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Blood drive

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene is sponsoring a Red Cross blood drive 3-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1. Call Taylor Dickey to reserve your appointment time at (248) 737-7263. The church is located at 21260 Haggerty Road, Northville.

Concert updates

The Summer Friday Night Concerts will remain in Town Square, but the Tuesdays Children's concerts held on Aug. 24 and 31 will be relocated to the park area behind City Hall (Wing and W. Cady streets). The final concerts of the season are August 24: Guy Louis and the Chautauqua Express and August 31: The My Dols

Camp for grieving kids

New Hope Center for Grief Support, a Christian-based bereavement outreach center, is offering a two-day "KIDZ K&K" 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.

Civic Concern collections

First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main Street is collecting excess garden produce for Northville Civic Concern every Saturday through 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.

Mayor urges 'yes' vote on convention

Johnson believes laws need updating

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Mayor Chris Johnson said many of the financial problems Michigan cities are facing are partly to blame because of a state constitution that was written in the early 1960s.

He urges voters to vote "yes"

on the ballot proposal for a constitutional convention.

"This is only on the ballot every 16 years, so if it's not approved in November, it will be a long time before voters will have another chance to approve this," Johnson said.

Johnson was present at the first City Budget Committee

meeting Aug. 9 and will be at all of the meetings, as well as key city staff members — not to make decisions but to assist. He said the first meeting last week was to give the committee and the community a bird's eye view of the overall financial impact that Northville is facing.

"Like it or not, the state of

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Johnson

'If you design all of your systems to keep things from going up and not recognize that things can go down, you can't help communities that are in a world of hurt. We're looking at 10 years before we can collect the same revenue that we had two years ago on property taxes. It's a huge deficit to overcome.'

CHRIS JOHNSON, mayor, City of Northville

Ohana Cafe manager Brandon Smith sautes some beans, chicken and vegetables for a customer's lunch at the Northville Square eatery.



Ohana Café opens in Northville Square

Healthy international food served on main level

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Serving healthy fare such as wraps, noodle and rice bowls, the Ohana Café opened about a two weeks ago at Northville Square.

Owners include Northville residents David Dziuban, Kyle Gosik and his sister, Nicole Gosik, who is also Dziuban's fiancée.

"We've been friends for 17 years," Kyle said.

"Kyle and I started another business, and I said, 'We need to open a cafe,'" Dziuban said.

Gosik has been a chef for many years in St. Louis and at Antonio's in Canton.

"My grandfather was a chef at Trader Vic's, so it kind of runs in the family," he said.

Dziuban is the financial guru of the operation with a bachelor's degree in accounting.

MEXICAN RESTAURANT COMING

The three also plan to open a Mexican restaurant, Azul Agave, (which means blue tequila) in the space formerly occupied by NOMI across from the Ohana Café. "We are shooting for a November first opening," he said.

"We knew from Bob Buckhave (owner of the building) that the space was open, so we just went for it."

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PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Ohana Cafe has opened its doors in the Northville Square featuring its take on Hawaiian sandwich wraps and noodle bowls. From left are Nicole Gosik, her fiancée David Dziuban, manager Brandon Smith, and Kyle Gosik (Nicole's brother).

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Library millage campaign kicks off

Volunteers needed immediately

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

With absentee ballots in the 2010 general election going out in about five weeks, members of the Committee to Support the Northville Library Millage feel they have their work cut out for them.

Absentee ballots are

scheduled to arrive at Northville Township Hall and Northville City Hall around Sept. 20, with mailing expected about a week later.

"We don't have a lot of time," said Anne Mannisto, assistant director of the library, told those who

Please see **LIBRARY, A8**

PUBLIC HEARING SET AUG. 26

A public hearing on the library's proposed budget will take place at 7 p.m. Aug. 26 at the Northville District Library. Important information, including discussion on proposed cuts, will be available at this hearing. For more information, go to www.northvillibrary.org.



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GOP takes aim at local seats

FACING OFF

Republicans hope to maintain control of the 7th Senate seat, and grab back the 20th House seat. Here's who's running:

20th House Republican
Candidate: Kurt Heise
Age: 44
Family: Wife Catherine; daughters Katie and Claire
Residence: Plymouth Township
Background: Attorney
Democrat
Candidate: Joan Wadsworth
Age: 56
Family: Husband Steve Calkins; children Tim, Geoff, Virginia

Residence: Northville
Background: Northville school board member

7th Senate Republican
Candidate: Patrick Colbeck
Age: 44
Family: Wife Angie
Residence: Canton
Background: Self-employed management consultant
Democrat
Candidate: Kathleen Law
Age: 64
Family: Husband Richard; one son, two grandsons
Residence: Gibraltar
Background: Former state representative

BY BRAD KADRICH
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Now that the primary election is over, state Republicans can turn their attention to November's general election, and the party has its eyes clearly on three local seats they feel they can reclaim.

Two of them — the 20th state House and the 7th state Senate — are open seats with no incumbents in the way. The third — the 21st House — is currently held by a Democrat who wrested it from Republican control two years ago.

The other seats don't come with that incumbent roadblock. In the 20th House District, which covers the Plymouths, Northville, Wayne and a sliver of the eastern portion of Canton, two-term incumbent Marc Corriveau, a Northville Democrat, decided not to seek re-

election to focus on a run at the 7th Senate seat being vacated by term-limited Sen. Bruce Patterson.

But Corriveau ultimately decided to pull out of that race, and now neither seat has an incumbent. The 20th House seat will go to either Plymouth Township attorney Kurt Heise, who easily won Tuesday's Republican primary, or Joan Wadsworth, another Northville Democrat who was unopposed Tuesday.

"It's important to get those (House) seats back and to keep that Senate seat," said Carl Berry, chairman of the Wayne 11th Republican Congressional District Committee. "It's always important to get the right people in office who pay attention to what the people have to say. We have to get Michigan back on track. ... Anytime we've had good, qualified candidates



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Kurt Heise, speaking with voters arriving at Northville High School Tuesday, won the 20th House primary and will try to help Republicans reclaim the seat.

running, the state party gets involved, and we've got good candidates now."

The race between Heise and Wadsworth could prove the area's most interesting. Heise is a former head of the environment department at Wayne County, where he worked well with Democratic county Executive Robert Ficano. He's also worked for several municipalities, worked on legislative issues and knows how Lansing works.

Wadsworth, Northville's Citizen of the Year in 2003, has served 16 years on the Northville school board, is a board member for the Northville Chamber of Commerce and has served on the city of Northville Downtown Development Authority, the Northville Parks and Recreation Commission, the Friends of Northville District Library Board, the Northville Senior Citizens Council and the Northville Council of PTAs.

They'll be vying for a seat on which the Republicans had a stranglehold until Corriveau won it four years ago in a battle against

Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo.

"The Republicans have always held that seat and would love to get it back," said Bill Ballenger, editor of *Inside Michigan Politics*. "Heise is a pretty strong candidate, but Wadsworth is going to be a pretty strong candidate as well. If it's a Republican year and Heise runs a tough campaign, he can win it back. But I wouldn't be surprised if (Wadsworth) kept it for the Democrats."

The 7th Senate seat is an open seat, and both parties want it (as does former state Rep. John Stewart, who is running as an independent). Republicans have controlled it for years — including the two Patterson terms — and are hoping Colbeck can help them keep it. Colbeck surprised more established Republicans Abe Munfakh, a three-time Plymouth Township trustee, and Deborah Whyman, a former state representative, by winning fairly easily in Tuesday's primary.

Early on in the campaign

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Stewart launches independent bid for state Senate in the 7th District

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Attorney John Stewart is staking out the middle ground in the battle to represent the 7th District in the Michigan Senate.

"People are tired of extremism. People are tired of partisanship," said Stewart. "I can bridge the partisan divide."

Stewart, 61, is an independent candidate for the state Senate in a district that includes the City of Plymouth, Canton and Plymouth townships and stretches from Northville to southwestern Wayne County and east to Grosse Ile. It's a three-way battle to replace term-limited Republican Sen. Bruce Patterson; engineer Patrick Colbeck of Canton won the Republican nomination on Tuesday; and Democrat Kathleen Law of Gibraltar, a former state representative, had no primary opposition.

Stewart has been a Republican and a Democrat, but independent is a label that Stewart wears most comfortably. He was a Republican state House member for six years, through 2006, but more recently has been aligned with Democrats. He considered a bid for the state Senate as a Democrat, but decided against it when the Rep. Marc Corrivau, D-Northville, announced his candidacy in January. The two share a voter base, Stewart said, and would likely have split it.

When Corrivau dropped out of



Stewart

the Senate race in May, Stewart saw his chance. He and supporters collected 2,544 petition signatures — over 1,000 more than needed — to put him on the ballot as an independent.

Stewart says he's a known quantity, and from the mainstream. He's had the same office on Main Street in Plymouth for 26 years, and is a regular at Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth meetings and First Presbyterian Church services.

"I'm accessible. There's no mystery about John Stewart," he said. Stewart paints himself as fiscally responsible and touts his six years on the House appropriations committee as experience that will help him tackle the state's finances.

Abolishing the personal property tax, a tax on the value of business equipment from computers to heavy machinery, is toward the top of his list.

"You repeal the personal property tax, you attract high-tech businesses, you attract manufacturing jobs," he said.

That would cut state revenue by about \$1.8 billion annually, in Stewart's estimation; to balance the budget, he favors consolidation in state government (state departments, for example, should not each have their own personnel office, he said) and curbing Medicaid fraud, which, he said, is

driving up costs.

Overall, Michigan needs tax reform, Stewart said, a view also shared by gubernatorial candidates Rick Snyder, the Republican, and Virg Bernero, the Democrat.

"I pledge no new taxes, but there's going to be a restructuring," said Stewart. He is against a tax on services, and says the 22-percent surcharge on the Michigan Business Tax should be repealed.

On other issues, Stewart: • Calls for stable funding of public education, and says he's worried that recent funding cuts are leading to larger class sizes.

• Favors consolidation of the services used by school districts, and of some school districts themselves, as ways to save money. "Overdue," he said of the latter.

• Rejects further cuts in state revenue sharing to local units of government, which, he said, have led to the loss of 2,400 firefighter and some 2,000 police officer jobs statewide since 2001.

Stewart said his Downriver roots — he grew up in Wyandotte and two sisters were teachers in the area — and the fact that he collected petition signatures in that part of the district will help him win voters there.

Stewart and wife Beth have been married for 31 years and live in Plymouth Township. She is the executive director of the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society. They have two grown daughters, Laura Terrel and Sarah Stewart, both of whom live in Charlotte, N.C.

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season. Democrats may have felt they had a chance to take it away by running Corrivau, who would have faced a tough primary against Gibraltar Democrat Kathleen Law, herself a former state representative. But Corrivau dropped out of the race right after the filing deadline, citing family reasons, leaving Law to await the Republican challenger.

That turned out to be Colbeck,

who went out with "a positive message" and earned what he called a "We, the People" victory. He and Canton 21st House winner Lori Levi ran almost carbon-copy campaigns that included tons of door-to-door talks with voters, clean tactics and what most observers called "plain hard work."

"First off, they campaigned correctly; they worked hard, did a lot of door-to-door knocking," Berry said. "They did a ton of stuff and they were well-organized. They came out with conservative points of view. They worked hard. I was

very impressed."

After their primary victories, both Colbeck and Levi downplayed their connection to the Tea Party, but both have been active in and draw support from the movement. Levi has been present at multiple Tea Party events, and Colbeck announced his campaign during a Tax Day Tea Party event in Plymouth.

Their victories, according to Ballenger, show the Tea Party may be gaining some influence, but more victories are needed in order to make the party a force.



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Hospice walk to honor families

This September Angela Hospice will hold its third Walk of Remembrance. This annual event is an occasion for individuals, families, and friends to walk in honor of the loved ones they've lost, while enjoying fellowship and the scenic beauty of nature.

The walk will take place Saturday, Sept. 25, beginning at Madonna University in Livonia. Registration will open at 8 a.m., with the opening ceremony at 9 a.m.

"The Walk of Remembrance is a wonderful event for anyone who has lost a loved one," said Syndie Best, volunteer coordinator for Angela Hospice. "It's a chance to set aside a couple of hours in our very busy lives and choose to remember the ones we love who have passed on. The beautiful surroundings of the walk route are enhanced by musicians and volunteers placed along the way. At the end of the walk, having an opportunity to decorate a rock with the name of a loved one is a very moving experience."

Last year over 500 people participated in the Walk of Remembrance, and an even greater response is expected this year. The walk is a 2.3-mile route through the idyllic grounds of the Felician Sisters, including Madonna University,

the Central Convent, Ladywood High School, and Angela Hospice.

Northville resident and hospice nurse Kathleen Pidruzny attended the event in 2009, as well as in 2008. Each year Pidruzny brought eight of her friends and family with her, who thoroughly enjoyed the day.

"It's a beautiful walk," said Pidruzny. "They loved it. They thought it was so peaceful."

So Pidruzny responded favorably to the opportunity to form a Walk of Remembrance Team this year.

Event coordinator Barb Iovan explained that this is the first year participants have been encouraged to form teams.

"Participants have been so positive about the event," said Iovan. "This year we are inviting people to form teams as a way to both memorialize their loved ones and at the same time raise funds for Angela Hospice programs, while bringing friends and family together."

All proceeds from the Walk of Remembrance will benefit Angela Hospice's programs for terminally ill patients and their families, including free grief support counseling which is available to anyone in the community.



Northville resident Kathleen Pidruzny (far left) and her family walked in memory of her father Howard Pingston at the 2009 Walk of Remembrance. The group enjoyed bagels and painted rocks for the memorial garden at the end of the walk. With Kathleen (from left) are Colleen Brumo of Dearborn Heights; Allison La Combe of Canton; Colleen Pidruzny of Northville; Carla Sladewski of Dearborn Heights; Jo Ann and Veronica Brumo of Dearborn.

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Superintendent Rezmierski announces his retirement

After 35 years of dedicated service to Northville Public Schools, Superintendent Dr. Leonard R. Rezmierski will retire at the end of the 2010-11 school year.



L. Rezmierski

Rezmierski made the announcement at the Aug. 10 Board of Education Meeting. "During his 20 year tenure as superintendent of Northville Public Schools, Rezmierski has shepherded the school district as it has doubled in size and built and renovated many buildings to accommodate our growing Northville Public Schools family," said Board of Education President Dr. Marilyn Price. "He has also

been an incredible leader and advocate for Northville Public Schools as we have traversed these challenging economic times in our state and our school district.

"Yet, most importantly, he has helped all of us to grow in our capacity to educate each child and to improve as an organization. Our school district's focus on learning, collaboration and service to others will be an integral part of Dr. Rezmierski's legacy."

The Board of Education is in the process of establishing procedures to conduct a search for Rezmierski's replacement. Details regarding the search process will be shared with school families, staff and the community in the near future.

Before taking on the duties as Superintendent of Northville Public Schools

in 1991, Rezmierski served as the school district's executive director of Special Education for 15 years. In addition, he has taken on leadership positions in numerous state and national professional organizations over the years including as vice president, president and past president of the Michigan Association of School Administrators (MASA); two terms as president of the Tri-County Alliance of Superintendents; president of the Michigan Council for Exceptional Children; member of the National Council for Exceptional Children Board of Directors; and two terms as president of the Wayne County School Superintendents Association. Most recently, Rezmierski was named the 2009 MASA Region 9 Superintendent of the Year.



JOHN HEIDER, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dancing

Old Village School para-pro Samantha Brennan dances with student Brad Morin, 13, during an Aug. 11 visit to the school by "The Music Lady" - Beverly Meyer. Through the summer, Old Village has weekly assemblies for its students consisting of musicians, magicians, and acrobats.

NORTHVILLE ON CAMPUS

Schoolcraft College

Northville resident Erin Auwers was named to the Dean's List and is transferring to Grand Valley State University.

Kaplan University

Northville's Angela M. Ostrom of Northville was awarded a 2 + 2 bachelor degree in information technology and Jason Ososki was awarded a 2 + 2 bachelor degree in information technology during a live ceremony on Aug. 7 in Chicago. Harold Ford, Jr., a former U.S. Representative, served as the keynote speaker.

NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

Northville Spiritwear

With summer almost over and the school year beginning, it is time to stock up on Spiritwear. The Northville High School Spiritwear Team will be selling items (across from the main office) during registration at the following times:

8:30-11:30 a.m. Aug. 23; seniors
8:30-11:30 a.m. Aug. 24; juniors
8:30-11:30 a.m. Aug. 25; sophomores
11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Aug. 26;

freshmen

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Transition Day

The Transition Day for the 2010-2011 School Year will take place Monday, Aug. 30 (new date) as follows:
8th grade: 8-10 a.m.
7th grade: 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

6th grade

1:30-3:30 p.m. Students and parents should report to the auditorium for a brief meeting and instructions upon arrival.

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Parents are welcome to accompany their son/daughter.

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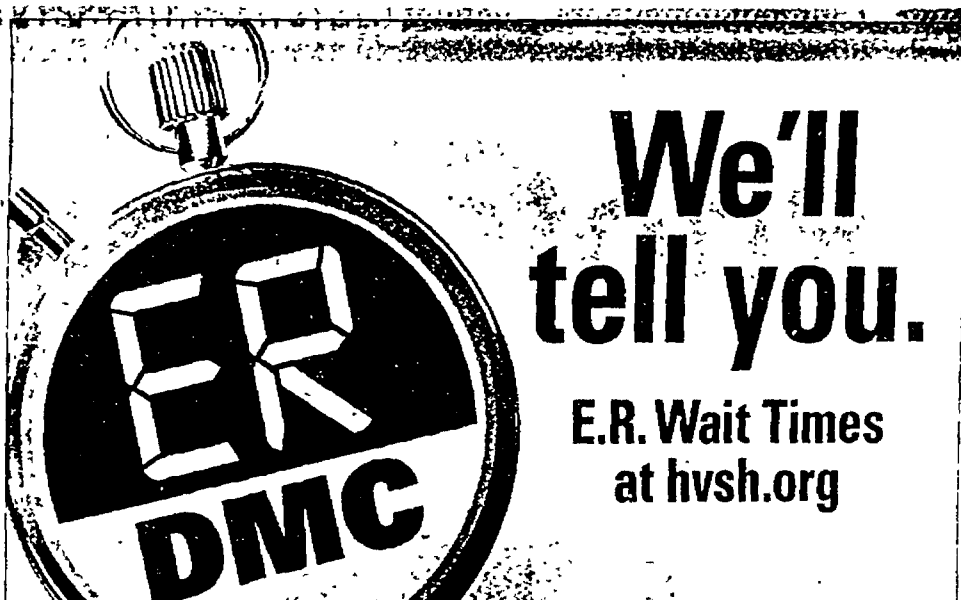
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Declining property taxes big problem

City budget committee meets for first time

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Northville's City Budget Committee members met for the first time Aug. 9, learning that declining residential property values are the biggest factor affecting the city's financial problems.

The two-and-a-half hour meeting, which was an informational meeting, included several presenters.

Mayor Chris Johnson discussed state and local issues impacting the budget. Chris Jones and Joe Heffernan of Plante-Moran financial consultants reviewed the "Three-legged Stool of Municipal Finance."

Pat Sullivan, city manager, and Sandi Wiktorowski, finance director, presented the city budget and trend analysis.

Robert Daddow, deputy county executive, Oakland County, talked about "The Regional Economic Picture and How It Affects Us."

Jerry Mittman, chair of the budget committee, introduced members present at the first meeting.

REVENUE STREAM RUNS DRY

"The first meeting set the stage for

what's happened to the revenue stream," Mittman said. "It was very enlightening. We need to find out how to live at this lower level. This is an opportunity to reinvent things. We're going to be looking at everything."

The next meeting, which is open to the public, will be at 7 p.m. Aug. 30 at city hall.

"We'll be looking at what the city has done so far as well as what other communities have done (with their budget)," Mittman said. "We may start listing some things we could do."

Seventy percent of the city's general fund is made up of property taxes, and almost 80 percent of that comes from residential property taxes. With about a 10 percent drop in property taxes this year and a 12.5 percent decline predicted for next year, the fund will remain down.

That's for all of Oakland County, not Northville specifically.

PROJECTIONS BLEAK

In 2008, the city brought in almost \$6.61 million to its general fund. Now, the fund is already down to \$5.57 million. There is already a \$368,000 gap between revenue and expenditures for

2010.

One projection is Daddow's, who is projecting a 12.5 percent, 5 percent and then a 2.5 percent drop in property taxes over the next three years.

