tax for education funding?

I do not support, nor will endorse, any tax increases to Michigan citizens. Enough is enough. Smaller, less intrusive government costs less. Privatize services. Open to competitive bidding. A part-time legislature would save Michigan \$30-100 million. How many teachers and

police jobs can we save without raising taxes?

6. Do you agree that tax incentives are the best way to attract new business to Michigan? Explain.

Eliminate the MBT and surcharge and creating a Right to Work state will attract business. Following these changes, we might want to invest in new signs on Michigan's borders that read, "Welcome to Michigan, Open for Business, Under New Management." I suggest the cost to construct the new signs come from private donations.

7. Do you support a state constitutional convention? Explain your answer:

I do not support a state constitutional convention at this time. The estimated Michigan taxpayer cost is \$100 million for a convention. Michigan cannot afford the cost. Amend, not rewrite. It is less expensive to amend.

8. What specific tax initiatives could you support to enhance Michigan as a place for entrepreneurs?

Create a 20-year Tax Free zone for businesses within areas of Michigan bordered by the Great Lakes, Lake St. Clair, the Detroit River and the southern borders touching Indiana and Ohio.

We need to diversify our economy by focusing on attracting every business type, including nano, bio-mechanical, green and robotic technology as well as aqua-culture, alternative farming like growing hops and others. All business treated equally and as a favorite.

Jackson aims for Dem's support

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PAM JACKSON

1. What is your vision for the state of Michigan in the next two-six years?

In 2-6 years Michigan will have diversified businesses; less reliance on auto manufacturing; giving college graduates reasons to remain (employment opportunities, plus vibrant cities with efficient and effective mass transit for mobility and job creation). Public education will be properly funded so that citizens will be prepared to compete in this global economy. Michigan will be prosperous again.

2. Do you support repeal of term limits?

Yes. However, looking at this election cycle, 29 of 38 senators are term limited leaving the state void of experience and knowledge.

The terms for the House should be 12 years and the Senate 16 years. This would allow for a more cohesive government. If someone is not doing their job, then come election time, they could be voted out.

3. What are your top three priorities for funding key state services? Be specific. Explain.

We must do everything we can to reduce state spending without slashing essential services. We have to fight to protect essential priorities: public school funding and affordable higher education investing in our children and citizens for Michigan's prosperity, maintain our local police and fire protection to safeguard our communities, and ensure health care for children, seniors and the indigent.

4. What are your ideas for improving Michigan's economy? Be specific. Tell us how long before your plan would show results.

Developers can create urban communities with green space giving a lot to the buyer using it as the 20 percent down payment, then paying 20 percent property tax year one, 40 percent year two, etc., incentivizing

AT A GLANCE

Name: Pam Jackson

Age: 55

Children: Melissa 33, Christopher 22

Residency: Commerce Township, 7 years

Community involvement: Volunteer math tutoring, volunteer for the Lakes Area Optimist Club and Lakes Area Rotary Club, Reading to Children in the Novi Schools for Women's History Month for AAUW, Volunteer for Northville Home Tour AAUW.

Profession: Oakland Community College (Orchard Ridge campus), professor of mathematics, professor of construction management and concrete construction management

Education: BA-Mathematics-WMU, MA-Mathematics-EMU, MS-Industrial Technology/Construction Management-EMU, PhD. Candidate-Educational Policy Studies-Wayne State-(completing dissertation on prison education through Michigan Department of Corrections)

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Kowall seeks Lansing return as senator

BY PHILIP ALLMEN
STAFF WRITER

Term limits have introduced a number of new people to state politics.

Mike Kowall, a former state representative and current White Lake Township supervisor, said that the turnover has depleted much of the elected institutional knowledge in Lansing. That's a big part of why he's running for the 15th District state Senate Republican nomination.

"I'm watching what happens with term limits. Only six are coming back with any experience," he said. A number of state legislators, as well as local and county officials have encouraged him to run, he added, because they view him as a former legislator with a strong voting background and common-sense.

"They want people there who know how everything works," Kowall said. "This is not the time for neophytes."

With a background as a small business owner, Kowall views



Kowall

himself as somewhat a reluctant politician. He said he also was asked to run for the state House of Representatives, a position he held for two terms. After losing a tough primary election to Nancy Cassis eight years ago for the same Senate seat, he was asked to run for the White Lake Township supervisor position, he said. He was unopposed in his first election, and held an overwhelming majority two years ago.

"The vast majority of people think I'm doing a good job," Kowall said.

If Kowall wins the August primary and November general election, he will leave the final two years in his position as White Lake's supervisor. He said such a departure has been surprisingly well-received with White Lake voters.

"I'm getting an interesting

reactions to the midterm election," he said. "They're saying, 'We know what you've done (in Lansing) in the past and know we what you can do. We like you here, but we need you in Lansing, too.' So they're happy about that."

Kowall said the political process is a slow one, the way it was designed by Thomas Jefferson. That prevents "knee-jerk reactions" that might create unintended consequences, he said. That's why he's not promoting grandiose plans for new legislation as soon as he walks through the capital's door.

As township supervisor, Kowall said he has no private life. While working in the position full-time, he spends most of his free time at community events. If he can spare a few moments, he said he devotes it to his young granddaughter.

"You want to put a smile on my face, bring her in here," said Kowall.

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1. What is your vision for the state of Michigan in the next two-six years?

A leaner, more efficient state government that gets out of the way of entrepreneurs so that they can start and grow businesses and create jobs. I want Michigan to once again become a place where our kids and grandkids have the opportunity to achieve the American Dream. I don't want families separated because our young people cannot find work.

2. Do you support repeal of term limits?

No.

3. What are your top three priorities for funding key state services? Be specific. Explain.

I believe approaching the state budget process with "favored" services that are more important than others encourages sloppy government and wasteful spending. I support zero-based budgeting where all departments and agencies must justify their budgets from the first tax dollar. Well-run, efficient departments should be rewarded while poorly run, inefficient departments should be held accountable.

4. What are your ideas for improving Michigan's economy? Be specific. Tell

MIKE KOWALL

AT A GLANCE

Name: Mike Kowall

Age: 58

Spouse: Eileen, 37 years

Children: Marissa, 32; Stephanie, 27

Residency: White Lake, 35 years

Community Involvement: As supervisor, I'm involved in all township events

Profession: Small business owner, White Lake Township supervisor

Education: Henry Ford High School, Oakland Community College

Website: www.kowallforsenate.com

us how long before your plan would show results.

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5. Do you support an increase in the state sales tax for education funding?

No.

6. Do you agree that tax incentives are the best way to attract new business

to Michigan? Explain.

No. Centralized planning does not work, and state government should not be in the business of trying to pick economic winners and losers. See answer to question 4.

7. Do you support a state constitutional convention? Explain your answer.

No. It is not wise to open our Constitution to powerful special interest group to try to carve out favored status for themselves at the expense of everyone else.

8. What specific tax initiatives could you support to enhance Michigan as a place for entrepreneurs?

None. See answer to questions 4 and 6.

Mohyi focuses on technology in campaign

BY PHILIP ALLMEN
STAFF WRITER

John Mohyi wants to bring fresh, innovative ideas to the state capital.

Focusing on technology, the state Senate District 15 Republican candidate said Michigan can save billions of dollars and cut the size of government.

"I want to restructure how Michigan goes, from the bottom to the top," said Mohyi. "A lot of people that are running list five generic goals, but are not providing any corresponding plans on how they're going to achieve those goals."

Mohyi said his background in technology and economics helps devise ways to improve the state. He said he wants to treat government more like the private sector, automating and consolidating wherever he can. Streamlining municipal functions can cut costs. And improving Michigan's educational system will help attract business to locate here.

"Education, not taxes, are the



Mohyi

No. 1 reason to locate somewhere," Mohyi said. "Silicon Valley is expensive, but businesses make decisions based on education levels and the pool of candidates."

Mohyi is using his technological know-how on the campaign trail, too, including an expansive website, social networks and Google Voice, he said, which allows him to talk to his potential constituents all the time. And analyzing traffic on his website shows him what issues people are drawn to.

Mohyi said the actual job of being a senator is not that difficult. The hardest part is coming up with "innovative ideas and implementing them," he said, which includes convincing colleagues to support those programs.

"It feels right that I'm pursuing the Senate race," he said.

This is the second campaign

for Mohyi, who ran unsuccessfully for the West Bloomfield Board of Trustees two years ago.

When not campaigning, Mohyi spends time heading up the nonprofit Michigan Central Station Preservation Society. He admitted he was unaware of the Detroit train station at first, but when plans to demolish the site became public, he knew he "didn't want to get rid of this piece of history."

He said his efforts centralized the "fragmented grassroots efforts going on" and connected different people involved in its potential preservation. "I'm very hopeful with what's happening at the station," he said.

An inventor by nature, Mohyi said he's constantly devising new ideas, many of which he's implementing in his Senate campaign. Some projects can be implemented right away while others may take more time.

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Stephens wants free-market growth

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Stephens

Ask Alan Stephens what his focus would be if elected to the state Senate District 15 seat, and he'll tell you it's simple: the economy.

Everything else revolves around that, he said. Michigan needs to grow, and the best way to do that is through free-market principles.

"You can't buy your way out of this mess, and you can't regulate it," Stephens said.

Government has failed the residents, according to Stephens, which is why he decided to run as a Republican for the legislative seat.

A certified "green" builder, Stephens said so much information during the building boom preceding the recent economic downturn. That's what he said is needed

now, instead of government deciding what to regulate and what promote. Growth, he said, leads to discovery.

"Government or business or family does certain things that will make your life more comfortable, create opportunity for you, like tax incentives. They can also hinder and oppress," he said. "You need a government that understands how free market works."

Government's role is to protect against fraud and force, Stephens added. It's when government oversteps its bounds and tries to regulate more than necessary that problems arise.

He said the notion that corporations and CEOs are generally "greedy, selfish and bad" or not

stewards of the environment is unfair, as well.

"I find that offensive, and a lot of businesses do, too," said Stephens.

According to Stephens, the more involved people are in the community, the better. It's similar to education. The more involved parents are with the students, the better they tend to do, because there are adults helping with a hands-on approach to guide the kids along, he said.

While a newcomer in politics, Stephens said his work with local government, particularly with building departments, gives him a leg up on how government works.

And he views himself as a problem-solver. That's an area where he spends plenty of time in his business.

"I can identify problems and solve them. You have to know how to bring a group of people together. That's what politicians do a lot of."

JOHN MOHYI

AT A GLANCE

Name: John Mohyi (R)

Age: 22

Family: Single

Residency: 8 years

Community involvement: President and founder of the Michigan Central Station Preservation Society (www.savemichigancentral.com); president and founder of the American Organ Foundation; WSU Undergraduate Economic Association Vice-President

Related Experience: Chair of the Republican 9th Congressional District Technology Board; member of the Republican 9th Congressional District Executive Committee; Republican 6th Precinct Delegate West Bloomfield

Profession: Investor

Education: WSU: majors in economics and psychology

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I will start consolidating the services provided by municipalities onto the county level within two years. Visit www.johnmohyi.com for more information.

5. Do you support an increase in the state sales tax for education funding?

No, I do not support tax increases and especially when such a large margin for increasing efficiency in government through technology exists. I plan to restructure both government and education in order to increase efficiency and quality. Further, restructuring is necessary to achieve the ideals of a 21st century education. Visit www.johnmohyi.com for my detailed education reform plan.

6. Do you agree that tax incentives are the best way to attract new business to Michigan? Explain.

Economic research indicates that the skills and quality of a potential employee pool is typically the primary factor in a company's location decision. The next factor considered is taxes and a proper combination of both

elements is required. Overall, it is important to create a better business environment for everyone in Michigan than to benefit only a handful of business.

7. Do you support a state constitutional convention? Explain your answer

No, I have personally read and analyzed the Michigan Constitution and find no compelling reason to have a convention. The problem with Michigan is not the document, but rather the officials interpreting the document. A convention would result in millions of dollars spent and a constitution which will likely do more harm than good.

8. What specific tax initiatives could you support to enhance Michigan as a place for entrepreneurs?

I plan to eliminate the Michigan Business Tax and create a system which benefits not just a handful of businesses but everyone. This of course requires a major restructuring of Michigan government in order to eliminate dead-weight spending in government. My full plan can be found on www.johnmohyi.com.

1. What is your vision for the state of Michigan in the next two-six years?

I envision a Michigan completely restructured to be 21st century compatible. In two years the majority of government infrastructure will be shifted into the digital realm allowing for unprecedented economies of scope and scale, thus driving down the cost of government. Further, consolidation of municipalities and services will decrease bureaucracy and taxes by shrinking the size of government. Visit www.johnmohyi.com.

2. Do you support repeal of term limits?

No, we need a faster turnover of legislators to increase the number of innovative ideas. Further, public service is a duty and should not be made into a career.

3. What are your top three priorities for funding key state services? Be specific. Explain.

1) We need to update and consolidate Michigan's IT infrastructure to save an estimated \$1 billion a year. 2) Education needs to be completely restructured to increase efficiency and quality while cutting costs. 3) The Prison Industry Enhancement Certification Program must be adopted to reduce prison costs among other public safety reforms. Visit www.johnmohyi.com for detailed information.

4. What are your ideas for improving Michigan's economy? Be specific. Tell us how long before your plan would show results.

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COLBECK

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Sumpter Township, Trenton, Van Buren Township and Woodhaven.

Colbeck, who launched his campaign with an April 15 speech during a Tax Day Tea Party event in Plymouth, said he's running a "grass roots" campaign. He thinks his management background gives him the right perspective on the ways to fix Michigan and its long-suffering economy.

"My bread-and-butter is going into dysfunctional situations," Colbeck said. "There's a different mindset when you go at it from a design engineer perspective. That thinking can extend into the business system very well. I have what it takes."

Colbeck said the way to start is to cut expenses, rather than increasing revenue in ways such as tax increases. Pointing out he signed a Taxpayer Protection Pledge, Colbeck said the state can't "tax ourselves to prosperity."

"Everyone is focused on the revenue side of the ledger," Colbeck said. "We need to lift the hood and look at the other side."

Colbeck would not support expanding the state's sales tax to include services, and would prefer to see the entire state become an "enterprise zone," though he said

it won't happen.

"If most folks agree that lower taxes inspire economic growth, why isn't the entire state of Michigan an enterprise zone?" he said. "The answer is fairly simple — special interest politics. Most politicians want to get personal credit for bringing new business to their district. What we need are more 'general interest' politicians. We need to put representatives into state government that seek to look out for the good of the entire state. A healthy state economy is the best way to ensure a robust economy in their district."

