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ON THE RECORD

Tipping Point kicks off season

The Tipping Point Theater presents a timeless comedy from one of the best-known classic American playwrights to kick off the 2010-11 season, which is



full of award-winning shows penned by American writers.

"Last of the Red Hot Lovers" by Neil Simon is the story of a man looking for adventure before life passes him by. But the gentle owner of a successful seafood restaurant is sure he can spice up his life with an extra-marital fling, and when his mother's New York City apartment becomes available one day a week, Barney is sure his dreams have come true.

"Last of the Red Hot Lovers" opens to previews tonight and runs through Saturday, Oct. 16. Performances are Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 8 p.m. with matinees on Saturday (3 p.m.) and Sunday (2 p.m.).

To make a reservation, please call the box office from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday at (248) 347-0003 or email to info@tippingpointtheatre.com.

Evanovich signing at Barnes & Noble

Best-selling author Janet Evanovich will sign copies of her new book, *Wicked Appetite*, at the Barnes & Noble on Six Mile in Northville Township at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16.

Due to the anticipated popularity of the event, the store will be issuing tickets on a first-come basis beginning at 7 a.m. that day for anyone wishing to meet the author and get her autograph. Barnes & Noble staff will instruct fans to line up according to the color of their ticket starting at 4 p.m.

Wicked Appetite will be released on Tuesday, Sept. 14. The book is the first in the *Unmentionable Series*, a spin-off of the author's popular Stephanie Plum novels. Evanovich will sign copies of *Wicked Appetite*, as well as new copies of other new releases such as *Troublemaker* and *Sizzling Sixteen*, and all new copies of books in the Plum series.

Library cuts set if tax vote fails

Board approves 2011 operating budget

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Members of the Northville District Library Board approved the 2011 operating budget after a public hearing on Aug. 26.

However, the board has an alternate budget already developed if a millage

of .2 (two-tenths) of a mill passes in November's general election.

Only a few people showed up to ask questions during last Thursday's public hearing. Board and staff members are hopeful that city and township voters will OK the millage so that cuts don't have to be made.

The bulk of the library's budget

comes from property taxes, which have been dwindling due to the down housing market over the past few years.

SALARIES FROZEN

For the past two years, library salaries have been frozen, and staff benefits have been reduced. The library has also been reducing hours or staff.

Wages will be reduced 5 percent, from \$1,106,000 in 2010 to \$1,045,000 in 2011.

Fringe benefits and payroll tax will increase, however, from \$400,000 to \$425,000 from 2010 to 2011 due to union contract obligations.

"We can't change the benefits, but we may institute furlough days," said board member Jean Hansen.

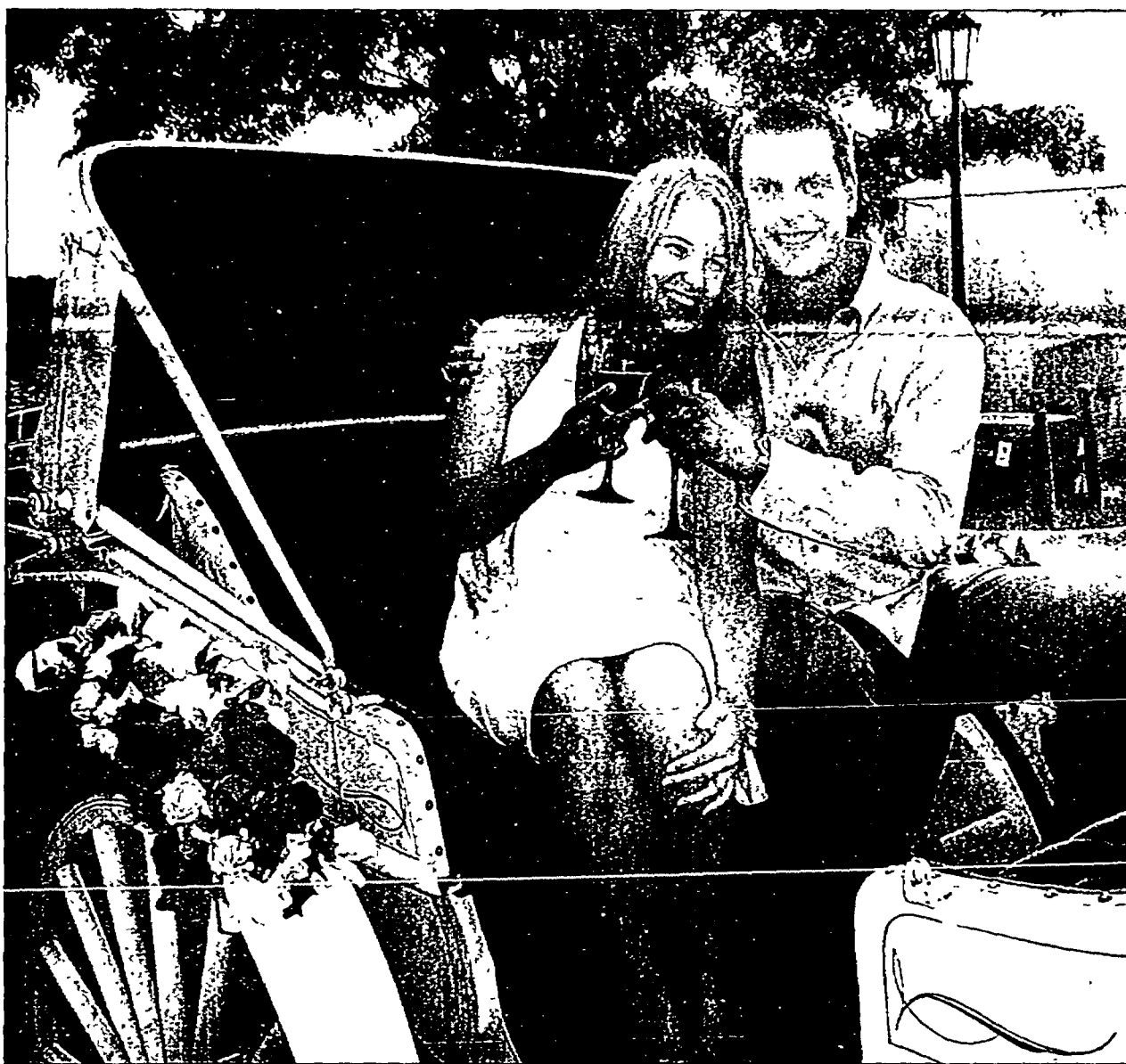
The materials budget for books, movies, music and other items has already been cut. In fact, \$100,000

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A SPECIAL NIGHT IN THE CITY

Man pops the question in downtown Northville

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER



Love was in the air in downtown Northville on Aug. 27, when Luke Noble Jr. proposed to his girlfriend, Laura Edmonds, in downtown Northville.

Noble decided that a horse-drawn carriage and a family dinner at Table 5 restaurant on East Main Street made the perfect combination.

The couple pulled up to family members and friends waiting on Hutton Street outside the First Presbyterian Church after Noble had proposed earlier in the evening.

Her answer? "Yes."

The bride-to-be's parents, Ken and Debbie Edmonds, drove all the way from the Baltimore, Md., for the surprise proposal. Luke just informed his future in-laws of the proposal plan early in the week.

His father, Luke, and step-mother, Debbie, were also present. Luke Jr.'s mother is Denise.

MET AT TIGERS GAME

"We met at a Tigers baseball game in downtown Detroit," Noble said. "That was our first date. We had a mutual friend who encouraged us both to go to the game. So, it was kind of set up blindly. Now the rest is history."

Edmonds just turned 28 on Aug. 29, Noble is 32, and they both live in Plymouth. Edmonds works at Houghton Creek Community School, a charter school in Ann Arbor,

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Camera Club to present First Friday exhibit

Reception from 6-9 p.m. tomorrow

Members of the Northville Camera Club will exhibit some of their photos at the September First Friday Art Walk tomorrow at the Northville Art House.

The exhibit, titled "Focus on Michigan," will be on display at the Art House at 215 W. Cady Street across from the Northville District Library from tomorrow through Sept. 19. It will feature photos from

the local camera club members that showcase Michigan in all of its forms.

The club will have a reception from 6-9 p.m. tomorrow at which some of the members can discuss their photographs in the exhibit.

The Art House will be closed on Saturday, due to the Labor Day Weekend.

Please see **CAMERA, A3**

NORTHVILLE CAMERA CLUB INFORMATION

The Northville Arts Commission invites photographers of all skill levels to join the Northville Camera Club. Monthly meetings include guest speakers and opportunities for members to display and discuss their work. Meetings take place from 7:30-9 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the lower level of the Art House. There is a \$25 annual membership fee.



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Free map of Northville being developed to highlight businesses

30-40 laminated plus online map

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Ten thousand free maps of Northville, plus 30-40 laminated ones and an interactive online version through Google, are currently being developed.

The project, a collaboration of the city and Northville Chamber of Commerce, will highlight local businesses. Northville Township is on the map, and township businesses may be included as well.

The maps are being done by NovoPrint USA of Milwaukee, Wis., who has done similar maps for such communities as Novi, South Lyon, Milford, Ann Arbor and more.

The advertising deadline is tomorrow for local businesses, with distribution planned in November, according to Joe Hartung, sales representative and project manager for NovoPrint.

The Northville Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce plans to produce the new Northville area map.

NovoPrint has a national reputation for producing accurate, professional maps.

The map will be a great tool to communicate information about businesses to residents, other businesses and visitors. The Chamber will distribute these maps in response to inquiries to give directions to specific businesses or residential locations. In addition, they will be distributed through other local businesses.

The full-color maps will be used in the recruitment of new business, relocation programs and marketing by local businesses.

As an advertiser, the design of the ad will be done at no charge.

The map will be one of the most direct ways to advertise and promote businesses, products and ser-

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vices to Chamber members as well as to others in the Northville area and beyond.

"We are pleased to be able to partner with NovoPrint to produce a quality area map that will showcase the Northville community," said Jody Humphries, executive director of the Northville Chamber of Commerce. "Not only will we be able to provide the map free of charge to any who request information on the area, but it also provides a great advertising opportunity to our area businesses. We hope they decide to benefit from the advantages of advertising in the forthcoming map."

The map will also be



PAM FLEMING/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Joe Hartung, sales representative with NovoPrint USA, holds a mockup of the map of Northville that his company will be printing in October. The firm plans to print 10,000 maps with ads from local businesses and business listings. The maps will be free and available around town. The ad deadline is tomorrow for the map.