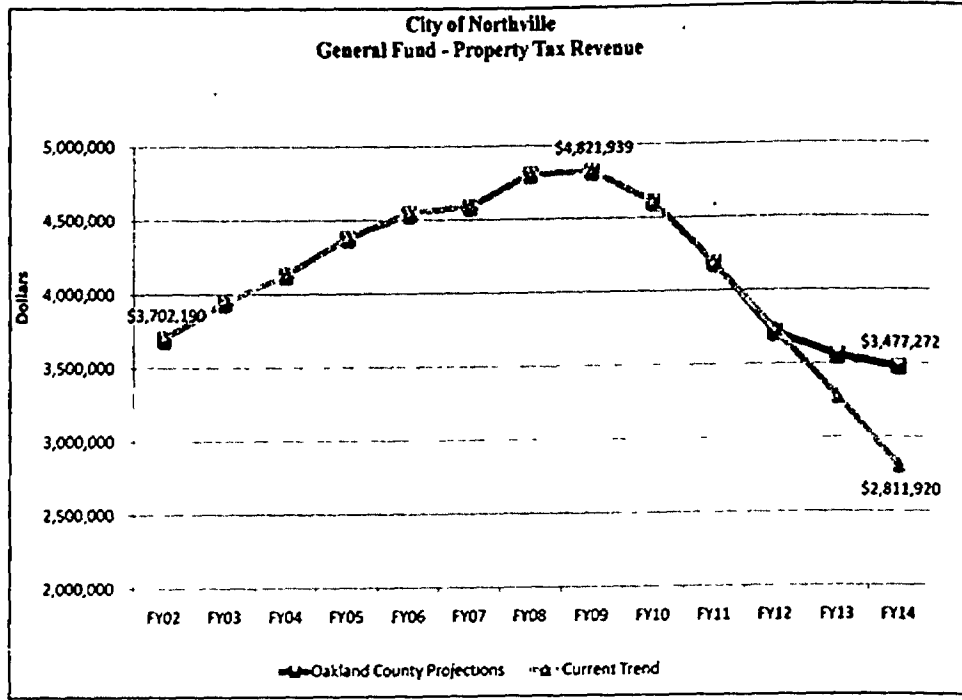
"If we really have a 12.5 percent drop, our general fund will go down to \$5.07 million in fiscal year 2012," Sullivan said. "That's a million and half less than what we had just three years ago."

The other projection looks at current trends in property taxes. "The trend is even worse," Sullivan said. "That takes us down to a little over \$4 million by fiscal year 2014, compared to \$6.61 million in 2008. That's the problem statement right there."

Sullivan said even if property values level off, the city is still facing an almost \$400,000 shortfall in revenue, which is predicted to be close to \$2 million by fiscal year 2014.

PROPERTY VALUE ISSUES

The point that Daddow and Plante-Moran representatives made Aug. 9 is that because of Proposal A and the Headlee Amendment, even if property values start to go up, there are limitations in the amount of revenue



This graph shows the decline in property taxes in recent years.

communities will start to see.

With Proposal A, property values can only go up the rate of inflation or 5 percent per year, whichever is less.

With the Headlee Amendment, if the city's total taxable value revenue exceeds the inflation rate, the state can roll back the city's millage cap.

"The city charter says we can levy 20 mills," Sullivan said. "Right now, we're down to 14.1 or 14.2 under Headlee."

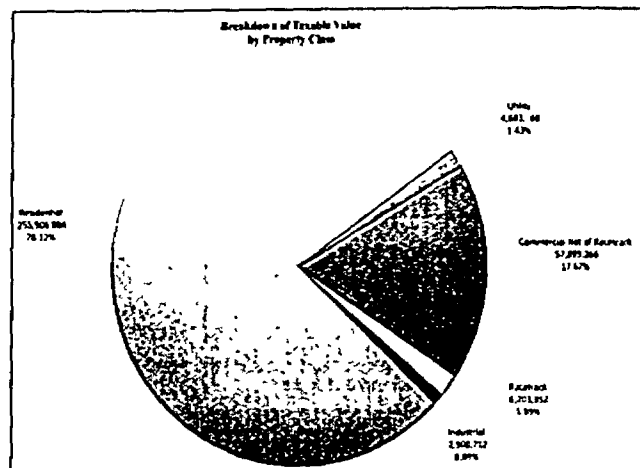
In other words, even when the economy comes back, tax revenues will be limited to an inflationary increase under Proposal A and the Headlee Amendment.

The city has seen a significant revenue decrease due to the fact that it's heavily reliant on property tax revenue.

If that trend continues, the city is looking at projected revenue losses of 27-37 percent.

Plante-Moran is predicting that future taxable values will not return to the levels they were in 2007 until 2020-25.

State-shared revenue, brokerage funds and interest income have all fallen has fallen. "But the



This pie chart shows that almost 80 percent of the city of Northville's property tax revenue is from residential property.

major problem is property taxes," Sullivan said. "And, it's not going to be a quick turnaround."

"Northville is actually in better shape than many other communities in this area," Daddow said. "It looks like they have done a good job in fiscal planning because they have a fair amount of equity left."

They're going to fare better than other communities in the coming

months." He hopes his presentation opened committee members' eyes as to how many factors are affecting the state's economy.

"If you don't understand the depth of the problem, you can't take steps to correct it," Daddow said.

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JAMES F. BOARD, JR.
Age 79, passed away on August 8, 2010, in New Hudson, MI. Formerly of Milford. Mr. Board proudly served in the U.S. Air Force from 1951 - 1954. He was employed by Chrysler Corporation for 44 years. Brother of Patricia Abrahamian and Michael (Jim) Board. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, family and friends. No memorial service is planned at this time. Please sign James' online guestbook at:
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MARIAN W. SIMPLER
Age 89 of Novi, Michigan died peacefully at home August 8, 2010. Born in Riverview Alabama, Marian had a life long ambition to own her own camp. She graduated with a degree in Recreation and Physical Education from Montevallo College Alabama; taught at the University of Wisconsin, and then headed the Physical Education department at Done College, Crete, Nebraska. Every summer Marian, nicknamed "Shorty" returned to children's camping. In 1946 Marian moved to Michigan to become Owner and Director of Chippewa Trail Camp for girls on Elk Lake for 38 years retiring in 1984. She is survived by her dearest sister, Caroline Sands, Valley, Alabama; nieces Jo, Pamela, Priscilla, Mary Kay, Jackie, Cathy, Miriam, Charlotte, Lydia, and nephews Judson, Herbert III, and James. Preceding her in death were her parents Hilary and Grace Weaver Simpler, and her siblings James, Hilma, Grace and Herbert. She is also survived by her former camp business partner of 15 years and companion for 41 years, Susan Webb. Additional survivors include many wonderful camper and counselor alumni, friends and acquaintances who felt blessed by her love, unusual magnetism, and interest in their well-being. If considering a donation, her greatest wish would be to help send a child to camp. Memorial services will be held at a later date.
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DORIS L. WALLER (NEE BROOKS)
Aug. 11, 2010, age 84. Funeral was August 16 at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Memorials to the American Cancer Society. Online condolences
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CRAIG BRATLY
A resident of Milford since 1979, died on August 16, 2010, at the age of 61. He is survived by Sue, his beloved wife of over thirty-three years; his son, Richard; sisters, Paula (Charles) Paul, Toni (Charles) Boyd; brother, Martin Bratly; sister-in-law, Pamela (Warren) Rhoads; brother-in-law, Leonard M. Wargo; nephews, Jeff (Jamie) Paul, Charles Paul, William, Scott, Tom & Philip Boyd, Michael, and Chuck Rhoads; niece, Maureen Rhoads, special friend, Rick Marion and many other dear friends. A Funeral Service was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford, on Wednesday, August 18, at 7PM. Chaplain Joseph Griebel officiated. Memorials may be made in his name to Odyssey Hospice. For further information please phone 248-684-5645 or visit:
www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

KAREN J. FOULKS
Age 62, of South Lyon, passed away, August 12, 2010 at her home in the care of her loving family. A memorial service will be held Thursday, August 19 at 2:00 PM at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME.

FLOSSIE MAE HOGAN
Age 92, passed away, August 6, 2010. She was born on April 22, 1918 in Campbell, Missouri, daughter of the late Albert H. Pennington and Ada Higdon Pennington. Flossie was married to Clyde T. Hogan on October 10, 1936 in Malden, Missouri. To this union was born two sons, Carroll Wayne Hogan, Clyde Ray Hogan, and two daughters, Deanna Hogan (Gittens) and Margaret Ann Hogan (Hammon). The Hogan's moved from Missouri to Michigan in 1948. Flossie worked at Evans and Crowder for eight years and also Refrigeration Research in Brighton for seven years. Flossie was a member of Lodge 485 since 1952 and was a member of the First Baptist Church of South Lyon. She was preceded in death by her husband Clyde Hogan on May 12, 1986. In addition to her four beloved children, she is survived by 13 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren and her sister, Lucille Danner of California. Visitation was held on Sunday, August 8th. Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday, August 10th, at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. Online Guestbook:
www.phillipsfuneral.com

MAXINE "MACIE" TAYLOR (NEE. NIEPOTH)
Died at the age of 95 in Milford on Friday, August 13, 2010. She is survived by her loving daughter, Julie (Robert) Bernstein; four beloved grandsons, Joseph (Eileen) Bernstein, Ryan (Sarah) Bernstein, James Bernstein, Robb Bernstein; two great-grandchildren, Audrey and Nicholas; a dear sister-in-law, Mary Niepoth, and many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, and wonderful friends. In addition to her beloved husband, Stanley Taylor (d.2005), Maxine was preceded in death by her sisters, Gretchen Tuohy (d.1993), Jane McHale (d.2001), Shirley (Tom) Allen (d.2010) and brother, George Niepoth (d.2010). A Memorial Service will be held at the Fort Street Presbyterian Church in Detroit at a date to be announced. Contributions may be made in Maxine's memory to the Detroit Puppeteers Guild, c/o Sue Ostrowski, 30084 Merrick Dr., Warren, Michigan 48092. For complete obituary detail and updated service arrangements, please visit
www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com or phone Lynch & Sons Funeral Home in Milford at 248-684-5645.

MYRTLE H. WOOSTER
Age 89, of South Lyon, passed away Thursday, August 5, 2010 in Grand Rapids, MI. She was preceded in death by her husband, A.J. Wooster in 1992. Surviving are her son, Ron and Pat Wooster; Her granddaughters, Stephanie and Tracy Wooster, and her sister-in-law, Ellen Johnson. Myrtle was a life time resident of South Lyon, a member of the Presbyterian Church and the Order Of The Eastern Stars. In keeping with her wishes, cremation has taken place and there will be no service or visitation. For those who wish, memorials may be made to Spectrum Health Hospice @ Spectrum Health Foundation, 100 Michigan N.E. Grand Rapids, MI. 49503.

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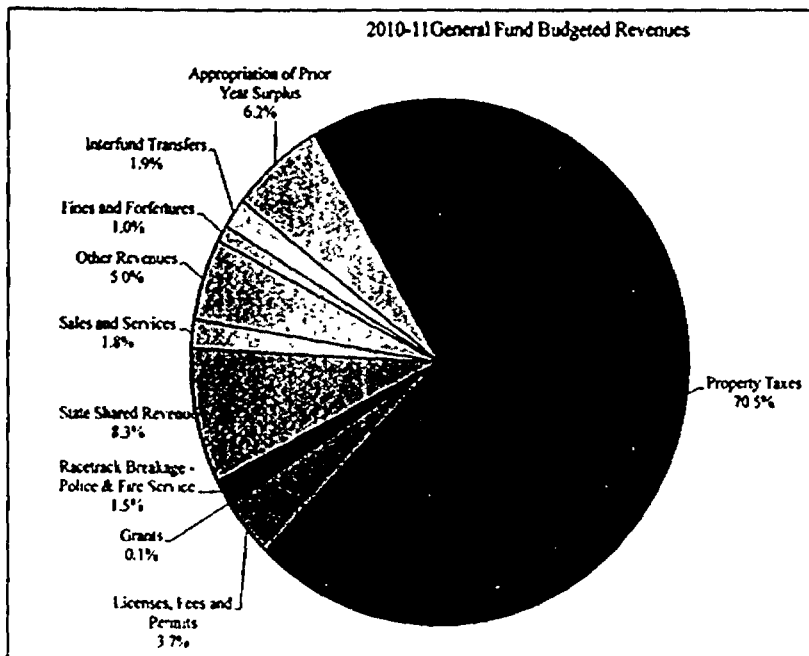
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This pie chart shows that 70.5 percent of the city of Northville's general fund revenue comes from property taxes.



JOHNSON

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Michigan has designed certain laws — the Headlee Amendment and its interaction with Proposal A — that assumed that property values were always go up," he said. "It was never designed for values to go down." Johnson said Michigan hasn't seen this kind of drop in property values since the Great Depression.

"If you design all of your systems to keep things from going up and not recognize that things can go down, you can't help communities that are in a world of hurt," he said.

"We're looking at 10 years before we can collect the same revenue that we had two years ago on property taxes. It's a huge deficit to overcome."

HEADLEE AMENDMENT

The Headlee Amendment not only limits the amount of funding a local government can have, but it also had a requirement for the state to fund any mandate from that point forward. "But the legislature and the courts have totally turned a blind eye on that," Johnson said. He said \$2.2 billion has been shifted from the state onto the local units of governments.

"And, it's been totally ignored," he said.

His personal opinion is that because of term limits that Michigan is dealing with a state legislature that just doesn't have enough basic knowledge to deal with the financial situation at hand.

"What I've asked the committee to do is focus on things here in Northville that we can do," Johnson said.

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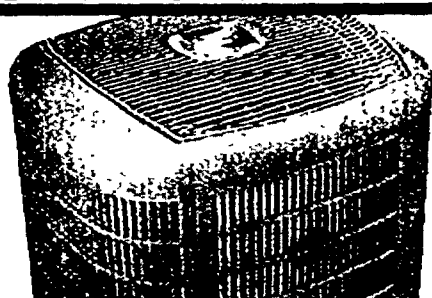
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LIBRARY

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attended a public meeting Monday night at the Northville Art House.

With a 4-percent increase in population and a 91-percent increase in library use, the library's administration wants to increase the library millage to .2 of a mill for five years.

COST TO HOMEOWNERS

This would cost homeowners with a taxable value of \$100,000 about \$20 a year.

Homeowners with a taxable value on their homes of \$200,000 would pay about \$40 a year; with a taxable value of \$300,000, the cost would be about \$60 a year.

If the ballot request passes in the general election in November, it would mean all library budgets would be restored.

The library would maintain a fund reserve of about \$500,000, the amount recommended by auditors. Even with increased tax revenue, it will be necessary to use money from this reserve to meet current and future needs of the community.

Campaigners note that even with an increase of .2 of a mill, total tax revenue will



PAM FLEMING/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Mary Ellen King, left, chairperson of the Committee to Support the Northville Library Millage, talks with Northville resident Jan Catamene following a public meeting Monday night at the Northville Art House about the millage campaign. The millage proposal of a .2 of a mill increase for library will appear on the Northville general election ballot in November. Absentee ballots will be mailed out at the end of September.

be lower in 2014 than what it was in 2008.

WITHOUT THE INCREASE

Tax revenues with no increase in the library millage are expected to drop 16.5 percent in 2011 and 20 percent in 2012 and 2013, rising to only a 19-percent decrease in 2014.

The Headlee Amendment rollback has reduced the 1 mill to .9573, which means Northville taxpayers pay 96 cents to the library for every \$1,000 of taxable value on their property.

Committee members say without an increased millage revenue, by the end of 2014, the reserve will be reduced to \$473,715, a 62-percent reduction from 2008.

The reductions will translate into either a reduction in staff numbers or hours, leading to fewer hours of operation. Programs will be reduced or eliminated, and only half as many books, CDs and DVDs will be purchased.

Some subscriptions to online resources may be cancelled as well.

Mannisto said the library formed itself as a district entity in 1994, and the public voted on and approved a 1 mill tax levy at that time.

INCOME DECREASING

State aid is declining, interest income is practically nonexistent, and property taxes are declining as market values drop.

"Ninety-six percent of our income comes from property taxes," she said. "And, we are a standalone unit. We can't ask the city for help."

Mary Ellen King is the chair of the campaign, and she is urging people to volunteer.

"People are willing to spend money if they know what it's going for," said Jean Hansen, treasurer of the library's board of directors. And, she hopes the millage will pass.

"This is not by any means a windfall for the library," she said. The millage, if it passes, would go into effect on next winter's tax bill.

"The timeline (for the millage campaign) is now," King said. "We have to let people know this is an important issue in our community. It's not police and fire (service), but it's essential."

To volunteer for the campaign, contact Paul Snyder, presidents, Friends of the Northville District Library, at psnyder57@gmail.com.

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Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org
Mass Schedule
TIME/DAY: 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday Friday; 7 p.m. Tuesday, 5 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday
Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.
Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment

Crosspointe Meadows Church

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org
Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.
Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages
Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene

Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road
Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org
Experiencing God Study
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Contact: (248) 348-7600
Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service
Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:30-11:15 a.m. Women of the Word

Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5: 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study; 7 p.m. Men's Evening Bible Study
Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast
Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do
Women of the Word
Time/Date: 9:25-11:15 a.m.
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Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Location: 34567 Seven Mile Road, Livonia
Contact: (248) 442-8822 or www.newhopecenter.org

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Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 427-1175 or churchoftheholycross.com
Sunday Worship: 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m.
Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. Worship Service
Alzheimer's Support Group
Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month

Faith Community Presbyterian

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Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Northville

Location: 217 N. Wing
Contact: (248) 348-1020
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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays
Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

First Baptist Church of**Novi-Family Integrated Church**

Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org
Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.
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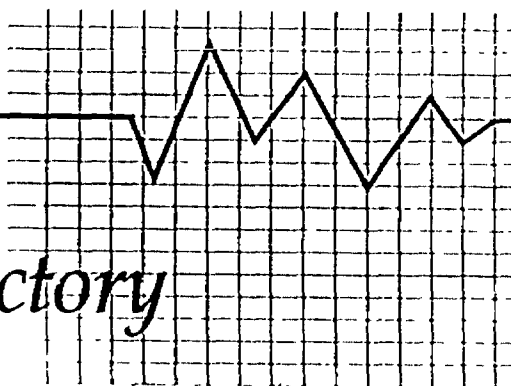
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OUR VIEWS

Next governor 2010 race needs focus, civility

Businesses in Michigan and around the country don't need another reason to doubt the wisdom of locating here.

Voters, beleaguered by the state's economy, and desperate for solutions to long-term budget challenges, don't need distractions from serious issues in the fall campaign.

So let's all agree on this: The best thing that Democrat Virg Bernero and Republican Rick Snyder can do during the weeks leading up to the Nov. 2 election is engage in a high-minded, civil debate of their ideas for Michigan's future.

There are clear differences to be discussed and explained. But Michigan doesn't need a shrill and nasty campaign that serves mainly to deepen such well-known divisions as pro-life vs. pro-choice, business vs. labor, Main Street vs. Wall Street — and ends up guaranteeing the next governor will do about as well as the last one.

That will send a "go away" signal to businesses and a "tune out" message to voters, who will once again see their election choice as the lesser of two evils.

Instead, Michigan needs a vigorous, extensive debate that will serve to identify the candidate who will work best on behalf of the state's varied interests, keeping partisan rancor in sufficient check. These serious times call for an adult approach, not playground name-calling and midnight TP parties.

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It's a tall order, but the tone of this campaign is critically important to the state.

Unfortunately, one can already hear the political machinery loading its assault weapons. The independent groups (including those which refuse to tell voters who's bankrolling them) that flooded the airwaves with attack ads during the primary have more ammo for fall and plenty of money to fire it.

Snyder will become a legendary exporter of jobs, according to the Democratic line. Democratic Party Chairman Mark Brewer said after the Aug. 3 primary that "Snyder's record on outsourcing American jobs overseas is actually worse than DeVos," referring to Amvay CEO Dick DeVos, whom Democratic interest groups savaged when he challenged Gov. Jennifer Granholm in 2006.

Republicans will no doubt retaliate by painting Bernero as a tool of organized labor, a political throwback or a union boss-like candidate.

Snyder has been restrained, insisting he's not running "against" anyone, just trying to get his own message across.

Bernero would do everyone a favor by adopting that kind of style. His populist sound bites don't offer a clue about how the Lansing mayor will work with Republicans or business.

Both candidates need to focus on getting voters to understand their approach to solving problems, their leadership styles and their path for taking Michigan to better days.

That's the only way this campaign will produce the choices that Michigan voters need and deserve.