Colbeck said education is his top funding priority. "We need to encourage school districts to operate more efficiently by consolidating administrative services such as payroll, benefits management, and information technology support into shared service pools," said Colbeck, who serves as treasurer for the Canton Charter Academy board.

His other priorities:

- Health care expenses: "Health care costs are the most significant expense item for employers and families alike. We need to ensure that we provide Michigan citizens and employers with access to low cost and high quality health care solutions. The only proven solutions of this nature are capitalist solu-

tions such as those afforded by the adoption of Health Savings Accounts (which) eliminate the administrative costs associated with having insurance companies process transactions for frequently used, basic services such as doctor visits and lab work."

• Stakeholder-based organization structure: "I would work with the next governor to extend the concept of shared service consolidation for school districts to our state government as a whole," he said. "We need to rationalize the 18 different state departments into six stakeholder-based departments featuring one department focused on shared services. Not only would this cut expenses, it would also help to improve the quality of these services by decreasing the number of touchpoints that stakeholders would face when engaging the state government."

• Colbeck also supports term limits, saying they "encourage service-driven representation in the spirit of the Father of Our Country, George Washington. We need a healthy rotation of those experiencing the impacts of legislation and those of us responsible for implementing legislation to ensure that the legislation is pragmatic and beneficial."

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MUNFAKH

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Rockwood, Sumpter Township, Trenton, Van Buren Township and Woodhaven.

"I believe Michigan needs to be run like a business by businessmen, not politicians," said Munfakh, who chairs the Wayne 11th Republican Committee. "I am an outsider who is not looking to further my career in Lansing, but to fix the disaster that the present administration has created. Michigan is bleeding, and I know how to heal it."

Munfakh, the retired president of Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May, Inc., and CEO of his own company, Munfakh & Associates, LLC, said job creation will be his "laser focus" if elected. He said the state needs to create a better business environment, easing up in areas such as permits and regulation and lowering the tax burden.

While Munfakh agrees the Single Business Tax the state dumped a couple of years ago was burdensome, he said the law with which it was replaced is equally cumbersome and more difficult to understand.

"It's so complicated, and rather than reduce taxes, they increased them," said Munfakh,

who has lived in Plymouth for 32 years. "Small business is the engine that drives the state, and these are the ones paying the most taxes. How can they expand and stay in the state with that burden?"

Munfakh said his top priorities would include spending cuts and a better budgeting system. Legislators should have a two- to three-year budget plan, adopting the one-year budget as required by the state Constitution. But Munfakh also said the state should start with "zero-based" budgeting "as is done in the private sector," he said, and start from scratch, rather than using the previous year's budget as a starting point.

"If you start at zero, you're going to find out the budget is going to be much smaller," he said.

Spending cuts should start with state payroll and benefits, the "prevailing wage" provision to paying for projects should be changed and taxes should be cut "so smaller industries get the message we are business-friendly," Munfakh said.

Munfakh also:

- Does not believe the state's sales tax should be expanded to include services. "Services are an industry that tend to human needs," he said. "To put a tax on human need is unfortunate, and

I wouldn't do that."

• Doesn't think the state should necessarily be advocating for particular industries, such as the film industry, as a means of attracting business to the state. "The state should be advocating for bringing (all) business to the state, as opposed to pitting one community against another," he said. "Attracting the movie industry worked, but I think they gave away too much."

• Thinks the way to go is lowering taxes on everyone, including small businesses. "I also propose eliminating the surcharge on the Michigan Business Tax and lowering it by changing the formula, and eliminating red tape in state government by requiring rapid issuance of permits and reducing requirements for locating in Michigan, which would make us competitive with our neighboring states, grow our economy and create jobs."

Munfakh, whose third grandchild, Colleen, was born just a couple of months ago, said he's not running for the Senate just to get the gig.

"I'm not a professional politician, I'm not looking for a job," Munfakh said. "I'm doing it for your family, and I'm doing it for my family."

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OSTERMAN

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the state's problems: Fix the tax system, fix education and reform labor law. "(The state) has to be fixed by doing unpopular things," he said.

To fix the tax system, Osterman proposes doing away with both income and property taxes and replacing them with a broad-based consumption tax on sales and some services. Tax incentives, he said, are "arbitrary and favor particular segments of the economy. Tax incentives should be across the board for all businesses."

"Government shouldn't be picking winners and losers, and they certainly shouldn't be doing it with taxpayer money," Osterman said. "If you want to a broad-based consumption tax, you wouldn't need incentives. What attracts business is predictability. When the line

keeps moving, that's what discourages business."

Osterman, who owns a bachelor's degree in engineering, advocates the use of a K-12 voucher system for education in Michigan. On his website, Osterman said the state "must undertake the legislative development of a K-12 voucher program which allocates statewide education tax dollars equitably among all students, regardless of which educational institution they attend."

Osterman said such a system — which he said has been done in places like Cleveland and Milwaukee — could rescue students in districts like Detroit Public Schools.

"What's going on in Detroit is tragic, and the only way to fix it is to give parents a choice," Osterman said. "I believe it will work. It gives parents the choice."

On other issues, Osterman would:

- Eliminate the Michigan Business Tax, which he said is "strangling" businesses. "They're struggling to survive," he said. "Why are we smothering them? We could fold that into the consumption-based tax system."

- Privatize services such as inspection services and regulatory agencies.

- Eliminate the Michigan State Police. "You could put their responsibilities under the county sheriffs," Osterman said.

- Leave term limits the way they are. "I'm OK with term limits. ... We need citizen legislators who do the job and go home," he said. "I don't see any evidence a part-time Legislature is any better than a full-time Legislature. There's so much work that needs to be done."

- Stand up to the federal government, which he believes is whittling away citizens' rights by requiring concessions

(such as the helmet law for motorcycle riders and the seat belt law for drivers) in order to qualify for federal programs.

"I'm frustrated we don't have legislators who stand up against the federal government," he said. "They're bargaining away our civil rights to get federal funding."

Osterman said he's been getting to know the large 7th District by speaking to community groups, taking part in local parades and festivals and going door-to-door. He said the people supporting his campaign are all "grass-roots" supporters who believe he can do the job.

"We're in a crisis," he said. "Lansing is completely dysfunctional and they're even admitting it. I understand how the system works. If we don't get people in office with some common sense, we're in trouble."

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WHYMAN

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Senate's 7th District seat being vacated by the term-limited Bruce Patterson. The district includes Belleville, Brownstown Township, Canton, Flat Rock, Gibraltar, Grosse Ile, Huron Township, Northville Township, part of the city of Northville, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Rockwood, Sumpter Township, Trenton, Van Buren Township and Woodhaven.

"Part of the problem (now) is a lack of willingness to do what's necessary," said Whyman, now an attorney in Canton. "We had to learn to work together."

Whyman said she got into the race because "the last eight years with (Gov.) Jennifer Granholm have been intolerable." She said some 400,000 jobs have left the state and, while acknowledging the sagging national economy "is partially responsible," Whyman believes the current administration bears the bulk of the blame.

"The 'solution' was a major income tax increase for those who remained in the state," Whyman said. "Other industrial states have not suffered as deeply as Michigan. The poor leadership of both Governor Granholm and

the legislature are primarily responsible."

Whyman, who has bachelor's and master's degrees from Central Michigan University, said the state has to start attracting diverse businesses using a "combination of tax cuts and eliminating burdensome regulations." She'd start, she said, by eliminating the Michigan Business Tax.

"It was hard to imagine there would be a more onerous tax than the Single Business Tax," Whyman said. "Lo and behold, we found one."

Whyman believes that, rather than hike taxes, the state should cut the fat she said is in the government. She would press for a reduction in both the number of state employees and in employees' level of compensation. While she wants to protect funding for K-12 education, Whyman believes the Department of Education bureaucracy could be trimmed. She also believes there is a lot of fat in the state's social service budget.

"We can't continue to social engineer on the backs of the taxpayers," Whyman said.

Whyman also would:

- Improve education by "consolidating school services, holding teachers and administrators accountable for poor performance."

- Privatize most state services. "I support health care savings by pooling all government employees into one system,"

she said. "I also want to re-evaluate what is considered to be a 'key' service, cutting many unneeded services and reducing the need to fund them in the first place."

- Look at the possibility of lowering the state sales tax, though she would not spread it to services. "Sales tax is one of the big three stable sources of revenue," Whyman said. "Any change would have to grant the same stability."

Whyman doesn't favor offering tax incentives to attract various businesses to Michigan, preferring instead to make sure Michigan is an attractive place to stay for current businesses.

"The best incentives are across-the-board tax cuts," she said. "The history of tax incentives in Michigan has been mixed. I'm not willing to pick winners and losers with targeted tax incentives. We need to raise all boats. Lower taxes are just one important piece to improving the business climate in Michigan."

Whyman said her experience makes her the best candidate for the job.

"I learned to work in a bipartisan fashion," she said. "Serving in different capacities taught me several lessons. Among them, I developed an understanding of how to translate public policy ideas into legislation, and how to work to get a bill passed."

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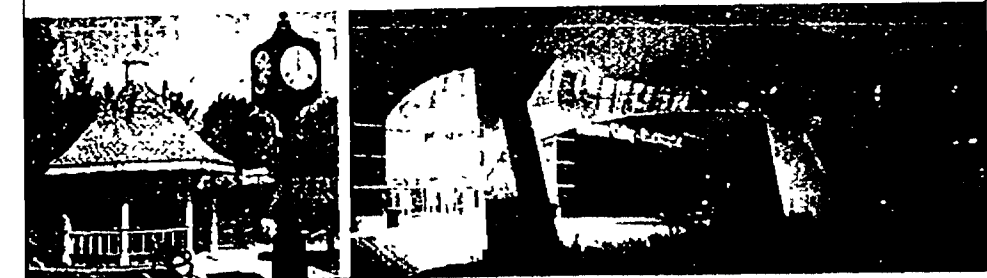
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Shall the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Northville, Wayne County, Michigan be authorized and empowered to levy a general ad valorem property tax in an amount which in any one year shall not exceed 5.5750 mills for Public Safety, Parks, Recreation, Senior, and Youth Services and General Operating (\$5,575.00 per thousand dollars of state equalized valuation) for (4) years, 2010 through 2013, both inclusive, and being in addition to the aggregate amount of ad valorem property taxes imposed for all other purposes. The collections of such levied tax will be used to provide for the operation, maintenance and capital expenditures for township services. If approved, the millage total for the above listed services replaces the existing voted millage of 5.5750 mills. The proposed millage will be allocated as follows: Public Safety 5.000 mills, Parks, Recreation, Senior & Youth Services .4574 mills and General Operating .1176 mills. If enacted, this levy will raise in the first year the sum of \$9,712,352.00.

YES

NO

STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964

Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

I, RAYMOND J. WOJCIWICZ, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of June 3, 2010 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP

Taxing Authorities	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Years Increase Effective
County of Wayne	August 8, 2000	1 mill	2009
Wayne County Jail	August 6, 2002	1 mill	2011
Wayne County Parks	August 2, 2005	0.25 mills	2010
Wayne County	November 6, 2001	1 mill	2010
Community College			

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Northville Public Schools	June, 2003	18 mills	2012 (non homestead only)
	September, 2004	25 mills	2012 (non homestead only)
	November, 2005	3 mills	2012 (non homestead only)

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	September, 2004	18 mills	2014 (non-homestead only)
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TOWNSHIP POLLING LOCATIONS

Precincts 1, 15	Moraine Elementary School	46811 Eight Mile Road
Precincts 2, 8, 9, 13	Silver Springs Elementary School	19801 Silver Springs Drive
Precincts 7, 12	Meads Mill School	16700 Franklin Road
Precincts 6, 11	Winchester Elementary School	16141 Winchester Drive
Precinct 5	Kings Mill Clubhouse	18120 Jamestown Circle
Precincts 10, 14	Ridge Wood Elementary School	49775 Six Mile Road
Precincts 3, 4	Northville High School	45700 Six Mile Road

Absentee Ballots are available at the office of the Township Clerk, 44405 Six Mile Road. The deadline for receiving applications for ballots to be mailed is 2:00 p.m. Saturday, July 31, 2010.

Persons qualified to vote by Absentee Ballot may obtain a ballot in person until 4:00 p.m. Monday, August 2, 2010. A ballot obtained on August 2, 2010 must be voted in the Township Clerk's Office.

The Township Clerk's Office will be open for the purpose of absentee voting on Saturday, July 31, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For questions, please call the Township Clerk's Office at 248-348-5800.

Each resident of the Township voting on the above must be:
(a) A citizen of the United States of America and eighteen (18) years of age or over;
(b) A registered voter of the Charter Township of Northville

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk
Charter Township of Northville

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OUR VIEWS

NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP:

Millage: Vote yes to maintain services

On August 3, the voters of Northville Township will be asked to approve a millage to fund police and fire, general operations, parks and recreation, senior and youth services.

We strongly encourage residents to vote yes. This millage provides revenue to continue operations at virtually the same level for public safety (police and fire) to assure the most important function of government — protecting township citizens.

For the Townships Parks and Recreation Department, which includes senior and youth services, the millage will provide the funds to deliver the same levels and quality of service, but incorporates the utilization of some of the accumulated fund balances. However, these are precisely the types of economic times that necessitate the use of a department's fund balance.

In short, the millage proposal will maintain the current millage rate of 5.575 for the next four years. If approved, there would be no increase in the current millage rate paid by township land owners — everyone will be paying the exact same millage rate as last year for the services listed above.

These are tough economic times everywhere. The township has been pro-active in the last few years and took steps to trim budgets where possible without jeopardizing service levels. We're confident the township will continue to control expenses and seek out opportunities for further cost savings wherever possible. However, a yes vote Aug. 3 will help maintain the quality of services currently provided.

7th Senate: Munfakh our pick in primary

When Republican voters go to the polls for the Aug. 3 primary in the state Senate 7th District, they'll have a variety from which to choose.

The ballot will include two candidates



Munfakh

(Patrick Colbeck and Dan Osterman) connected with the Tea Party movement, one former state representative (Deborah Whyman) who is the only candidate with legislative experience, and a local businessman (Abe Munfakh) who has managed a local business and grown his own.

In this primary race we recommend Abe Munfakh of Plymouth Township. The district includes Belleville, Brownstown Township, Canton, Flat Rock, Gibraltar, Grosse Ile, Huron Township, Northville Township, part of the city of Northville, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Rockwood, Sumpter Township, Trenton, Van Buren Township and Woodhaven.

Munfakh has political experience, though he's painting himself as an "outsider." He's served three terms on the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees, and he's active in the Wayne 11th Republican Committee.