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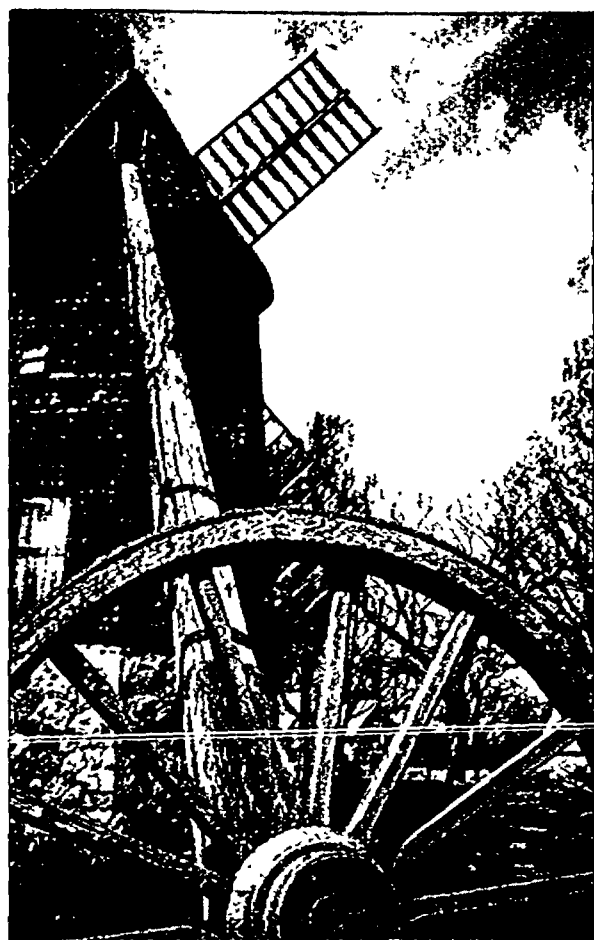
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This photograph, "Old Windmill," was taken by Northville Camera Club member Dave McCreadle and will be on display through Sept. 19 at the Northville Art House.

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CAMERA

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Beyond this weekend, the Art House will be open from 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday. For more information about the Northville Art House exhibit, call (248) 344-0497.

STARRING THE GALLERY

At Starring the Gallery at 118 W. Main Street, artist Carolyn Kinnison of Howell will have a reception from 6-9 p.m. tomorrow. "I am a self-taught Michigan artist," Kinnison writes on the website www.fineartamerica.com. "I paint, draw, design, glue, hammer — whatever it takes to make what is floating around in my head."

"If I want to know how to do something, I research it, study it, but mostly I play with it until I learn it. I don't like being stuck in one medium. I really have a desire to keep learning new art. Having ADD (Attention Deficit Disorder) will do that! I grew up here, and I get such a thrill driving to the Traverse City area, listening to Hooverphonic and Radiohead as I explore all the shoreline rocks."

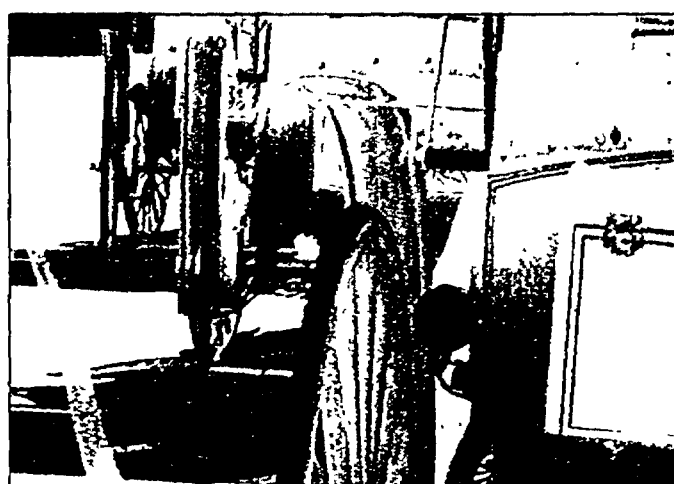
"These trips up north refuel my creative pool."

For more information about the Starring the Gallery exhibit, call (248) 347-1642.

Other downtown galleries and shops will be open late on Friday night during the First Friday Art Walk. Start the Labor Day Weekend off with a visit to art-conscious downtown Northville.



This photograph, "Frankenmuth Viewed from Covered Bridge," by Roger Breck will also be in the Camera Club exhibit this month.



Roger Breck also shot this photo, "Frankenmuth Carriages," on display at the Northville Art House.

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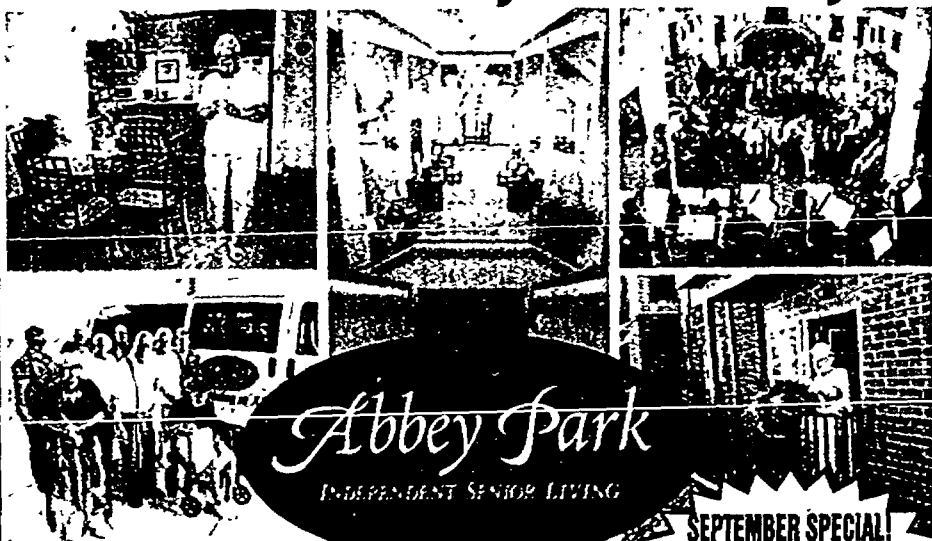
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All-media exhibit

The Northville Art House released the call for entries for an all-media figurative exhibit to be held Oct. 1-23 at the Northville Art House. Artists can submit original works in all mediums, 2-D or 3-D, made by traditional or experimental styles. Awards will be given for first, second and third place as well as honorable mention.

Application and CD in jpeg format must be delivered to the Northville Art House by Sept. 10. For additional information email ArtHouseExhibits@northvillearts.org and type Figurative Juried Exhibit in the subject line.

All submitted work will be juried by award-winning artist Robert Schefman whose works have been exhibited from New York to Los Angeles.

For questions about Art House activities, call (248) 344-0497.

Wadsworth conversations

Join Joan Wadsworth, Democratic candidate for the Michigan House of Representatives 20th District seat, for some coffee (or ice cream) and conversation about her vision for revitalizing Michigan.

Wadsworth is hosting three informal Community Conversations (two coffees and an ice cream social) in September to meet with voters in Northville, Wayne, Canton, and Plymouth. She will share her plans for creating jobs, strengthening education and supporting community ser-



TISH MOSES

Girl Scouts recycle for Northville

Northville Director of Public Works Jim Gailogly visited with Amerman Elementary's Junior Girl Scout Troop 1357 on May 20 to support and encourage the troop's Northville Recycling Project. The fifth graders, upon learning that downtown Northville's commercial area has no provision for recycling bottles and cans, developed their own recycling project, focusing on special events when foot traffic and beverage consumption are high. Local businesses Pizza Cutter and Waste Management donated the materials for reusable cardboard recycling collection boxes. The scouts created the boxes and have already used them to collect recycling at a number of Northville events, including Relay for Life, the Amerman Ice Cream Social, the Arts and Acts Festival, the Solstice Run, and the Independence Day Parade. This "Take Action Project" is the culmination of the Amerman Girl Scouts' "Agents of Change" leadership journey, a new initiative of Girl Scouts USA designed to develop girls' leadership skills and empower them to effect change for good in their communities. Look for Girl Scouts recycling boxes at the Victorian Festival Sept. 17-19. Pictured (l to r) are Kate Westphal, Elise Livingston, Natalie Molnar, Katie Chevoor, Erin Gross, Jim Gailogly, Kelsey Jordan, Emily Mazzara, Julia Scavnick, Kara Coleman, Cassie Milewski and Olivia Moses.

vices. Wadsworth also will be available to discuss any other issues on the minds of voters and answer questions.

The three Community Conversations will take place on the following dates, times and locations:

- Thursday, Sept. 9, 9:30-10:30 a.m., at Solid Grounds,

- 133 West Main Street, Northville (in the Northville Square Mall at the corner of Main and Wing street)

- Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2:30-3:30 p.m., at the Wayne Activity and Banquet Center, 35000 Sims Avenue, Wayne (for an ice cream social).

- Tuesday, Sept. 21, 9:30-

- 10:30 a.m., at the Coffee Bean, 884 Penniman Avenue, Plymouth.

Those interested in attending one of the Community Conversations are welcome to come for the entire hour or stop by at any time during the hour.

Speer in concert

Allison Durham Speer, a regular on the popular Gaither Homecoming Videos, will be performing in concert in Northville on Sunday, Sept. 19 at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, located at 21260 Haggerty Road. The doors will open at 5 p.m. and the concert begins at 6.

The Gaither Homecoming videos have enjoyed recent broadcast success on the television networks TBN, INSP, and GAC as well as garnering Billboard Magazine's number one spot for video sales surpassing artists such as Garth Brooks and Britney Spears.

Her career as a successful Christian recording artist has taken Allison from her humble beginnings in Parkville, Ky. to some of this nation's largest venues as well as humanitarian aid trips to Russia, Bosnia, the Philippines and South Africa.

For additional information, call (248) 348-7600.

Mom to Mom Sale

The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps & Community Center is hosting a Mom to Mom Sale from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11 at 9451 S. Main Street, Plymouth.

This event is a fundraiser for the Tiny Tots Preschool Program, and the organization is looking for volunteers to assist with the event and those who would like to rent a table.

Needed are two volunteers to work at the front doors to collect admission fees and two volunteers to work in the big item room. This involves monitoring the items for sale in this room, and collecting payments from buyers. Volunteers are asked to arrive no later than 8:45 a.m.

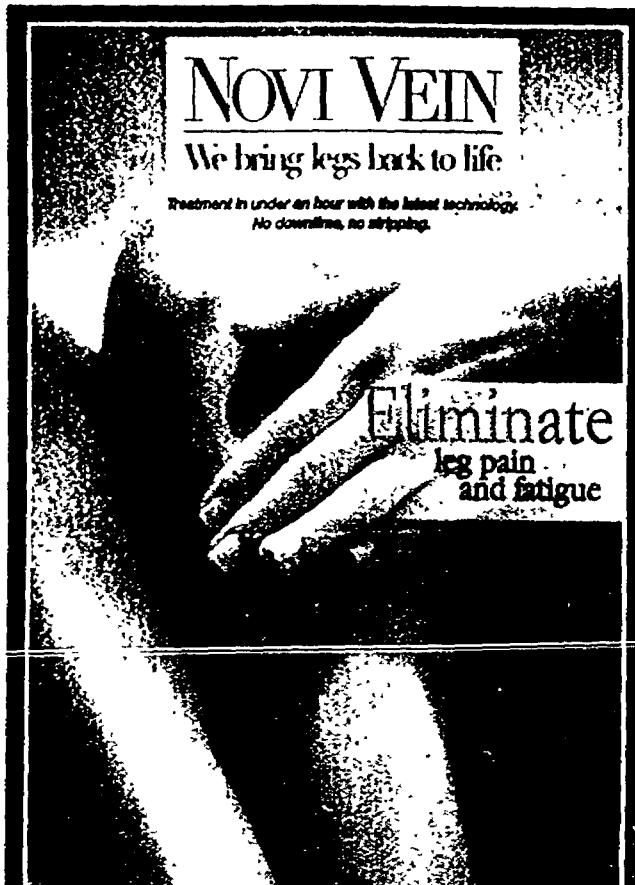
The organization is also in need of a few moms who would like to rent a table to sell their gently used baby/kids clothing and toys. The cost is \$20 to rent an eight-foot table, and you keep all the money of the items you sell.