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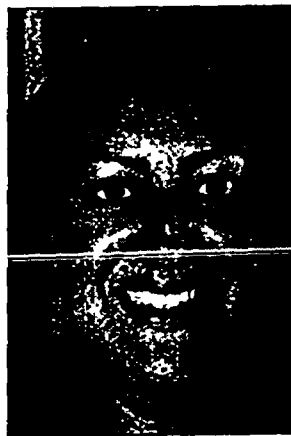
COMMUNITY VOICE

What do you think downtown Northville needs?



"We like that there are upscale shops, but it sometimes feels a little exclusionary to the young people. What it could use is a restaurant that's less expensive and formal."

Kevin Trovini
Redford



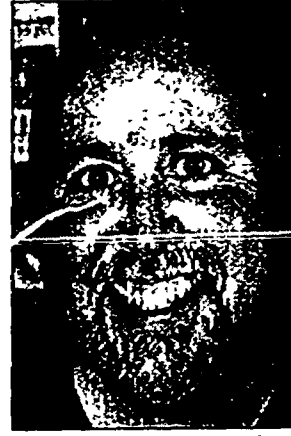
"I think we need more restaurants with outside (cafe style) seating. And I love the new bookstore."

Ramita Barringer
Northville



"We love walking around, but for families there needs to be more outside things to do. Also, shops need to be open later."

Louise Rylor
Northville



"The only thing I wish is that stores would stay open later (in the day) and then stay open longer."

Dean Elwart
Northville Township

LETTERS

Dems, get out and vote in November

The primary is over and there were many more Republicans who voted than Democrats. Let us hope that come Nov. 2 this will not be the case again.

There was a lot of excitement during the last presidential election in 2008 and a lot of young voters went out and cast their ballots for the first time to elect President Obama. It is customary for midterm elections not to bring out as many voters, particularly those who voted for the party in power and who feel somewhat disappointed with what they wanted. But the extremists of the other party see their chance to undo their prior loss and they come out in greater number.

Like so many who voted for Obama, I have a list of issues that I wish he would tackle: going strong on getting us a green environment; removing the "Don't ask, don't tell" rule; starting a work corps to rebuild the infrastructure; revise the war on drugs; and a whole laundry list more.

But already a number of good legislation has gone through despite the slander from the right-wing media and the Republicans in Congress voting as a solid block of "NO!" and using the filibuster rule in the Senate to stop even the discussion of any proposed legislation. The administration has had to fight to extend unemployment benefits to desperate unemployed workers (the party of NO claimed it makes them lazy); and even to help the small employers which the party of NO has always claimed it wanted to help (and is now fighting to keep the lowered taxes on those making less than \$250,000 but allowing the tax breaks enacted by the Bush/Cheney regime for the very rich to expire at the end of this year).

Remember all the noise we hear from the Right that we cannot afford to help the average working or unemployed stiff because of the deficit, but yet we can let the 2-percent richest multimillionaires and billionaires escape paying their share of the taxes. Of course, the ordinary workers did not finance their campaigns; the big corporations and

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their officers did.

The Republican Party leaders have offered nothing to get us out of the quagmire left to us by the Bush/Cheney regime. All their leaders offered was that they hoped Obama would fail. Since if Obama failed, it meant the country would remain in trouble, then their hope was that the country would stay in trouble so they could regain power. John Dean, Nixon's attorney has written that the Republicans do not want to govern (that is, run the country well, hopefully), they want to rule. But in trying to stop any progress, the arguments advanced by the Republicans are the same as those given by the Bush/Cheney regime in allowing Wall Street and the oil companies and all the multinational corporations to do as they wished without any governmental oversight which got us into the recession. The only time the government stepped in during George Bush's administration is when it paid out the billions in TARP to bail out Wall Street but without any regulations imposed on the banks as to how the taxpayers' money would be used.

So, if those of us who voted for Obama and

want him to succeed and with him the country to return to prosperity and to know that Social Security and Medicare will be there for future, we must all turn out in mass and bring our friends with us. Otherwise, if we stay home and the party of No takes control, we will be back to a continuation of the Bush administration. Frankly, if you thought that was bad, you ain't seen nothing yet.

Irene Piccone
Northville

Come to Sandbox convention

On Aug. 26 the Sandbox Party Convention will take place from 1-4 p.m. at the Breslin Student Events Center in East Lansing. Members of Great-Start Collaboratives and Great Start Parent Coalitions from across the state — as well as anyone who supports young children — will be there for an afternoon of nonpartisan education, entertainment, and advocacy.

The event will focus on communicating to legislators and candidates that parents are not only concerned about the immediate needs of their children, but also about future opportunities for employment and economic stability in Michigan.

Tens of thousands of voters who are deeply concerned about their children's stake in Michigan's future will be making choices on Nov. 2nd and this event will send that message loudly and clearly to candidates all over the state. The gubernatorial candidates have been invited to share their views and to learn about what voters think regarding early childhood.

Please visit www.michigansandboxparty.com for full details and registration. Families with their children are strongly encouraged to attend! This event will not only be educational, but fun for all. Michigan's own The Verve Pipe will even be on hand to share some of their wonderful, new children's songs. It's a cannot-miss event. To reserve transportation, please e-mail Lisa Sturges at lisa.sturges@oakland.k12.mi.us or (248) 872-9062.

Kim Bowyer, parent of the Great Start Parent Coalition
Franklin

GUEST COLUMN

Local government needs to reform, restructure to meet modern-day needs

Maintaining Michigan's government structure as though nothing has changed, when everything has changed, is pure insanity — or Pure Michigan.

Too much of our limited tax resources are invested in propping up the past rather than investing in our future.



Tom Watkins

We are witnessing the beginnings of success for GM, Ford, Chrysler and other corporations after they accepted their new reality, restructured and reorganized for the unpredictable global economy. Have we seen the same degree of change in government?

The government structures evolved as Michigan ballooned in population and economic prosperity. That balloon deflated long ago, yet we continue to blow

air into a government bureaucracy that sucks the life out of our ability to grow and prosper.

It is past time for Michigan to consider radical change and begin acting to reorganize school districts, the state and local units of government.

This involves streamlining, sharing services/resources and consolidating school districts and local government units to help redirect limited public resources and promote the region and state for economic development and job creation. Consolidation and shared service arrangements help increase efficiencies by eliminating redundant functions.

Michigan is not lacking for local units of government. The state is divided into 83 counties, 1,240 townships, 274 cities and 259 villages. We also have 551 school districts, 57 intermediate school districts and 240 public school academies or charter schools — considered school districts under Michigan law.

There is no interest from the general public in investing additional tax resources to maintain the government structures we created for a different era.

Michigan ranks 13th among the 50 states in terms of the number of local governments under a system of government that was created in the 19th and 20th centuries and even as we enter the second decade of the 21st century.

The people of Michigan need to ask tough questions about the most effective size and shape of government that will save and redirect taxpayer money to more productive purposes.

What is the best government structure that will enable us to position Michigan to not simply survive, but thrive in the hyper-competitive, disruptive, global, knowledge economy where ideas and jobs move around the world effortlessly?

According to the laws of history, the new will not come until the old has gone. Yet too many of our elected leaders at the

local and state level are clinging to the past.

We must get a handle on the cost of operating government bureaucracy — everything from the number of units and size to the pension and health care benefits that have been promised yet in many cases are underfunded and unsustainable.

Just think: If we just discovered this place called Michigan with 10 million people and a rich history and resources — would any sane, rational group of people structure this government that exists today? If not, the answer is obvious (other than from those who are benefiting from the existing system) — we need to move aggressively to undo the old and begin building anew.

How about creating new regional, educational/innovation entrepreneurial clusters that encapsulate our manufacturing, agricultural and human capital to make Michigan a hub for global export growth?

The father of power politics, Niccolò Machiavelli, captured the essence of the battle to unseat the status quo when he wrote in 1532, "There is nothing more difficult to take in hand, more perilous to conduct, or more uncertain in its success, than to take the lead in the introduction of a new order of things."

But "a new order of things" is exactly what this state needs. The only question that remains is whether leadership will emerge in the public, civic, foundation, political and/or business community to push for sensible and rational change.

Come November, we will see if our new governor will rise to the occasion or continue to let the state sink.

Let's not let the status quo rule our collective future. That would be crazy!

Tom Watkins is a business and educational consultant in the U.S. and China and former Michigan state superintendent of schools. E-mail him at twatkins@aol.com.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Schultz

Alan and Precious Schultz, of Hinsdale, Ill., announce the birth of their son, Lucas Alexander, born May 24, 2010. He weighed 8 pounds 9 ounces and was 21½ inches long.

He has two siblings: Alan Matthew, 4; and Logan James, 2. Grandparents are Nav and Pai Shah of Northville, and Al and Eva Schultz of Northville.

Great-grandparents are Elizabeth Riddle of Allen Park, Mich., and Lee and Thelma Schultz of Inglewood, Fla.



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Brumwell

Robert and Angela Brumwell, of Northville, announce the birth of their son, Brady Christoff Brumwell, born June 17, 2010, at Providence Park, Novi.

He has two siblings: Matt, 15; and Abby, 2 1/2.

Grandparents and Rick are Renee Nelson of Midland; James and Loraine Carnes of Trenton; and David Brumwell of Novi.

Great-grandparents are Ann Nelson of Midland; and Roger and Mary Hansen of Harrison, Mich. and Sebring, Fla.



NORTHVILLE WOMAN'S CLUB

The following people were winners for the 2009-2010 season of Marathon Bridge, sponsored by the Northville Woman's Club.

Day Group 1: Carol Munerance & Lynne Shipp, first; Nancy Blay & Maureen Settles, second; Betty Kaiser & Ann Masson, third.

Day Group 2: Betty Kaiser & Ann Masson, first; Deanne Nelson & Anna Marie Ribick, second; Marie Murphy & Marge Rousseau, third.

Day Group 3: Ann Masson & Carol Munerance, first; Sharon Carpenter & Jane

Traut, second; Betty Dettter & Amby Talbot, third.

Day Group 4: Betty Kaiser & Mary Pat Kaminski, first; Bonnie Hyde & Vida Chirgwin, second; Carolyn Nieuwkoop & Mary Pohlod, third.

Day Group 5: Deanne Nelson & Marge Rousseau; Marie Murphy & Mary Thomas, second; Lynne Shipp & Amy Sullivan, third.

Evening Group 1: Pat Howe & Judy Shattuck, first; Marcia Booth & Nancy Longo, second; Mary Ellen Daly & Carolyn Nieuwkoop, third.

Evening Group 2: Bo Hall & Sandy Walts, first; Pat Howe & Judy Shattuck, second; Kathy Griffin & Marce Lee, third.

Couples: Rosemary & Bill Irwin, first; Carol & Dick Munerance, second; Marjorie & Chuck Manns, third.

Anyone interested in joining the Northville Woman's Club should contact President Judy Prain at (248) 348-2073. If you wish to participate in one of the above bridge groups in 2010-2011, please contact Judy Blackburn at (248) 349-7914 or Maureen Settles at (248) 348-9213.



Soldier son visit

Debbie and Kevin Eichholtz of Northville visited their son, Lance Cpl. Joseph Eichholtz (Northville High School Class of 2007), at United States Marine Corps Camp LeJeune, Jacksonville, N.C., where he is currently training with the Combat Logistics Battalion 8, Regiment 2 as a motor transportation specialist. He drives seven-ton trucks, Hummers and MRAPs. He is also training to be a gunner, riding atop a convoy vehicle, armed with a 50 caliber machine gun. Additionally, all MT personnel are trained as sweepers; they detect IEDs using hand held metal detectors. Eichholtz is assigned to the Second Marine Logistics Group and his unit is scheduled to deploy to Afghanistan in January, following a Christmas visit home.

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NORTHVILLE POLICE REPORT

Driving without license

1 An 18-year-old Northville Township man was arrested for driving on a suspended driver's license at 5:42 p.m. Aug. 16 at Eight Mile and Beck roads.

While behind the man's vehicle at a stoplight, an officer noticed that his license plate showed a July 2010 tag.

The man's license had been suspended out of Sterling Heights.

She got up after a few moments and went back to the vehicle.

The officer at the scene could smell intoxicants coming from the vehicle and noticed fresh grass clippings on her legs, although she denied lying on the grass.

She said she had consumed two glasses of wine and that her last drink was "tomorrow."

Her speech was erratic and slurred.

Drunk driving

2 A 57-year-old Canton woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 12:06 a.m. Aug. 15 at outside a residence on S. Rogers Street.

The resident at this location had called police to say that a woman pulled up in front of his house and her vehicle was blocking his driveway. The driver then exited the vehicle, walked across the street and laid down on the lawn.

Paraphernalia arrest

3 An 18-year-old Northville woman was arrested for possession of narcotics paraphernalia at 1 a.m. Aug. 13 at Eight Mile and Taft roads.

An officer ran the woman's plate and learned the driver had a felony warrant for her arrest out of the Northville Police Department for dangerous drugs.

Police could smell the odor of alcohol and burnt marijuana coming from her

vehicle when they pulled her over about the warrant.

Police found a marijuana pipe in the woman's purse but no marijuana, as the woman said she and her passengers had smoked it all.

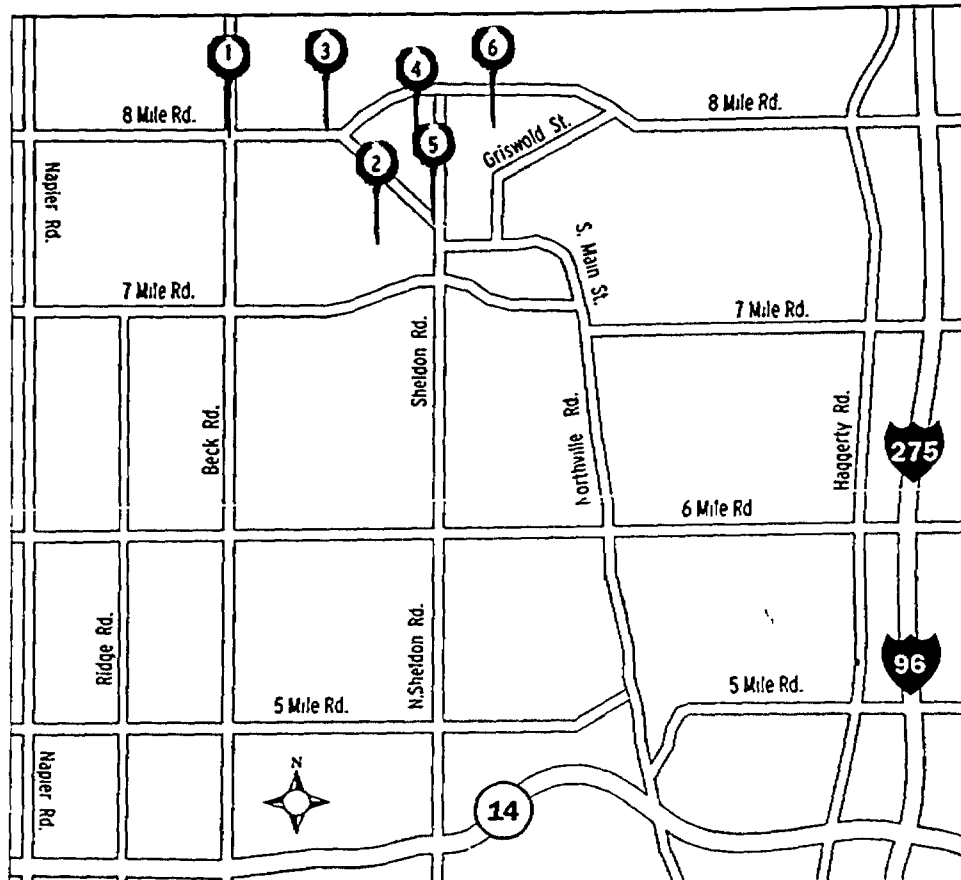
Two passengers, a 19-year-old Livonia man and an 18-year-old Livonia man, were arrested for underage consumption of alcohol.

Larceny from building

4 An 88-year-old woman who lives at the Allen Terrace Senior Apartments at 401 High Street told police that someone stole her license plate at 12 p.m. July 27 at her residence.

She turned her leased vehicle in that day and returned home. She carried the license plate to the vehicle and some paperwork into the lobby of the apartment building, placing it on a table.

She went back outside to say goodbye to her son, and when she returned the plate and paperwork were gone.



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Operating intoxicated

5 A 22-year-old New Baltimore man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 1:38 a.m. Aug. 10 at N. Center and Randolph streets.

The man was pulled over for driving 47 in a 25 mph zone. The officer could smell alcohol on his breath. When asked if he had been drinking, he said he had consumed three Bud Lights at a bowling alley in Canton.

The man was also arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia when police found a wooden "dug out" device

and "one-hitter" in his vehicle.

No driver's license

6 A 16-year-old Warren woman was arrested for driving without a license at 3:01 p.m. Aug. 9 at Eight Mile and Novi roads.

Police ran the woman's plate, and it came back "no

record." The passenger said he had just registered the vehicle.

The woman told police she was enrolled in driver's training in Grayling but hadn't started the course yet and did not have her license yet. She was visiting her friend's grandmother in Northville.

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said. "He ate, and then an hour later he came back with his family to eat again."

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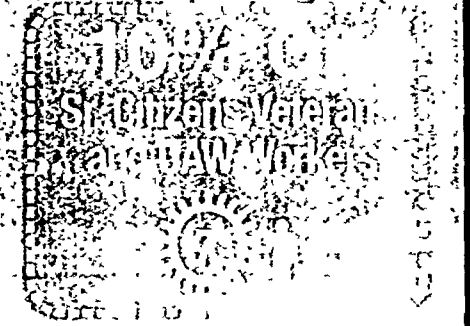
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Gratitude Steel band visits

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Getting crafty

Katie Sturtz works on decorating and personalizing her own bag at the Tuesday morning crafts program at the Northville District Library. Attendees got to work on bags using clear plastic sheeting, duct tape and cut-outs from leftover magazines.

Back 2 School Blitz 3

The Salvation Army - Plymouth Corps' Back 2 School Blitz 3 school supply distribution will be held 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25. About 15 more volunteers are needed to assist with this process.

Along with distributing school supplies, the organization will be processing applications for our Coats 4 Kids program.

The event will take place in the gym at 9451 S. Main Street in Plymouth. Volunteers will be standing, walking and moving on a wooden floor and should wear comfortable shoes and clothing for the day.

If you are interested in assisting with this event, please contact Teresa M. Moriarty at (734) 453-5464.

Library budget hearing

The annual public hearing on the Northville District Library's operating budget for 2010-2011 is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26.

The meeting will take place in the library's Carlo meeting room and is open to all residents of the City and Township. Following this hearing, the Board of Trustees will approve the Operating Budget for the fiscal year which begins Dec. 1. The proposed budget incorporates severe cuts that will reduce library services. These cuts are necessary due to declining property values which have resulted in decreased revenue for the library since 2008.

For this reason, the Board

of Trustees has voted to place a request for a .2 (two-tenths) millage increase for five years on the Nov. 2 ballot. The cost to a homeowner of a \$200,000 home (a \$100,000 taxable value) would be \$20. In addition to the decline in tax revenue, state aid for the library has also been cut by 40 percent and interest income is almost non-existent. Projecting to 2012, library revenue will be reduced by approximately one half million dollars from 2008.

Demand for library services is at an all-time high. Library visits have increased almost 60 percent over the past five years and circulation has increased 91 percent over the same period.

Input from residents is vital as the library Board considers the budget decisions. Please plan to attend this hearing and give your feedback.