He advocates lower taxes, spending cuts and job creation. He believes the state should be run like a business, and that his experience will help that happen. He has the business credentials. He managed Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May and is CEO of his own engineering consulting firm, Munfakh & Associates, which he grew to more than 150 employees.

He was elected to three terms on the Plymouth Township board and has served on the Plymouth Township planning commission and on the executive committee for the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG).

Munfakh believes the Legislature should be budgeting with a two- or three-year plan rather than the year-to-year haggling it does now, and he thinks each budget year should start at "zero," and build from there, rather than simply starting at whatever number the previous year ended.

He'd eliminate the surcharge on the Michigan Business Tax and change the formula to lower the tax. He does not support expanding the state sales tax to include services and he thinks the state shouldn't necessarily focus on particular industries — such as the film industry — but should be advocating for all business to come to the state.

Among the four candidates in this primary,

Abe Munfakh has the best chance to go to Lansing and be an effective lawmaker for the 7th District.

Heise gets our GOP nod for 20th House

Voters in the 20th state House district (Plymouth, Northville, Wayne and a small portion at the eastern end of Canton) will elect a new state representative following the decision by Democrat Marc Corriveau not to seek re-election.



Heise

The process starts with the Aug. 3 Republican primary, where Plymouth Township attorney Kurt Heise and political newcomer Steve Booher Jr., a manufacturer's representative from Plymouth Township, vie for the right to face Northville Democrat Joan Wadsworth in the general election this fall.

In the 20th District GOP race, we recommend Kurt Heise.

Heise is the clear choice in the Republican primary. While he's not a career politician — his only other run for public office was a failed bid for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education a couple of years ago — he's spent the majority of his adult life dealing with governmental issues. He spent 15 years representing various communities on local ordinances and state laws, and he's been a leader in regional environmental issues.

He's only lived in Plymouth Township for a few years, but he's lived in Wayne County most of his life, and his career path has given him a familiarity with issues facing southeast Michigan that could prove valuable in Lansing.

On the issues, Heise wants to eliminate the Michigan Business Tax, look at privatizing services in areas such as corrections, social services and mental health, and cut legislators' pay in half and limit in-session days to 75 a year.

He is articulate, believes he can work with Democrats across the aisle (Heise worked well with Wayne County Executive Bob Ficano, a Democrat) and appears passionate about the

idea of serving.

A race against Wadsworth, a longtime trustee on the Northville school board, could prove to be an interesting, competitive campaign.

Re-elect Cox for 10th County Commissioner

If you want a say in who will represent you on the Wayne County Commission, you'll need to vote Aug. 3.

Three Republicans are running — incumbent Laura Cox of Livonia and challengers George J. Hartman of Northville and Timothy John Olszewski of Livonia. No Democrats filed so the race will be decided in the primary election.

We support Cox because of her experience and track record. The other two are political newcomers.

Hartman shares some of the same concerns as Cox about the county's large budget deficit, but Cox demonstrated her ability to do something about it while on the Commission for the past 5 1/2 years.

The lone Republican on the Commission, Cox is chair of the Ways and Means Committee where she helped reappropriate \$10.8 million for important core services such as the prosecutor's office and children's family services.

Cox also led the effort for transparency in Wayne County government and leads by example, posting her expenses for District 10 online.

In addition, Cox helped to secure \$150,000 for Veterans Park at Five Mile and Farmington in Livonia and is working to get funds for a pedestrian pathway on Sheldon Road in Northville.

Cox's husband, Mike, is running for governor. If he and she both win, Laura Cox said the family will continue living in Livonia.

The 10th District includes most of Livonia, except for south of I-96; the city of Northville south of Eight Mile Road; Northville Township, Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

We think Cox deserves to be re-elected, based on her track record of working in the best interest of taxpayers.

NOVI AND OAKLAND COUNTY PORTION OF NORTHVILLE:

Crawford best to represent as 9th District county commissioner

A trio of Republicans — incumbent Kim Capello, Jeff Bowdell and Kathy Crawford — are vying for the Oakland County Commissioners 9th District seat in the Aug. 3 primary. The winner will face Democrat Karen Zyczynski in the November general election.

Capello was elected in 2008, replacing Crawford's husband, Hugh, who was elected to the 38th District seat in the state House of Representatives. This newspaper endorsed Capello in that election with the understanding that he would represent the 9th District (which includes all of the city of Novi, Novi Township and the Oakland County portion of the city of Northville) to the best of his abilities.

In April 2009, he was arrested for having sex on a downtown Novi sidewalk and subsequently plead guilty to indecent exposure. Capello said he was just urinating. The judge didn't think so, and neither do we. It's not the type of behavior Capello's constituents deserved from their representative. And the fact that he still says newspapers "exaggerated" the incident is disappointing and reason alone for this newspaper to not endorse him — regardless of any accomplishments he may have made as a commissioner.

In challenger Kathy Crawford, who is currently serving on the Novi City Council, we find a candidate who will be a strong advocate for Novi, especially its growing senior citizen segment. She has long been a voice for seniors and health issues. As a retiree, she does not have a full-time job that would interfere with her ability to serve as a commissioner. Crawford says she is a strong supporter of the county's Automation Alley and emerging sectors that can be expanded.

Another plus for Crawford is the fact that her husband served in this position for eight years. His knowledge and experience as a commissioner can only be a benefit to her. A lifelong resident of Novi, she is highly visible and involved in the local community — the best ways to learn about constituents' issues and needs.

Crawford, who already has experience work-

ing on county committees, has the endorsements of the county executive, L. Brooks Patterson, and all (except Capello) of the Republican county commissioners.

"I will show up and work hard to make a difference," said Crawford. We're confident that she will, too, and that she is the best candidate to represent the values of the 9th District.

Whoever wins will earn an annual salary of \$32,092, with benefits, for the two-year term beginning January 2010.

15th Senate: Kowall, Jackson worthy of vote

Voters in the Aug. 3 primary election have a slew of choices for the state Senate District 15 race.

With Nancy Cassis, R-Nowi, term-limited, western Oakland County residents will have a new face representing them in Lansing.

Six Republicans and three Democrats are on the ballot, each vying to advance to the general election in November.

Residents would be hard pressed to find better choices than Mike Kowall on the Republican ticket and Pam Jackson on the Democrat side.

Kowall, a former state representative and current White Lake Township supervisor, has plenty of legislative experience, already spending four years in Lansing crafting legislation and building coalitions among his colleagues to pass some common-sense legislation during his tenure.

A number of the Republican candidates offer some interesting ideas and plans for state government, but none of them have previous experience serving in elected positions. Term limits have forced a number of legislators out of office, and come January all but a handful of state senators will have any experience at the capital.

That bodes well for 15th District residents if Kowall can convince enough people in August and November to vote for him. We suspect Kowall will be tapped for some key committee appointments, if elected, because of his previous experience.

On the Democratic side, Jackson is the clear choice for voters. Jackson has been making the rounds throughout the district, and we are impressed with her credentials.

Jackson has worked in both the private and public sectors. She worked in construction management with her own firm, and she's taught postsecondary classes at both Eastern Michigan University and Oakland Community College.

We appreciate Jackson's "can do" attitude. She helped develop a construction management program in partnership between the two schools, a skill that can translate well in the state Legislature.

Republican voters are best served selecting Mike Kowall. Those casting Democrat votes should select Pam Jackson.

Renewal for OCC needs support

As part of the Aug. 3 primary election, Oakland County voters are being asked to renew a 10-year, .8-mill tax for Oakland Community College. Voters should approve this millage renewal.

This is not a tax increase. Voters are being asked to renew the tax, which produces roughly 25 percent of OCC's annual revenue.

OCC officials say the renewal costs the owner of a home worth \$200,000 less than \$80 per year.

If you think about it, that is a small price to pay for an excellent community college system, which for many people — including a lot of nontraditional students — is the first step to obtaining a college education.

With property values plunging in recent years, OCC is already facing revenue challenges. Losing this property tax would prove to be "devastating" according to college officials.

"Without it the college would be unable to provide the level of services that Oakland County residents need and expect in these hard times," said Oakland Community College's Chancellor Timothy Meyer.

As it is, the OCC Board of Trustees recently approved an 11 percent hike in tuition and fees effective this fall. While we aren't happy seeing such a large increase because it will make it that much more difficult for many students to commit to obtaining a higher education, OCC's tuition rate now stands at \$66.70 per credit hour, which is still the lowest of all 28 Michigan community colleges.

It is also about a quarter of the cost students pay at a four-year Michigan public university.

That makes OCC — Michigan's largest community college with five campuses spread throughout the county — one of the best deals out there for those wanting to get their core classes done before moving on to a university,

make themselves more attractive on the job market, or simply to enrich their lives through higher education.

Oakland Community College is an asset to the residents of Oakland County — one that serves approximately 77,000 students each year.

We recommend a yes vote on the millage renewal.

Parks millage renewal: Vote yes

When Oakland County voters enter the polls for the Aug. 3 primary election, they will be asked to renew a 10-year millage for the Oakland County Parks system.

We believe that vote should be yes.

Oakland County Parks provide county residents with some outstanding recreational opportunities. The county's 13 parks cover nearly 7,000 acres of land, and are spread out across the county, making them accessible to most residents. For years, the one exception has been the southeast portion of the county, where there were no parks. That was addressed in recent years, when the parks system took over Catalpa Park in Southfield.

Recreational opportunities throughout the park system include camping, boating, fishing, nature centers, sledding, waterparks for the kids, some world-class golfing and more than 68 miles of trails. The parks are also well-used, playing host to about 1.5 million visitors annually, according to parks officials.

Voters are being asked to renew the 0.2415 mills, which supports operation of the parks, as well park improvements and land acquisition. The tax provides about half of the park system's total budget of about \$28 million. Even if the millage renewal does pass, the budget will be reduced to \$26 million over the next two years because of projected lower property values across the county.

We realize that times are difficult, especially in this region where the poor economy has cut the deepest. But this is not a tax increase. It will cost about \$25 for the owner of a home worth \$200,000. That is a relatively minor investment for a top-notch park system that adds to the quality of life residents in this county have come to expect.

Is a park system necessary? Probably not. But it is one piece of the puzzle that makes life in Oakland County so desirable. And the fact is, without this renewal, the parks system as we know it would cease to exist.

We recommend voters say yes to the county parks renewal Tuesday, Aug. 3.



Crawford



M. Kowall



Jackson

LETTERS TO THE NORTHVILLE RECORD EDITOR

In defense of Colbeck's voting record

Letter writer Jeff Thomas opines in the July 15 edition that state senate candidate Pat Colbeck is unfit to be elected because he allegedly did not vote in 12 of the last 21 elections. While I have no proof to confirm or deny this assertion, I do know this: Many of the elections over the past five years were school board elections where candidates had no opposition. In these elections, very few people voted.

I have known Pat Colbeck for a dozen years, and formerly worked side-by-side with him. I have known him to be hard working, honest and candid in all he did. I believe he would serve the 7th district proud if he were to be elected, and I highly recommend him.

Rick Engelland
Northville

Country Garden Club of Northville thanks

The Country Garden Club of Northville thanks all who helped to make our 17th Annual Garden Walk a huge success. In spite of the heat wave, Northville's Original Garden Walk attracted hundreds of visitors to our community, who enjoyed beautiful gardens, unique shopping, and dining at local restaurants. Many local and state organizations benefit from the funds raised by our event, including the Northville Historical Society, Northville Parks and Recreation, the Michigan 4H Foundation, and Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy. The club also grants an annual scholarship to a NHS Student. As economic belts tighten, these contributions are vital in assisting our civic organizations in their missions and students in their quest for higher education.

We deeply appreciate the support of the Northville Chamber of Commerce and the many local businesses for displaying our promotional materials.

Thank you to the Northville Record for the wonderful photos and in-depth article before the event. Our thanks go to the Northville Art House for featuring "Flora and Fauna" as a mutually beneficial exhibit. We appreciate the Northville Historical Society for accommodation at Cady Inn and Mill Race Village, a one-of-a-kind location that makes the Original Garden Walk so outstanding. Special gratitude goes to Lou Mascolo and his staff at Gardenviews for ticket sales and generously donating a raffle item for additional fundraising.

Finally, we offer gratitude to the garden owners who so generously opened their exquisite spaces to the public. The care and attention displayed in their gardens delighted and inspired all visitors.

The Country Garden Club is always honored to showcase such people and their gardens that make our community truly remarkable.

Kathryn Novak, Chairman
The Original Northville Garden Walk



Civic Concern supplies low

School is out, but Civic Concern is not on vacation! We are a 52-week food pantry with food distribution twice a month. Children who were receiving food services do not receive those services during the summer months which is an additional burden on our client families and, in turn, Civic Concern. We operate because of YOU! We can remain the community organization that serves individuals and families that are in fragile economic circumstances with your much needed support. When you grocery shop, please remember Civic Concern and drop off your items at our location, 42951 Seven Mi. Rd. (Highland Lake Shopping Plaza) M.W.F. from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or during business hours at Cassel's Restaurant, Genitti's Hole in the Wall and UPS Store on Center Street. For mailing purposes, gift card and cash donations may be sent to: Northville Civic Concern, P.O. Box 323, Northville, MI 48167. Marlene Kunz Director, Northville Civic Concern

JACKSON

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businesses to urban cities, fixing the tax structure for existing small businesses, diversifying our energy and agricultural portfolios will improve Michigan's economy within four years.

5. Do you support an increase in the state sales tax for education funding?

The way education is funded now no longer works. Over the next several months, there will be many options presented, and I am sure that an increase in the state sales taxes will be one option given, but there has to be other alternatives. I would like to research other options before raising the state sales tax to fund schools.

6. Do you agree that tax incentives are the best way to attract new business to Michigan? Explain.

Yes, but we must make changes in the tax structure for existing businesses for their survival and prosperity. No true measurement exists of the degree to which programs designed to create, attract or save jobs in the state actually do so (Anderson Economic Group, 2009). The state needs to investigate to see which programs are viable.

7. Would you support a graduated income tax?

Yes. This would be a change in the Michigan Constitution requiring a vote by the people. I would support a graduated income tax to replace the Michigan Business Tax and the 22 percent surcharge business tax. Low-income earners would pay a state tax of about 3 percent, but would cap the top income of the highest wage-earners at about 6.35 percent promoting equality.

8. Do you support a state constitutional convention? Explain your answer.

Michigan's Constitution needs improvement. If any important clauses need to be changed, amendments can be implemented, through legislative action to place them on the ballot, with the voters having an opportunity to vote in favor or against. According to research, it could cost the state as much as \$45 million with no guarantees and is not cost effective presently.