More information is available at www.MiSalPlymouth.org, or call the office at (734) 453-5464 and speak with Cassie.

Bizarre Bazaar Vendors

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

Space is filling up fast. For details and to reserve space, contact Pat Breslin at fumbazaar@gmail.com. Vendor deadline is Oct. 1. Learn more about Village Banking at www.FINCA.org.



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Friends Lauryn Zwarych, Morgan Krupic and Maddie Kohne, all 12, organized The Helping Hands team this summer to raise funds for the Autism Alliance of Michigan by selling shirts and other items.



JOHN HEIDER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Making a difference

Local girls form project to benefit autistic kids

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Every day at school Morgan Krupic, Lauren Zwarych and Maddie Kohne interact with autistic students.

But until this summer, the three 12-year-olds from Novi, Northville and South Lyon, respectively, did not know how serious of disorder it is.

The three know now and are doing their part to not only raise money, but also awareness for the fastest growing developmental disability that is affecting 1-in-110 children.

"Our hope is they will share what they doing with other kids," said Janice Krupic, president and CEO of Paragon Leadership International. "Kids learn from other kids and are motivated by them."

The girls are part of TeamKAL, a community initiative developed by Paragon to encourage kids to get involved in community projects.

They spent their summer choosing a cause to support, settling on

the Autism Alliance of Michigan, and have developed a logo, a line of apparel to sell to raise money and created a presentation to entice others to get on board.

"It's fun working together with friends and knowing you are doing something good for others," said Kohne.

The name of their team is The Helping Hands and it's depicted in their logo with hands for the eyes and the mouth. They also used a font that was kid-like as a way to show they wanted to help kids who have autism.

The logo is on T-shirts, drawstring bags, sweatpants and sweatshirts.

They started by selling their products to family and friends, and today will be selling them in the Town Center of the DTE cafeteria.

Last month, the girls gave a presentation to DTE Energy CFO and co-founder of the Autism of Alliance of Michigan Dave Meador as well as 10 other DTE leaders.

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role and be successful. Lerch also invited them to sell their apparel at the Autism Speaks Walk in October at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

"I am so impressed when kids want to make a difference for other kids," she said.

Zwarych said she felt the impact of their work firsthand this summer when she was up north camping with her family and met a woman whose grandson was autistic.

"It feels good to be helping other kids," she said.

Susan Lerch, president and CEO of AA of MI, said she is amazed by the girls' drive and their ability to take on a leadership

Bus schedule follows last year's plan

If you had children attending the district last year, you may recall that the Northville Public Schools Board of Education adopted a modified transportation plan, which included "satellite stops" morning pickup and dropoff for high school students, and a satellite morning pickup and consolidated neighborhood stops for dropoff in the afternoon for middle school students.

The transportation plan adopted in the spring 2010 will continue for 2010-11. Specifically, high school a.m. pickup and p.m. dropoff will retain the same satellite stops as last year. The middle school satellite stops will also remain the same as they were in spring 2010. Afternoon p.m. dropoff of middle school students will be at consolidated stops in the subdivision.

Additionally, parents/guardians of elementary students eligible for transportation should receive a post card this week for location of stop and the approximate time to be at the stop. Please make arrangements to have your students at the bus stop five minutes before the bus stop times on the post card.

NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Morning buses will arrive at the elementary schools, ITC Park in Novi and the Northville Township Police Station at 6:45 a.m., depart for Northville High School at 6:55 a.m., and arrive between 7 a.m. and 7:05 a.m.

The afternoon buses will depart the school at the regular time and will drop students off at the satellite stops previously mentioned. It is important to note the following:

Parking is already constrained at the elementary schools, therefore student cars will not be allowed to park at the elementary schools.

The subdivision easements around Northville High School are for the use of those residents. Parking and stopping restrictions are posted and will be enforced.

ROUTES ONLINE

Bus Routes will be posted on www.hometownlife.com and on the district website at www.northville.k12.mi.us/district/transportation.asp.

MEADS MILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Morning buses will arrive at the following locations at 7:30 a.m. and depart at 7:50 a.m.:

- * Silver Springs Elementary School
- * Ridge Wood Elementary School
- * Millennium Park (Behind the Fire Station)
- * Northville High School (west lot adjacent to the soccer stadium)
- * Northville Trails area:
 - 7:47 a.m. Eagle Trace & Country Knoll
 - 7:50 a.m. 16925 Abbey Circle
 - 7:53 a.m. 40470 Northville Trail
 - 7:54 a.m. Coachwood Circle & East Northville Trail

It is important to note the following:

- * Meads Mill will open at 7 a.m. and all students are to report to the cafeteria upon arrival.
- * The west Northville High School parking lot (adjacent to the soccer stadium) is reserved for buses only until 7:40 a.m.

HILLSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Morning buses will arrive at the following locations at 7:30 a.m. and depart at 7:50 a.m.:

- * Thornton Creek Elementary School
- * Moraine Elementary School
- * Ridge Wood Elementary School (Waterstone & Steeple Chase)
- * ITC Park

It is important to note the following:

- * Hillside will open at 7 a.m. and all students are to report to the cafeteria upon arrival.

This plan will commence on Sept. 7 and will be monitored for possible revisions during the first two weeks of the school year.

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PAMELA E. AHONEN
Age 56, passed away, August 27th, 2010. She was born on July 29, 1954, in Detroit, daughter of Stanley and Blanche Peters. Pam was a loving and devoted mother. She enjoyed taking long walks and being outdoors. She loved animals, but most importantly, she loved being with her family. She is survived by: her beloved children, Nicole (Brian) Madden, Joseph Ahonen, her mother Blanche Peters and her brothers, Timothy (Janis) Peters and Stephen Peters. She will also be survived by her granddaughter, expected in December. She was preceded in death by her father Stanley and her former husband Thomas. A Liturgy of the Word funeral service will be held on Tuesday, September 7th at 11:00 AM at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St. Online Guestbook at: www.phillipsfuneral.com


BEVERLY ANN ANGELOSANTE
Age 77, Aug. 23, 2010. Funeral, Aug. 27, O'Brien Sullivan Funeral Home. Donations: Munson Hospice Care of Traverse City, 1105 6th St, Traverse City, MI 49684. Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com


JACK B. ANGLIN II
Age 63, August 26, 2010. Long time companion of Maria and her family; Jennifer (Ron), Jocelyn, Makayla & Diane (Leon). Former husband of Doreen Anglin. Dear father of Kimmy (Brian) Lockkos, Tami Anglin & Jackie (Shawn) Bakewell. Son of Betty and the late Jack Anglin. Loving grandfather of Jack, Jenna, Ally, Alyssa, Ronnie, Ben & Brody "Moses". Brother of Mary Kay Wagner and the late Doug Anglin, Sr. Jack was an avid classic car enthusiast and loved the oldies. Funeral service was Monday August 30, 2010. Interment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland, MI. Memorial donations may be made to Penrickton Center for Blind Children or International Fellowship of Christians & Jews. Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

JOSEPH A. BASS
Age 51, August 25, 2010. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, September 19th, 2010 at 11:00am at Ridgewood Community Church in the Wixom Community Center. Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon.


CHARLES E. CLARK
August 24, 2010. Beloved husband of Donna. Stepfather of Barb Covell and Donald Covell. Brother of Robert, Margaret, Larry and Gary. Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com



BETTY MAY DAVIS
Passed away peacefully at her home on Aug 22, 2010. She was born Betty Durocher on Feb 22, 1930. She lived in the South Lyon area in the 1960s and worked at Jimmy's restaurant and Andy's Steakhouse. She is survived by all her children including local residents Charles Bennett, George Bennett, Steven Davis and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. If you remember our mother we would be very grateful to hear your memories of her. E-mail: steven2063@chartermi.net and you can visit her guest-book at: www.borekjennings.com or mail 63 Emerald Cir, Whitmore Lk, MI 48189

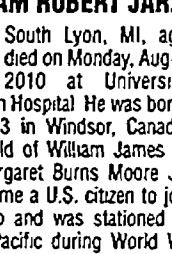



Paying Tribute to the Life of Your Loved One

CHRIS G. DICK
A lifelong resident of Milford, died, Wednesday, August 25, 2010 at home surrounded by his loving family. He is survived by his beloved wife of 10 years, Carolyn; daughters, Teresa (Scott) Berres, Deanna (Dance Tom Baker) Kovac; son, David (Paige) Lutomski; grandchildren, Brandon and Kimberly Berres, Faith and Stone Lutomski, Corey and Blake Baker; brothers, Matt (Rodger Chrysler) Dick, Dayle (Jaki) Dick, Robert (Ellen) Dickman; and many nieces, nephews, extended family members and dear friends that join with the family in mourning his death and giving thanks to God for his life among them. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, August 28, 2010, 11 AM, at the Milford Presbyterian Church, 238 N. Main St., Milford. Family and friends may gather beginning at 10 AM until time of service. The Rev. Dr. R. John Harris to officiate. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association. For further information please phone Lynch & Sons Funeral Home 248 684 6645 or visit: www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com


RICHARD PAUL DORRANCE
Age 58, of Gaylord, MI (formerly of Highland, MI) passed away Sunday, August 15, 2010. He is survived by his wife, Julie, two young sons, Patrick and Daniel, his daughters, Shari (Scott) Roselle of Milford and Tonia (Eric) Haines of Redford; parents, Dick and Virginia Dorrance & sister, Patti (Steven) Casey. Rick leaves behind his grandchildren: Ashley, Nathan, Mikey & Emma Roselle and Aeryn Haines; & many family and friends. Funeral services were held on August 19, 2010 at Nelson Funeral Home in Gaylord, MI



WILLIAM ROBERT JARRATT
South Lyon, MI, age 87, died on Monday, August 30, 2010 at University of Michigan Hospital. He was born April 21, 1923 in Windsor, Canada, the only child of William James Jarratt and Margaret Burns Moore Jarratt. He became a U.S. citizen to join the Air Corp and was stationed in the South Pacific during World War II. After the war ended, he attended and graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in Architecture. While there, he met the love of his life, Norma Roshirt. They were married September 1, 1948. He is survived by wife Norma, son Timothy, daughter-in-law Janet, son Peter, daughter-in-law Karrie, son William, daughter-in-law Libby, and grandchildren: Marguerite, Seth, Daniel, Caitlin, Georginna, Thomas, Landon and Carly. William was an acclaimed architect, loving husband, father, and grandfather, who loved his family, banjo and haven here. He will be sorely missed. A memorial service will be held Tuesday, Sept. 7 at 4:00 at Dixboro United Methodist Church, 5221 Church St., Dixboro, followed by food and fellowship. Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Heart Association

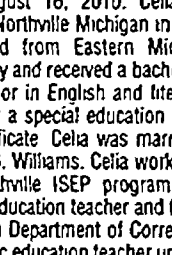

JOSEPH A. KOVATCH
Age 69, passed away, August 26th, 2010. He was born on March 27th, 1941, in Detroit, son of the late Joseph and Elizabeth Kovatch. In June of 1987, Joseph was united in marriage to his beloved wife Mary. He worked at the Ford-Rouge steel plant for 38 years prior to his retirement. Joe enjoyed fishing and was an avid hunter. He is survived by: his beloved wife Mary, his children, Joe (Sharon), Jeff (Katina), Vicki (Phillip) Stanny, Sherry (Rich) Franz, his adoring grandchildren, Krystine, Shannon, John, Joey, Max, Ashley, Andrew, Alex and Cooper. He is also survived by his sisters, Joanne Richardson and Diane Mahaney. Visitation was held on Sunday, August 29th at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A Liturgy of the Word funeral service was held on Monday, August 30th. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association. Online Guestbook at: www.phillipsfuneral.com