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One-woman art show

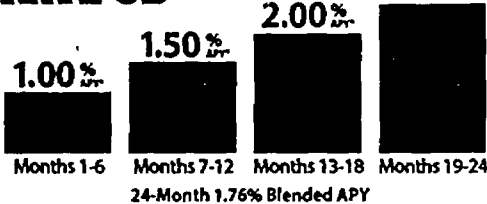
Northville's Rosa Paulus (Todaro) will have an art show the month of September at the Farmington Library, 23500 Liberty Street. Hours are 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10-6 Saturday; and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

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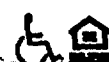
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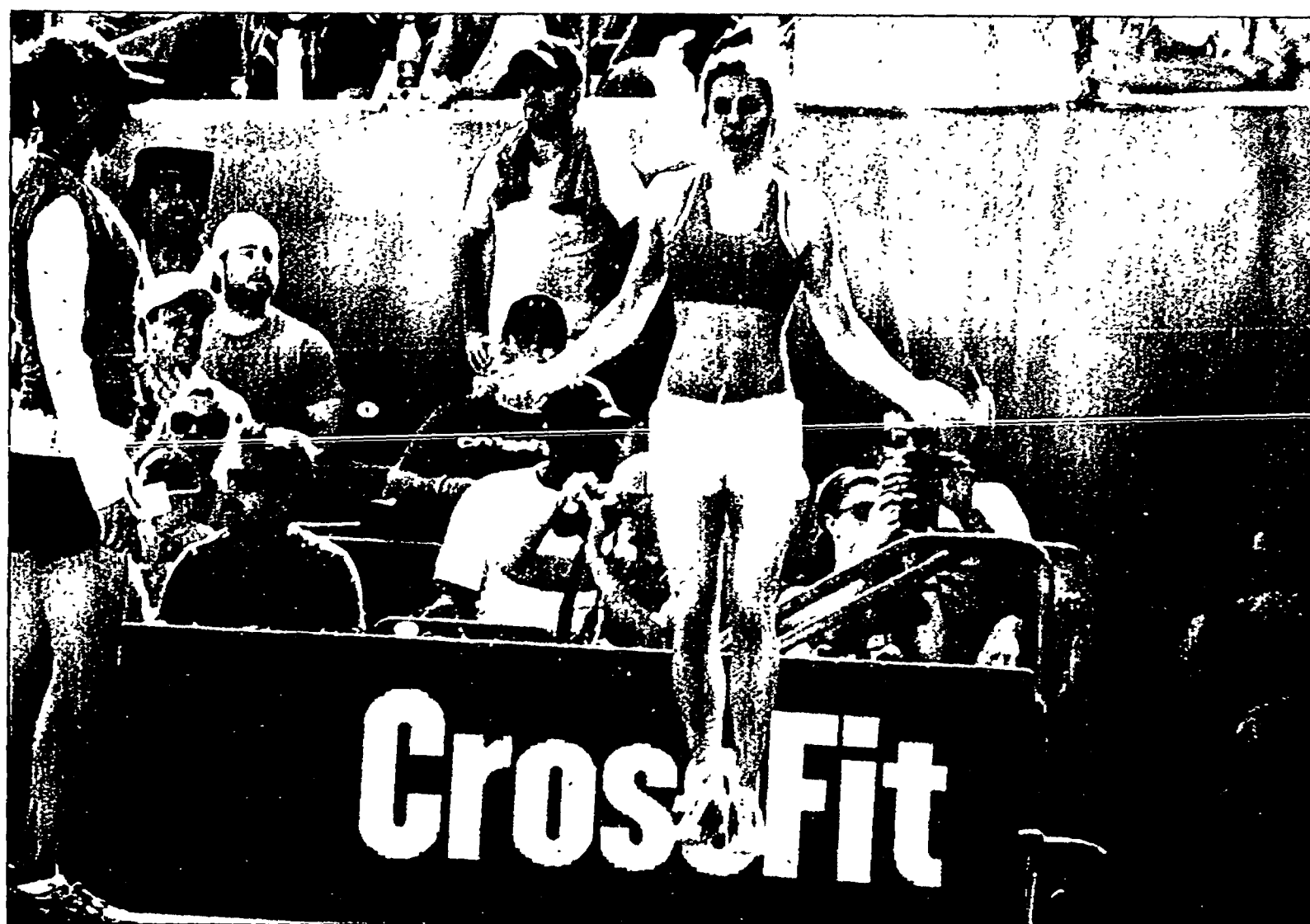
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Julie Foucher takes fifth at CrossFit Games

Northville graduate, former gymnast finds niche with CrossFit

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

It's hard to believe Julie Foucher ever had trouble finding ways to stay in shape.

The former Northville-Novi Wild Stangs gymnastics standout once dominated at the high school athletic level. Her grace and ability earned her first-place medals year after year and marked her as one of the best gymnasts in the state.

But, like many high school athletes, Foucher found herself without a sport when she graduated and headed to the University of Michigan to study biomedical engineering.

"Since high school, I had been struggling to motivate myself to work out," Foucher admits. "I'd go to the gym and hop on the treadmill or elliptical and then visit a few of the weight machines before getting bored and abandoning my workout."

Without the "community aspect" of

high school sports and a program laid out for her to practice with, Foucher had difficulty finding her motivation. And then she discovered CrossFit, a strength and conditioning fitness methodology that promotes broad and general overall fitness and combines weightlifting, sprinting and gymnastics into a series of events.

"When I heard about CrossFit about a year and a half ago, I thought it was too good to be true—it was exactly what I had been looking for since quit-

ting gymnastics," Foucher said. "I went in for my intro session at HyperFit USA, a CrossFit affiliate in Ann Arbor, and was instantly hooked."

Since then, CrossFit has made quite the impact on Foucher, and vice versa. Foucher competed just last month in the fourth annual CrossFit Games in Los Angeles, Calif. There, she finished fifth overall in the individual division.

In order to qualify for the competi-

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Novi all-sports passes

The Novi Athletic Boosters organization has announced that all-sports passes are available for the 2010-11 school year.

Passes provide entry into all Novi High School and Novi Middle School home sporting events, excluding tournaments, invitational events and play-off games. Prices, which remain the same as last year, are \$60 for an individual pass and \$180 for a family pass.

Proceeds from the sale of all-sports passes benefit Novi Athletic Boosters, a nonprofit fund-raising organization with the sole purpose of supporting all sports programs at Novi High School and Novi Middle School. Fans also have the option of paying regular gate admission rates—\$5 for high school events and \$3 for adults attending middle school events. Purchasing all-sports passes from the booster organization ensures that revenue generated is used to directly support Novi athletic programs.

To download the pass order form, go to the Novi Community Schools web site at www.novi.k12.mi.us, click on the Athletic Department Page and follow the link to the form. For those who had passes last year, please keep your cards so they can be reactivated.

Meads Mill football

A parents' meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Aug. 19 on the football field bleachers for Meads Mill Middle School football, which starts Aug. 23. Practices begin at 3:30 p.m. and end at 5:30 p.m.

Volunteer coaches are needed for the Patriot program. All volunteers must submit to a background check through Northville Public Schools.

Sports physicals

Students participating in athletics are required to have a MHSAA Physical on file before they will be allowed to participate with any team, including tryouts. Please see below for informational meeting times/locations for each of the sports.

* Cheerleading (7th and 8th grade girls): Information meeting at 5 p.m., Aug. 30 in the forum. Students trying out for the cheerleading team must attend two clinics to learn try-out materials. The clinics will be held at Hillside cafeteria from 3:15-4:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2 and Tuesday, Sept. 7.

Tryouts will be held 3:30-5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8 in the forum.

For more information please contact Mrs. Watts at wattsan@northville.k12.mi.us.

* Cross Country (7th and 8th grade): Information meeting at 6 p.m. Aug. 30 in the media center.

* 7th & 8th Grade Football: Information meeting at 6 p.m. Aug. 30 in the forum.

* Girls Volleyball (7th and 8th grade): Information meeting at 5 p.m. Aug. 30 in the media center. For information on volleyball clinics run through Northville Schools, please visit www.northvillevolleyball.com

Local netminder puts in time for college career

Duquette backstops Wolves to u-18 title

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

Novi's Tom Duquette is your average teen athlete, concerned more with honing his game than anything. However, Duquette's game is already a bit ahead of the curve.

The soon-to-be 18 year old had an eventful summer, graduating from Novi High School and earning the Most Valuable Goalkeeper award as his Michigan Wolves premier soccer team won the under-18 MSYSA State Cup in June.

An All-Area first-team and second-team All-State standout, Duquette is one of the state's premier goalkeepers. It all started with Novi Parks and Recreation when he was 5, and he hopes it will continue on to

college ball after another season in club soccer.

"I'm going to play one more year of club soccer and then try to play college soccer," Duquette said. "I'm basically trying to use club soccer to pay for college."

Starting with the Parks and Recreation Department for a few years, Duquette joined the Novi Jaguars' program in fourth grade for three years before he joined the u-12 Wolves.

Duquette wasn't always a goalkeeper, either. He was a youth forward for several years before making the jump with the u-9 Jaguars.

"There was a game and the goalie who was playing got hurt and the coach asked for volunteers and I raised my hand," Duquette said. "All three years I played field. When I got to the

Wolves, I stopped playing field. I liked the pressure, I guess."

Duquette split his time between the pipes for four years before he dedicated himself solely to goalkeeping as a u-13 player.

"I had one goalkeeper coach that made me who I am today," Duquette said of former Jaguars coach George Tomasso, who now helps operate Five Star Goalkeeping and coaches Canton's girls soccer team.

The Wolves' Brian O'Shea, a former Detroit Rockers player and two-time All-American at Schoolcraft College, has been instrumental to Duquette's development since he joined the premier Wolves club.

"It definitely taught me the

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tion, Foucher had to place in the top 20 in the sectional tournament in March and in the top three in the regional competition in May.

"I really had no expectations going into the competition season, and I surprised myself at each qualifier and at the games," she said. "I just wanted to do my best in each workout and have fun with it."

Foucher credits her performances to the training of Doug Chapman, who owns HyperFit USA.

"He has a lot of experience with CrossFit, and competitive athletics, so he really knows the ins and outs for preparing an athlete for the CrossFit Games," Foucher said. "I decided last September that I wanted to train for competition along with a couple other people, and from there on out I religiously followed the workouts Doug programmed for us. He somehow has a way of knowing how to push you just to the edge of your limit, making you do things you didn't think you were capable of."

Leading up to the games, Foucher trained five or six days per week and there were periods where she would be at the gym more than once per day doing multiple workouts with a rest in between. She ran into some difficulty after landing a summer internship at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md.

She worked out at CrossFit Bethesda, a local affiliate there, and had to force herself to train away from her familiar environment and her coach, though she was able to push through.

Foucher said reaching her goals with CrossFit are rather easy for her.

"My number one goal as a CrossFit athlete is to have fun," she said. "That's the reason why I do CrossFit in the first place. I've always loved working out and pushing the limits of my body, and CrossFit allows me to do that at a level I couldn't reach in any other environment."

In addition, CrossFit gives Foucher the chance to compete again, something she has always thrived at.

"This year I've realized exactly how much I've missed



"Anyone who is serious about improving their level of health and fitness should consider CrossFit," said Julie Foucher. "Regardless of whether you are a well-seasoned athlete or have never worked out a day in your life, you will benefit greatly from the program."

the thrill of competing in high school sports," she said. "I want to keep training hard, improving and competing as long I am able to, but when the time comes that I can no longer train at this level I know I'll still be doing CrossFit and reaping its benefits for many, many years. While the competition aspect is a lot of fun, it is sort of an added benefit to the way CrossFit improves your life on a day-to-day basis."

And while this season is behind her and Foucher is "taking it easy and starting to think about raining for next year," she urges others to consider taking up the CrossFit lifestyle. You don't even have to have been a former standout high school athlete, she said.

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Foucher added that it's about more than just becoming

physically fit that is a draw to the games and the training, but the way of life it promotes.

"I also love the lifestyle the CrossFit promotes—not only does CrossFit make you physically stronger, but mentally stronger as well," she concluded. "You get comfortable with the uncomfortable and you learn a lot about yourself as a person when you are in this state. CrossFit makes you better at all aspects of life with its functional movements and high-intensity."

For more information about CrossFit, check out their website at www.crossfit.com.

The site features resources about daily workouts, the CrossFit mission, techniques, nutrition and more.

There is also a list of affiliates by state, many of which offer a free "intro session" where a brief workout can be done to get an idea of what CrossFit offers before deciding to join.

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



KVBSA champs

The 10U Northville Broncos, coached by Mike Granzotto, are the champions out of 25 teams in the Kensington Valley Baseball & Softball Association (KVBSA) after winning a tournament at Ford Field in downtown Northville the weekend of July 9. They defeated Brighton Black Bulldogs with a 11-10 score in the championship game. This is their second year in a row as KVBSA champs. Pictured are (l to r, top row) John Lobbia, Mike Granzotto, Fred Stinebiser; (middle) Jack Sargent, Isalah Popp, Cooper Smith, Stephen Ernst, Matt Stinebiser; (front) Johnny Lobbia, John Jeannotte, Nick Fegert, Matt Granzotto, Connor Ziparo and Jason Hesse.



Undefeated

The IOU Northville Bronco Girls Fastpitch softball team went to Frankenmuth this past weekend and went undefeated (5-0) in the tournament to win the championship. Pictured (l to r, back) are coaches Dan Warford, Jennifer Childers (head coach), and Jeff Childers; (middle) Sarah Flegal, Sammie Noles, Rachel Holmes, Kayla Shaw, Allison Lobbia, Marissa Lobbia, Shelby Warford; (front) Makenzie Kamm, McKenna Hull, Sarah Hige and Kiera Borthwick.



Three-peat

The 2010 Novi Black finished off their season with their third straight league championship with a win over Lakes Athletics on Aug. 1. Led by coaches Tim Rush and Rob Reilly and assistant coaches Jeff Laya, Jim Armaly and Ron Breaugh, Novi went 18-0 in league play and finished 19-1 on their season. Congratulations to all of the players and coaches on a great season! Pictured are (l to r, back) Coach Jim Armaly, Coach Tim Rush, Matt Stefan, Zach Masserant, Tom Heffernan, Chris Leja, Justin Rush, Eric Lash, Austin Wertheimer, Derek Edwards, Nick Aprilliano, Coach Jeff Laya, Coach Rob Reilly; (front) Jon Armaly, Kiefer Haffey, Matt Brasil, Kyle Lash and Kevin Marson. Not pictured are Mark Breaugh, Ryan Kobylarek and Coach Ron Breaugh.

DUQUETTE

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basic fundamental training that a coach can't teach you," Duquette said of having specific goalkeeping coaches.

The position-specific training has paid off for Duquette. The MVG award this year wasn't his first. He also won it as a u-13 netminder for a State Cup champion squad several years ago. He was also the starting goalie for a u-14 finals appearance and backup goal-keeper for a u-16 developmental academy national championship team backstopped by University of Michigan-bound Adam Grinwis of Grand Rapids.

"With the Wolves, you're playing with kids from all over the state. You can only go so far with the kids in your city," Duquette said, noting players came from Lansing, Tecumseh and the Saginaw Bay area to play with the Wolves each week. "One of the biggest differences was, in club, you only practice two days a week; while in high school you practice four days a week, plus you

have games."

Duquette pushed through this past fall season with a nagging groin injury sustained in an Oct. 8 game against Plymouth Salem. He said he wasn't able to take his own goal kicks as the Wildcats (12-6-5) advanced deep into the playoffs before getting eliminated by eventual state champion Birmingham Brother Rice (16-3-6) Oct. 30 in the state quarterfinals.

"Tommy Duquette's been our best player, the guy we can count on. In all my 12 years, this is the first time we've had a goalie carry us through state playoffs," coach Brian O'Leary said last fall after the Wildcats were eliminated by Brother Rice. "Tommy played so well this year that he allowed us to be in every game and then he brought it up to another level in the state tournament and we were able to ride his great play all the way to the state quarterfinals."

Duquette had 11 shutouts and a 0.55 goals against average with the Wildcats last fall.

"The first half of the year was high school and then I had

a month off and then club," Duquette said. "When you go from high school to winter, you have the training (for club indoors)."

With only three months of free time per year split up, Duquette spent plenty of time on the field with other All-Area first-team members Jon Bauer (Novi) and Doug Beason (Northville), who both played on the u-18 Wolves.

Duquette said he had coaches from Western Michigan University, Adrian College and Saginaw Valley State University approached him during the Wolves' recent play-off run.

Rather than head across the state to play soccer at one of those schools, Duquette plans to take classes at Oakland Community College this fall and play with the Vardar u-18 academy team.

"I played with the Wolves for seven years," Duquette said. "Academy is pretty much the top league you can play in."

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former staff writer for the Novi News.

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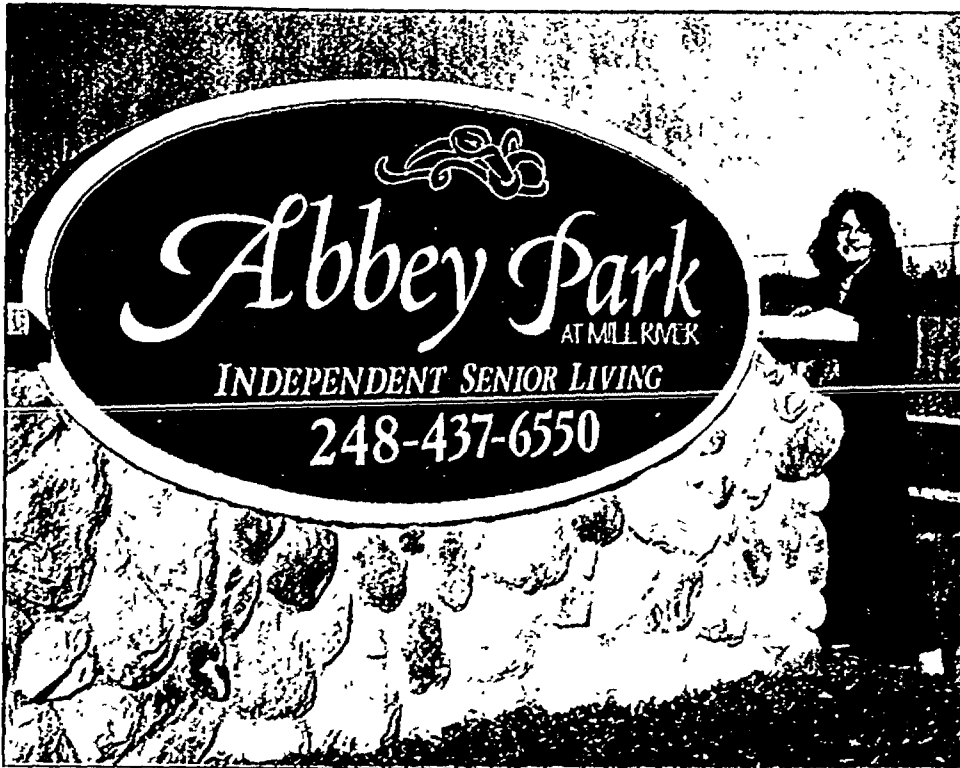
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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



Tamra Ward is the administrator at Abbey Park at Mill River.

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How did you get started in this business?

Ward: I moved to South Lyon from Texas five years ago and took a job as the executive director of the Chamber of Commerce for the South Lyon Area. I volunteered to start a new Rotary club with one of our owners, Dr. Benjamin Stein. Lyon Area Rotary chartered in 2007 and I went to work for Dr. Stein and his partners, Edward Rosenbaum and Joseph Norber, in 2008. I have over 20 years of healthcare experience, eight years in community development, one year as the marketing director of a winery, two years managing a theatrical production company and I don't know how many years as a non-profit fundraiser. I've been thankful for every minute of my previous experience and apply lessons learned from my career on a daily basis. My residents also share their life experience with me and I learn something new every day.

What's the best reason to do business in this area?

Ward: We are located just minutes away from shopping, great restaurants, libraries, golfing, the Huron Valley Trail and Kensington Metropark. At community events, I am constantly greeting the sons, daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of our residents. We're proud to be a community partner — and for many, we're part of the family. We host approximately 270 family members of our residents who visit on a regular basis.

How are things going lately?

Ward: Wonderful! After only 18 months of operation, we have 95 residents living with us and another 20 scheduled to move in with us during the next 60 days. Many of our residents have referred their friends, families have recommended us to other families and neighboring businesses continue to provide referrals to our business on a daily basis.

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

Ward: After just 18 months, I could write a book. I work with a wonderful group of people who truly enjoy working with seniors. Our days are full of laughter, and as an added bonus — music, dancing, singing, great food, champagne brunch and ice cream socials. Mark Twain said it best: "Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter."

Interest rates drop below 5 percent for county's small businesses loans

The Oakland County Business Finance Corporation is offering long-term, fixed rate financing for the purchase of commercial real estate at one of the lowest rates since the program began through the Small Business Association (SBA).

The SBA's lending partners, Certified Development Companies (CDCs) are busy working with small business borrowers who are taking advantage of this current low interest rate to purchase or build new facilities. Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson said there may not be a better time for small businesses to get these historically low rates.

"A commercial loan below five percent is an incredible rate for a 20-year, fixed rate loan," Patterson said. "When you consider the drop in the price of commercial real estate and the inventory on the market now, small businesses have a wonderful opportunity to expand or buy their first building."

"I urge any business owner

thinking about expanding to call their banker and ask about the SBA 504 program today. Our Business Finance Corp. is working aggressively with our bank partners, and we have money available for sound, small business real estate projects."

NADCO, the trade association for the nation's Certified Development Companies (CDCs), reports that the interest rate for a 20-year SBA 504 loan continued to fall to a low of 4.93 percent this month. The August bond sale to investors that funded SBA loans was sold at a rate of 3.52 percent. This low sale price resulted in an effective interest rate — including fees — of only 4.93 percent for borrowers this month. This interest rate is one of the lowest since the program began in 1986.