9. What specific tax initiatives could you support to enhance Michigan as a place for entrepreneurs?

There are more than 36 business tax incentives defined in Michigan law: The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act for employers to provide health care for their employees, HIRE Act (Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment), which provides relief from the employer's share of matching Social Security tax, the "Start-Up" Abatement, MEGA Credit Extension, Michigan Film Incentives, to name a few.

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funding for the property last year that will actually be awarded over a two-year period since there is a cap on annual funding for a project.

"It was a two-year phased grant," Banner said. Last year, the trust fund board awarded the township \$4 million for the first phase of the grant request. In the second phase, about \$4.2 million is being requested, according to Jennifer Frey, township director of community development.

"We have to reapply for the second phase, but it was termed a two-year, phased grant," Banner said.

"We want to show them (the trust fund board members) that the community is making an effort to start using the property." Grant awards will be made again in December.

Chris Roosen, township trustee, said he wants the scope of the work on the trails to be defined before any money is spent.

Banner said she would like to run the plan for the cleanup by the steering committee members before it begins as well.

Trustee Marv Gans said wood to be cleared from the trails has value, and the township should look into this.

Steering committee members are waiting on a report from Dick Zanotti, a consultant on the salvage operation, before they schedule their next meeting.

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

Notice is hereby given that the Public Accuracy Test for the August 3, 2010 Primary Election is scheduled for July 29, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167, (248) 349-1300. The public accuracy test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to record and count the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of law.

DIANNE MASSA, CMC, CITY CLERK

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS 2010 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CITY OF NORTHVILLE

The City of Northville, the OWNER, will receive sealed Bids for the 2010 Street Improvement Program at the City of Northville, Office of the City Clerk, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167, until July 29, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. local time. No Bids will be received after that time. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time and place.

This project includes the full reconstruction of Springfield Ct. and a portion of Clement Road, improvements to Church Street and a portion of S. Griswold Street. This includes but is not limited to removal and replacement of pavement, curb and sidewalk, signing and striping.

Bidding Documents may be examined at the City Clerk's Office, City of Northville, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167. Electronic and paper copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained by contacting the office of the Engineer, Zeimet Wozniak & Associates, 55800 Grand River, Suite 100, New Hudson, Michigan starting on July 10, 2010. A \$40 non-refundable deposit will be charged for paper copies. An additional, non-refundable charge of \$15 will be required for mailing Bidding Documents.

The City reserves the right to accept any or all alternative Bids and award the contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities or informalities or both; to reject any or all Bids; and in general to make the award of the Contract in any manner deemed by the City, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the City of Northville.

Bids may not be withdrawn for the period of 40 days after the actual date of opening thereof.

All inquiries shall be directed to Andy Wozniak, (248) 437 - 5099 ext. 120, mail to: awozniak@zeimetwozniak.com.

JAMES GALLOGLY, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE ELECTION NOTICE

To the qualified electors, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Primary Election will be held in the City of Northville, Counties of Oakland and Wayne, on Tuesday, August 3, 2010 for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following offices:

STATE	Governor
CONGRESSIONAL	Representative in Congress
LEGISLATIVE	State Senator, Representative in State Legislature
COUNTY	<u>Oakland County Only:</u> County Commissioner <u>Wayne County Only:</u> County Executive, Sheriff, County Commissioner
JUDICIAL	<u>Oakland County Only:</u> Judge of Probate Court - Oakland County - Non-Incumbent Position
Incumbent Position	<u>Wayne County Only:</u> Judge of the Circuit Court - 3rd Circuit - Non-Incumbent

Position

and for the purpose of electing:

DELEGATES TO COUNTY CONVENTION OF THE REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC PARTIES and for the purpose of voting on the following proposal.

Oakland County Only:

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION MILLAGE RENEWAL

The Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission was created in 1966 pursuant to Public Act 261 of 1965. Since 1967, there has been a separately dedicated parks and recreation millage. The current millage will expire on December 31, 2011. Accordingly, shall the current millage of .2415 mills, for the purpose of operating, maintaining, improving and acquiring parks and recreation areas and facilities in Oakland County, Michigan, be renewed for a period of ten (10) years from 2012 to 2021? The .2415 mills is equal to \$0.2415 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value. The millage, if renewed, will generate approximately \$10,900,000 in 2012. Revenue from this millage will be disbursed only to the County of Oakland to be used solely for the purpose of funding the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission. This renewal is a continuation of the previous increase of the constitutional tax limitation on the total amount of general ad valorem taxes which may be imposed each year for all purposes upon taxable property in Oakland County, Michigan as set forth in Section 6, Article 9 of the Michigan Constitution.

Oakland County Treasurers Statement as required by Act 278 of Public Acts of 1964

Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

I, Patrick Doheny, Treasurer of Oakland County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of June 8, 2010 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Oakland are as follows.

Taxing Authorities	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Years Increase Effective
County of Oakland		25 mill	
Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency	August 6, 1974	1 mill	unlimited
	January 8, 1988	1 mill	unlimited
	August 6, 2002	1.50 mill	unlimited
Northville Public Schools	June 2003	18.00 mills	2003-2012 incl (non-homestead only)
	September 2004	25 mills	2004-2012 incl (non-homestead only)
	November 2005	3 mills	2012 (non-homestead only)
City of Northville			
Street Improvement	March 4, 1997	1.92 mills	unlimited
Northville District Library	May 3, 1994	1 mill	unlimited

CITY OF NORTHVILLE POLLING LOCATIONS FOR THE AUGUST 3, 2010 PRIMARY ELECTION

Precinct 1 Wayne County Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main St.
Precinct 2 Oakland County Amerman Elementary School, 847 N. Center St.

The polls will open at 7:00 A.M. and remain open until 8:00 P.M. Polling places are handicapped accessible and each precinct is equipped with Braille and audio voting instructions and ADA compliant voting equipment.

The City Clerk's Office, located in the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 31, 2010 for the purpose of obtaining absentee ballots and receiving absentee ballot applications for ballots to be mailed. On Monday, August 2, 2010, until 4:00 p.m., qualified electors requesting an absentee ballot must appear in person and vote the ballot at the City Clerk's office. Absentee ballot applications are available at the City Clerk's office, on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us, or by calling 248-449-9913.

DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

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Juggling act

Magician, comic and Tunes on Tuesday entertainer Chris Clark juggles a set of rings before hosting the event on July 6 inside the Northville Community Senior Center.

COMMITTEE

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Areas of expertise sought out included citizens with knowledge of labor relations, real estate, planning, recreation, recreation and law enforcement.

Consideration was also given to residents living in each geographic region of the city limits.

Suggested names were asked to be given to Mayor Chris Johnson and Sullivan.

LIST OF RESIDENTS

A list of possible interested residents was compiled from these suggestions. Those residents were then contacted to gauge their interest in serving on the committee. The following residents have expressed their willingness to serve on this committee: Sue Boelter; David Bolitho; D.J. Boyd; John Buckland; Janis Cantelon; Joe Hoffman; Sue Hooper; Charles Jerzycke; Mark Kassa; David Larsen; Bill Lokey; Don McCollough; Jerry Mittman; Douglas Moak; Chuck Murdock; Mary Poole; Shawn Riley; Ken Roth; John Schier; Teresa Smith; Jeffrey Snyder; Kim Voytal; and Jay Wendt.

OFFICERS APPOINTED

Mittman will chair the committee, with Bolitho serving as vice chair.

"The city's Budget Committee will be made up of about 25 talented and community-minded individuals with diverse backgrounds," Mittman said. "While the committee's task of developing recommendations to resolve the city's fiscal crisis for the short- and long-term will be challenging, I believe the process and committee makeup offer an opportunity for new ideas and creative solutions. I look forward to working with the committee to develop proposals that best represent the needs and wants of the community while helping assure Northville's fiscal strength for the long-term."

The first meeting of the new committee will take place at 7 p.m. Aug. 9 at city hall. All of the meetings will be open to the public.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Public Accuracy Test for the August 3, 2010 Election has been scheduled for Thursday, July 29, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. in the Township Hall Training Room located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the program and the computer being used to tabulate the results of the election, count the votes in the manner prescribed by the law

The public is welcome and invited to attend

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk

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SYNOPSIS JULY 15, 2010 - REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Abbo called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Richard Henningsen, Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans, Mindy Herrmann, Christopher Roosen

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

- Agendas: A. Approve Consent and Regular Agendas - approved
- Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements: A. Ed Wilkiemeyer - re-appoint to Building Board of Appeals - approved
- Public Hearings: None
- Brief Public Comments: None
- New Business: A. Edenderry Hills Water Main Improvements - Payment #6 - approved
- Unfinished Business: None
- Ordinances: A. Adoption of Amendments to Chapter 170, Article 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 26 - Public Assembly - approved
B. Introduction of Amendments to Chapter 170, Article 44 - definition of Religious Institutions - approved
C. Introduction of Amendment to Chapter 170, Article 5 - Medical Marijuana - approved
- Bills Payable: A. Bills payable in the amount of \$1,291,489.40 - approved
- Board Communication & Reports: Reports were given by Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Richard Henningsen, Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans, Mindy Herrmann, Christopher Roosen, Chip Snider
- Any other business or public comment for the Board of Trustees:

Motion to take \$5,000.00 from the Salvage Revenue to help clean up the Seven Mile property - approved

11. CLOSED SESSION: As permitted under the Michigan Open Meetings Act (PA 267) of 1976 or MCL 15 268, Section 8 (e) to consult with the attorney regarding pending litigation.

Sackliah Investments, LLC, VS Charter Township of Northville

A. Resume Open Meeting - Decision from Closed Session

To authorize the township attorney to proceed as directed - approved

12. ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The unapproved draft of the Board of Trustees meeting will be available after July 28, 2010 in the Clerk's office at Township Hall during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and you may contact us through the Township website <http://www.twp.northville.mi.us>

Respectfully submitted:
Sue A. Hillebrand, MMC

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BOOHER

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resident, said recently when asked about his motivation.

Public school funding — several family members worked in education — is his top priority. School administrators, he said, need certainty when making budget decisions and should not face the midyear funding cuts of recent years.

"If we don't properly educate this generation, what's going to happen to the state in 20 years?" he said.

Booher suggests privatizing some public school functions, such as food and custodial services, in order to get more money into classrooms.

Similarly, he said, businesses need confidence in state government — that the state budget won't "explode," that their tax burden won't increase — in order to grow and create jobs.

"We need to create stability in this state," Booher said.

Booher favors reforming or replacing the Michigan Business Tax, and making structural changes, such as reducing health insurance benefits for state employees, privatizing some state services and reducing prison sentences for nonviolent offenders, that would allow lawmakers to cut the budget.

"The state has to tighten its belt," he said.

He knows some cuts won't be popular, but "people who work in the private sector have made sacrifices," he said.

Booher also:

- * Favors charter schools as a way of providing competition for public school districts.

- * Supports Michigan's current term limits — two four-year terms in the state Senate, three two-year terms in the House.

"If you sit up there for too long you get complacent," he said.

- * Is a big fan of Michigan's state parks, though he said some functions could be privatized in a quest for savings. The state

THE BOOHER FILE

Who: Steve Booher Jr., 34

What: Republican candidate, 20th House District

Family: Married to Anna Booher for 8 1/2 years; children Mike, 6, and Addison, 4

Community Involvement: Coaching with YMCA and City of Plymouth, America's Thanksgiving Day Parade

Hobbies: Reading, golf, handball

Related Experience: Manage budgets, sales, etc.

Profession: Manufacturers representative for heavy truck and automotive, sales representative for IT staffing.

Education: bachelor's degrees in English literature and communication studies from University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

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Website: www.booherforstaterep.org

needs to better leverage its natural beauty, he said.

"One of the great things about Michigan is the beauty outside," he said.

Booher is a manufacturers representative at Den Uyl, Mathews & Long and an account manager at Brown Staffing Solutions. He said his blue-collar experience, something that's not often seen in Lansing, gives him an understanding of the importance of manufacturing in Michigan.

He has bachelor's degrees in English literature and communications from the University of Michigan.

Booher said he'd be able to work with Democrats and others of different political stripes, and that good ideas should be embraced even when they originate from the opposing party.

"Bipartisanship has to be the answer. We have to go across the aisle and not worry about who gets the credit," he said.

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HEISE

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Heise said. "I think that prepares me very well for the Lansing challenge."

Reducing what he sees as hindrances to economic growth — regulations and taxes — top his to-do list. The Michigan Business Tax is too burdensome, he said, and needs to be scrapped in favor of lower taxes.

"You have to lower taxes on business" and run the state with less revenue, despite the budget-cutting of recent years, he said. "There is more cutting that can be done and should be done."

He also favors state budgeting for two years at a time, as is done in Oakland County. He said the state needs to make structural changes in government — like reducing the pension and health-care costs of state employees — in order to cut the budget.

Privatizing some services in areas like corrections, social services and mental health could also save money, as could consolidating school districts and local district courts, he said.

"The next several years for the state are going to be very challenging, very painful," he said.

But the Legislature should lead by example, he said — by cutting its own pay in half. (State House and Senate members currently earn nearly \$80,000 a year, plus get \$1,000 a month for expenses.) That, plus limiting in-session days to 75 a year, would increase a sense of urgency in the Legislature and force lawmakers to focus on key issues.

"I think that's the real citizen legislator we had in mind when we voted for term limits," he said.

Heise also said the state should make better use of its resources — such as abundant water, which could be used to lure companies that need water. He supports the Aerotropolis plan at Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport, which would develop the airport area as a shipping and business hub. "We've got a lot of room to grow," he said.

Heise also:

- * Said his top three funding priorities in the House would be education, public safety (including revenue sharing to local communities, which helps pay for police and emergency personnel) and improvements to critical infrastructure.

- * Favors studying other states that have had success in dealing with similar problems, and setting benchmarks for measuring reforms in Michigan. "What are

THE HEISE FILE

Who: Kurt Heise, 44

What: Republican candidate, 20th state House (Plymouth, Canton, Northville)

Family: Married 15 years to Catherine; children Katie, 13, and Claire, 11

Residency: Lived in Plymouth Township four years, lifetime in Wayne County.

Community Involvement: Plymouth-Canton Educational Excellence Foundation, Plymouth Rotary Club, Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, Friends of the Rouge Board of Directors, Detroit Regional Chamber Environment Energy Committee, Wayne State TechTown Mentor program.

Hobbies: Gardening, baseball, travel.

Related experience: Former director, Wayne County Department of Environment, mayoral deputy, and attorney for various communities over 15 years. Experience in drafting state and local laws, and extensive leadership experience in regional environmental and municipal policy matters. Manager of multimillion dollar public sector operations.