JOHN "JACK" MARTIN
Age 69, of Northville, passed away August 28, 2010. He was born July 28, 1941 in Detroit to John and Maxine (Byrne) Martin. On November 25, 1964 he married the love of his life Jane A. Higdon; he was very devoted to her. He worked as an Internal Auditor with AAA in Dearborn for many years until his retirement. Jack enjoyed spending time at his beloved Lake Ann home and coordinating games and crafts during the Martin family gatherings. He was an avid boatsman and was a soccer coach in Northville for many years. Jack adored all of his grandchildren and was elated when he found out about the future addition. He is survived by his beloved wife Jane; his children, Kristen (Larry) Schlagheck, Lisa (Chad) Wiltrakis, Erin (Scott) Krueger, and J.P. (Ann) Martin; his grandchildren, Will, Emma, Grace, Evelyn, Sophie, Charlie, Ava, Anne, and Jake; and his brother William Martin. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Michael, and his grandsons Jack and Martin. A funeral mass was held last Wednesday at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church. Father Denis Theroux officiated the service. Jack was laid to rest at Holy Sepulchre Catholic Cemetery. Contributions are suggested to Our Lady of Victory, 133 Orchard, Northville, MI 48167. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc

ANNA RAIL
Age 81, August 24, 2010. Funeral was August 28 at St. Colette Church, Livonia. Donations to Angela Hospice or Michigan Humane Society. Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

JOHN T. ROGERS
Age 73, August 26, 2010. Funeral was August 31 at Our Lady of Victory, Northville. Memorials: Leader Dogs for the Blind, Memorial Dept., P.O. Box 5000, Rochester, MI 48308. Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com


CELIA ANNE WILLIAMS NEE BLOOM
Aged 75, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, died August 16, 2010. Celia was born in Northville Michigan in 1934; graduated from Eastern Michigan University and received a bachelor of arts, major in English and literature and later a special education teaching certificate. Celia was married to Robert G. Williams. Celia worked for the Northville ISEP program as a special education teacher and for the Michigan Department of Corrections as a basic education teacher until her retirement in 2002. Celia was survived by children Robert (Sharon) G. Williams Jr. of Westland, MI; Eve (Barb) Williams of Pittsford, NY; Kirstin Williams of Fenton, MI; and John Williams of Ann Arbor; sister Martha (Dick) Lyon; grand children Jesse (Crystal) Williams, Avery, Giovanni and Avery Williams. A memorial service will be held at 11:00am, September 4 at the First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor; luncheon to follow. Donations in Celia's name may be made to the Alpha-1 Foundation.


BETTY MAY DAVIS
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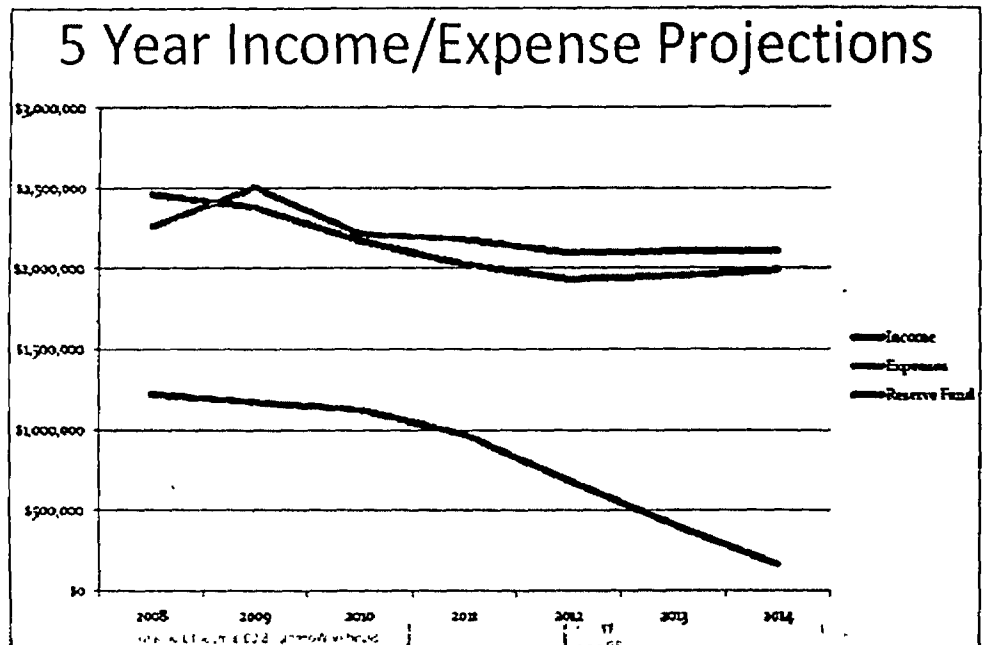
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Obituaries received after these deadlines will be placed in the next available issue.



Victorian Clothing Sale

Luci Klinkhamer of the Northville Historical Society helps a young girl select the perfect outfit for the Victorian Festival Parade. Step back in time to an age when the men seemed rougher and the ladies more feminine than today. Stroll down Main Street in elegance and grace. Northville's annual Victorian Festival is fast approaching. Are you ready? The Northville Historical Society is having their annual Victorian Clothing Sale at Mill Race Village. Clothing and accessories will be available for adults and children from various vendors. Some clothing is new, some gently used and some vintage. From dresses, pinafores, bonnets, hats and relics to knickers, suspenders and newsboy caps, you'll find it all at the clothing sale. The sale will be held on Thursday, Sept. 9 and Friday, Sept. 10 from noon-7 p.m. and Saturday, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Admission is \$2 per adult. For more information contact the Northville Historical Society at (248) 348-1845 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Friday or visit www.millracenorthville.org.



LIBRARY

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has been cut from the acquisition budget for 2011 — from \$215,000 this year to \$151,828 in 2011.

The Friends of the Library have paid for a large part of program costs, and overdue fines have been increased.

STAFF TRAINING CUT

Funds for staff training have been mostly eliminated, and the library has already been using its reserve fund (revenue set aside in previous years) to close the funding gap. By the end of 2014, the fund reserve will be reduced to \$473,715, a 62 percent reduction from the 2008 total.

The library staff also uses a more efficient checkout system and had energy-efficient lighting installed.

A successful .2 millage levy will add \$407,899 in revenue in 2011. Even with increased tax revenue, it will be necessary to use money from the fund reserve to meet current and future library needs. This is because the total tax revenue will be lower in 2014 than what it was in 2008.

The .2 mill will cost those with a home with a taxable value of \$100,000 an additional \$20 a year, a home with a taxable value of \$200,000 an additional \$40 a year and a home with a taxable value of \$300,000 an additional \$60 a year.

NO GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Hansen reminded the public hearing audience that the library receives no funding from the city or township, and that it will receive 16.5 percent less revenue in 2011 than in 2008.

"We're seeing much increased use of the library and much reduced revenue," Hansen said.

The board wants to keep \$500,000 in the fund reserve for future building improvements. "This is about 20 percent of our annual expenses, and the auditors recommended that we keep this amount in reserve," she said. The library hired a building auditing firm in the past.

The library also needs the reserve fund for cash flow.

Also, because the library doesn't receive funding from taxpayers' winter taxes until January or February, and the budget starts in December, "We would have to borrow money and pay interest on it if we didn't have our fund reserve," Hansen said.

The library will close one day a week starting in January

if the millage doesn't pass.

State aid has dropped from \$17,272 in 2009 to only \$4,500 this year and next year. Funding from library fines is projected to be only about \$22,000 in 2011 instead of the \$25,000 received this year. Fines have been increased from 10 cents to 20 cents, but this represents only 1 percent of revenues.

The library has also only gained about \$500 in interest income from investments this year.

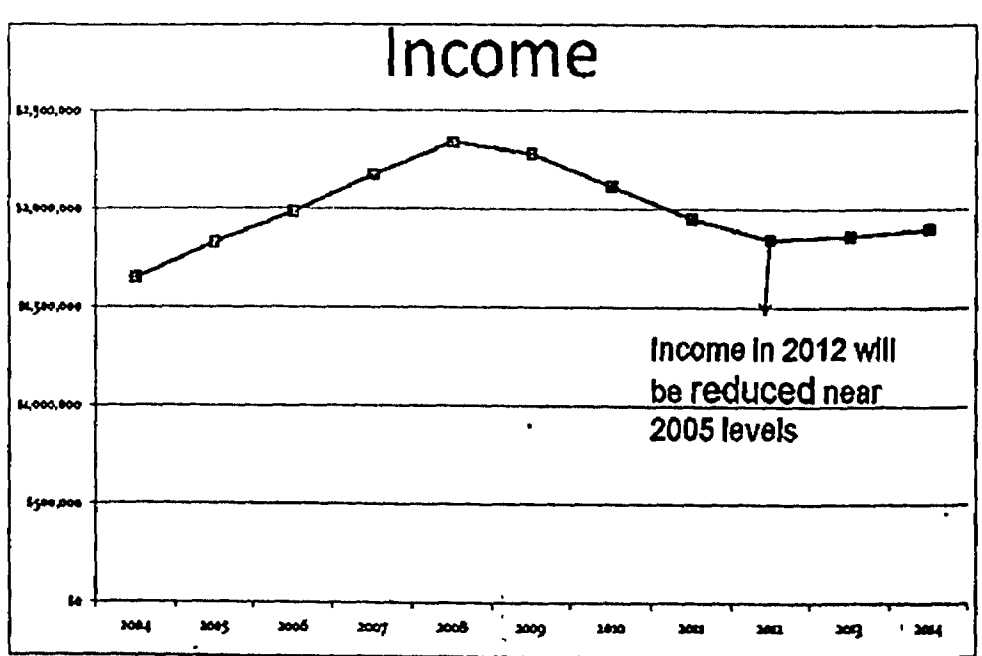
SPECIAL PROGRAMS SLASHED

Special programs that have been cut completely in the proposed 2011 budget prior to the millage vote include children, teen and adult programs, such as entertainers, magicians, presentations by authors such as popular mystery writer Janet Evanovich and craft-making programs.

About a third of these programs are funded by the Friends of the Library, including the summer reading program.

Those who have questions about the proposed .2 mill increase can contact Paul Snyder of the Friends of the Library at psnyder57@comcast.net.

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PROPOSAL

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and will teach fourth- and fifth-graders this school year. Noble works at a family business in Detroit.

"I was trying to come up with a creative idea for the proposal," he said. "We both love the outdoors and are big Michigan fans, so I came up with the University of Michigan wine glasses, and then the horse and carriage came to mind."

The horse and carriage came from the Ann Arbor Carriage Company, and is in Northville quite a bit.

"I had no clue," she said. "My birthday is this weekend, so I just thought we were out for my birthday."

The two will marry on Sept. 17, 2011, in Las Vegas.

"We're just so madly in love," Noble said.

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JULIE YOLLES

Catching Zs at Zazios

At the special VIP pre-opening to Birmingham's newest and tastiest hotspot, Zazios Executive Chef Matt Schellig was one excited host. "I've had three too many Red Bulls," joked Schellig, whose first culinary job dates back to high school at Olga's here in Birmingham. Everyone's been raving about this place. It feels great to finally be open. It's been a blast. And so the patrons will tell you. The party starts at 5 p.m. seven nights a week for dinner only. Want a spot at the coveted Chef's Table where Schellig will prepare a customized five-course meal? \$65 per person with optional wine pairings at \$30 additional. Pictured (l to r) Shelley Luke of Santa Monica, Calif.; Northville residents Alana Gabriel and Carla Heikkinen, Michelle Norton of Farmington Hills and Cheryl Adams of Royal Oak.