The Small Business Administration's 504 loan program provides long-term, fixed rate financing for commercial real estate, and has funded nearly \$60 billion in loans to growing small businesses over the past 24 years.

Not only are the interest rates low right now, but one of the best aspects of an SBA 504 loan is the low down payment required by a borrower. The down payment is typically only 10 percent. CDCs across the country are busy helping small business borrowers who are taking advantage of these record low interest rates to purchase, build or expand their own facilities.

Recent loan data has shown that a large percentage of SBA 504 borrowers are professional practices. The greatest concentration of loans has been to physicians, dentists, veterinarians, lawyers and accountants.

"It's not surprising that accountants and lawyers recognize the benefits of SBA 504 loans, but it's gratifying to see so many professionals also realizing that owning their own building to fix their business occupancy costs is a very savvy financial move," said Chris Crawford, NADCO president. "More business owners would be wise to make similar investments."

NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

Wedding pro

Elizabeth's Bridal Manor in Northville was recently selected as a top wedding professional in The Knot Best of Weddings 2010, a coast-to-coast guide to the country's top florists, venues, photographers, cakes and everything in between as rated by real brides. An independent survey of The Knot and Wedding

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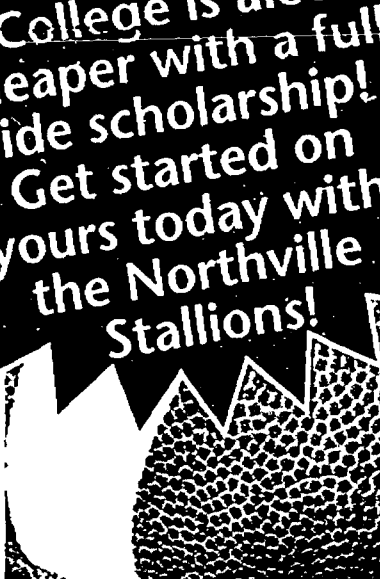


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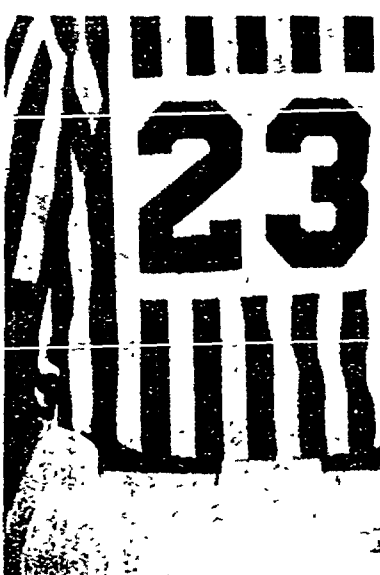
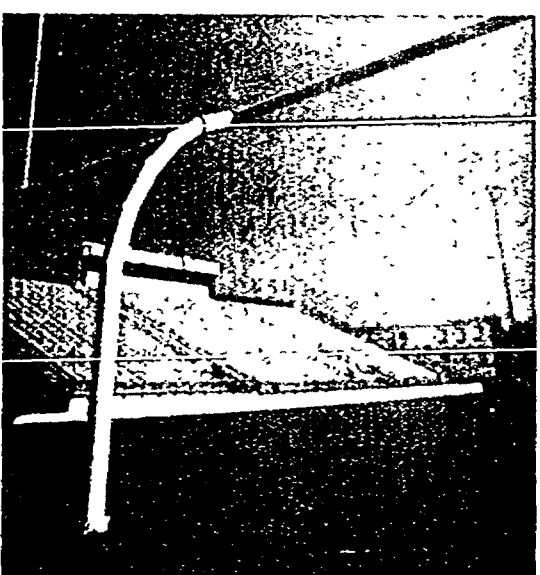
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20 Jobs That Pay Big Without a Degree

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That the job market has been tough for the past two years is no secret. Job seekers suddenly struggled to find work and find industries that offered some security. Many of these people became job seekers after their companies began laying off workers, not because they wanted to change jobs.

As a result, education became the best option for job seekers who wanted to improve their résumés and gain a competitive edge in their hunts. Although earning a degree is an excellent move for several reasons, it's not the best choice for everyone. For one thing, education is expensive. If your problem is that you need to get a job in order to pay bills, school might not be your answer. Earning a degree is also time consuming and takes one or more years, depending on whether you want an associate, bachelor's or higher. Therefore, waiting to see the benefits of years of hard work isn't appealing to

everyone.

That's why we've put together a list of jobs that don't require college degrees and pay well. In some cases on-site training or a certain level of experience might be necessary, but the minimum requirements for these positions don't involve a college degree.

If you're in the market for a job that doesn't require a degree but does come with a nice salary, here are 20 jobs to consider and their average annual salary:

1. Aides supervisor

\$62,094*
Aides supervisors typically supervise home-health aides, monitoring quality of care and setting work schedules.

2. Assembly supervisor

\$61,208
Assembly supervisors oversee workers who put together products by using power tools or other dangerous equipment.

3. Assistant site manager

\$87,614
At a construction site, assistant site managers report to head site managers and plan, direct and coordinate the necessary tasks to

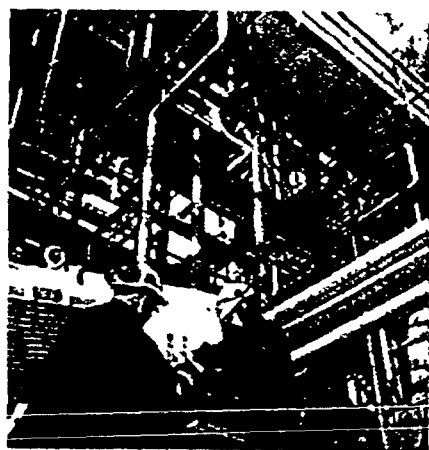
complete that day's activities.

4. Automobile service station manager

\$82,398

The manager draws

schedule and executing plans accordingly. The supervisor also performs some of the carpentry duties if



up guidelines for gas stations and automotive repair shops and decides on hours of operation, assigns job duties and sets prices for services and products.

5. Cable supervisor

\$72,701
Cable supervisors monitor workers who install, maintain and repair cables, and also perform related services.

6. Carpenter supervisor

\$71,404
Carpenter supervisors oversee carpentry work on a specified project to ensure that workers are on

time permits.

7. Chemical supervisor

\$68,071
Chemical supervisors oversee workers who make chemical products, which involves handling dangerous substances and following strict guidelines.

8. Construction equipment operator

\$51,386
These operators are in charge of the large tools and equipment used during construction projects and they also inspect the equipment for safety and performance issues.

9. Credit and collection supervisor

\$61,962
Credit and collection supervisors manage employees who calculate credit risks and collections, and they sometimes review client credit history to grant or deny extensions of credit.

10. Data control supervisor

\$61,691
Data control supervisors manage data entry workers and are responsible for the completion and accuracy of that work. On occasion they help with assignments.

11. Electrical repairer

\$55,605
Electrical repairers disassemble and fix problematic electrical equipment and their components, which can range from small mechanisms to large technological systems, depending on the specifics of the job.

12. Flight service manager

\$68,572
Airlines hire flight service managers to ensure that flight attendants adhere to personal appearance and preflight requirements. They also compile flight reports.

13. Gas plant operator

\$64,608
Pipelines that produce and transport gas need to stay at certain pressures to function safely, and that's what these workers do.

14. Home care aide supervisor

\$67,032
Home care aides assist homebound patients with daily activities and some rehabilitation exercises, and the supervisor ensures that all patients are being taken care of properly by their aides.

15. Housekeeping manager of a medical facility

\$61,304
In a medical facility, the housekeeping manager sets the schedules and tasks for his or her team. Housekeeping duties vary depending on the type of medical facility, but managers must work with other hospital staff to ensure they are following health and safety guidelines.

16. Illustrator

\$54,565
Illustrators design fonts and images for a variety of media, from Web sites to print campaigns and video. They often work for advertisement agencies or freelance.

17. Lead carpenter

\$69,431
Lead carpenters ensure that construction projects are completed on time and correctly, and they perform some of the labor themselves.

18. Locomotive engineer

\$70,116
Locomotive engineers drive electric, diesel-electric or gas-turbine electric trains that transport passengers or freight.

19. Payroll supervisor

\$64,223
These supervisors oversee payroll employees to ensure that all pay calculations follow company policy, government regulations and tax codes.

20. Route sales manager

\$66,362
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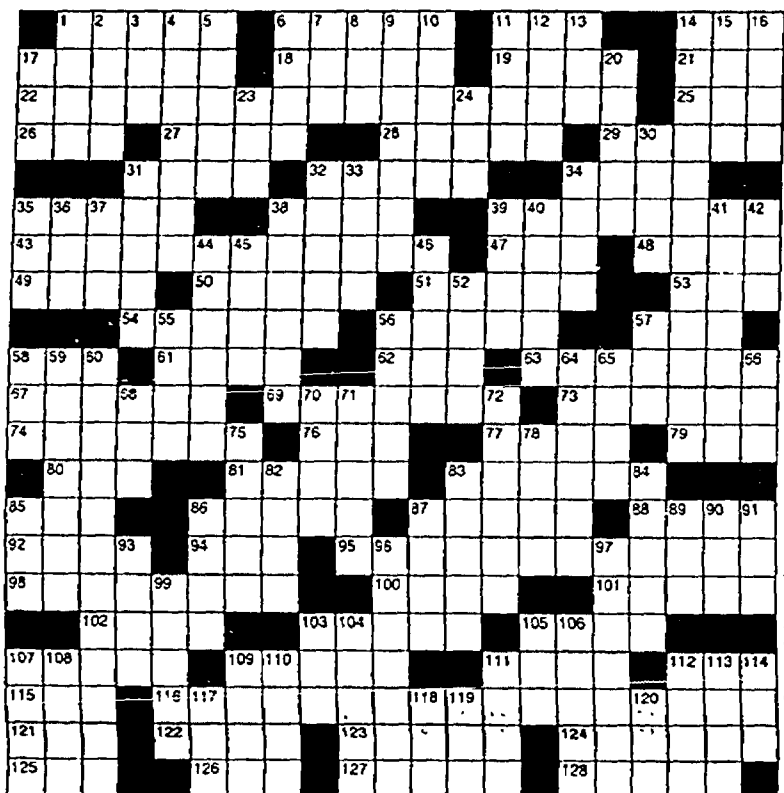
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94 Altar
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111 Like molasses
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122 Baker's dad
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This ranch, listed at \$99,900, is at 15106 Arcola St. in Livonia. The brick home has three bedrooms, a finished basement and a two-car detached garage.



This home, listed at \$84,000, is at 6038 Belton in Garden City. It's a three-bedroom bungalow of aluminum and brick with a two-car detached garage.



This ranch, listed at \$81,000, is at 9920 Rockland in Redford. It's of brick/vinyl with three bedrooms and a finished basement. There's a two-car garage.

You can get a lot of home for \$80,000 to \$100,000

First of a four-part series on home prices.

BY JULIE BROWN
OGE STAFF WRITER

There was a time when buying a home in a community like Plymouth Township for under \$100,000 was unlikely, but times have changed.

Realtor Nancy Austin of Keller Williams Realty, who covers much of western Wayne and south Oakland, said, "I can tell you prices are all over the board, mostly because of the foreclosures and the short sales."

"First-time buyers are out there and the interest rates are so good. That's really the price range that's moving," Austin said of homes priced at \$80,000-\$200,000.

At around \$100,000, a local buyer can get three bedrooms, one and a half or two baths, and a family room in a well-maintained neighborhood. Such a home will also have a basement and one- or two-car garage, "depending on the neighborhood. Condos are going to be mostly two-bedroom at that price," said Austin, who works from her Canton home.

An analysis of sales data for May 8-Aug. 8 of this year was done by Realcomp II Ltd. of Farmington Hills, the state's largest Multiple Listing Service. The analysis of residential and condo sales was done by marketing manager Fran Green.

In the \$80,000 to \$99,999 price range, data showed: three Plymouth homes on the market, four sold in the past three months; nine Plymouth Township homes on the market, six sold in that time; 23 Canton homes on the market, 13 sold in that time; 86 Livonia homes on the market, 53 sold in that time; 54 Redford homes



Tina and Mike Zuccarini were able to move into a Plymouth Township home in the Lake Pointe area for under \$100,000 last fall. They share their new home with four-legged friend Lola.

on the market, 18 sold in that time; 77 Westland homes on the market, 30 sold in that time; 35 Garden City homes on the market, 20 sold in that time; nine Farmington homes on the market, five sold in that time; and 36

Farmington Hills homes on the market, 17 sold in that time.

Realtor Phyllis Pully of Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel of Northville recently sold a one-bedroom starter home with some 900 square feet. On

the other end, she also sold a much larger 3,600-square-foot home: "This year, I'm everywhere" on prices and home sizes, she said. "I just sold a condo in Farmington and it's between all that. I think they're moving to

areas where they couldn't before because the prices have come down some."

Realtor Bart Patterson agrees the chances of selling your home are improving.

"Now's the time to do it," said Patterson, vice president and general manager of RE/MAX Classic, with offices in Canton, Farmington Hills, Novi and Milford. "It should sell fairly quickly in today's market. Now's a good time to put the house on the market. It will sell."

As Patterson peruses local real estate listings from his office, he sees a variety from \$80,000 on up to \$500,000 in western Wayne County and 100 miles. In Livonia, there are three-bedroom homes, mostly bank-owned or short sales, for \$80,000 or a bit more.

Buying in western Wayne at \$80,000 to \$100,000 would have been an "impossible dream" a few years back but is now possible, said Dale E. Smith, executive vice president of the Farmington-based Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors.

Smith has two employees who bought and were helped by the federal tax credit and lower home prices.

"You can get some nice homes," Smith said. The other side is that homes are worth less, but he and others in the field encourage owners to hang in there.

"We do believe the market's coming back," but it takes awhile, Smith said.

Low interest rates help buyers right now, pegged at 4.25 to 4.5 percent for a 30-year fixed rate mortgage. The Federal Housing Administration is involved to some degree, Smith said, and veterans are eligible for loans at 3.5 percent to 5 percent.

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of May 3-7, 2010, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds Office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Ann Arbor	6035 N. Lake Rd.	\$250,000
	204 Woodridge Dr.	\$174,000
Commerce Township	3320 Edgemere St.	\$31,000
	6588 Golf Lane Dr.	\$258,000
	2609 Ivy Hill Dr.	\$248,000
	5438 Plantation Dr.	\$292,000
Farmington	23786 Hawthorne St.	\$90,000
Farmington Hills	34951 Bunker Hill Dr.	\$193,000
	22655 Colgate St.	\$21,000
	29539 Colony Circle Dr.	\$168,000
	29791 Edgemoor Ave.	\$194,000
	32580 Heartstone Rd.	\$165,000
	35310 Hillside Dr.	\$100,000
	21397 Jackson, Pie St.	\$9,000
	29709 Kenloch Dr.	\$309,000
	35412 Old Homestead Dr.	\$181,000
	30241 Old Homestead Dr.	\$220,000
	30127 Ravenscroft St.	\$152,000
	21170 River Ridge Dr.	\$196,000
	21543 River Ridge Dr.	\$255,000
	32445 St. Lawrence St.	\$242,000
	31638 Turnberry Ct.	\$465,000
Bloomfield Township	31915 W. 14th St.	\$70,000
	25333 Aspen Ln.	\$197,000
	4602 Coachmaker Dr.	\$175,000
	715 E. Long Lake Rd.	\$179,000
	273 Eileen Dr.	\$185,000
	560 Fox Pointe Ct.	\$490,000
	4113 Golf Ridge Dr.	\$535,000
	1158 Hill Line Trl.	\$360,000
	1321 Knollcrest Cir.	\$165,000
	1910 Long Pointe Dr.	\$175,000
	148 N. Glenview Rd.	\$135,000
	915 Tartan Dr.	\$255,000
	4113 Telegraph Rd.	\$25,000
	2726 Turtle Lake Dr.	\$100,000
	444 Weddington St.	\$700,000

Novi	51042 Alamo Ct.	\$50,000
	1322 E. Lake Dr.	\$535,000
	22277 Greentree Ln.	\$230,000
	1697 Harbor Cir.	\$220,000
	23959 Harvest Dr.	\$236,000
	42415 Heatherbrook	\$177,000
	25597 Fortino Ln.	\$124,000
	22817 Renford St.	\$55,000
	41024 S. McMahon Cir.	\$10,000
	42741 Sandstone Dr.	\$196,000
	39713 V. Hage Wood Cir.	\$49,000
	39620 W. Nine Mile Rd.	\$57,000
Oakland Township	5209 Belmonte Dr.	\$243,000
	2909 Hastings Ct.	\$240,000
	3563 Inverness Dr.	\$318,000
	3355 Dream Ct.	\$71,000
	3150 Silverbrook Dr.	\$165,000
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Rochester	213 Charles Dr.	\$160,000
	18719 Flagstone Cir.	\$105,000
	2712 Locust Ave.	\$160,000
Rochester Hills	150 Chalmers Dr.	\$284,000
	295 Gold Iron Dr.	\$160,000
	3253 Crooks Rd.	\$50,000
	3156 Fanta Dr.	\$224,000
	56 Grosse Pointe Dr.	\$240,000
	3535 Hogan Cir.	\$50,000
	3582 Hogan Cir.	\$50,000
	1085 Maple Leaf Dr.	\$233,000
	363 Mystic Wy.	\$299,000
	3279 Palm Ave. Dr.	\$258,000
	924 Pine Trl. Dr.	\$231,000
	273 Randolph Rd.	\$173,000
	1970 S. Shore Dr.	\$163,000
	1513 Tracey	\$537,000

Permit may be needed for antenna

Q: I live in a condominium and I am wondering what restrictions are permitted by the FCC if the antenna that I have must be on a very tall mast to get a signal.



Robert Meisner

A: If you have an exclusive use area that is covered by the rule and need to put your antenna on a mast, the local government, community association or landlord may require you to apply for a permit for safety reasons if the mast extends more than 12 feet above the roof line. If you meet the safety requirements, the permits should be granted. The FCC's rule on this only applies to antennas and masts installed wholly within the antenna user's exclusive use area. Masts that extend beyond the exclusive use area are outside the scope of the rule. For installations on single family homes, the exclusive use area would generally be anywhere on the home or lot and the mast type provision is usually more relevant in these situations. On the other hand, if the owner of a condominium in a building with multiple dwelling units needs to put the antenna on a mast that extends beyond the balcony boundaries, that installation would generally be outside the scope and protection of the rule, and the condominium association may impose any restrictions it wishes including an outright prohibition because the FCC rule does not apply in that situation.

Q: I am a co-owner who has been harassed by our association attorney who is apparently new at collections. The attorney has not given me any opportunity to dispute the debt, since I think it was wrongly calculated. Do I have any recourse?

A: You may have a number of avenues to pursue, the first of which is against the attorney for violations of the Fair Debt Collections Act, because he or she must give you a notice that you have 30 days to dispute the debt, among other requirements. If you do not receive that notice, there is a violation of the act for which the debt collector, namely the attorney, could be culpable for damages as well as attorney fees suffered by you. In addition, the very assessment levied, if not properly calculated, could be a basis for you to defend the claim. You are best advised to consult with a knowledgeable condominium association attorney who can point out to you your rights and remedies.