Profession: Municipal, environmental, and labor attorney with Hemming, Polaczky, Cronin, Smith, Withhoff Bennett in Plymouth; adjunct professor, U-M-Dearborn and Wayne State University; environmental and energy consultant for the Wayne State School of Civil Environmental Engineering and other private and public sector clients.

Education: bachelor's degree in political science, University of Michigan (1988), Wayne State Law School, juris doctor (1991) and master's in labor law (1993).

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other people doing right?" he said.

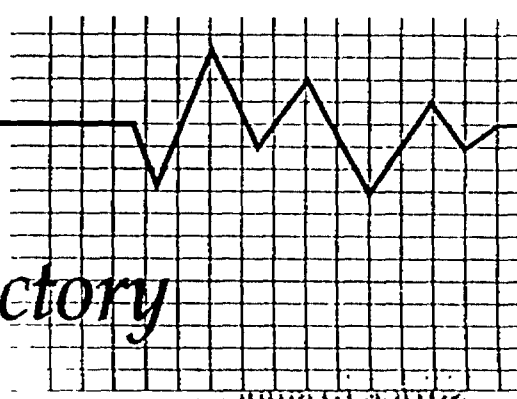
- * Supports local control of school districts, but said public school administrators need to be given more certainty about state funding than they currently have.

Heise said he can work with Democrats — like his former boss, Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano — and people of different backgrounds and points of view.

"I know how to solve problems and I know how to bring people together," he said.

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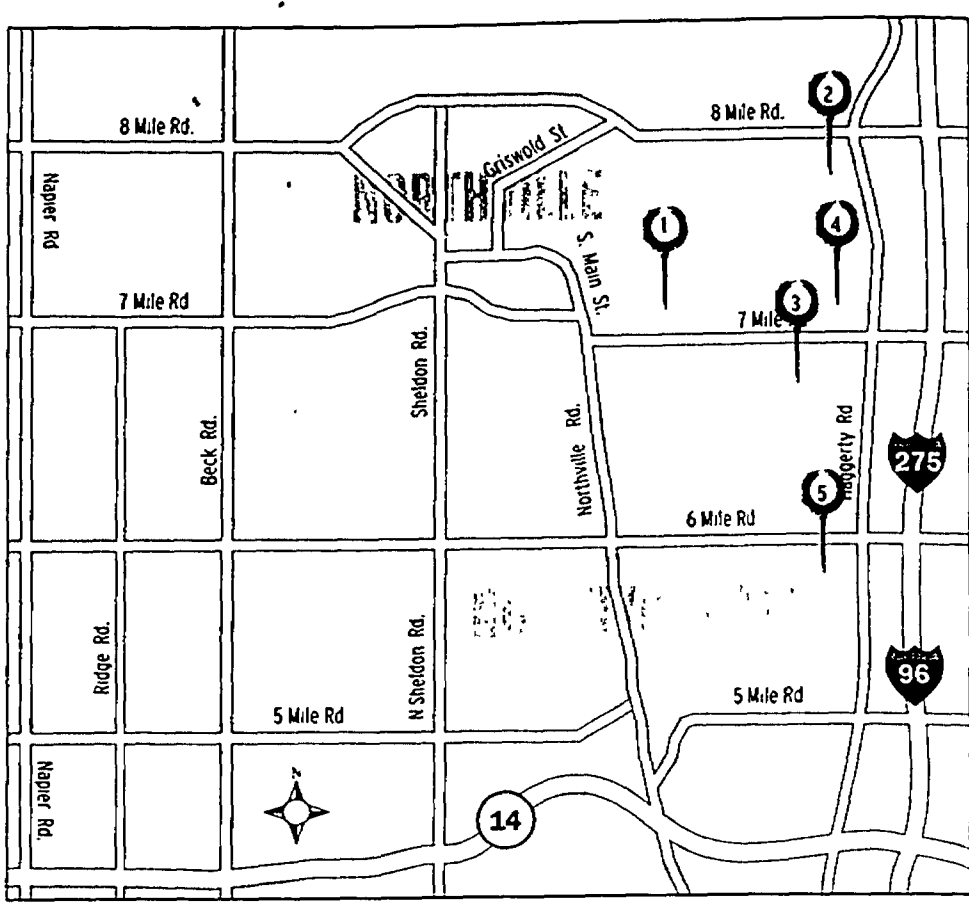


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Paint job

Jacob Taylor, 14, paints a colorful pattern on the cheek of Adeline Bethea, 3, during face-painting event at the Northville District Library on July 6.

NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP POLICE REPORT



Motorcycle stolen

1The 20-year-old Detroit man who is the boyfriend of a 23-year-old Ypsilanti woman told police that the girlfriend's motorcycle was stolen from outside a residence on W. Harbour Village Drive between 6 p.m. June 28 and 8 a.m. June 29.

The motorcycle was stolen outside the boyfriend's uncle's residence. He told police that both he and his uncle have keys to the cycle.

The value of the motorcycle was estimated at \$12,500.

the bill into the cash register. Instead, he placed it underneath the counter and waited until all of the customers had cashed out from his aisle. He then placed the bill into his back left pants pocket.

Trespassing incident

3Three 18-year-old Livonia men and a 17-year-old Livonia man were cited for trespassing on the Northville Township Seven Mile Property at 41001 Seven Mile Road at 12:55 a.m. on June 30.

The suspects told police they wanted to check out the grounds of the former mental hospital.

The four were cited and released on scene.

Loss prevention told police they watched as the man selected two items, conceal them, remove one of them, then exit the store without paying for the item.

Police also found two syringes and the plunger for a syringe in his rear left pants pocket. The man admitted he was a heroin user but also claimed to be a diabetic. Police also confiscated a credit card that was not in his name.

The seven-piece flexible ratchet set stolen was valued at \$79.97.

Suspicious incident

5Police responded to a resident on Springwater Drive because she could not open her garage door at about 9:30 a.m. on July 3. The door had been pushed in, and the lowest door track roller was disengaged. Police could not find any signs of forcible damage.

Compiled by staff writer Pam Fleming

Embezzlement at Kohl's

2A 20-year-old South Lyon man was arrested for embezzlement at Kohl's department store at 20155 Haggerty Road at 7:49 p.m. on June 29.

Loss prevention told police that he watched as the suspect, who was working in the store, took a \$100 bill as payment from a female customer. However, he did not place

Retail fraud reported

4A 43-year-old Burton man was arrested for retail fraud and possession of narcotics paraphernalia at 12:10 p.m. July 2 at The Home Depot at 39500 Seven Mile Road.



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Summer Scholarship Blood Drive

Bobby Dorigo Jones, a junior at Catholic Central High School, is organizing a summer scholarship blood drive from noon-6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 10 at the Northville Township offices, corner of Six Mile and Sheldon Roads.

Sign up online at www.red-crossblood.org or call (734) 972-9702.

Victorian sponsorships

The 22nd Annual Victorian Festival will be held Sept. 17-19, the Northville Chamber of Commerce is offering a variety of sponsorship opportunities.

If you or your company are interested in making a financial donation of \$150, you will be acknowledged in the Northville Record "thank you" ad on Sept. 23.

There are also many entertainment acts in the price range of \$200-\$850.

Call the Chamber at (248) 349-7640 (ask for Jeri) or email chamber@northville.org and reserve by Aug. 3.

Collecting for Civic Concern

First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main Street is collecting excess garden produce for Northville Civic Concern every Saturday, July 24-Sept. 18 from 9 a.m.-noon. Bring your produce to the Church's South parking lot on Cady Street.

Tax receipts will be available. For additional information, call (734) 765-9622.

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 children, 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 23-25. The program costs \$25, and students must provide their own gear: helmet, boots, gloves, long-sleeve 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.

Looking for Great Homes

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

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

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

The home tour is a signature fund-raising event of AAUW

which directs its support to advance education in the local, national and international community. One of the ongoing local commitments is annual scholarship contributions to Schoolcraft and Oakland County Community College in addition to established endowments.

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

Buy Michigan, Northville partnering

Buy Michigan Now has announced they will again partner with Downtown Northville to host an upbeat celebration of Michigan, Aug. 6-8. The family-friendly Buy Michigan Now Festival will showcase various Michigan entertainers, businesses, products, and educational opportunities.

Launched in 2007 by Lisa Diggs, Buy Michigan Now is a statewide initiative to inform, educate and encourage Michiganders, organizations and consumers alike, to support the local economy by purchasing products and services made in Michigan and from Michigan-based companies.

The weekend celebration is designed to coincide with "Buy Michigan Week," which focuses

extra attention on Michigan-based businesses and locally-produced merchandise to help stimulate the economy. This is also the second year for Buy Michigan Week, which will run Monday, Aug. 2-Sunday, Aug. 8.

The Buy Michigan Now Festival will run from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. on Aug. 6 and 7 and noon-5 p.m. on Sunday Aug. 8. More than 100 vendors and merchants are expected to participate and the festival is free to the public.

For information on vendor or sponsorship opportunities, contact Buy Michigan Now 248-390-0974 or info@BuyMichiganNow.com. A full list of events for the weekend of August 6-August 8 will be announced soon.

New Hope event

New Hope Center for Grief Support, in cooperation with The Plymouth Community United Way, is offering an evening at Creatopia in downtown Plymouth on July 27. This event is for parents who are interested in painting a pottery piece in memory of someone who has died. Dinner will be at Subway (next to Creatopia) starting at 6:15 p.m.

After some brief instructions, painting will begin at 7 and will conclude at 8:30. The event is free, but space is limited. Please call New Hope at (248) 348-0115 to register.



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'Chicken dance'

Lauren Romeo does the "chicken dance" with her daughter Charley, 1, at the July 6 Tunes on Tuesday event at the Northville Community Senior Center.

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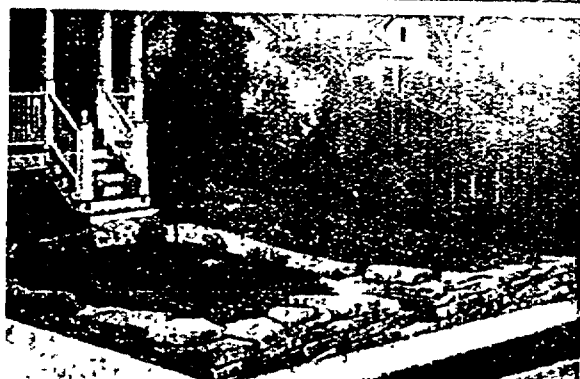
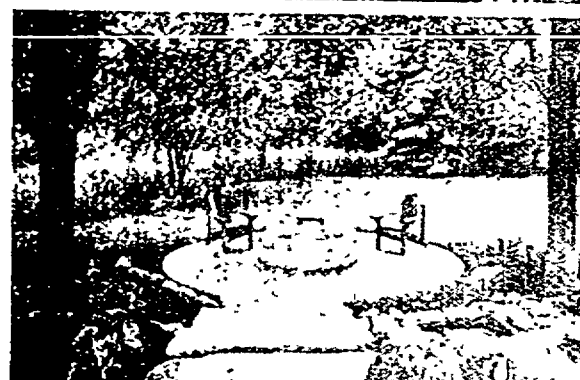


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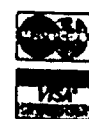
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Broncos have experience, talent on their side

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

Home-field advantage and World Series experience could give team the edge

The key to winning is team unity, no matter what sport is being played. If a team can't come together and they try to play as individuals, then they're going to lose.

That's a lesson, thankfully, this year's 16U Northville Broncos don't need to be reminded of. Not only do they know how to play as a team, a core group of them have been together for the past eight years playing ball.

"They have great team unity," said coach Chris Schultz. "They've been playing baseball together for so long that they know how to fire each other up and motivate each other. They

know how to make up for each other's weaknesses."

That's why Schultz said that despite his team going up against some of the nation's best amateur baseball players his team still could come away with some big wins.

"We're going to be just fine," he said. "If we come together and play as well as we can, we're going to do fine. It's anybody's game. On any given day, either team could win any of these games."

That's the beauty of the NABF World Series, which has been held

in Northville for the past 29 years.

Great teams come to play for the chance to be national champions and standing among them is the Northville Broncos.

Pitching and defense, said Schultz, are the name of the game this year. If his team's pitching can step up and the team's defense can be bolstered to avoid errors and make the tough plays, then he said he can see his team still standing after the first portion of the tourney.

"This team has a lot of talent," he said. "We just need to focus for these

four days. We can play with anybody."

This team has proven it in the past, too. Since 2002, four of the players have been together on the same squad and eight of them have been the core group since shortly after. At U11, this group was 65-5 on the season, qualifying them to go to the AABC World Series in Brooklyn, New York. They played at Cooperstown in the Hall of Fame tournament. They've won the Northville Early Bird Tournament, the KVBSA Division championship three times, earned the No. 3 USSSA Power

Rating Position and even took home state championships in CABA, BPA and AABC divisions.

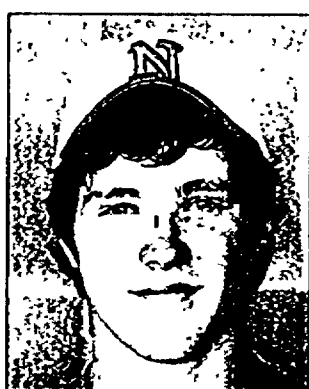
In the past, Northville's record coming into the tournament may have been better than it is this year, and they may have won a few more tournament championships, but the Broncos boast home-field advantage and the experience of having been in the World Series before.

"This team can do some great things," said Schultz. "They just have to focus and play to their ability. Who knows what can happen."

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



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Four questions for the Northville Broncos

The following questions were asked of this year's Northville Broncos team:

- 1) What is your favorite baseball memory?
- 2) Who is your favorite baseball player?
- 3) Who do you most admire?
- 4) What is a future goal?

MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN

Shortstop/Pitcher

- 1) Making an unbelievable run at Cooperstown when we were 12.
- 2) Dustin Pedroia.
- 3) I admire Bobby Nayh for his complete dedication to the Broncos and his love for the game.
- 4) Play baseball in college and see what happens after that.

JEFFREY GERTLEY

Pitcher/Centerfielder/Second base

- 1) Attending Cooperstown and participating in the Golden Arm.
- 2) Brennan Boesch.
- 3) My mom because she is always thinking about other people before herself and is always there to support me during sporting events.
- 4) To play college baseball.

MIKE SCHULTZ

Outfielder

- 1) Hitting a home run in Cooperstown.
- 2) Austin Jackson.
- 3) My dad for pushing to improve me and helping with baseball for years and my mom for dealing with us.
- 4) To play college football.