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GOP challenger Milton seeks county sheriff post

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Shelly Milton is a Republican challenging incumbent Democratic Sheriff Benny Napoleon for the Wayne County sheriff's position.

"It's just something I feel has been a goal of mine," said Milton, 41, a Wayne County sheriff's deputy. "I can see our department heading in a different direction. I want to do something about it."

This is her first try at elected office.

"I want to provide quality law enforcement, detention and support services to the citizens of Wayne County as well as other police agencies. I want to restore the integrity, respect and honor within the department. I am ready to serve the citizens of Wayne County as their sheriff," Milton said on her website, www.shellyforsheriff.com.

She had been thinking recently about running for sheriff, and "to start reaching toward those goals."

Milton cites on her website providing mental health services for inmates who need them.

At the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice, she praises Judge Tim Kenny of the Wayne County Circuit Court's program, related to mental health issues. "I just want to keep working with him on the goal. He's doing a great thing. I'd like to have cooperation with the sheriff's department and the court for that."

Milton said her top two goals for the sheriff's department are downsizing, "cutting at the top," with fewer command staffers, and working with the community.

To cut costs, Milton said some inmates can do work programs. Supervised inmates can provide maintenance in and around the jail, such as cleaning and grounds maintenance.

"They would be supervised working outside the jail." Inmates are screened for tethers now, she said, and some work in the jail under supervision.

The GED program must be revived, she said, along with implementing new programs such as parenting and anger management classes.

"A lot of them are eventually placed on some type of probation" and often required to have a GED. "There are classrooms in the jail."

GED classes were held in the past, Milton said. "I'd like to get that going again." She doesn't want inmates sitting idle.

Milton also lists on her website: improving working relationships between the jails, Probation Department, and the legal system to create an open line of communication that will allow departments to exchange critical information concerning programs such as probation, boot camp, tether, drug rehabilitation and work release.

"I would like to see the sheriff's department working with

the community leaders," she said. Some cities have paid for their inmates to go up north, she said, such as Livonia and Redford. That's done to avoid early release.

"The taxpayers are spending money through the jail space," Milton said. "I'm going to work with them and keep their prisoners like we're supposed to."

She also wants the sheriff's department to have services to aid inmates in townships facing housing situations or other emergencies. "I want to make our services available to these departments. We should be the backup they need."

Milton acknowledged her Democratic competitor, Napoleon, has more name recognition.

"It may be. I'm kind of hoping to be like David in David and Goliath," she said. "I really don't know what's going to pan out." She's campaigning hard and meeting voters "so they can see and know what their choice is."

"It is a challenge. I can't campaign while I'm working." She does a lot of weekends and other off-hours. "I'm thankful to have a supportive family. My children have been learning a lot."

"I think I do have an honest chance of winning the job. She's staying positive, very focused."

"This is just as exciting and overwhelming. I'm learning so much." Milton hasn't met Napoleon, but has no issues with work colleagues, "thankfully."

SHELLY MILTON
Age: 41
Hometown: Belleville



Shelly Milton

Occupation: Joined Wayne County Sheriff's Department as a deputy in January 1999. Assigned to Frank Murphy Hall of Justice for

the past seven years. Began law enforcement career with River Rouge Police Department; worked behind the scenes for sheriff's department 1989-92. Instructor at Wayne County Sheriff's Training Unit past six years. Certified by Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards to teach defensive tactics, spontaneous knife defense and ground avoidance/ground escape.

Education: Graduate of Wayne County Regional Police Academy, 1992.

Family: Husband of 14 years Jabaar Milton, a Detroit police officer; four children ranging from 4-14

Community involvement: Serves as vice president of the Board of Directors of Creative Montessori Academy in Southgate. She and her family are members of Strictly Biblical Bible Teaching Ministries.



Bridge champs

On June 4-5, the Worldwide Bridge Federation held a Worldwide Duplicate Bridge Competition - a "duplicate" event where all the bridge players played the exact same hands, premade which makes it a more skillful competition. Michigan's Dr. Norman Bolton, from Beverly Hills, and Ms. Debra Eaves, from Northville, competed simultaneously against 4,894 pairs, of which 2,596 pairs were from the U.S. Bolton and Eaves played at the Bridge Connection in Southfield. They finished first in the U.S. and fourth in the world behind pairs from Canada, India and South Africa and just ahead of a pair from Chinese Taipei. They have had a very successful partnership for the last three years winning many local tournament events and a vast number of club games but nothing equivalent to this major accomplishment.

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Vickie Stringer is an Essence best-selling author and publisher of Triple Crown Publications, one of the most successful African-American book publishers in the country, as well as abroad. This ex-con, former drug dealer began her literary career after doing a seven-year stint in prison, where she penned her first novel, and went on to self-publish her book.



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14-er

The Hoffmeier family, of Northville, has a 14-year tradition of climbing a "14-er" in Colorado. On Aug. 10, they joined 15 others for their annual reunion of hiking one of the 54 14,000-foot mountains. This year it was Mt Democrat, which took the parents eight hours to climb from the trailhead. The two daughters and son-in-laws went on to climb three other peaks that day, marking several off their list. Shown (l to r) are Stephen and Rebekah Karimi, Will and Barbara Hoffmeier, and Sarah and Kurt Kaiser.



ENGAGEMENT



Varley & DePerro

Dennis and Ro Varley of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathryn Varley, of Novi, to Christopher DePerro, of Grand Blanc, son of Phillip and Karen DePerro of Saucier, Miss.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Western Michigan University and works for Livonia Public Schools.

The groom-elect is a graduate of Michigan State University and works for Logicals.

The couple are planning an Oct. 8 wedding at St. James Catholic Church.

ENGAGEMENT

Rodriguez & Churella

Carlee Rodriguez and Josh Churella of Ann Arbor announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Randy and Sandy Rodriguez of Plymouth, graduated from Eastern Michigan University and currently substitute teaches in elementary school.

Her fiancé, son of Mark and Leslie Churella of Northville, graduated from the University of Michigan. He is director of operations for the University of Michigan wrestling team.

An Oct. 15 wedding is planned at The Inn at St. Johns.



The Holloways

Long-time Northville residents Rob and Joy Holloway celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at Table 5 in downtown Northville.

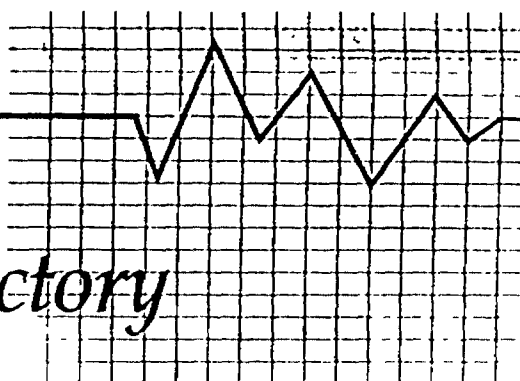


Out west

Northville's Karen Paterson is shown in Ogden, Utah with her hometown paper in her classroom. She landed a job in the Ogden School District teaching special education, grades kindergarten through sixth. She graduated last spring from Grand Valley State University with a degree in special education. "She's way out west on her grand adventure," said her father, Keith Paterson.

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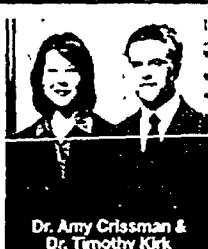


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NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP POLICE REPORT

Theft from auto

1 A 25-year-old resident on Stoneridge Drive told police that someone stole items from his vehicle between 5 p.m. Aug. 3 and 6:26 a.m. Aug. 4. Stolen items included a wallet, GPS unit and mount and iPod.

The wallet was valued at \$30; the iPod was valued at \$125; and the GPS unit was valued at \$200.

Retail fraud at Meijer

2 A 45-year-old Walled Lake woman was arrested for retail fraud at 8:05 p.m. on Aug. 6 at the Meijer store at 20401 Haggerty Road.

Stolen and recovered items included miscellaneous groceries, drinks, batteries and a tote bag totaling \$174.00.

The woman and her adult daughter went through a self-checkout lane. The woman scanned and paid for only \$9.99 worth of merchandise, paid for those items, then left the unpaid items in her cart and walked out the door.

Trespassing arrests

3 Nine suspects were arrested for trespassing at the former Northville State Hospital site at 41001 Seven Mile Road at 12:45 a.m. on Aug. 7.

The group of teenagers were seen by police leaving the property and walking north on Maxwell Road toward the back of Rocky's Restaurant.

The arrestees included a 19-year-old man from

Dearborn; four 19-year-old men from Dearborn Heights; two 19-year-old women from Dearborn Heights; a 17-year-old woman from Dearborn Heights; and an 18-year-old woman from Dearborn Heights.

The teens said they had just been walking around the property.

Operating intoxicated

4 A 32-year-old Livonia man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 1:30 a.m. on Aug. 20 at Haggerty and Cross roads.

The man was pulled over for running a red light while turning onto southbound Haggerty Road going west on Seven Mile Road.

The suspect vehicle also made a wide left turn, then straddled the lane divider lines before moving back into the left through lane, according to police.

The man had difficulty finding his driver's license, and police could smell alcohol coming from inside the vehicle. The officer also noticed that the man's eyes were glassy and that his speech was slow and slurred.

He said he was coming from Doc's Bar at Seven Mile and I-275 and that he had had only one beer within the last hour and a half.

His blood alcohol level was measured at almost two times the illegal limit of .08 on a preliminary breath test.

Marijuana possession

5 A 49-year-old Hagerstown, Md., man was arrested for possession of marijuana at 2:38 a.m. on Aug. 21 at Eight Mile Road and Silver Springs Drive.

The man was stopped while walking on the sidewalk on the north side of Eight Mile Road without a shirt because he appeared to be intoxicated.

The man was walking with an 18-year-old Novi man. The officer offered to give the men a ride to their destination, which was the younger man's apartment in Novi. Police found marijuana on the older man when they patted him down before he got into the patrol car.

The man had about 4 grams of marijuana in a baggie and small glass jar in his pants pockets.