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

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Canton	2468 Amber Dr.	\$175,000
	42715 Boulden Ct.	\$145,000
	39960 Finley Dr.	\$172,000
	7078 Foxcreek Dr.	\$171,000
	43632 Gleri Dr.	\$175,000
	45523 Glenview Blvd.	\$273,000
	48815 Greenview Cir.	\$250,000
	7965 Kaser St.	\$130,000
	7357 Kingsbridge Rd.	\$188,000
	7357 Kingsbridge Rd.	\$193,000
	44992 Prestbury Rd.	\$175,000

Garden City	47793 Royal Pointe Dr.	\$336,000
	46953 Springing Wheel Dr.	\$177,000
	1293 N. Crystal Cir.	\$177,000
Livonia	29411 Brown Ct.	\$88,000
	28654 Cambridge St.	\$100,000
	1433 Ralph St.	\$55,000
	29444 Sheridan Dr.	\$65,000
Northville	42759 Arcola St.	\$38,000
	34820 Fairfax Dr.	\$230,000
	14120 Fairway St.	\$110,000
	20681 Josie Ct.	\$312,000
	11220 Karen St.	\$105,000
	36920 Kingsburn Dr.	\$284,000
	19761 Meadowridge Dr.	\$100,000
	16994 Meridian Dr.	\$5,000
	9860 Milburn St.	\$170,000
	15641 Norwalk St.	\$129,000
	19606 Rensselaer St.	\$91,000
	13999 Riga St.	\$91,000
	8886 Stonehouse Ave.	\$215,000

Northville	19415 Whitley Dr.	\$190,000
	18058 Blue Heron Dr. W.	\$285,000
	44848 Broadmoor Cir. S.	\$292,000
	19368 Cardene Way	\$140,000
	50323 Crestwell Ct.	\$20,000
	335 Linden St.	\$480,000
	16106 Morningstar	\$121,000
	19563 Northridge Dr.	\$55,000
	45900 Northview	\$320,000
	16453 Sherwood Ln.	\$298,000
	19301 Snook	\$302,000
Plymouth	334 Arthur St.	\$480,000
	11837 Chandler Dr.	\$320,000
	201 N. Main St.	\$175,000
	9424 Northern Ave.	\$115,000
	203 Pinewood Cir.	\$47,000
	42023 Riveroaks Dr.	\$130,000
	14170 Terrace Ct.	\$147,000
Redford	10000 Bernys	\$61,000

Westland	9587 Crosey	\$81,000
	18233 Carlfield	\$16,000
	18634 Carlfield	\$7,000
	1212 Hemingway	\$69,000
	11348 Royal Grand	\$72,000
	31003 Beechmont St.	\$55,000
	32071 Cheboygan Ct.	\$18,000
	6746 Cherraw St.	\$95,000
	30848 Cooley Blvd.	\$86,000
	7615 Flamingo Dr.	\$60,000
	664 Forest St.	\$90,000
	1434 Gloria St.	\$79,000
	31531 Grandview Ave.	\$70,000
	1220 Judith St.	\$82,000
	30451 Ledgewick Ave.	\$12,000
	36331 Manita St.	\$45,000
	208 N. Bryant St.	\$52,000
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PICKUP TRUCKS HAUL LARGER SHARE OF MARKET IN RECOVERY

Advertising Feature

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By Dale Buss

Pickup-truck sales gained more traction last month, and industry executives are starting to believe that their biggest and most profitable vehicles can be counted on to haul an even larger share of the fledgling recovery for the rest of the year and beyond.

Large trucks garnered a 12.4 percent share of overall U.S. auto sales in July, the biggest monthly chunk in nine months and larger than the segment's annualized market share for each of the last three years, according to Edmunds.com analysis. For the year as a whole, Edmunds.com expects pickup trucks to assume an 11.4-percent share of the overall market, which would represent the largest annual share since 12.2 percent in 2008 – before the Great Recession cratered segment sales.

And over the next three years, Edmunds.com expects the large-truck share of the U.S. market to rebound further – to 12 percent in 2011, to 12.4 percent in 2012, and then to 12.6 percent in 2013 and 2014. The peak share for pickup-truck sales was 15 percent in 2005.

"Pickup sales seem to be emerging as one of the most dependable engines of an industry recovery that, overall, remains tepid and even somewhat tentative," said Ivan Drury, a U.S. sales analyst for Santa Monica, Calif.-based Edmunds.com. "We'll feel more comfortable with that call when economic fundamentals line up even more favorably for pickup trucks."

Especially after ratification of trends by the July sales results announced last week, OEM executives and outside analysts are feeling more sanguine about pickup-truck sales for at least four reasons:

"Lifestyle buyers" reappear. As the segment swooned from peak sales of 2.5 million units in 2005 to just 1.1 million units last year, the most marked dynamic was the mass exodus of so-called "lifestyle" buyers. First to leave were Americans who had been buying pickups as a mere preference or even a fashion statement, often as a second or third vehicle in the household.

But the Great Recession also thwarted many consumers who weren't "professional" buyers such as contractors – but who nevertheless legitimately need a pickup because of where they live or how they live, whether that is hauling around a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle, or operating a hobby farm.

Now, OEM executives are reporting the reappearance at least of the second type of lifestyle buyer. "These folks won't leave the market," said Fred Diaz, president and CEO of the Ram truck brand for Chrysler. "Their lifestyle demands a capable, durable truck. They might defer their purchase a year or two, but not forever."

Crew cabs reign. One of the most encouraging signs for OEMs is the fast-rising portion of sales represented by crew cabs, which offer regular-sized back seats not found on the common pickup.



Ford's Super Duty is creating new sales records for the F Series.

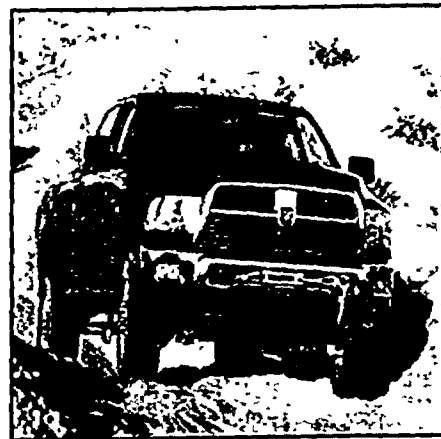
Such versions represent about half of the sales of the industry's regular, half-ton pickups these days.

That "personal-use" buyer seems to be fueling much of the resurgence. "Crew cabs took a hit when the market and the [pickup] segment went down, and the extrapolation people made is that the personal-use buyer bailed," said Kenn Bakowski, marketing manager for GMC's Sierra pickup brand. "But 'family' buyers are driving many of the crew-cab purchases now. That may be a reflection of overall consumer confidence."

And for Ford, Super Crew now represents a whopping two-thirds of F-150 sales as the company continues to milk the benefits of a couple of Super Crew improvements it made two years ago: stretching the back-seat area by six inches and making the floor flat.

Incentives keep 'em coming. Because big trucks are the most profitable segment for the Big Three, each of them – and Toyota – has been loathe to give up sales or market share without a fight. And with high margins to start with, they've had room to work some incentive magic even in the face of the Great Recession.

Lure packages totaling \$3,000 to \$5,000 and even \$7,000 have been common throughout. According to Edmunds.com's proprietary True Cost of Incentives (TCI) gauge, incentive



Ram's Heavy Duty line is proving popular with returning truck buyers.

spending on trucks was more than \$1,000 higher on average, per vehicle, even in the segment's heyday – and that differential has grown much bigger since then.

Heavy duty powers up. Each of the Big Three is crowing about its three-quarter and one-ton isuper-duty" or heavy-duty" models these days while Toyota, lacking a version of Tundra in that segment, has the possibility of producing its own heavy-duty pickup "still under study," the company spokesman said.

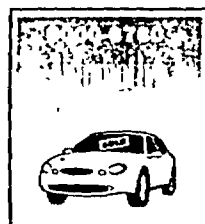
"Everyone is out there hooting and hollering about their heavy-duty trucks, so that's generating a lot of [showroom] traffic," said GMC's Bakowski.

Ford introduced its new Super Duty F Series last year featuring improved fuel economy and reliability gains in a new diesel engine that it has promoted with online videos of buyers' "real-world experiences" with its trucks; heavy-duty sales are higher as a share than at any time in a decade. Ram heavy-duty sales "have done very well so far this year" after the 2009 introduction of new versions, Chrysler's Ram CEO Fred Diaz said, split about evenly between commercial and recreational buyers.

And GM has begun shipping new heavy-duty versions of Sierra and the Chevrolet Silverado to dealers and has initiated advertising of the new Silverado heavy-duty version.

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PICKUP TRUCKS HAUL LARGER SHARE OF MARKET IN RECOVERY

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By Dale Buss

Pickup-truck sales gained more traction last month, and industry executives are starting to believe that their biggest and most profitable vehicles can be counted on to haul an even larger share of the fledgling recovery for the rest of the year and beyond.

Large trucks garnered a 12.4 percent share of overall U.S. auto sales in July, the biggest monthly chunk in nine months and larger than the segment's annualized market share for each of the last three years, according to Edmunds.com analysis. For the year as a whole, Edmunds.com expects pickup trucks to assume an 11.4-percent share of the overall market, which would represent the largest annual share since 12.2 percent in 2008 – before the Great Recession cratered segment sales.

And over the next three years, Edmunds.com expects the large-truck share of the U.S. market to rebound further – to 12 percent in 2011, to 12.4 percent in 2012, and then to 12.6 percent in 2013 and 2014. The peak share for pickup-truck sales was 15 percent in 2005.

"Pickup sales seem to be emerging as one of the most dependable engines of an industry recovery that, overall, remains tepid and even somewhat tentative," said Ivan Drury, a U.S. sales analyst for Santa Monica, Calif.-based Edmunds.com. "We'll feel more comfortable with that call when economic fundamentals line up even more favorably for pickup trucks."

Especially after ratification of trends by the July sales results announced last week, OEM executives and outside analysts are feeling more sanguine about pickup-truck sales for at least four reasons:

"Lifestyle buyers" reappear. As the segment swooned from peak sales of 2.5 million units in 2005 to just 1.1 million units last year, the most marked dynamic was the mass exodus of so-called "lifestyle" buyers. First to leave were Americans who had been buying pickups as a mere preference or even a fashion statement, often as a second or third vehicle in the household.

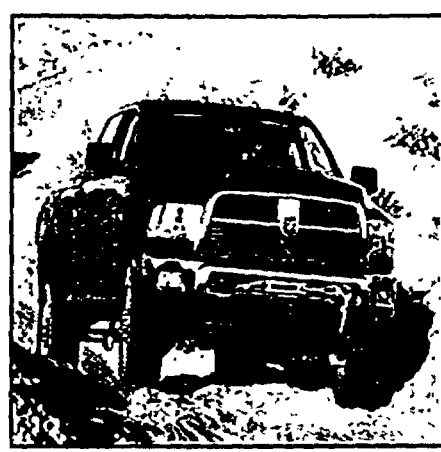
But the Great Recession also thwarted many consumers who weren't "professional" buyers such as contractors – but who nevertheless legitimately need a pickup because of where they live or how they live, whether that is hauling around a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle, or operating a hobby farm.

Now, OEM executives are reporting the reappearance at least of the second type of lifestyle buyer. "These folks won't leave the market," said Fred Diaz, president and CEO of the Ram truck brand for Chrysler. "Their 'lifestyle' demands a capable, durable truck. They might defer their purchase a year or two, but not forever."

Crew cabs reign. One of the most encouraging signs for OEMs is the fast-rising portion of sales represented by crew cabs, which offer regular-sized back seats not found on the common pickup.



Ford's Super Duty is creating new sales records for the F Series.



Ram's Heavy Duty line is proving popular with returning truck buyers.

Such versions represent about half of the sales of the industry's regular, half-ton pickups these days.

That "personal-use" buyer seems to be fueling much of the resurgence. "Crew cabs took a hit when the market and the [pickup] segment went down, and the extrapolation people made is that the personal-use buyer bailed," said Kenn Bakowski, marketing manager for GMC's Sierra pickup brand. "But 'family' buyers are driving many of the crew-cab purchases now. That may be a reflection of overall consumer confidence."

And for Ford, Super Crew now represents a whopping two-thirds of F-150 sales as the company continues to milk the benefits of a couple of Super Crew improvements it made two years ago: stretching the back-seat area by six inches and making the floor flat.

Incentives keep 'em coming. Because big trucks are the most profitable segment for the Big Three, each of them – and Toyota – has been loathe to give up sales or market share without a fight. And with high margins to start with, they've had room to work some incentive magic even in the face of the Great Recession.

Lure packages totaling \$3,000 to \$5,000 and even \$7,000 have been common throughout. According to Edmunds.com's proprietary True Cost of Incentives (TCI) gauge, incentive

spending on trucks was more than \$1,000 higher on average, per vehicle, even in the segment's heyday – and that differential has grown much bigger since then.

Heavy duty powers up. Each of the Big Three is crowing about its three-quarter and one-ton isuper-duty" or iheavy-duty" models these days while Toyota, lacking a version of Tundra in that segment, has the possibility of producing its own heavy-duty pickup "still under study," the company spokesman said.

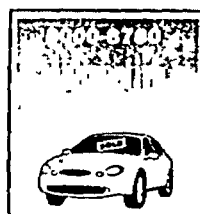
"Everyone is out there hooting and hollering about their heavy-duty trucks, so that's generating a lot of [showroom] traffic," said GMC's Bakowski.

Ford introduced its new Super Duty F Series last year featuring improved fuel economy and reliability gains in a new diesel engine that it has promoted with online videos of buyers' "real-world experiences" with its trucks; heavy-duty sales are higher as a share than at any time in a decade. Ram heavy-duty sales "have done very well so far this year" after the 2009 introduction of new versions, Chrysler's Ram CEO Fred Diaz said, split about evenly between commercial and recreational buyers.

And GM has begun shipping new heavy-duty versions of Sierra and the Chevrolet Silverado to dealers and has initiated advertising of the new Silverado heavy-duty version.

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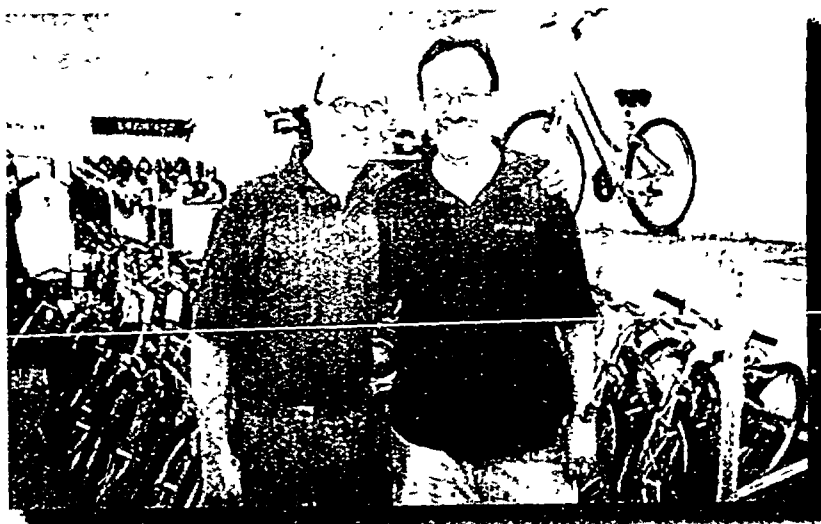
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Is it time for a change in your home? The best place to start is in your kitchen, and the best people to help are from Epiphany Kitchens.

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— By Mike Hogan

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Abbey Park residents enjoy an afternoon tea party, one of many activities planned for residents throughout the week.

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The community of active seniors at Abbey Park is exactly what you'd expect to find in Lyon Township and South Lyon — friendly, family-oriented and supportive of its neighbors.

The luxury retirement community on Milford Road is settled centrally in West Oakland County, connecting seniors to their children, grandchildren and friends living in the Milford, Northville, Novi and South Lyon area communities while providing all of the necessities for a comfortable lifestyle.

"We have a lot of young families in the South Lyon area, and our residents are moving here to be closer to their children," said Tamra Ward, Abbey Park Administrator.

The proof is in the new faces at Abbey Park, many of which have moved to the area to be closer to their loved ones.

Last August, 82-year-old Thomasine Blake moved from a Farmington Hills senior community to Abbey Park at the encouragement of her daughter, a 17-year South Lyon resident.

"A lot of the residents here are from South Lyon and further out," Thomasine said. "They offer so many activities. I started going to St. Joseph's Catholic Church nearby, and I asked the priest to do mass at Abbey Park. He now visits every fourth Tuesday of the month."

Helen Spehar, 93, also moved from a Novi senior community to Abbey Park to be closer to her son, Bob, a South Lyon resident.

"He saw this unit and he loved it," Helen said. "I really like it here, and I'm really happy. The kitchen staff, the waiters, the housekeepers,

the residents — they are all so nice."

Bob agrees that his mother's transition to Abbey Park has made a difference in her general well being.

"It's a good place for her, she's happy here," Bob said. "I'd recommend Abbey Park to anyone, really."

A full activity schedule, great food and comfortable amenities are just the cusp of conveniences at Abbey Park. The community features 24-hour staffing, a medical alert system, transportation to appointments, dining room, café, theater, chapel, library, hair salon, fitness center and full-facility generator.

Abbey Park residents are no strangers to the local community. Group trips are planned for events like the Milford Veterans Day Parade and Milford Memories Summer Festival, plays and performances at South Lyon East High School, shopping trips in Novi and dinner outings at Deadwood Bar & Grill in Northville and other nearby restaurants.

The community also attends South Lyon's Concert in the Park and sponsors the South Lyon Area Pumpkinfest, Lyon Township Kite Festival and the Lyon Film Fest.

Abbey Park at Mill River is located at 28413 Abbey Lane off of Milford Road in Lyon Township.

Check out Abbey Park's Facebook page at www.facebook.com, search "Abbey Park" to check out photos from year-round events, offer feedback or keep up on scheduled events.

— By Alison Bergsieker



Photo by Alison Bergsieker
Dr. Tressa Priehs of Novi Family Dental is a member of the Novi Area Chamber of Commerce, the Michigan Dental Association, the American Dental Association and the Detroit District Dental Society.



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Smile! You're the reason that Dr. Tressa Priehs of Novi Dental Care enjoys her dental profession so much.

"I love taking care of my patients so that they have the best dental experience possible here, while working toward achieving their best smile," said Dr. Priehs, who assumed the practice of long-time Novi dentist Allen Tuchklaper, D.D.S., in June.

While she is new to the Novi/Northville area, her staff has been serving patients from this office for up to 30 years. Led by office manager Pat Webb, Dr. Priehs' staff includes two dental hygienists, two dental assistants — one of whom came with Dr. Priehs from her former Trenton office — plus one receptionist.

"I have a wonderful staff," said Dr. Priehs. "Everyone knows many of our patients by name and are as committed to providing a positive dental experience for each patient as I am."

Long-time patients will also notice a new "facelift" to the office, providing a comfortable, inviting reception area and operatories with all the latest technology

and equipment.

Dr. Priehs sees patients of all ages in her full service dental practice, but she has a special heart for children.

"I try to make the experience fun for kids," said Dr. Priehs.

"We'll give silly names to the dental instruments and I'll explain everything we're going to do before we do it. Children respond very well. I consider it a privilege to give them such a positive start in their lifelong oral health."

In addition to general dentistry, Dr. Priehs specializes in cosmetic work, which she finds very rewarding.

"You can take a patient who doesn't smile because he or she is so self-conscious, then they become a 'walking billboard' for

a bright, healthy smile!" said Dr. Priehs. "It is wonderful to be a part of that experience."

New this fall will be the addition of Botox to her list of cosmetic services — for the purpose of treating muscle pain associated with TMJ, as well as for cosmetic reasons.

"Dentists have so much knowledge about the head and neck that it is a natural fit to offer this service in a safe, medical setting," said Dr. Priehs.

Dr. Priehs' educational background includes her bachelor's degree from Kalamazoo College and her professional training at the University of

Michigan School of Dentistry, where she graduated in the Top 10 of her class in 2004. She worked as an associate dentist in a

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— Dr. Tressa Priehs

Trenton dental office near her hometown of Grosse Ile and is pleased to see that many of her Trenton patients have followed her to her own practice.

"Opening up my own dental office has been my professional dream my entire life," said Dr. Priehs. "This is a perfect fit for me."

She credits her husband, Geary Priehs, and other family members for their help in making this office a reality, as well as the community of Novi and surrounding areas for their support of her practice.

"We're pleased to be involved with the Novi Area Chamber of Commerce," said Dr. Priehs, who is also a member of the Michigan Dental Association, the American Dental Association and the Detroit District Dental Society.