BOBBY NAYH

Pitcher/Catcher

- 1) Winning the states and going to Brooklyn, N.Y.
- 2) I have always been a Yankee fan but my favorite player is Derek Jeter. I admire his hard work ethic and the way he plays the game.
- 3) My grandma because she always keeps a positive attitude and always goes out of her way to help others.
- 4) Go to college after I graduate from high school.

GREG PUTMAN

Second base/Outfielder/Catcher

- 1) Going to World Series in New York.
- 2) Curtis Granderson.



Coach Schultz

- 3) My grandfather for teaching me hundreds of life lessons.
- 4) To prosper in science.

ANGELO LANAVA

Outfielder

- 1) Hitting a walk-off Grand Slam in the Petoskey tournament.
- 2) Miguel Cabrera.

- 3) My dad because he works hard to give me and my family a good life—he is always there to help with anything I need.
- 4) To play college football.

PETER HALASH

Second base/Pitcher

- 1) Playing in the AABC World Series in Brooklyn, N.Y.
- 2) Miguel Cabrera.
- 3) My mother because she provides a great example of perseverance each day by taking care of our family and being a cancer survivor.
- 4) Play competitive hockey after high school.

RYAN POWELL

Outfielder

- 1) Hitting four home runs in one game.
- 2) Curtis Granderson.
- 3) My grandpa.
- 4) Play college football.

BRETT MACDONALD

Catcher

- 1) Going to Cooperstown and doing better than any other Northville

team has ever done.

- 2) Joe Mauer.
- 3) My dad because he has always taught me more than just sports.
- 4) To play college baseball.

CONNOR DWYER

Pitcher

- 1) Avalanche Bay.
- 2) Joe Mauer.
- 3) My dad because he is a great guy and an average athlete.
- 4) Be successful.

BILLY MITCHELL

Shortstop/Third base/Pitcher

- 1) Hitting a homerun in Cooperstown.
- 2) Tim Wakefield, the pitcher, because he inspired me to throw a knuckleball.
- 3) My grandparents because they have inspired me to be honest and hard working and to always keep a positive attitude.
- 4) I would like to study at Michigan State University.

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

NABF World Series comes to Northville for 29th year

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

Annual event welcomes new director as well

It's hard to believe that Dave Jerome is throwing out the first pitch instead of directing the NABF World Series in Northville this year.

Jerome, a Northville attorney and 13-year veteran as director of the tournament, will be tossing out the first pitch of the World Series today 9:30 a.m. when the Rotterdam Rangers take on the Astro Falcons to kick off the first game of the four-day series.

"He's going to be throwing out the first pitch as our way of recognizing his contributions to the tournament over the past 13 years," said Scott Baldwin, who took on the hefty load

of running the national tournament this year. "He did a great job."

Baldwin is just the third director of the tournament after Jerome and Northville baseball legend Bob Frellick.

"It's a lot of work, but it's been a lot of fun," Baldwin admitted.

And the fun is just beginning. As the baseball teams begin pouring into Northville, Baldwin will have the opportunity to help get the ball rolling, so to say. The games will start today and run in a round-robin tournament until Sunday when the best four teams square off for a chance to

advance to the championship game, which is slated for 4 p.m. at Hillside Field.

Teams from across the country are coming again this year. Schenectady, New York is sending the Rotterdam Rangers while West Islip, New York will have the West Islip Lions representing them. From Youngstown, Ohio come the Rondinelli Tuxedo while the Allen Baseball Club hails from Houston, Texas. The Toronto Mets will be traveling this year from—you guessed it—Toronto, Ontario, while the Astro Falcons will make the trip from Ohio and the Severna

Park squad hails from Maryland. From Apple Valley, Minn., will be the Eastview Thunder while the Jefferson County Blazers will be representing St. Louis, Missouri.

Of course, all of them will get a chance to check out the home team, the Northville Broncos.

"This is going to be a great tournament," noted Baldwin. "It's such a great way for these teams to see our community and for our community to see such great baseball players and kids."

Northville's World Series is being sponsored this year by Invisible

Fence, while the refreshments for the teams will be provided by Powerade.

"We're lucky to have such generous sponsors," said Baldwin.

In addition to Northville hosting the tournament, they are also providing bat boys for each team. The bat boys consist of younger players in the Northville Broncos system who will be able to see some of the best players in the country first hand.

"We're proud of Northville and we're proud of this tournament," said Baldwin. "It's going to be a great time for everybody."

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Eclipse's annual Gatling Gun tournament this Sunday

On Sunday at Northville's Ford Field, the Eclipse Base Ball Club will host its annual tournament, the Gatling Gun Base Ball Shootout. This popular event features four vintage base ball clubs competing in a single game.

The Wahoos of Royal Oak, the Welkins of Port Huron, the Wheels of Walker Tavern and the hometown Eclipse will rotate, each facing one another an equal number of times at bat and in the field. The similarity between revolving chambers of the Gatling gun and the rotation of the participating clubs on the field led to the unique name for the tournament.

Prior to the 1 p.m. game,

three ballists from each club will display their individual prowess by competing for the Fleetest Afoot and Farthest Fling awards.

The Eclipse Base Ball Club welcomes all spectators (called 'cranks' in the 1860s). Bring the whole family and watch base ball as it was played in its early days.

The Detroit Advertiser & Tribune's September 19, 1867 edition, noted that Northville had just organized its first base ball club. They hosted and played their first documented match against the 'Red Rovers' of Plymouth and defeated them in five innings by a score of 37 to 12.

This first baseball club

seemed to have been the foundation for the Eclipse club which two years later would be cited in one of Sam Little's earliest printings of his new Wayne County Record, later renamed Northville Record.

In 2003, the Eclipse Base Ball Club reorganized to play the gentlemen's game it had done nearly 140 years earlier and play a schedule of 20 to 30 matches each season. In addition to the Gatling Gun Base Ball Shootout, remaining home matches will be played on Sundays, August 8, 22 and 29, and on all three days of the Victorian Festival in September. Learn more about the club via their website at www.eclipsebbc.com.

Gridiron Greats assistance fund honors football legends July 24

The Gridiron Greats Assistance Fund Michigan Chapter will hold its second annual Hall of Fame Induction Charity Dinner at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, July 24.

The event will honor 14 individuals for their outstanding football careers and contributions to the community. Prior to the dinner, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., many of the former players will be available for an autograph session at the venue. Part of the proceeds from the events will be directed to the Gridiron Greats Assistance Fund.

The honorees include Pro Football Hall of Famers Mike Ditka; Joe Schmidt and Lem Barney; legendary NFL announcer Pat Summerall; former Lion standouts Mike Lucci, Lomas Brown and Tom Nowatzke;

DETAILS

The Gridiron Greats Assistance Fund is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation dedicated to helping retired NFL players in need of financial assistance for basic needs and medical assistance in large part due to inadequate disability and/or pensions. The organization has provided over \$1.75 million in financial aid and medical assistance to retired NFL players.

Tickets: for the dinner cost \$125 per person or \$1,100 per table of ten. For tickets, sponsorship, or advertising contact Gridiron Greats of Michigan 28151 Galien Drive South Lyon, MI 48178, or call (248) 444-2241. Email: gridirongreats313@gmail.com

former Baltimore Colt great Tom Matte; University of Michigan stars Bob Chappuis and John Greene; former U of M coach Lloyd Carr; current Michigan Athletic Director David Brandon; and Michigan State stars Lynn Chandnois and Walt Kowalczyk. "We are thrilled to be able to honor these very deserving individu-

als for their contributions to football but also for their charitable work in the community," said Ron Rice, president of the NFLPA - Former Players in the Detroit Area.

Detroit Piston play-by-play announcer and the former voice of the Detroit Lions Mark Champman will be the master of ceremonies at the dinner.

NOVI SPORTS BRIEFS



Howard

In the classroom she is a four year all-academic as she has been on the honor roll every semester in high school.

"I am so excited to play soccer for Coach Oliver next year. After meeting a few of the girls on the team I realized it was the perfect fit for me. I mean come on, who doesn't want to be known as a SAINT," commented Howard.

Fun Run/Walk fundraiser for Maybury Park

The annual 8K run/walk and family one-mile run/walk event presented by the Northville Road Runners will be held on the evening of July 24 at Maybury State Park to benefit the Friends of Maybury.

The one-mile event starts at 5 p.m.; cost is \$5 and takes place on the paved trail. The 8K event starts at 5:30 p.m.; cost is \$20 and is on dirt and paved trails. The 8K participants will receive a pair of coolmax race socks and all children in the one-mile event will receive a finisher's medal.

Family fun includes a story hour, face painting and hands-on activities during the race. Post race activities include Little Caesars Pizza, live music, libations, home-made baked goods, awards ceremony and much more.

Application forms can be downloaded at www.northvilleroadrunners.org or participants can register on-line at www.active.com. Registration

is available on race day beginning at 3 p.m.; \$25 for the 8K and \$5 for the one-mile events.

Maybury State Park is located in Northville. Use the 8 Mile Road entrance that is one mile west of Beck Road. A motor vehicle permit is required at gate or a one-day pass can be purchased for \$6.

For more information contact Bart Gregoroff at (734) 748-2555, or email at bart2233@aol.com.

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.

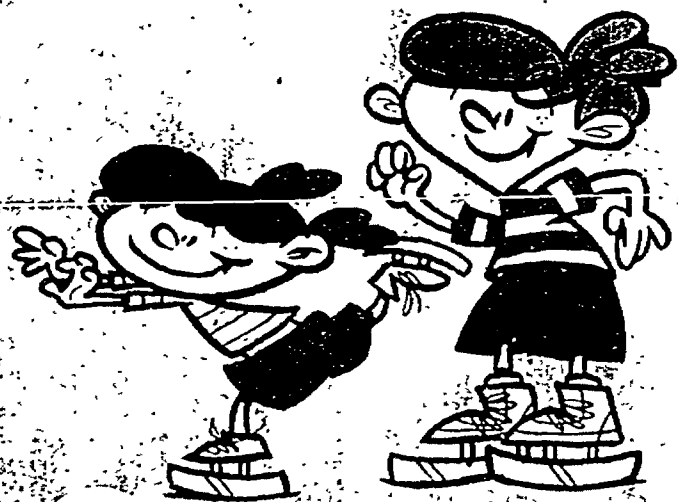
Information will also be distributed regarding a competitive Northville Middle School pom pon team.

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.

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Basic estate planning questions must be asked

Most estate planning attorneys ask clients to fill-out a questionnaire prior to an initial meeting. In part, the questionnaire saves important meeting time by asking mundane questions (e.g. your address, your employer, specific assets) and embarrassment (misspelled names or not being able to read their own handwriting). Most importantly, however, it allows the attorney to hone in on more important questions or emphasize various aspects of a client's estate at the first meeting.



Dan Hoops

The questionnaire should be designed to draw out responses that will help in the planning process. The biggest blunder an attorney and client can make relates to not understanding the client's beneficiaries. You may "know" your beneficiary by name, but do you know what their circumstances could entail? Or, is there a possibility that a bequest could end up in the hands of an "unintended" beneficiary?

QUESTION: CHILDREN FROM PRIOR RELATIONSHIP

If one of the clients has children from a prior relationship, the focus of the estate planning should be on those children. What happens if the biological parent/spouse should predecease the non-biological spouse? Will the children be financially supported and by whom? What happens to the biological non-spouse? What happens if both spouses have children from prior marriages? Could the biological parent/non-spouse become the decision-maker over the funds intended for the children of the non-biological parent/spouse? The estate plan should clearly navigate these questions. Multiple trust agreements could be used, designations of specific trustees or guardians

should also be made, as well as contingencies based on the order of death for the various parents/spouses and children.

Potential Unintended Beneficiary: Former spouse or Non-biological children.

QUESTION: CITIZENSHIP

Although an inquiry into a person's citizenship may not be "politically correct" these days, there are important estate and gift tax planning reasons for this inquiry. Under the federal Estate Tax, a surviving spouse is entitled to receive assets from a deceased spouse free of Estate Tax (the marital deduction). A surviving non-U.S. citizen spouse, however, is not entitled to this marital deduction. In other words, the entire estate of the deceased spouse would pass to the non-U.S. spouse less the entire estate tax. The same rule applies under the federal Gift Tax, where gifts between spouses (if one is a non-U.S. citizen) would be subject to Gift Tax.

With these tax rules established against non-U.S. citizens, additional estate planning is necessary to provide "very similar" tax savings to non-U.S. citizens.

Potential Unintended Beneficiary: I.R.S. (or taxing authority in a foreign nation)

QUESTION: NEEDS-BASED ASSISTANCE

If an intended beneficiary of an estate plan is a recipient of needs-based governmental benefits, such as Supplemental Security Income ("SSI") or Medicaid, a bequest or gift of money or property to that beneficiary could result in a permanent or temporary stoppage in those benefits. SSI and Medicaid recipients are eligible for these programs based on "financial need", so an inheritance could render an individual "ineligible". Although most clients would know that a child or parent is on a needs-based program, they may not be aware of the consequences if that person suddenly inherits assets.

Potential Unintended Beneficiary: State social services or nursing facility

QUESTION: INCARCERATION

This question is almost always the one that garners a good laugh from clients. "None of my children have ever been incarcerated," they chuckle. . .but, it has to be asked. Individuals incarcerated in Michigan (as well as in other state and federal prisons) are subject to reimbursement to their "jailers" to cover the cost of their housing - up to \$60 per day. This "reimbursement lien" is similar to a lawsuit judgment filed against someone. In addition to the reimbursement issue, if the beneficiary is the subject of an "order of restitution" this too can attach to an individual's inheritance. This question needs to be asked because if such an order is outstanding, it will need to be paid.

Potential Unintended Beneficiary: County/State/Federal Department of corrections

There are so many questions that must be answered and explored with a person's estate plan. These are only some of the questions that can be overlooked. The core questions are usually known and understood by the attorney and client, but some questions may take repeated asking (and answering) before they are finally understood. And, once they are understood, a person can rest assured that the plan they are making will be followed and honored until their demise.

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Designs on success

Former Northville High School graduate and Novi resident Katie Jingoian (left) was one of 16 design students from Michigan State University invited by Suzi Amis Cameron (second from left) to participate in an eco-fashion show and auction in Nashville. Suzy's husband, director James Cameron (second from right) is also pictured along with designer Jeff Garner. Katie has graduated from MSU and is currently living in New York City.

BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

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

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NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

McDonald wins arbitration to reopen Chrysler dealership

Colleen McDonald of Northville won one arbitration case to reopen her Livonia Chrysler-Jeep dealership, but lost her bid to reopen Century Dodge in Taylor.