Drunk driving arrest

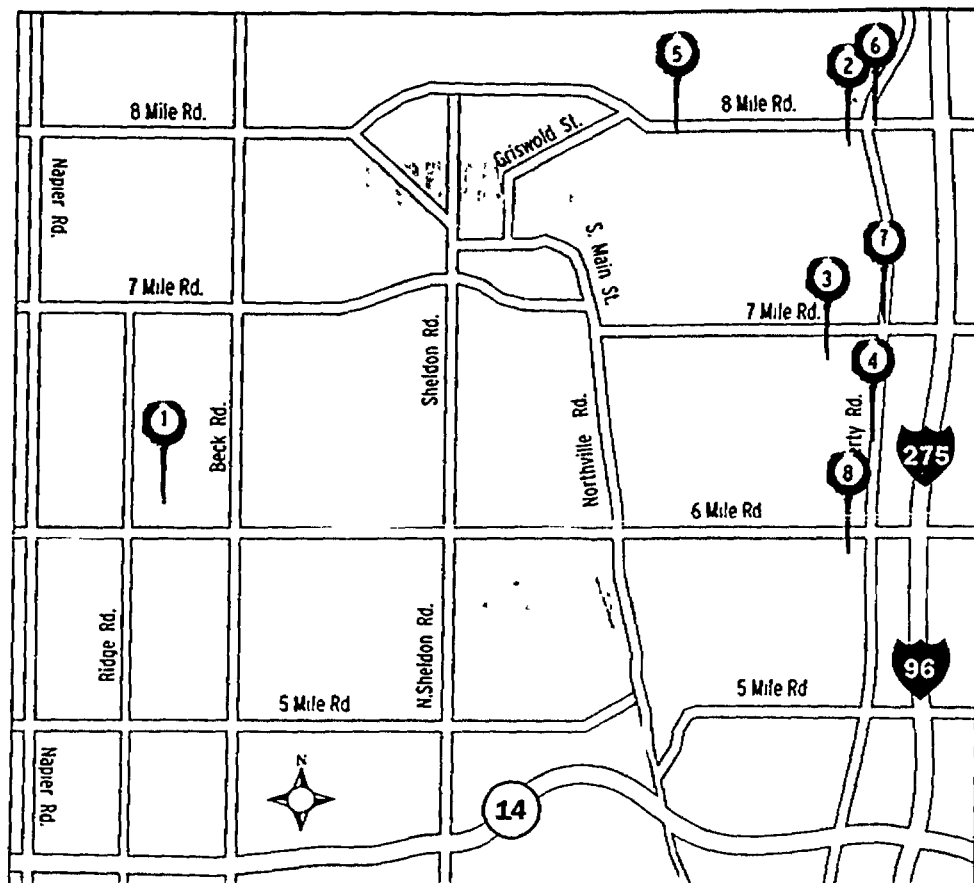
6 A 53-year-old Farmington man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 6:28 a.m. on Aug. 21 at Haggerty and Eight Mile roads.

The man was pulled over when he turned right on a No Turn On Red sign from northbound Haggerty Road onto eastbound Eight Mile Road.

The man's truck was partially filled with empty beer cans, and there was a strong odor of intoxicants coming from inside his vehicle.

The entire passenger side of the truck was also covered with empty beer cans, and he was unable to produce current proof of insurance.

The man said he had been



drinking since he got off work about a half hour ago in the parking lot of The Home Depot at Seven Mile and Haggerty roads.

His eyes appeared to be red and bloodshot. A preliminary breath test revealed a blood alcohol level almost twice the illegal limit of .08 percent.

Drunk, concealed gun

7 A 26-year-old Farmington Hills man was arrested for operating while intoxicated and violating his concealed weapon permit at 2:21 a.m. on Aug. 22 at Seven Mile and

Haggerty roads.

The man's pistol was located in the center console with a full magazine and a round in the chamber.

After police smelled alcohol on his breath after making a traffic stop, he said he had drank a few draft beers at a bar.

Gas station incident

8 A 54-year-old Livonia man was arrested for drunk driving at 6:25 p.m. Aug. 21 at the Mobil gas station at 39425 Six Mile Road.

A woman called police to

say that as she was waiting to pull out onto Six Mile Road from the station that a car in front of her backed up and hit her vehicle while she was stopped.

Police could smell alcohol on the driver's breath, and the man said he had drank one beer at Applebee's Restaurant at dinner.

A preliminary breath test showed that he was more than three times the illegal limit of .08 percent blood alcohol level.

Compiled by staff writer Pam Fleming

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
NOTICE OF NECESSITY HEARING

SHADBROOK SUBDIVISION ROAD RECONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

1. The Township Board has received petitions signed by the record owners of land whose total front footage constitutes more than 50% of the total front footage in the hereinafter described Shadbrook Subdivision Road Reconstruction Improvements Special Assessment District for the purposes of making the hereinafter described improvements and assessing the cost of the improvements to the Shadbrook Road Reconstruction Improvements Special Assessment District.

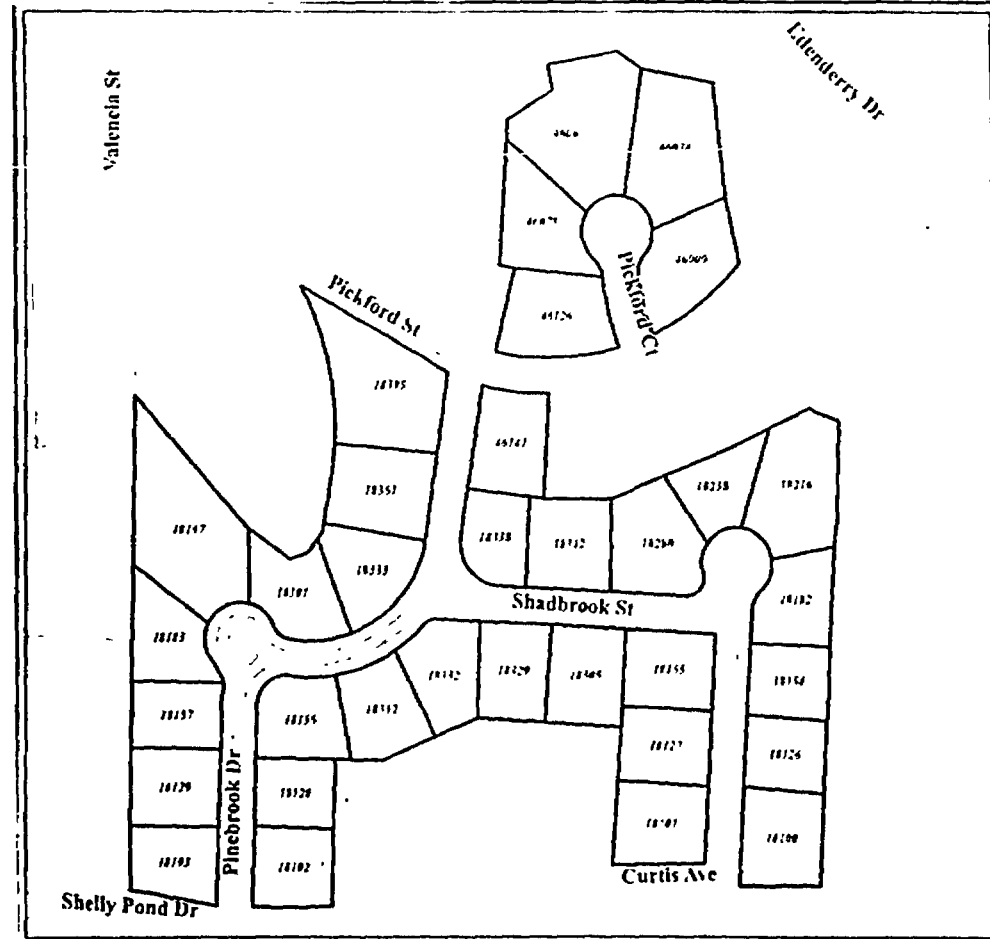
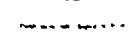
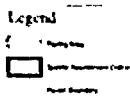
2. The Township Board has tentatively declared its intention to construct the improvements in the Township described in Exhibit A: EXHIBIT A Project Description Reconstructing Pickford Ct, Pinebrook Drive, and Shadbrook Street within the Shadbrook Subdivision, as further described and to assess the cost of the improvements to the lands which will be especially benefited thereby, as set forth in the special assessment district described in Exhibit B: Benefitting Parcels. The following parcels will benefit from this improvement:

8277 033 03 0001 000 through 8277 033 03 0015 000
8277 033 02 0006 000 through 8277 033 02 0010 000
8277 033 02 0017 000 through 8277 033 02 0045 000

3. The estimated cost of the improvements, the amount to be specially assessed, the amount to be a general obligation of the Charter Township of Northville and the special assessment district are as follows:

Estimated Cost	\$400,000
Amount to be assessed against lands in the special assessment district	\$400,000
Amount to be a general obligation of the Charter Township of Northville	\$0

4. The petitions, maps showing the location of the improvements and the special assessment district, plans, specifications and a cost estimate for the improvements are on file with the Township Clerk for public examination.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP
OF NORTHVILLESHAD BROOK
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NOTICE TO THE RESIDENT'S
OFFICE CLOSING

The Charter Township of Northville Administrative Offices will be closed on Monday, September 6, 2010 in observance of Labor Day. The offices will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday September 7, 2010.

POLICE & FIRE EMERGENCY SERVICES
WILL REMAIN AVAILABLE

Publish: September 2, 2010

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS -
PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, September 15, 2010, at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The ZBA will consider a variance request for residents at 16696 Brooklane Blvd (Rear Yard Setback).

Written comments regarding these requests will be received by the ZBA at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M.

Paul Slatin, Chair

Zoning Board of Appeals

Publish: September 2, 2010

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
Notice to the Residents

There will be a PUBLIC HEARING on the budget for the fiscal year January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 at the Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168 at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 16, 2010, at the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees.

All interested residents are invited to attend. Comments and questions concerning the proposed budget will be heard at the public hearing.

A copy of the proposed budget will be available for public inspection at the Township Clerk's office on September 13, 2010 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk

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5. The Township Board will meet in the Township Hall located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan, at 7:30 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, on Thursday, September 6, 2010, to hear and consider any objections that may be submitted by any interested person with respect to the petitions, the making of the improvements and the assessing of part of the cost thereof to the aforesaid special assessment district.

6. If the Township Board approves the petitions and the making of the improvements, a special assessment may be levied against properties that benefit from the improvements. Act 186 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1973, as amended, provides that the special assessment must be protested at the hearing held for the purpose of confirming the special assessment roll before the Michigan Tax Tribunal may acquire jurisdiction of any dispute involving the special assessment. The hearing of the purpose of confirming the special assessment roll will be held, if at all, at some time in the future pursuant to notice given as required by law. Appearance and protest at such hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner of or party in interest in property to be assessed, or his or her agent, may appear in person to protest the special assessment, or may protest the special assessment by letter filed with the Township Clerk at or prior to the THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN by order of the Township Board.

SUE A. HILLEBRAND, Clerk
Charter Township of Northville

Publish: August 26 and September 2, 2010

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Beans and radishes for sale at the market.



Clara Stockhausen buys some sunflowers from Hatfield and Sons at the Aug. 12 Northville Farmer's Market.



Steve Karp sells peaches at his Northville Farmer's Market stall on Aug. 12.

PHOTOS BY JOHN HEICER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Duke Donahee of Donahee and Sons sells his Northville-grown tomatoes at the Aug. 12 market. Donahee runs a farm at Five and Napier Rd

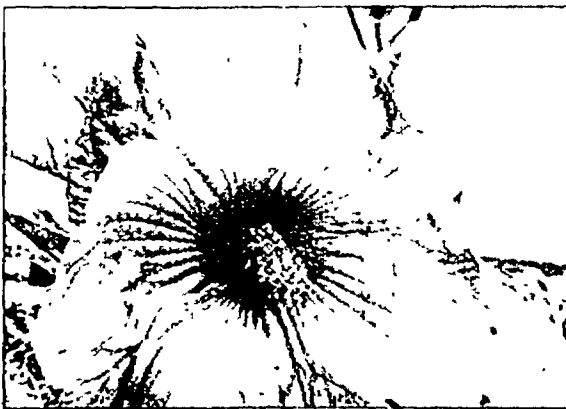


John Hatfield prepares some zinnias for sale.

Matt Welemirov seasons and then grills some veggies with his "Matt's Mix" seasoning at the farmer's market - and then offers them to shoppers.