Novi Family Dental is located at 43410 W. Ten Mile Road in Novi. Appointments are available Monday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

— By Sally Rummel

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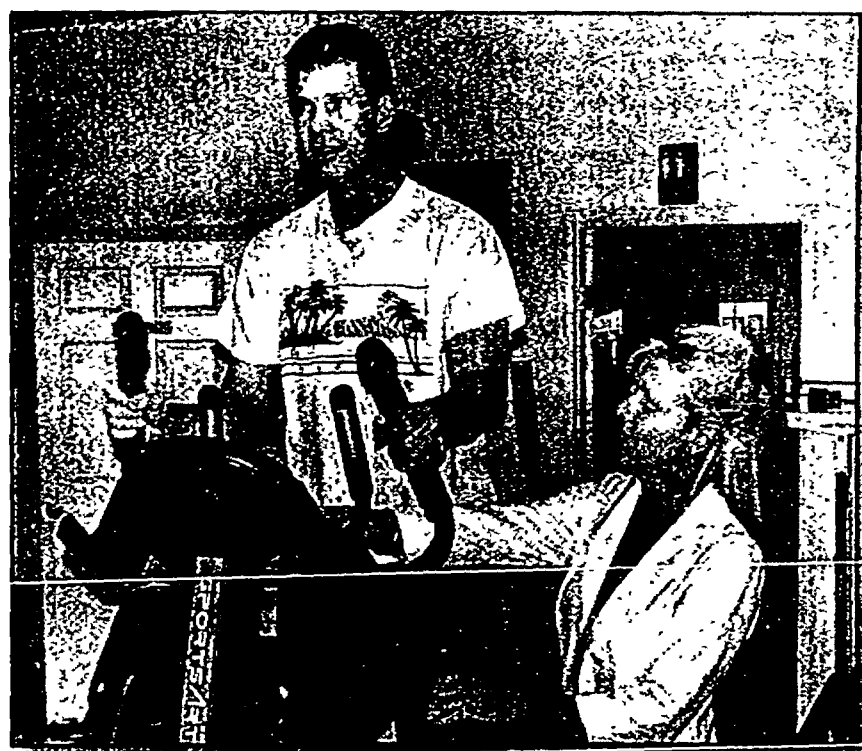
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(Left) Sandy Strong, physical
therapy technician, monitors
the exercise routine of patient
Ronald Sekereh.

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(Right) Dennis Engerer, P.T.,
and director of rehab at
Northville Physical
Rehabilitation, demonstrates
a resistive neck device that
strengthens the neck
and all planes of motion.



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Northville Physical Rehabilitation, P.C. is celebrating more than 25 years in downtown Northville. Since 1985, the center's experienced, trained professionals have provided one-on-one care in the areas of occupational, physical and speech therapy services.

Over the years, the physical rehabilitation provider has expanded its services and grown to meet the needs of its patients. The size of the facility located at 215 E. Main St. was increased to more than 8000 square feet, and a second downtown location was added on Cady Street to offer patients further convenience.

"The additional space gave us the opportunity to expand all of our services," said Dennis Engerer, P.T., and director of rehabilitation. "We have additional treatment rooms as well as a larger gym area."

"In addition to providing traditional physical rehab services, we also offer a supervised fitness program for our discharged patients that may want to continue beyond their initial care."

According to Engerer, there are lots of people in the community that have the need to improve their strength, endurance or function and would like to attend a facility where they can get a structured and supervised fitness program designed with their ability or disability in mind.

"We are not trying to replace the local gym or health club — they certainly have their place," Engerer said. "The place that we provide is a clinical fitness center for the person that is hindered from going to a traditional health club due to their injury or illness, or they may simply be looking for a more personal and professional approach to their fitness regimen."

The current staff of 28 employees at Northville Physical Rehabilitation consists of physical and occupational therapists, physical therapy and occupational therapy assistants, personal trainers and exercise physiologists.

"People are traditionally referred to us by their personal physicians or surgeons, but they are also welcome to come in

"WE HAVE THE STAFF, EXPERTISE, AND EXPERIENCE TO TREAT A BROAD SCOPE OF DIAGNOSIS FROM SIMPLE SPORTS-RELATED ORTHOPEDIC SPRAINS/STRAINS AND JOINT REPLACEMENTS TO LONG-TERM NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS, SUCH AS MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS OR TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY."

— Dennis Engerer, P.T.

without referral for consultation," Engerer said. "We can recommend a treatment plan to their physician or help them set up a personal fitness program if they would like to join our fitness program."

"We have the staff, expertise and experience to treat a broad scope of diagnosis from simple sports-related orthopedic sprains/strains and joint replacements to long-term neurological disorders, such as multiple sclerosis or traumatic brain injury," Engerer said.

Engerer noted that over the years,

Northville Physical Rehabilitation has cultivated a strong working relationship with local hospitals, medical centers, physician offices and fitness centers.

"We have always wanted to provide Northville with first class and convenient physical rehab services," he said. "We even provide transportation for our clients in Northville and communities that border Northville."

For more information, call 248-349-9339 or visit www.northvillerehab.com.

LOCAL PHARMACY RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION



Photo by Nathan Menoian
Dressed in sterile gown, gloves, facemask and head cover, Owner Kenny Walkup demonstrates filling a syringe with injectable medicine inside his sterile lab.

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Specialty Medicine Compounding Pharmacy (SMCP) in South Lyon was recently accredited under new guidelines established by the Pharmacy Compounding Accreditation Board (PCAB). They are one of only four compounding pharmacies in Michigan and 60 nationwide to receive PCAB accreditation.

SMCP was founded in 1999 by South Lyon resident Kenny Walkup, RPh, to fulfill a desire to help people. SMCP specializes in preparing customized medications for people and pets.

After 10 years in retail pharmacy, Walkup says "I wanted an opportunity to have a greater role in developing solutions for patient medical needs. Compounding allows us to do that."

Walkup said there are many reasons why pharmacists compound prescription medications.

"The most important one is what the medical community calls 'patient noncompliance,'" he explained. "Many patients are allergic to preservatives or dyes, or are sensitive to standard drug strengths. With a physician's consent, a compounding pharmacist can customize the medication in a nonallergenic base, change the strength, or add a flavor to make it more palatable."

Another common need for compounded medications is when a commercial product is temporarily or permanently unavailable. In most cases SMCP can purchase the active ingredient(s) and make the medication for the patient.

Walkup has seen considerable growth in the compounding field since 1999. He states:

"With that growth came greater scrutiny of the field at various levels and a perceived need for a coordinated program of self-regulation."

"PCAB was founded by eight of the nation's leading pharmacy organizations in 2004. It was formed to develop and implement high standards for compounding pharmacies."

"PCAB established a series of recommended guidelines for compounding pharmacies."

Pharmacies are encouraged to undergo a rigorous program of evaluation to receive PCAB accreditation."

Walkup goes on to discuss his commitment to the highest quality standards and the accreditation process. "At Specialty Medicine our staff has always taken pride in the quality of our products and services. PCAB accreditation seemed like a natural extension of that focus."

"We applied for accreditation and went through a four-month process that included developing an extensive manual of policies/procedures and an on-site survey of the pharmacy by PCAB personnel."

"Receiving PCAB accreditation is an honor. I'm proud of the effort from my staff to meet and maintain the PCAB standards. It was a lot of work but well worth the effort."

"Our continued success is due to our personalized service and the ability to meet the needs of our patients and the physicians that treat them," Walkup said.

SMCP is a member of the Professional Compounding Centers of America (PCCA), giving them access to an international database of formulas and a consulting staff of compounding pharmacists.

SMCP has a state-of-the-art compounding facility, stocking hard-to-find chemicals and drug delivery devices. All compounds are prepared in large vented hoods to ensure safety of all lab personnel and eliminate any possible cross-contamination between compounds.

They also have a specially equipped room where sterile products such as injectables, eye drops, ointments, and chelation products are prepared.

Their most popular areas of human medicines include: bio-identical hormone replacement therapies, pain management and pediatrics. They also make a large variety of veterinary medications that range from topical ear gels for cats to flavored oral medications for birds.

Walkup is a graduate of the School of Pharmacy at Ohio Northern University. He received additional training through PCCA to prepare him for the challenges of compounding.

Specialty Medicine Compounding Pharmacy is located at 116 N. Lafayette, Suite B in South Lyon and can be reached at 248-446-2643.

Hours are Monday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. They close from 12:30 to 1 p.m. each day for lunch.

— By Nathan Menoian

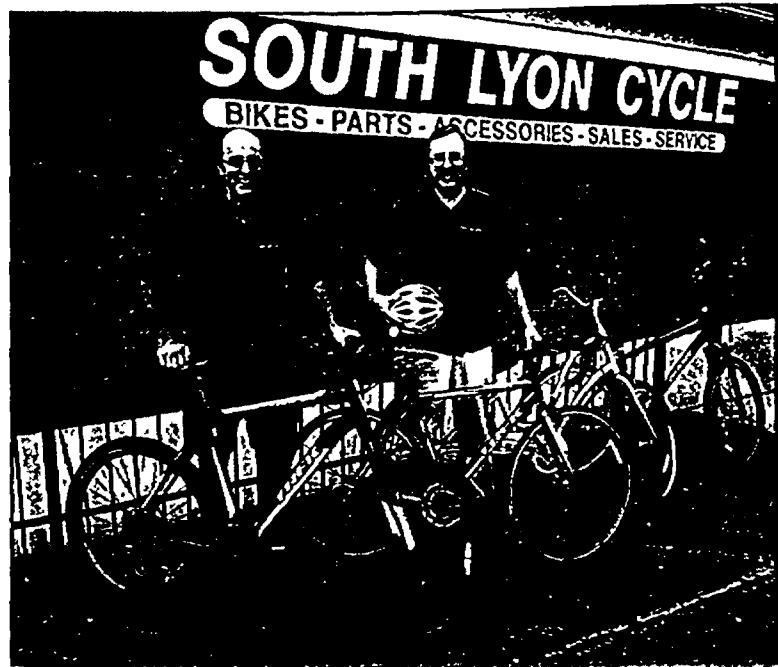


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Gary, left, and Mark Childs offer quality bikes, one-day repair service, tune-ups and more at South Lyon Cycle.

SOUTH LYON CYCLE

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The Childs brothers, owners and operators of South Lyon Cycle, are devoted to bikes.

South Lyon Cycle stocks a large selection of bicycles at great values. Mountain, comfort, hybrid, road, cruiser, recumbent, BMX, freestyle and juvenile bicycles include top brands like Trek, Gary Fisher, Giant, Electra, Townie and Haro. Expert assembly is offered on all bikes.

Bikes are available in a variety of sizes including 12-inch, 16-inch, 20-inch and 24-inch wheel bikes for children as well as adult models in many frames and sizes. Trikes for adults and children are also stocked.

Customers are sold a bike that meets their needs with proper fit for comfort and safety emphasized. Helmets are recommended and correct sizing and fit for safety and comfort is free.

South Lyon Cycle offers an extensive parts inventory and popular accessories — including trailers, child carriers, bike carriers and women's and men's gel comfort

saddles. Hammer Nutrition endurance products and supplements are also stocked.

One-day repair service is available on all brands. Tune-ups are a specialty for better performance and the safety of any bike.

Wide mountain bike tires can be replaced with narrower road tires that are more efficient and easier rolling on pavement.

South Lyon Cycle offers many accessories, such as racks, baskets and bags to carry everything from groceries to work equipment to camping and sports gear to small dogs.

South Lyon Cycle has the best selection of bikes, parts and accessories in the area.

South Lyon Cycle is located in downtown South Lyon at 209 S.

Lafayette (Pontiac Trail), two blocks south of Ten Mile Road, minutes from Island Lake State Recreation Area.

Kensington Metropark, Maybury State Park, the Huron Valley Trail System and South Lyon's Rail Trail. Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

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(From left) Project Manager Dan Bardy, Designer Victoria Lozano and Owner Jim Seghi make up the team at Seghi Renovations.

SEGHI RENOVATIONS

248-437-2454 • www.seghi.net

Even in a high tech, fast-paced world, Value, Experience and Personal attention never get old when it comes to customer service.

At Seghi Renovations in downtown South Lyon, clients are offered all of the above, where staff members carry more than 120 years combined experience in the building and remodeling industries.

Seghi's recently expanded design center and expertise offers homeowners, building and remodeling contractors and interior designers a one-stop shop for ideas, products and project planning on any budget.

"We've expanded the size of our showroom with more displays of cabinets and countertops, flooring and fixtures, tile and hardware, roofing and siding and more," said Owner Jim Seghi, a 25-year resident of Lyon Township. "We handle all aspects of construction, including kitchen remodeling, bath installation or renovation, additions and basement finishing. We sell the products so you can do it yourself, or we'll stick with you from installation to finish."

The motto at Seghi's is "Don't relocate, renovate." Remodeling doesn't always have to mean bigger. Even small economical

renovations can have a big impact by making your existing home more livable, utilizing existing space more efficiently, adding conveniences or making upgrades that enhance your home's beauty.

"We're finding that people want to not move and enjoy what they already have because of the turmoil in the real estate market," Seghi said.

Seghi offers a range of ADA-compliant products including curbless walk-in showers, automatic sliding doors, lift elevators in place of ramps and safety/grab bars, all ideal for those aging in place.

Seghi is always updating his offerings to bring variety to his customers. He recently added two new cabinet lines — Dynasty and Omega — to offer a wider range of custom cabinets. Eco-friendly customers take particular

interest in the "green" products available including recycled countertops and cabinets made from recycled glass.

Designer Victoria Lozano, a new resident to South Lyon with nine years of kitchen and bath experience, helps bring ideas to life.

"We review your existing space, what you're hoping to achieve and how we can assist making your space function better for your lifestyle," Lozano said. "Then we review your budget to make it all come together."

Project Manager Dan Bardy takes special interest in the needs of his clients, assisting them every step of the way.

"I meet with the customer and perform the estimate and project management," Bardy said. "I'm the customer's primary contact, making sure all parts of the job are performed to their satisfaction."



Serving customers all over Metro Detroit, Seghi and his staff have worked on historic homes, starter homes and custom homes and are confident they can tackle any new project.

Seghi is committed to the South Lyon area communities. His children attend Dolson Elementary and South Lyon High School, where it's not uncommon for him to run into a customer or friend. Whenever he can, Seghi supports local initiatives and events including the South Lyon Farmers Market and Summer Concerts in the Park. He is a member of the South Lyon Area and Novi chambers of commerce.

Jim Seghi is challenging homeowners to rethink their ideas about renovation. Right now, Seghi is offering a free consultation by appointment, a \$250 value.

Visit Seghi's website, www.seghi.net, to read customer reviews and testimonials, project photos and remodeling ideas to inspire your next home update.

Design showroom hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday; and anytime by appointment.

— By Alison Bergsiekler



Submitted photo
Owner Jim Davis
stands with
Davis Auto
Center's courtesy
shuttle van.



Submitted photo
Jeff Jacobson and Assistant Manager Gene Osantowski in front of Jim's Oil Depot.



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Service Advisor Dave Massel and Operations Manager April Rice review a customer's service order.

DAVIS AUTO CARE

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Honesty. Integrity. Convenience. Expertise.

Residents of Northville and surrounding communities have come to expect all of these traits from Davis Auto Care, along with friendly service and technical know-how to get the job done right and in a timely manner.

Davis Auto Care is celebrating its 31st anniversary this year. Owner Jim Davis says the biggest difference that his service center offers — and his greatest asset — is integrity.

"Integrity is the difference here," Davis said. "Our integrity begins with caring about our customers, giving them honest information and alternatives. It's about making our service convenient and going that extra mile to ensure customer satisfaction."

Davis Auto Care is a complete auto service center with a staff of highly trained auto experts and certified Master technicians — with a combined experience of 100+ years — that use the latest high tech equipment and continue to take technical classes to keep their skills updated.

The repair shop at Davis Auto Care is enormous, about the size of a dealership. The shop is packed with the tools and technicians to handle any problem for any vehicle. While franchise specialty shops are beginning to experiment

with full service repair, Davis Auto Care has been providing the whole package since 1979.

"We can handle cars, trucks and SUVs," Davis said. "We'll take care of all needs, from simple oil changes to brakes, wheel alignments, and major repairs such as computer diagnostics, electrical and engine repairs and more. We offer you one-stop shopping; whether you need a fast and fun oil change, a wash n' wax or full service auto repair."

Jim Davis knows that there isn't always just one solution to every car problem, so his staff uses a unique method of grading recommended repairs that allows each customer to choose the right resolution for their needs.

"We'll always give the customer all the information to make the right decision," Davis said. "We know for a lot of people that budgets can be a little tight. We'll be straightforward with you by telling you what should be done right away and what can hold off a bit."

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Some repairs can take some time, so the office at Davis Auto Care has amenities so you can carry on with your day. The office has free wireless, a computer and television to make your wait more comfortable. The staff is quick to offer beverages to anyone that enters the office. If you'd rather not wait, Davis

Auto Care has a shuttle service that will take you to where you need to go within the local area.

For minor maintenance needs, Jim's Oil Depot is open for quick repairs like fixing tires, oil changes and replacing windshield wipers.

"We can take care of those problems right away," Davis said.

— Jim Davis
At Jim's Oil Depot, the on-the-spot shop is designed around the ever-present trains of Northville. Trains are painted on the walls, and a model train circles the shop and the waiting area. The purpose of Jim's Oil Depot is to keep up the maintenance of your vehicle in a quick and comfortable manner.

"The great thing is to make it fast and fun," Davis said. "We want to keep the car on the road for as long as we can."

Any car owner knows that when it comes to resale, it's not just enough to maintain the engine. The car needs to look great as well. For that reason, Davis Auto Care offers the Ultimate Image Auto Spa.

"Folks are keeping their cars longer, but you can still make a car look as new as the day you bought it," Davis said. "Our detailers are amazing. They can take a car that looks really tired and make it look like new." Part of the process to keep a vehicle in shape is an annual wax, which can help protect the car from dust, dirt and acid rain. Ultimate Image Auto Spa is now offering a brand new headlight restoration service to fix old, nasty headlights.

"We know you have plenty to juggle already, and having your car breakdown is the last thing you need," Davis said. "We understand that time is valuable. We've built our business on making automotive maintenance as efficient and as pleasurable as possible."

Davis Auto Care is located at 807 Doherty Drive in Northville. Visit www.davisautocare.com or call 248-349-5115 for more information.

— By Alison Bergsicker

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become personally connected to the city's growth and culture.

Known for its scenery, Victorian-era architecture and small-town atmosphere, Northville is a popular attraction for long-term families.

The city is home to the Northville Downs Race Track and a modern day downtown shopping district stocked with restaurants, niche

Account Executive Nicole Stone, who recently joined the team in May.

NOVI NEWS

As one of the fastest growing communities in Michigan, Novi has a relatively fresh history — well documented by the community's local newspaper, the Novi News.

Rapid growth led to the construction of Twelve Oaks Mall in the 1970s, a major shopping destination for metro Detroit residents today.

Now home to several commercial and industrial developments, Novi is a known shopping mecca and a popular attraction for long-term families.

"With one of the top-rated school districts in the state, a bustling nightlife, booming business district, sound public services and a multicultural city, Novi is the destination for residents and members of the business community," Stone said.

Whether there's an upcoming school board meeting, downtown parade or a new business opening up shop, Stone and Reporter Nathan Mueller are always paying attention — while Advertising Account Executive Amy Norton coordinates all advertising needs for local businesses.

— By Alison Bergsieker

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Divided between Wayne and Oakland counties, Northville has a vibrant history — well documented by devoted residents who've

clothing stores and small businesses.

"Between the township and the city, there are about 30,000 who have chosen to live in Northville — from the quant but hip downtown to the consistently located rural areas — and our newspaper has been informing them for over 139 years," Stone said. "The history of Northville is reflected in the Record."

Reporter Pam Fleming is a familiar face to many in the community, along with Advertising

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Do you or anyone suffer from headaches, runny nose, itchy eyes, nausea, or just have no energy and feel run down?

These could be signs that the air in your home needs checking for indoor pollutants such as mold spores, volatile organic compounds, carbon monoxide and proper ventilation.

Have you had routine service for the heating and cooling systems in your home? Have the systems been checked for efficient operations, as well as identifying any gas or carbon monoxide leaks?

Is the storage area in the area of your hot water tank and furnace, clear and clean? Is this area full of boxes and items? Are your home's appliances in good safe operational condition (including the gas fireplaces)?

Does your home have poor ventilation could be allowing mold development and bad air.

Does your attic have the proper amount of insulation and ventilation?

Proper ventilation will help prevent condensation and moisture build up in attic space, and will also help avoid excessive heat in attics which could lead to pre-mature shingle failure.

Do you have mildew or mold growing in your attic, or basement?

Does the bathroom exhaust fan vent into

the attic space?

Does your exterior drainage and water run off from the roof and is properly moved away from the foundation and structure?

Are there any unknown water leaks for the plumbing system of the house? Are all showers, faucets and toilets operating properly?

Do you smell odors that could be a red flag for poor air quality?

Have you tested your home for elevated levels of Radon?

Have you ever given you home a House Check Up?

"Just like you or your love ones going to the doctor for a health check up, we can provide your home a House Check Up," said Randall Patterson of Pillar to Post. "This will identify items that need attention to provide your family with proper Indoor Air Quality for a healthy environment. You will receive a full details report from our findings including a comprehensive report for the certified lab for the mold spores and indoor air quality (VOCs) as well as a detailed radon report for the levels of radon in your home showing hour-by-hour levels of radon in your home."