"It's bittersweet," McDonald said today after learning of arbitrator Tracy Allen's split decision. "I am excited about winning one, but I thought we could win both of them."

McDonald becomes the third former Chrysler dealer to prevail through arbitration. The other two are Bill Hahn of Village Chrysler-Jeep in Royal Oak and Bruce Campbell, who plans to reopen his Dodge showroom in Redford Township.

The only woman owner of a Chrysler, Jeep or Dodge franchise in metro Detroit, was among the 789 dealers Chrysler terminated in June as part of its government-backed restructuring. She also had closed a Chevrolet dealership in Farmington Hills.

She said she employed about 125 people between her Chrysler-Jeep and Dodge businesses. Initially she plans to hire between 40 and 50 to reopen Livonia Chrysler-Jeep on Plymouth Road to get sales and service departments up and running.

Chrysler said that of 418 arbitration cases initiated, more than 125 were dismissed or withdrawn and 150 were settled. Of 97 arbitrators' decisions rendered so far Chrysler prevailed in 69 cases, dealers won 28. Nine decisions are pending, including that of Joe Ricci, whose Dodge dealership in Dearborn has closed. Only one case has yet to be heard.

"The decisions of a great majority of the arbitrators validate that our dealer network plans are not only appropriate, but essential to Chrysler's future success," the company said in a statement.

From 3,200 dealers before it filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy on April 30, 2009, Chrysler now has 2,315 dealers, said spokesman Mike Palese. The automaker intends to have 2,300, each selling Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep and Ram truck models by the end of 2011.

The American Arbitration Association has said it wants to resolve all Chrysler dealer arbitrations by the end of July.

By Greg Gardner, Gannett News Service

Busch's grocer honored

Local grocer Busch's Fresh Food Market was recently honored for its charitable efforts to help raise food and monetary donations for local food rescue programs in the Greater Ann Arbor and Metro Detroit communities.

Busch's has a Northville/Plymouth store located at 15185 Sheldon Road.

Food Gatherers, a Washtenaw County food rescue organization, has acknowledged Busch's with its Gatherer of Plenty Award 2010, while the Oak Park-based Forgotten Harvest organization has recognized Busch's with its 2010 Harvey Award. Both awards recognized Busch's for its longstanding commitment to food rescue and leadership in the fight against hunger.

"We were honored to accept these awards on behalf of the loyal and community-conscious shoppers at all 15 Busch's stores," said John Busch, co-owner and CEO of Busch's Fresh Food Market.

Last year's campaign marked a record year for funds and food given by Busch's customers, totaling the equivalent of just under \$185,000, and the grocer hopes to build on that success in 2010.


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The meeting will showcase a typical meeting of the Walsh College Novi Toastmasters Club, and will feature impromptu speeches by members and interested guests, prepared speeches by members, and evaluations of the prepared speeches.

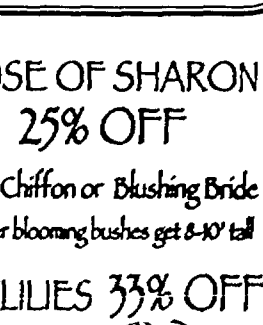
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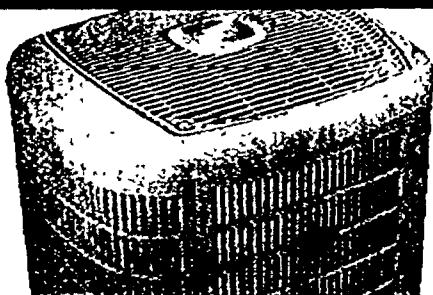
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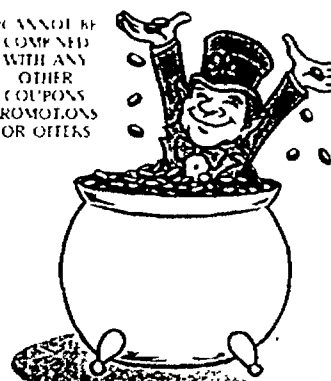
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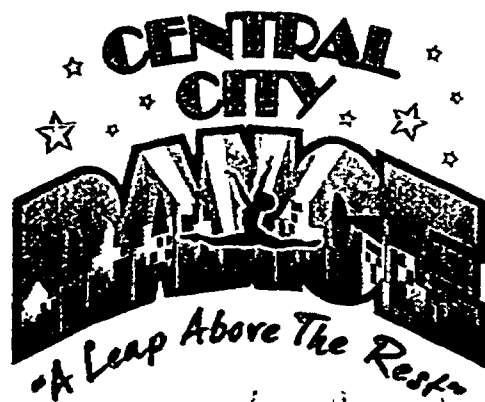
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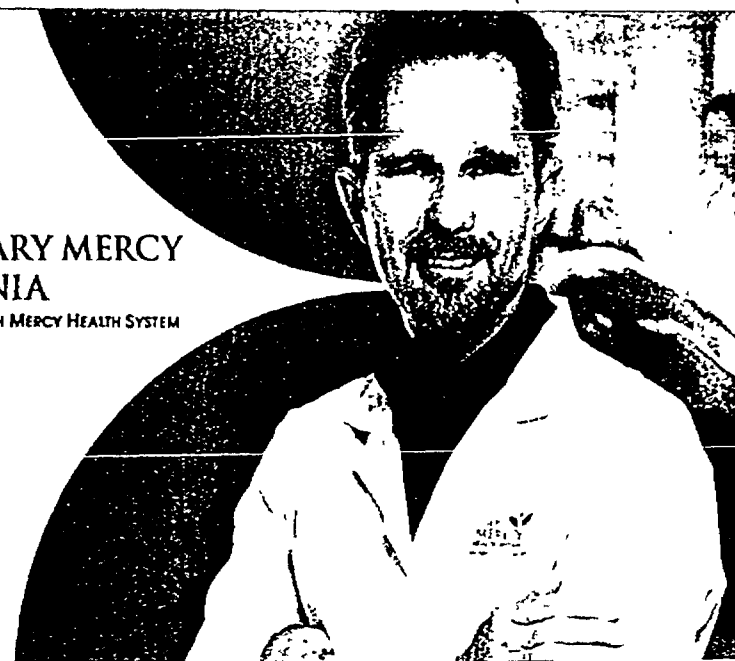
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Why Your Job Search Is Not All About You

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We all get calls from telemarketers. Their generic, impersonal sales pitches typically yield responses like: "Really? Why would I let you spend 10 minutes telling me about your vacuuming services? I have a vacuum cleaner in the closet." Click.



Chances are you have received this type of call. And chances are you have hung up before you even know what the caller has to offer.

Were the vacuum company to peek in your window for a few hours (creepy -- but go with me here) they'd find out you were a single parent with three kids, two shedding cats and a bad case of seasonal allergies. With this new background information, the call might go something like:

"Hello Ms. Murphy!

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Vacuum cleaners and allergies aside,

applying to a company without targeting your application to its needs is a lot like making a random courtesy call. Employers aren't going to pay attention to you unless they know what you can do for them.

Solve a problem, land a job

"You have a job for one reason: to solve a company's problem," says Debra Benton, author of "Lions Don't Need To Roar" and "The \$100,000 Club." "You do not have a job because

you need or want one; that is irrelevant to the marketplace." That means you need to stop focusing on what your strengths are and start focusing on how your strengths can help the company you'd like to work for, Benton suggests.

Putting it all out there -- strategically

Rich Dukas, president and CEO of Dukas Public Relations, says that targeting your cover letter to address the needs of each company you apply to is the only way to get noticed. "Specificity rules," he says. "I am impressed when a candidate spends the time to learn about our firm and tells me in a cover letter and interview how they would directly contribute to our business. Generic cover letters don't cut it."

Using employer-centric language when

applying to a position can also help, Benton advises. "Every part of your communication should be them-oriented instead of you-oriented, from the first word in your cover letter," she says. "Instead of writing, 'Dear Mr. Smith, I'm interested in a job at XYZ ...' your letter should start with 'Dear Mr. Smith, You have an exciting position at XYZ that I'm interested in ...'. Just making the first word 'you' versus 'I' is the start of a myriad of ways to be company-oriented."

Tina Chen, director of operations at Carlisle Staffing in Illinois, says today's tough job competition makes it especially necessary to focus your job search on the needs of employers and how you can make their organization a better one. "Employers are no longer just looking for 'qualified candidates' but rather those who will go above and beyond to justify their seat, so

job seekers really need to stay ahead of the curve and lay their best assets on the table," Chen says.

The bottom line: Employment is a relationship

Although it is important for your communication with a prospective employer to stress how your skills can meet its needs; employment is ultimately a relationship, and you still need to keep your own interests in mind.

"Take a step back, assess the potential employers that you would like to work for, do your homework and decide if there could be a long-term, mutually beneficial relationship. Look at it as 'job dating.' In order for the relationship to work, both parties have to bring something to the table," Chen advises.

Kurt Weyerhauser, managing partner at Kensington Stone, an international search

firm in California, also compares employment to a long-term relationship. "It's like a marriage of sorts," he says. "Most of us who are married realize that we wouldn't be married if leading up to the wedding it had been all about 'me' or, for that matter, all about my spouse's interests. The key is to understand that while your primary interest is you, it's not your sole interest."

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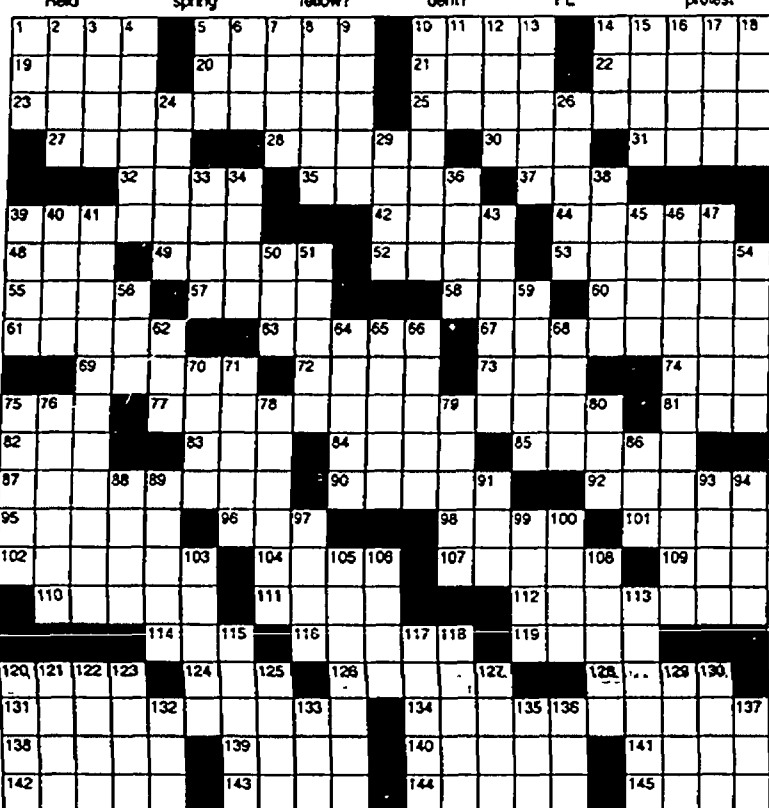
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Business owners share their views on economy, housing market in metro area

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A recent study by the University of Michigan Research Seminar in Quantitative Economics has some tentative good news for the jobs front in 2011.

The spring study notes Michigan job growth next year will depend on the strength of the national economy and the viability of the Detroit Three automakers. The state will lose about 39,000 jobs in 2010, the study says, down from 230,000 last year.

That was the largest recorded drop in the workforce in 53 years of published data, and the biggest rate of job decline (5.6 percent) since 1958.

Scott Lorenz of Plymouth, owner of Westwind Communications marketing and public relations, also has a hot air balloon business.

"Nobody needs a balloon, that's for damn sure," Lorenz said, pausing over his coffee on a recent Thursday morning at Plymouth Panera's.

Lorenz has business all over the country and some overseas, and he noted other parts of the U.S. are less impacted by the economic downturn. The South, including Texas, Georgia and Alabama, is prospering "even through this whole downturn," said Lorenz, a homeowner.

Kurt Olson of Canton, a Plymouth attorney in private practice, isn't sure a recent uptick in spending will carry through to car and home sales. "It's going to be awhile," said Olson, sharing a table at Panera's with Lorenz.

"The appraisals are putting a kink in a lot of things, I think," Olson said. In his law practice, few clients are selling their own homes, said Olson, also a homeowner. "The high end things are slow to come back." His son's a chef at Andiamo and people are eating out.

Nearby outside the Plymouth post office, homeowner Jim Meadows of Plymouth Township cited friends in the home repair and restaurant businesses. They're doing better.

"If it's picking up at all, it's very slightly," Meadows said. This quar-



ter has been better than last, the manufacturer said.

He plans more carefully for spending, such as recent refinishing of hardwood floors. "I think that's what you see a lot of consumers doing," Meadows said.

Fellow postal customer Dina Anderson of Plymouth does direct sales for Mary Kay, cosmetics, and Tastefully Simple, offering quick foods fast in kits to create meals.

"They'll buy little things," Anderson said of consumers. "Both of my businesses are flourishing."

Her husband was out of work five years, and now working part time with COBRA health coverage. She has catastrophic health care coverage.

"In Michigan, we need to have a complete overhaul of the auto industry to a thinking industry," Anderson said. That means moving away from gasoline use.

"That's not going to be a popular thing," she said. "We are so dependent on gasoline and the auto industry."

Anderson and her husband are homeowners who've been able to keep their home. "We've been lucky."

The recent U-M study noted some 20,000 jobs to be added in 2011 not significantly improving state unemployment. Growth will come

in health services, with finance and construction seeing a modest number of jobs added by the end of next year.

Retail trade, transportation and utilities will continue job loss. The public sector is expected to lose over 17,000 jobs during the next two years, due to budget-induced cutbacks and continued outsourcing, especially in local units of government and public schools.

Local businessman Jeff Juenemann, owner of Juenemann Insurance in Westland, said, "I haven't noticed a difference" in business. Insurance is somewhat sheltered, he said, as auto and homeowner policies are required.

"I think restaurants are still pretty full," said Juenemann, a Northville Township homeowner. He considers the general economy "stagnant. I just don't see change."

He believes more government spending isn't the answer, but "more individual responsibility and initiative. I don't think the answer is let's wait for the government to fix it."

"I think turnaround starts with a positive attitude and looking a little further forward," concluded Juenemann, presiding over a recent Westland Rotary lunch.

Sharing his table was Richard Strausbaugh of Northfield

Township, owner since 1960 of Westland Floor Covering. "We're relatively busy right now," he said, noting last year business was weak.