Northville Farmer's Market shoppers use carts to haul around their purchases.



A hibiscus plant for sale at the Northville Farmer's Market.

OUR VIEWS

So long, summer

Get ready for school and enjoy this weekend

Summer, where have you gone?

While it's hard to believe, the football teams at Novi and Northville high schools took to the field for the first time last week to kick off the 2010 season. Activity has picked up at all the schools during the last week or so, as teachers and administrators began getting ready for a new school year, which starts on Tuesday. While many parents are probably celebrating the milestone, and the fact that the kids will be out of their hair, it still seems like yesterday when the kids got out of school in June.

More than New Year's Eve, the back-to-school season is when many families resolve to make changes for the better. And why not? The start of school is the best time to establish good habits that will help kids succeed in class. After a summer of staying up late, spending too much time in front of the TV and computer, and eating too much junk food, children are ready for a little more structure in their lives.

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Here are several common-sense tips from the American Academy of Pediatrics and other child-advocacy organizations to help your child get off to a good start.

- Start the day off right by getting your children up in enough time to get ready without rushing and to eat a healthy breakfast.

- Develop a homework routine.

- Communicate with your child about his day. Ask specific questions.

- Check younger students' backpacks for notes, missed assignments, book orders, etc.

- Limit the time your child spends in front of the TV and computer.

- Communicate with your child's teacher.

- Spend time at your child's school.

- Set a bedtime and stick to it.

- Read with and to your child; get your child a library card.

- Be supportive of your child's teachers and the school system.

- Be a positive role model for your children.

Let's face it, the beginning of the school year is kind of like the unofficial end of summer. All we have left, then, is this weekend, — a three-day holiday weekend in which we celebrate Labor Day.

While Labor Day has come to signify summer barbecues and family vacations for most people, its origins date back to the late 1800s and the beginnings of the trade union movement. While it is still a big deal for most union members, many people don't really appreciate the meaning of this annual holiday. Of course, with so many people unemployed these days, the appreciation level has probably gained some momentum.

Let's all have a fun (and safe) holiday weekend, but also take a moment and reflect on the meaning of Labor Day and the importance of having a job, and how many people right now are without one. Keep them in your thoughts. If you are fortunate enough to be employed in this job market, you should give thanks. There are far too many who would be happy to change places with you.

And as you are cooking that burger or hot dog, sipping a cold drink and spending time with family, remember how nice Michigan summers are. Autumn is right around the corner, and we all know what comes after that.

CLARIFICATION

Last week's editorial, "Consolidation: Is now the time to combine Novi, Northville school districts?" included this statement: "According to Watkins, a study was done in the mid-1990s that demonstrated an annual countywide savings of up to \$10 million — but it was never implemented."

To clarify, Watkins indicated that "the \$10 million saving was for special education transportation in Wayne County, not just Northville/Novi ... Imagine if reforms were initiated years ago?"

COMMUNITY VOICE

Why do you bring your kids to Coach Dave's Kiddie Sports and Games?



"To get them into playing in a team spirit and they learn to coordinate themselves."

Michele Hutton
Northville



"They (her kids) talk it about it all the time ... They like the variety and they love Coach Dave."

Karen Gugala
Northville



"Working out is great for the kids. He (Coach Dave) works them hard and tires them out."

Sheila Rasmussen
Northville



"Coach Dave doesn't take sports too seriously, and that's very important at their young age."

Kirsten Bros
Northville

LETTERS

Better off with Republican leadership

Letter writer Irene Piccone, in her Aug. 19 letter, is concerned that Democrats may skip the Nov. 2 elections, sweeping Republicans to power in Congress. Since we've had recent history of Republicans leading Congress (1995 to 2006) and Democrats in control (2007 to present), it is easy to compare results of the two parties, as follows:

- The average unemployment rate during Republican control was under 5.0 percent, and was about 4.6 percent when they ceded control to the Democrats. Under Democrat control, it has now more than doubled.

- The federal deficit averaged \$200 billion per year under the Republicans. It is now averaging \$1.2 trillion per year under the Democrats.

- Housing values increased about 3 percent per year under the Republicans, and decreased about 9 percent per year under Democrat control.

- The stock market increased by an average of 16 percent per year during the Republican years; it decreased about 5 percent per year under the Democrats.

Maybe some of the Democrats she's concerned about are worried about their jobs, homes and 401(k)s and are waking up to this realization: A Republican-led Congress is a much better steward of the U.S. economy than

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters via the following formats.

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Read or comment online:
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Deadline: Letters must be received by 10 a.m. Monday to be published in the Thursday edition.

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a Democrat-led Congress.

Rick Engelland
Northville

Blitz kudos

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who donated their time and energies for our Back 2 School Blitz 3.

Over a four-day period, 72 volunteers donated 165 hours of their time to collect, sort, pack and distribute school supplies for children in the Plymouth, Canton, Belleville

and Northville communities.

Our volunteers packed 360 backpacks and so far 345 children have received a backpack filled with school supplies for the upcoming school year.

Blessings to our donors and volunteers for without their support, the Plymouth Salvation Army could not accomplish all that we strive to do.

Teresa Moriarty

Special Events & Volunteer director, The Salvation Army - Plymouth Corps & Community Center

Thanks for aid

On the morning of Wednesday, Aug. 25, I took an accidental flying leap outside a gas station near Seven Mile and Northville Road. I would like to express my appreciation for the two female customers who offered aid and comfort as I assessed my injuries and tried to collect my pride.

One of the lovely women stayed with me while my husband gathered ice for my head bump and the other produced a soft, comforting cloth for use in making an ice pack. To each of you, a big thank you! Your kindness and willingness to do what you could to help a stranger certainly did not go unnoticed. I will remember it always.

Pat Sobieski
Northville

GUEST COLUMN

Welcome back to school: Public education remains vital in the U.S.

Welcome back to school — words that might be dreaded by some students, but celebrated by many students, parents and teachers.



Tom Watkins

A quality education in America today cannot be considered a luxury, it is a necessity. In today's fast-paced, unpredictable, disruptive, technologically driven, global knowledge economy, a child without a decent education may become the adult without much of a future tomorrow.

When we think about our children and students, we need to create every opportunity and condition for them to be successful learners.

Preparation begins with the parents, so here's a message to Mom or Dad or the caretakers of kids: YOU are your children's first and most important and lifelong teacher. Please hug, love and read to them — even before they pop into this world.

Don't stop being engaged as they leave elementary school to enter those challenging teen years — stay involved! Child development brain researchers and Nobel Prize-winning economists

have determined that up to 85 percent of the human brain is developed in the first five years of life (See National Scientific Council on the Developing Child @ <http://www.stpt.usf.edu/fsc/documents/CradleofProsperity.pdf>).

Investing in these early years has the best economic impact for the child, community, state and nation. Send your child to school ready to learn, whether it's to kindergarten or senior high school.

In today's economic and political rancor, teachers may find it hard to recall why they devote their lives to this vital profession. But teachers DO make a difference and will be re-energized when they see students seated in a classroom ready and eager to learn. Teachers truly touch our collective futures with every lesson taught.

When we stop and think for a moment, public schools — whether traditional or charter — are the true Statues of Liberty in our great country. Can you name another American institution that takes the tired, hungry, poor children, kids with disabilities to give them the opportunity to learn? That is truly what our schools are all about.

If you believe as I do, that our schools are symbolic Statues of Liberty, then teachers are indeed the torch bearers,

lighting the way for us all.

THE BEST YEAR EVER!

So as the new school year begins, let's remember these three basic ideals:

- In spite of the current economic challenges, great things are happening in our schools every day thanks to dedicated educators.

- The world is changing in dramatic ways as educators struggle to embrace and lead these changes.

- Our future is sitting in our classrooms today. The vitality of our state, the strength of our economy, the quality of our lives, the vibrancy of our democracy, and our place in the world depends on the quality of our schools.

All of us might reflect on the value of a quality education, re-dedicating ourselves to do our part in assuring our children, ALL of our children, get the education they need and deserve.

Let the school year begin. My hope is that this might be the year, as Bill Cecil, Michigan's 2003-04 Teacher of the Year (<http://www.bestyearever.net/>) calls it in his book, "The Best Year Ever!"

Tom Watkins is an education and business consultant in the U.S. and China. He was Michigan's state superintendent of schools 2001-05. He can be reached at: tdwatkins@aol.com.

More: For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Northville Calendar online at www.hometownlife.com.

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

Northville-Novi Newcomers

Membership Tea and Kickoff

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8

Location: Northville Hills Golf Club, Main Banquet Room
Details: Find out about the many activities the club offers. Tea and sandwiches served, \$8.50 for guests (applied toward membership); complementary for paid members.

Contact: Claudia Snyder khunclaudia@hotmail.com, (248) 374-4093

Master Gardener Association of Wayne County Produce Collection for Civic Concern

Time/Date: 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursdays through Oct. 1

Location: Northville Farmer's Market, booth #57 - Master Gardener Resource Table
Details: As Master Gardeners await gardening questions from Farmer's Market shoppers, they will also gather produce contributions for the local food pantry, Northville Civic Concern. Any produce, homegrown or purchased at the market will aid neighbors in need.
Contact: Sher Watkins, Market Master, (248) 349-7640

Author Bryan Gruley signing

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Sept. 10

Location: Next Chapter Bookstore & Bistro, 141 E. Main, Northville
Details: Author of "The Hanging Tree".

Loss of a Loved One - A Legal Perspective

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sept. 22

Location: New Hope Center for Grief Support at 315 Griswold, Northville
Details: If you have recently suffered the loss of a loved one, attorney Ron Thompson of Thompson-Platte will offer a legal perspective regarding the many issues someone might face when someone they love dies. These include minimizing tax consequences, dealing with decedent's creditors, methods to best protect surviving family members and the issues involving updating wills and trust. This is a free seminar, but seating is limited.
Contact: (248) 348-0115 to register.

American Legion

Location: Northville American Legion Lloyd H. Green Post 147, 100 W. Dunlap
Contact: www.americanlegionpost147.org. Slider Nite



Little Girl by Ann Avery

Avery's art

The Northville Art House is showcasing Northville fiber artist Ann Avery, currently selling at the Art House Store. Avery is a fiber and jewelry artist originally from North Carolina. She attended art school at East Carolina University and majored in drawing and painting. In 1983, she taught herself how to sew and now applies the same composition and techniques she learned in her courses to her sewing. Avery currently lives in Northville and has been working in fabric manipulation and fiber figures for the last seven years. She does not consider herself a traditional quilter - "I just like to throw fabric together and see what happens." She calls her fiber figures Little Girls. "They are not traditional dolls; they're a little stranger. I add a lot of different fabrics together to create texture." She uses her same philosophy to make paperweights and creates funky little pieces of art that are always unique and whimsical. The Art House Store is open 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday and 1-9 p.m. every first Friday of the month. The Store features the work of over 40 local artists. For additional information, call (248) 344-0954 or visit www.northvillearts.org. The Art House is located at 215 W. Cady Street and is a facility of the Northville Arts Commission.

Time/Date: 5:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays

Details: Open to the public (including children). \$1 each for a slide or fries

Northville Community

Chamber of Commerce
Contact: (248) 349-7640
Farmers' Market

Time/Date: 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursdays

Location: Parking lot on the northwest corner of Seven Mile Road and Center Street (across from Northville Downs).