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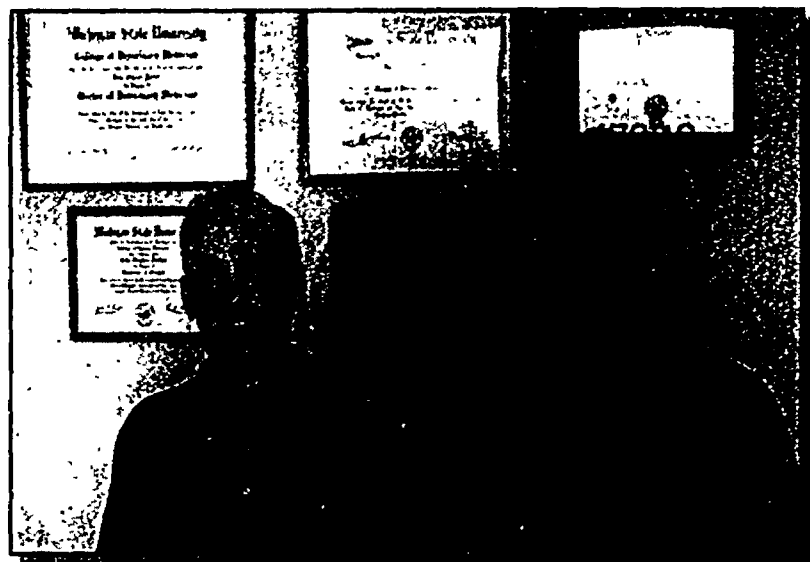


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Drs. Ronald Studer and John Parker want clients to feel comfortable and confident when bringing their pet in, regardless of which doctor they see.

BRIARPOINTE VETERINARY CLINIC

248-449-7447

Business is not going to the dogs at Briarpointe Veterinary Clinic in Novi. As a matter of fact, it is going to cats, birds, pocket pets, and a few other animals, too.

That's a good thing for Dr. Ronald Studer and Dr. John Parker, owners of the clinic. They are happy to see and treat family pets and have over 50 years of combined experience.

And despite all of their experience, the doctors are happy to have clients actively participate in their pets' health care.

"We practice with the view that we partner with our clients," said Dr. Studer. "We share information with them and that helps them make more informed decisions. We work with people."

Both doctors have been sharing information and knowledge with clients in their Novi location since 1996. Along with their team of experienced professionals at Briarpointe Veterinary Clinic, the doctors emphasize preventive medicine, especially today when some pet owners may be cutting back on pet care because of the economy.

"People should not put off preventive medicine for their pets," said Dr. Parker. "It is important to stay on a regular schedule, especially when it comes to things like heartworm prevention. We can work with clients and prioritize a treatment schedule."

Some of the services include blood tests, X-rays, dental surgery, and bladder stone removal, GI surgery and bladder stone removal. The clinic has its own in-house pharmacy and carries prescription pet food.

The doctors have a great deal of experience treating all types of animal illnesses and injuries but they also will refer a client to a specialist if the problem is outside their expertise.

"It does happen that a pet will need care from a specialist, whether for the heart, neurology, or even dermatology," said Dr. Studer.

"We have a network of professionals we feel comfortable referring them to."

When an emergency arises late at night, on weekends, or after hours, there is an emergency center available in the area that the doctors can refer clients to.

The good word about Briarpointe Veterinary Clinic has also spread to the Internet, too. As one person wrote in an online review at CitySearch.com, "They have a great staff and really care about your pet."

Briarpointe Veterinary Clinic is located at the corner of Ten Mile and Beck roads. Appointments are available Monday through Friday as well as Saturday morning. For more information call 248-449-7447.

— By John R. Hall

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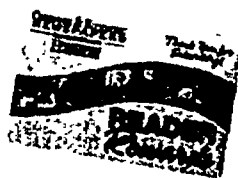


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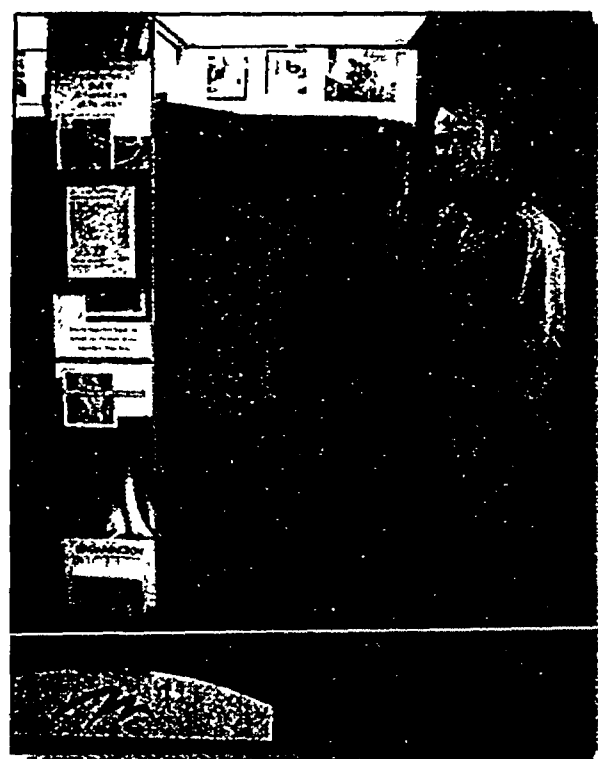


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Ronnie Williams shows off one of many samples the showroom contains.

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Now is a great time to refurbish your home. So why not start from the floor up? The experienced staff of Perfect Floors in South Lyon is ready and willing to help.

Whether it's putting in a brand new floor or redecorating a worn-out room, Perfect Floors of South Lyon can provide low prices, extensive experience and great customer service to make any flooring project a little easier.

Perfect Floors opened in South Lyon in 2004 and has since dominated the local industry. They've been counted as the people's top choice for flooring since 2005.

A family-run business, Perfect Floors of South Lyon opened in the community to be part of an up-and-coming area. Owner Ron Williams and his staff are dedicated to making sure the customer gets exactly what they need. That dedication shows through his son, Ronnie.

"We're going to inform you of what you're buying," Ronnie Williams said. "We're going to give you all the knowledge you need to make the right decisions."

Most of the business at Perfect Floors comes from the word of satisfied customers. Williams says they get a lot of referrals from satisfied customers. These referrals lead to even more happy customers in South Lyon

and the surrounding areas.

When it comes to flooring materials, Perfect Floors of South Lyon covers everything. Their showroom is packed with a variety of flooring samples, and the staff is ready to answer any question you might have about the samples you'll see.

"We have tile, carpet, wood, laminates, cork, vinyl and more," Williams said. "Everything we have is top-notch quality material."

Perfect Floors uses all of their own installers, so the customer's approval is assured. That satisfaction is incredibly important to the staff.

"We know that if we don't do well, we're out of jobs," Williams said. "We want to give you what you want."

In addition to the dedicated staff and wealth of useful information, you'll also find competitive pricing at Perfect Floors. They're prepared to match or beat any price out there. Just bring in a hand-written or typed out quote, and they'll meet it.

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Known for its scenery, Victorian-era architecture and small-town atmosphere, Northville is a popular attraction for long-term families.

The city is home to the Northville Downs Race Track and a modern day downtown shopping district stocked with restaurants, niche

clothing stores and small businesses.

"Between the township and the city, there are about 30,000 who have chosen to live in Northville — from the quant but hip downtown to the consistently located rural areas — and our newspaper has been informing them for over 139 years," Stone said. "The history of Northville is reflected in the Record."

Reporter Pam Fleming is a familiar face to many in the community, along with Advertising

Account Executive Nicole Stone, who recently joined the team in May.

NOVI NEWS

As one of the fastest growing communities in Michigan, Novi has a relatively fresh history — well documented by the community's local newspaper, the Novi News.

Rapid growth led to the construction of Twelve Oaks Mall in the 1970s, a major shopping destination for metro Detroit residents today.

Now home to several commercial and industrial developments, Novi is a known shopping mecca and a popular attraction for long-term families.

"With one of the top-rated school districts in the state, a bustling nightlife, booming business district, sound public services and a multicultural city, Novi is the destination for residents and members of the business community," Stone said.

Whether there's an upcoming school board meeting, downtown parade or a new business opening up shop, Stone and Reporter Nathan Mueller are always paying attention — while Advertising Account Executive Amy Norton coordinates all advertising needs for local businesses.

— By Alison Bergsieker

HOMEOWNERS: DO YOU KNOW THE CONDITION OF YOUR HOME'S ENVIRONMENT AND AIR QUALITY?



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Does anyone in your family feel bad when they are in the house after some period of time?

Do you or anyone suffer from headaches, runny nose, itchy eyes, nausea, or just have no energy and feel run down?

These could be signs that the air in your home needs checking for indoor pollutants such as mold spores, volatile organic compounds, carbon monoxide and proper ventilation.

Have you had routine service for the heating and cooling systems in your home? Have the systems been checked for efficient operations, as well as identify any gas or carbon monoxide leaks?

Is the storage area in the area of your hot water tank and furnace, clear and clean? Is this area full of boxes and items? Are your home's appliances in good safe operational condition (including the gas fireplaces)?

Does your home have poor ventilation could be allowing mold development and bad air.

Does your attic have the proper amount of insulation and ventilation?

Proper ventilation will help prevent condensation and moisture build up in attic space, and will also help avoid excessive heat in attics which could lead to pre-mature shingle failure.

Do you have mildew or mold growing in your attic, or basement?

Does the bathroom exhaust fan vent into

the attic space?

Does your exterior drainage and water run off from the roof and is properly moved away from the foundation and structure?

Are there any unknown water leaks for the plumbing system of the house? Are all showers, faucets and toilets operating properly?

Do you smell odors that could be a red flag for poor air quality?

Have you tested your home for elevated levels of Radon?

Have you ever given your home a House Check Up?

"Just like you or your love ones going to the doctor for a health check up, we can provide your home a House Check Up," said Randall Patterson of Pillar to Post. "This will identify items that need attention to provide your family with proper Indoor Air Quality for a healthy environment. You will receive a full details report from our findings including a comprehensive report for the certified lab for the mold spores and indoor air quality (VOCs) as well as a detailed radon report for the levels of radon in your home showing hour-by-hour levels of radon in your home."

Give your home a House Check Up!

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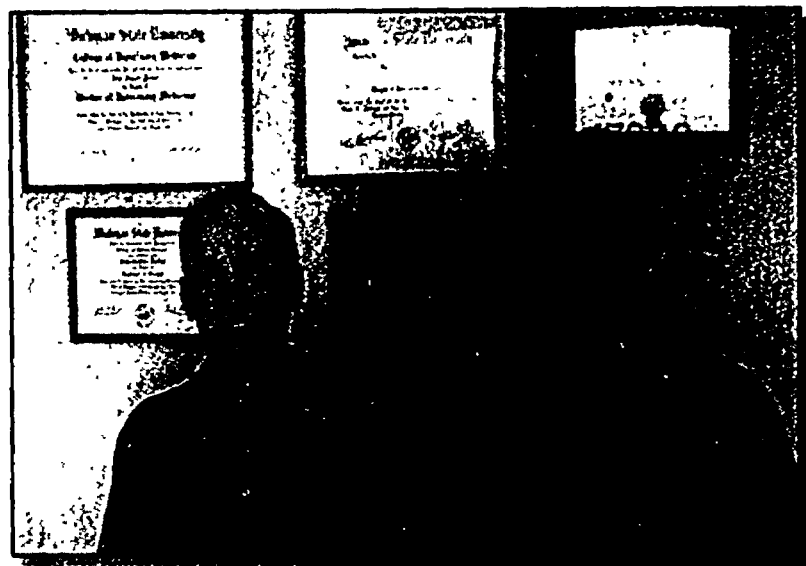


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Drs. Ronald Studer and John Parker want clients to feel comfortable and confident when bringing their pet in, regardless of which doctor they see.

BRIARPOINTE VETERINARY CLINIC

248-449-7447

Business is not going to the dogs at Briarpointe Veterinary Clinic in Novi. As a matter of fact, it is going to cats, birds, pocket pets, and a few other animals, too.

That's a good thing for Dr. Ronald Studer and Dr. John Parker, owners of the clinic. They are happy to see and treat family pets and have over 50 years of combined experience.

And despite all of their experience, the doctors are happy to have clients actively participate in their pets' health care.

"We practice with the view that we partner with our clients," said Dr. Studer. "We share information with them and that helps them make more informed decisions. We work with people."

Both doctors have been sharing information and knowledge with clients in their Novi location since 1996. Along with their team of experienced professionals at Briarpointe Veterinary Clinic, the doctors emphasize preventive medicine, especially today when some pet owners may be cutting back on pet care because of the economy.

"People should not put off preventive medicine for their pets," said Dr. Parker. "It is important to stay on a regular schedule, especially when it comes to things like heartworm prevention. We can work with clients and prioritize a treatment schedule."

Some of the services include blood tests, X-rays, dental surgery, and bladder stone removal, GI surgery and bladder stone removal. The clinic has its own in-house pharmacy and carries prescription pet food.

The doctors have a great deal of experience treating all types of animal illnesses and injuries but they also will refer a client to a specialist if the problem is outside their expertise.

"It does happen that a pet will need care from a specialist, whether for the heart, neurology, or even dermatology," said Dr. Studer. "We have a network of professionals we feel comfortable referring them to."

When an emergency arises late at night, on weekends, or after hours, there is an emergency center available in the area that the doctors can refer clients to.

The good word about Briarpointe Veterinary Clinic has also spread to the Internet, too. As one person wrote in an online review at CitySearch.com, "They have a great staff and really care about your pet."

Briarpointe Veterinary Clinic is located at the corner of Ten Mile and Beck roads. Appointments are available Monday through Friday as well as Saturday morning. For more information call 248-449-7447.

— By John R. Hall

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— Dr. Ronald Studer

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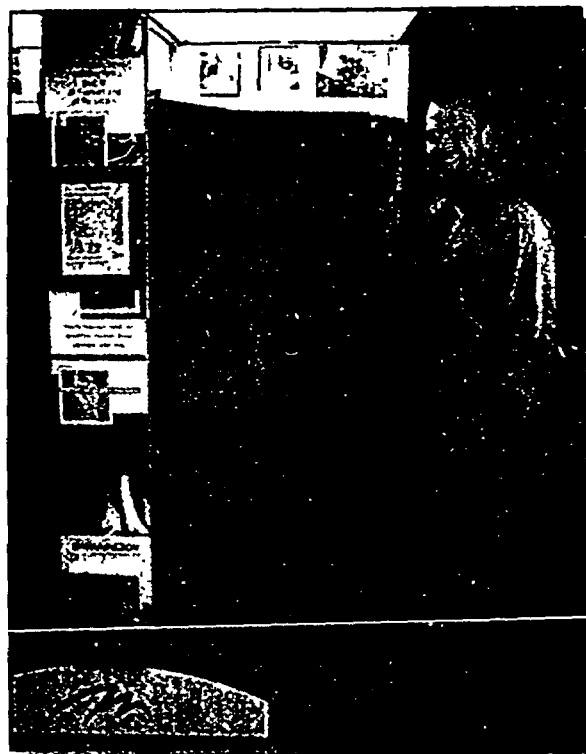


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Ronnie Williams of Perfect Floors shows off one of many samples the showroom contains.

PERFECT FLOORS

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Now is a great time to refurbish your home. So why not start from the floor up? The experienced staff of Perfect Floors in South Lyon is ready and willing to help.

Whether it's putting in a brand new floor or redecorating a worn-out room, Perfect Floors of South Lyon can provide low prices, extensive experience and great customer service to make any flooring project a little easier.

Perfect Floors opened in South Lyon in 2004 and has since dominated the local industry. They've been counted as the people's top choice for flooring since 2005.

A family-run business, Perfect Floors of South Lyon opened in the community to be part of an up-and-coming area. Owner Ron Williams and his staff are dedicated to making sure the customer gets exactly what they need. That dedication shows through his son, Ronnie.

"We're going to inform you of what you're buying," Ronnie Williams said. "We're going to give you all the knowledge you need to make the right decisions."

Most of the business at Perfect Floors comes from the word of satisfied customers. Williams says they get a lot of referrals from satisfied customers. These referrals lead to even more happy customers in South Lyon

and the surrounding areas.

When it comes to flooring materials, Perfect Floors of South Lyon covers everything. Their showroom is packed with a variety of flooring samples, and the staff is ready to answer any question you might have about the samples you'll see.

"We have tile, carpet, wood, laminates, cork, vinyl and more," Williams said. "Everything we have is top-notch quality material."

Perfect Floors uses all of their own installers, so the customer's approval is assured. That satisfaction is incredibly important to the staff.

"We know that if we don't do well, we're out of jobs," Williams said. "We want to give you what you want."

In addition to the dedicated staff and wealth of useful information, you'll also find competitive pricing at Perfect Floors. They're prepared to match or beat any price out there. Just bring in a hand-written or typed out quote, and they'll meet it.

Perfect Floors of South Lyon is located at 21946 Pontiac Trail, one mile south of the downtown South Lyon area. For more information, call 248-437-2838 or visit www.perfectfloorsinc.com.

— By Mike Hogan

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— Ronnie Williams



Photos by Alison Bergsleker

One Salon is nationally renowned, with clientele from Toledo, Chicago, New York and more. The salon offers specialty services including Brazilian Keratin Treatments that drastically improve hair quality, and 90-minute Brazilian Blowouts, a huge, fashion-forward design trend.

ONE SALON

248-773-4333 • www.myonesalon.com

Welcome to One Salon in Novi, a salon offering a revolutionary approach to your hair design and beauty — both inside and out.

As a client, you will feel a unique connection with your hair designer, because he or she thrives on this energy. You and your hair designer come together here in a creative collaboration that will leave you feeling your most radiant as you walk out of the salon.

Yet your time spent at One Salon is as enjoyable as it is productive. You'll always feel understood and appreciated, from the time you are greeted with your favorite cup of coffee, to the relaxation you'll feel as each strand of your hair is cut and styled with a expert technique and precision — exactly the way you have envisioned your look to be. Listen carefully, the music playing around you is likely a specific genre that your hair designer knows you will find relaxing during your stay at One Salon.

"Our success is in the details," said salon owners/hair designers Jeanine Exline and Joe Loose (pronounced "low-say"). "We take the time to know and understand our clients, as well as their hair. We are passionate about our craft and have spent years perfecting our talent and vision. At One Salon, we work with some of the top stylists in the country, whose goal is to collaborate with each client and match their unique rhythm. This absolute dedication to the client places us at a level of customer service that is unparalleled."

Loose and Exline are pleased to announce that leading Master Hair Designer, Jeanine Cushion, has joined One Salon. Cushion brings more than 20 years of experience and European advanced hair cutting expertise through her long association with Toni & Guy, a UK-based salon and academy.

"One Salon meets and exceeds every one of my professional expectations," said Cushion, who brings a loyal clientele with her to this new setting.

Yet with all this professionalism and technology, the ambiance is low-key and upbeat. There is lots of conversation and laughter as designers and clients connect with a story and learn more about each other. This connection between client and hair designer creates a trust and a bond that brings them together from long distances — clients come all the way

from Florida, New York and Chicago back to Novi for hair design appointments, and others drive from Toledo and points beyond to continue their relationship with a hair designer at One Salon.

"We really focus on stepping out of the box when it comes to exceptional hair design and service," said Exline, who had trained at salons in Manhattan before opening One Salon with Joe Loose in September 2009.

That includes offering specialty services that are on the cutting edge of hair trends, including Brazilian Keratin Treatments and Brazilian Blowouts.

The Brazilian Keratin treatment is a revolutionary replenishing process that softens, shines, straightens and makes the hair healthy, penetrating the hair to repair internal damage and coating the hair to prevent further damage.

The 90-minute Brazilian Blowout is a huge, fashion-forward design trend, providing frizz-free, shiny hair that is effortlessly manageable and lasts up to 10 or 12 weeks with proper care. Both of these services are provided in the relaxing ambiance of a private, specialty area of the salon.

The Salon staff is dedicated to preserving the environment by recycling extensively, controlling waste and infusing nature throughout the salon's open interior.

The staff at One Salon is also proud to offer special humanitarian services, including one that provides a free haircut and color to help women get back on their feet.

"Our goal is to help people feel good about themselves," said Exline. "That is one of the reasons we also offer specialty add-on services to the experience of the salon — from skin care and facials to waxing, nail care, foot treatments, reflexology and more, all in our Central Care Department."

This feeling of "oneness" is exactly the philosophy behind the name at One Salon.

"It's present in everything from our service, to our identity to our environment, and is fueled by a deep desire to create a new way of coming together, a new kind of creative collaboration between us and you," said Loose.

Come experience the uniqueness of "one" for yourself. New clients are encouraged to call and inquire about a special promotion that will provide you with a free haircut.

— By Sally Rummel