Strausbaugh believes his business boost is partly due to competitors going under.

"It's a matter of time for everything to come back from where we are now," said homeowner Strausbaugh. He does find people fixing up their homes more as they're less able to move to another home.

Two top economists recently offered encouraging news for the housing market. NAR Chief Economist Lawrence Yun and Moody's Economy.com Chief Economist Mark Zandi are predicting a slightly stronger demand for housing going into 2011. The two expect mortgage interest rates to remain historically low and the availability of jumbo loans to improve.

They differ on the impact of foreclosures on home price stabilization. Yun predicts a fairly even level of foreclosures, with home prices potentially rising 2 to 3 percent this year. Zandi forecasts a rise of foreclosures later in 2010 before easing in 2011 and predicts home prices may weaken this year.

Gary Reggish, broker/owner of Remerica United Realty in Novi, is optimistic about home sales. Reggish is president of the Farmington-based Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors.

"We are experiencing more multiple offers on properties," Livonia homeowner Reggish said. "Buyers are coming out of the woodwork. It's a first step toward increasing property values."

Lending for homebuyers remains a concern, Reggish said. "It has to change." Property in good shape that draws three-four offers, "those buyers didn't just look at one house," said Reggish.

Lenders continue to attach declining market adjustment to such properties, he said. Reggish said lenders must trust the market to set prices.

Use caution serving alcohol

Q: We are a condominium association that has a community facility which sometimes is used for community events such as pool parties and cookouts with food and drink. Sometimes at these events an association will serve alcohol. The association knows that more members will attend an event which provides alcoholic beverages than would be the case for a dry event. While I am sure that there is no way to ensure that the association will not be sued in a situation like this, what can the association do to minimize its exposure?

A: 1. Every state has laws that assign liability in cases where an intoxicated guest leaves a social event and causes personal property damage to a third-party. The best advice I can give you is to avoid selling alcohol. If your association is not selling alcoholic beverages, it will be deemed a "social host." If your association decides to sell alcohol, however, it will be considered a licensee and you will need to get a liquor license from the state. A social host, on the other hand, is liable for damages suffered because of the intoxication of a person under the age of



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21 when the social host or its agent willfully and knowingly served alcohol to an underage person. Based on this principle, if your association controls and furnishes alcohol as a social host, your Association could be liable only for injuries resulting from the service of alcohol if an individual

acting for the association, such as a board member, knowingly and willfully serves alcohol to the someone under the age of 21.

2. Get the appropriate insurance. You cannot be 100 percent sure that someone under 21 will not be served alcohol or that a volunteer bartender will always refuse to serve an inebriated member. Therefore, an association should never hold an event with alcohol without liquor liability insurance.

3. Hire professionals to serve the alcohol. Professional companies will carry their own liquor license insurance that will give them and your association protection. An additional bonus to hiring professionals is that trained bartenders will have experience in identifying minors and those who have had too much to drink which will help lower the chances that matters will get out of hand. In short, be very cautious about serving or allowing the serving of alcohol and check with your attorney and insurance agent before allowing any such activity; and,

4. Lastly, get advice in writing from your lawyer to confirm the above.

Q: I heard recently that the FCC has now allowed bulk billing agreements between associations and cable providers. Am I correct?

A: The FCC recently affirmed the right of condominium associations to enter into exclusive marketing contracts and bulk billing agreements with video service providers, but it also expressly reserved the right to change its mind down the road if circumstances warrant. This FCC order was a follow-up to its original order banning exclusive contracts between condominium buildings and cable companies as unfair competition. The FCC invited and considered comments and concluded that bulk billing agreements predominantly benefit consumers, through reduced rates and operating efficiencies. In a bulk billing agreement, the owner contracts with, and directly compensates, one video provider to serve the entire community at a significant discount, but residents are free to contract with an individual provider.

As to marketing, the FCC said it would not prohibit target marketing deals because the record did not support the argument that they prevented other cable providers from providing service to residential buildings. Under an exclusive marketing agreement, a condominium community can promote one video service provider to residents, but may allow additional providers to serve the property. In any event, you should have your community association lawyer look at the documents and any cable agreement before having the association sign it.

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 Condominium Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

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	1049 Chapin Ave	\$90,000
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	585 Chester St	\$515,000
	1850 Mansfield Rd	\$142,000
	1522 Pershing St	\$162,000
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	3300 Lakewood Dr	\$446,000
Bloomfield Township	1286 Charrington Rd	\$325,000
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	547 Westbourne Dr	\$440,000
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	5250 Winton Dr	\$425,000
Clarkston	4865 Clarkston Rd	\$55,000
	4716 Clinton Dr	\$235,000
	6140 Eastlawn Ave	\$90,000
	711 N Main St	\$490,000
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2115 Canal St		\$235 000
1775 Cedar Bend Dr		\$295 000
3595 Clark Cir		\$215 000
8091 Farrant St		\$238 000
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5200 Paula Crest Dr		\$120 000
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47483 Beckensham Blvd		\$410 000
42029 Borchart Dr		\$342 000
41482 Cornell Dr		\$90 000
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24882 Highlands Dr		\$157 000
28050 Lightfoot		\$155 000
41063 Malott		\$127 000
24700 Olde Orchard St		\$55 000
25777 Portlco Ln		\$110 000
25844 Suftrian Ln		\$247 000
24309 W 10 Mile Rd		\$245 000

5097 Andree Ct	\$190 000
5590 Armadale Ct	\$422 000
1706 Braemar Rd	\$147 000
5357 Brockmonte Cir	\$108 000
5410 N Rochester Rd	\$295 000
2282 Pond Valley Dr	\$75 000
3788 Woodmonte Dr	\$378 000
Orchard Lake	
3540 Wards Point Dr	\$1 405 000
Oxford	
1475 Harwood Dr	\$156 000
343 Nipp gon St	\$94 000
Rochester	
527 E University Dr	\$49 000
Rochester Hills	
596 Augusta Dr	\$160 000
1203 Bembroke Dr	\$222 000
2592 Briance	\$208 000
2294 Chippinham Chase	\$200 000
160 Clair Hill Dr	\$214 000
1480 Colony Dr	\$145 000
1712 Forest Hill Dr	\$195 000
2572 Harrison Ave	\$195 000
706 Majestic	\$345 000
810 Peach Blossom Ln	\$382 000
2069 Rochelle Park Dr	\$170 000
3630 Salem Dr	\$289 000
630 Tenyson	\$120 000
3302 W Auburn Rd	\$185 000
South Lyon	
1153 Horseshoe Dr	\$180 000
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515 N Reese St	\$172 000
790 Norchester St	\$136 000
64823 Rambling Way	\$75 000
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29841 Everett St	\$71 000
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28526 Lowell Ct S	\$17 000
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1529 Boyd St	\$268 000
2722 Chesterfield Dr	\$170 000
6690 Forest Park Dr	\$263 000
3269 Franklin Dr	\$112 000
710 Hidden Ridge Dr	\$159 000

1741 Hillman Dr	\$205 000
148 Ingram Dr	\$405 000
1301 Key West Dr	\$157 000
259 Lyons Dr	\$50 000
76 Millstone Dr	\$352 000
4673 Pier Dr	\$477 000
1686 Van Courtland Dr	\$75 000
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2935 Locota Rd	\$170 000
1791 Orchard St	\$53 000
5585 River Park Dr	\$150 000
3313 Warmingham Ave	\$82 000
3390 Watkins Lake Rd	\$36 000
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7037 Aljuman Hill Dr	\$162 000
3979 Chablis St	\$144 000
7282 Cracking Creek Cir	\$190 000
5539 Hampshire Dr	\$470 000
2240 Hidden Lake Dr	\$138 000
2496 Horace St	\$81 000
1925 Lochaven Rd	\$85 000
3835 Lone Pine Rd	\$46 000
4132 Old Dominion Dr	\$190 000
4325 McNay Ct	\$216 000
1618 Weymouth St	\$105 000
7931 Woodingham	\$115 000
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2248 Kingsdon St	\$125 000
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8385 Pontac Lake Rd	\$19 000
Wolverine Lake	
1216 Lakeview Dr	\$130 000
1240 McCoy St	\$68 000

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 5-9, 2010, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton	43865 Candlewood Dr # A	\$183,000
	44649 Hanford Rd	\$152,000
	8370 Knapley Dr	\$185,000
	41605 Laramore Ln	\$120,000
	6028 Meadowview Dr	\$265,000
	100 Mornington Ct	\$200,000
	2048 Pinecroft Dr	\$182,000
	7485 Pointe Dr	\$148,000
	565 Owens Way	\$187,000
	49161 Stanton Ct	\$388,000
	4175 Strathmore Ln	\$120,000
	43557 Stuart Ct	\$125,000

1918 Westworth Dr	\$190 000	9007 Co Stone St	\$175 000
Garden City		12028 Hunters Creek Dr	\$175 000
	\$90 000	9130 Redbox Ave	\$175 000
33041 Rosslyn Ave	\$85 000	13705 Ridgewood Dr	\$200 000
28155 Sheridan St	\$25 000	45157 Turtlehead Dr	\$260 000
Livonia		Redford	
14850 Country Club Dr	\$140 000	18663 Delaware Ave	\$195 000
10000 Fairfield St	\$124 000	25421 Dover	\$195 000
18580 Filmore St	\$175 000	20430 Gaylord # 10	\$135 000
14230 Foch St	\$18 000	24800 Graham Rd	\$135 000
9123 Idaho St	\$135 000	9248 Lucerne	\$65 000
20010 Mayfield St	\$147 000	19747 Mercedes	\$165 000
30005 Melrose St	\$100 000	17649 Norborne	\$65 000
20380 Milburn St	\$28 000	13515 Salem	\$65 000
33335 Noyen Ct	\$180 000	Westland	
14642 Tale St	\$135 000	20314 Alanson St	\$195 000
Northville		31781 Amburst Dr	\$175 000
44981 Broadmoor Cir S	\$325 000	39003 Huron Pl	\$195 000
19200 Meadowbrook Rd	\$223 000	29078 Manchester St	\$145 000
42322 Norwood Ct	\$105 000	9511 Wilcher Dr	\$185 000
20314 Rapping Ln	\$235 000	6842 Mohican Ln	\$195 000
744 Thayer Blvd	\$899 000	35020 Rosslyn St	\$195 000
Plymouth			
9005 Colony Farms Dr	\$226 000		

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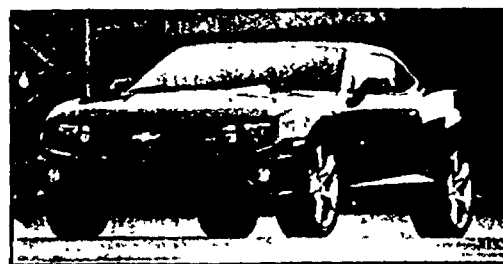
Advertising Feature



By Dale Buss

They've been telling anyone who would listen for a couple of years that they are coming out with the most interesting and attractive new vehicles in the industry these days. And now, General Motors and Ford have more objective evidence of their claim - in the form of a new brand-ranking report by J.D. Power & Associates. For the first time since 1997, Power ranked domestic auto brands collectively over import brands in "vehicle appeal". The study covers cars' performance, execution and layout including exterior styling and interior amenities. This conclusion by Power in its APEAL (an acronym) awards follows by a few weeks its conclusion that, for the first time ever in its rankings, domestic brands' actual levels of "initial quality" edged out the quality levels of import brands. This year in Power's vehicle-appeal study, U.S.-bred brands outperformed import brands by 13 points on a 1,000-point scale after placing second by five points last year. Their gains were driven primarily by what Power called "high-performing" models from Ford and General Motors, including several that are all-new or have undergone major redesigns. Presumably, those would include the Ford Fusion and the

Chevrolet Equinox. Especially encouraging for domestics is that Power's research showed that new models introduced by GM and Ford far outranked models they retired in buyer appeal. "When new-vehicle buyers go through the shopping process, vehicle appeal, along with price and perceptions of quality, is of major importance", said David Sargent, vice president of global vehicle research for Westlake Village, Calif.-based J.D. Power. The market-research firm said that vehicles with high scores in its appeal survey "have been shown to generate faster sales, higher profit margins, and less need for cash incentives". But Power did point out one remaining weakness in the appeal of domestic vs. foreign brands: luxury models. Import nameplates "continue to retain a notable edge", the company said. And not surprisingly, Porsche was the highest-ranking nameplate overall in the study for the sixth consecutive year. There's not much GM or Ford can do to change that. Ford captured five segment-level APEAL awards - more than any other vehicle brand in 2010 - for the Expedition, Explorer Sport Trac, Flex, Fusion and Taurus. Audi, BMW, Chevrolet, Mercedes-Benz and



For Ford, Fusion was a strong entrant in the new J.D. Power brand-appeal results.

Volkswagen each garnered two awards. Audi received awards for the Q5 and Q7. BMW models receiving awards were the 3 Series and 5 Series. Chevrolet received awards for the Avalanche and Camaro, while Mercedes-Benz earned awards for the E-Class Coupe and S-Class (for a fourth consecutive year) and Volkswagen received awards for the GTI and Routan. The Mercedes-Benz S-Class achieved the highest APEAL score of any model in the industry. Also receiving awards were the GMC Terrain; Honda Fit; Land Rover Range Rover; MINI Cooper (for a third consecutive year); and Nissan Cube. Only two models ranked highest in their respective segments in both the 2010 APEAL Study and the 2010 Initial Quality Study (IQS) released in June - the Chevrolet Avalanche and Ford Taurus. Five award recipients in 2010 were all new models: the Audi Q5; Chevrolet Camaro; GMC Terrain; Mercedes-Benz

The Chevrolet Camaro was one of the strongest players for General Motors in Power's new APEAL study.



The new Chevrolet Equinox has proven a big hit with buyers, including those in the Power study.

E-Class Coupe; and Nissan Cube. According to the J.D. Power Web Intelligence Division, at the time of its launch, the Chevrolet Camaro generated particularly high volumes of online discussion centered on new-vehicle appeal. Compared with other new models released in 2010, discussion volume for the Camaro was twice that of the second-most-discussed model. The APEAL Study examines how gratifying a new vehicle is to own and drive, based on owner evaluations of more than 80 vehicle attributes. The 2010 APEAL Study is based on responses gathered between February and May 2010 from more than 76,000 purchasers and lessees of new 2010 model-year cars and trucks who were surveyed after the first 90 days of ownership. The APEAL Study complements the recently released J.D. Power and Associates Initial Quality StudySM (IQS), which focuses on problems experienced by owners during the first 90 days of ownership.

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