Details: The next Chef Series at the Farmers Market is July 15 with Chef Matt Welemirov from Matt's Mix cooking. Aug. 19 Edward's Café & Catering is cooking.

Victorian Festival

Date: Sept. 17-19

Location: downtown Northville and Mill Race Village

Details: Annual event focusing on the Victorian era. (Look for the official festival program in the Sept. 9 Northville Record.)

Contact: (248) 349-7640

The Art House

Location: 215 W. Cady St., Northville

Hours: 1-5 p.m. Saturdays; 1-9 p.m. on first Fridays of each month

Details: Admission to Art House exhibits are always free and open to the public.

Contact: Northville Art House (248) 344-0497 or www.northvillearts.org for on-going art classes, lectures, events, rentals, volunteering

Mill Race Historical Village

Location: 215 Griswold Ave., north of Main Street near Ford Field

Details: Office open 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday-Friday. Village buildings open 1-4 p.m., Sundays, mid-June to mid-October

Contact: (248) 348-1845

(*Grounds closed to public)

Thursday: 9 a.m. Archives Open; 6 p.m. Rehearsal

Friday: 9 a.m. Archives Open; 3:45-5:45 p.m.

Wedding*: 6 p.m. Rehearsal

Saturday: 2:45-4:45 p.m. Wedding*

Sunday: 1-4 p.m. Village Buildings Open free to the public

Monday: Office closed for Labor Day

Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang

Wednesday: 1 p.m. AAUW, 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation Group

Maybury State Park

Location: Eight Mile Road (between Beck and Napier roads.) State Park motor vehicle permit required for park entry; \$6 daily, \$24 annually (\$6 annually for seniors 65 and older).

Contact: (248) 349-8790 Friends of Maybury (248) 349-3856 or FriendsOfMaybury.org

Genitti's Little Theater

Location: 108 E. Main St.

Contact: Call for reservations (248) 349-0522 or genittis.com

ACTING WORKSHOPS

DATE: We will open any date for 10 or more.

REGIONAL EVENTS

Free Varicose Vein Screening at Providence Park Hospital in Novi

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25

Location: The Providence Park Outpatient Center is located at 47601 Grand River Avenue at Beck Road. Enter the campus off of Grand River Avenue and come to the main entrance of the Outpatient Center.

Details: Do you or your family suffer with varicose veins and the discomfort they cause? If so, please plan on attending this free screening. You will learn what types of treatment are available for Varicose Veins including surgical procedures, compressive stockings, sclerotherapy and laser ablation. The free screening will be conducted by Comprehensive Vascular Care, P.C. Dr. Kevin Nolan, Dr. William Oppat, Dr. Tamer Boules.

Contact: (248) 424-5748 to schedule the time of your screening

Women's Network Source

Time/Date: 6:30-9:30 p.m. second Mondays

Location: Real Estate One, 346 N. Lafayette, South Lyon

Details: Networking and education meetings; cost is \$5. Women's Network Source was established to empower, motivate and support women to become successful entrepreneurs. WNS welcomes women curious about exploring whether to start a new business or learning how to grow their current business to attend an upcoming meeting.

Contact: Debra Downing at (248) 252-2952 or downingddd@aol.com

Moondusters Ballroom Dance Club

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. lessons, 8:30-11:30 p.m. dance every Saturday

Location: Livonia Senior Center, Five Mile and Farmington roads, Livonia

Details: Lessons are \$6, dance with live music is \$6, cost for both is \$10.

Contact: Joe Castrodale (248) 968-5197

Compuware Arena Drive-In Theatre

Time: Gates open at 7:30 p.m.; movies start at dusk

Location: 14900 Beck Road, Plymouth Township

Details: through Sept. 5. Compuware Arena Drive-In Theatre presents feature films on large outdoor screens. Patrons can hear the movies through the FM radio of their car.

Contact: To find out about the movies playing at The Compuware Arena Drive-in, please call the movie hotline at (734) 927-3284. Information can also be found online at <http://www.compuwarearena.com/drivein.html>

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MEETINGS

Northville Public Schools

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Date: Second and fourth Tuesday of the month
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Old Village School

City of Northville

CITY COUNCIL

Date: First and third Monday of the month
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: City Hall, 215 W. Main St.

DOWNTOWN Development

AUTHORITY MEETING

Date: Third Tuesday of each month
Time: 8 a.m.
Location: City Hall Meeting Room A, on lower level, 215 W. Main St.

Contact: downtownorthville.com

PLANNING COMMISSION

Date: First and third Tuesday of month
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: City Hall

HOUSING COMMISSION

Date: Second Wednesday of every month
Time: 3 p.m.
Location: Allen Terrace, 401 High St.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Date: Third Wednesday of month
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: City Hall

ARTS COMMISSION

Date: Second Wednesday of every month
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Date: First Monday of every month
Time: 8 a.m.
Details: Individuals and organizations invited to attend

Location: Northville City Hall, Meeting Room 8

Northville Township

PLANNING COMMISSION

Date: Last Tuesday of month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Township Hall, 44405 West Six Mile

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date: Third Thursday of month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Township Hall

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Date: Third Wednesday of month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Township Hall

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Date: Third Monday of month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Township Hall

YOUTH ASSISTANCE

Date: Second Tuesday of every month

Time: 8 a.m.

Location: Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road

Contact: Sue Campbell (248) 344-1618

SENIOR EVENTS

Senior Community Center

Location: 303 W. Main St.

Contact: (248) 349-4140

THURSDAY

8 a.m.: Walking Club

9 a.m.: TOPS; Massage by appt.

10:30 a.m.: Yoga

11 a.m.: Cribbage

Noon: Walking Club

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle

FRIDAY

8 a.m.: Walking Club

11 a.m.: Poker

11:30 a.m.: Walking Club

Noon: Walking Club

1 p.m.: Movie

MONDAY

8 a.m.: Walking Club

9:30 a.m.: Mah Jongg

10 a.m.: Beginning Line Dance; Oxyise

11 a.m.: Adv. Line Dance

Noon: Walking Club

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle/Euchre

TUESDAY

8 a.m.: Walking Club

10:30 a.m.: Yoga

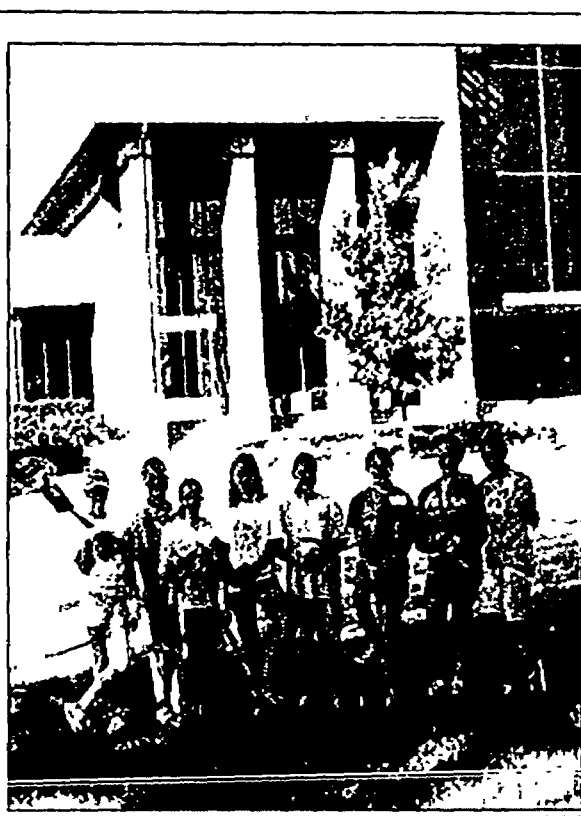
11:30 a.m.: Walking Club

Noon: Walking Club

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle

WEDNESDAY

8 a.m.: Walking Club



Garden volunteers

Girl Scout Troop 40010 of Northville has volunteered its time this summer maintaining the Friendship (Hosta) Garden in front of Northville Township Hall. The troop includes Lauren Sargent, Brianna Mayh, Sarah Ptashnik, Olivia McCutcheon, Beatrice Mayh, Claire O'Meara, Shannon Hayes and Brittany Mayh. Not pictured is Katherine Stanley. Many thanks to Marie Barr for her help setting up this endeavor.

9 a.m.: Foot Reflexology by appt.

10 a.m.: Oxyise

11 a.m.: Strength Training

11:30 a.m.: Walking Club

Noon: Bridge; Walking Club

1 p.m.: Cribbage

7 p.m.: Bridge

CO-ED ADULT 50+ OPEN VOLLEYBALL

TIME/DAYS: 10 a.m.-noon Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Location: Recreation Center at Hillside

Details: All levels of play welcome; bring your friends; \$1.

Contact: Northville Parks and Recreation (248) 449-9947

HEALTH WALKING

Date: Monday-Friday

Time: 8-10 a.m.

Location: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

PILATES CLASS

Time/Date: 6 p.m. each Tuesday

BUNCO

Time/Date: 12:30 p.m. second Thursday of each month

Details: Call Senior Community Center 24 hours in advance to register; \$1 per person.

FRIDAY FLICKS

Time: 1 p.m. every Friday

Details: Cost is \$1.

LIBRARY LINES

Northville District Library

Location: 212 W. Cady St., near Northville City Hall

Time/Day: 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday-Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

Contact: (248) 349-3020 or northvillelibrary.org for information regarding programs and library materials.

The Library will be closed for Labor Day on Monday, Sept. 6.

Friends of the Library Used Book Sale

Time/Date: Varied times; Sept. 30-Oct. 3

Details: Find bargains on used books, DVDs and CDs at the annual book sale, sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Members of the Friends Preview night is 7-9 p.m. Thursday.

Sept. 30 with coffee and cookies. Join the Friends that night and enjoy the Preview Sale. General public sale runs 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1 and Saturday, Oct. 2; and 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 3.

Fall TOT Storytime for 2s & 3s

Time/Date: Varied times and dates

Details: Six-week series of half-hour storytime sessions for 2- and 3-year-olds with a parent or caregiver. Please register for one of these sessions: Mondays from 10:15 - 10:45 a.m., Sept. 27-Nov. 1; Wednesdays from 10:15-10:45 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.-noon, Sept. 29-Nov. 3.

Call (248) 349-3020 or register in person. Registration begins for Northville residents on Sept. 8; for non-residents on Sept. 9. Sorry, babies, siblings or non-registered children may not attend.

Junior Books, Chat & Chow for 4th & 5th Graders

Time/Date: 4:15 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29

Details: Make friends, have treats and enjoy a lively book discussion of The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Stewart. Registration begins Sept. 1. Fall Kidz Time for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Graders

Time/Date: 4:30-5:15 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16

Details: Kidz Time is a fun after school program featuring stories, games and crafts, offered once a month on Thursdays. Please register for each session the first of each month at (248) 349-3020 or in person. Join Sept. 16 for a fun Fancy Fairytale themed Kidz Time.

Location: Recreation Center at Hillside

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

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Monday; 1-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday; 9:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Wednesday/Thursday

Location: Community Senior Center 303 West Main

Details: \$2 per person except \$3 Tuesday evenings

DROP IN TABLE TENNIS

Time/Date: noon-4 p.m. every Saturday

Location: Recreation Center at Hillside

Details: \$5 Per person, 8 tables available. All skill levels welcome

DROP IN CO-ED 50+ VOLLEYBALL

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-noon every Monday, Wednesday and Friday

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Time/Date: 7-9:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Friday

Location: Recreation Center at Hillside

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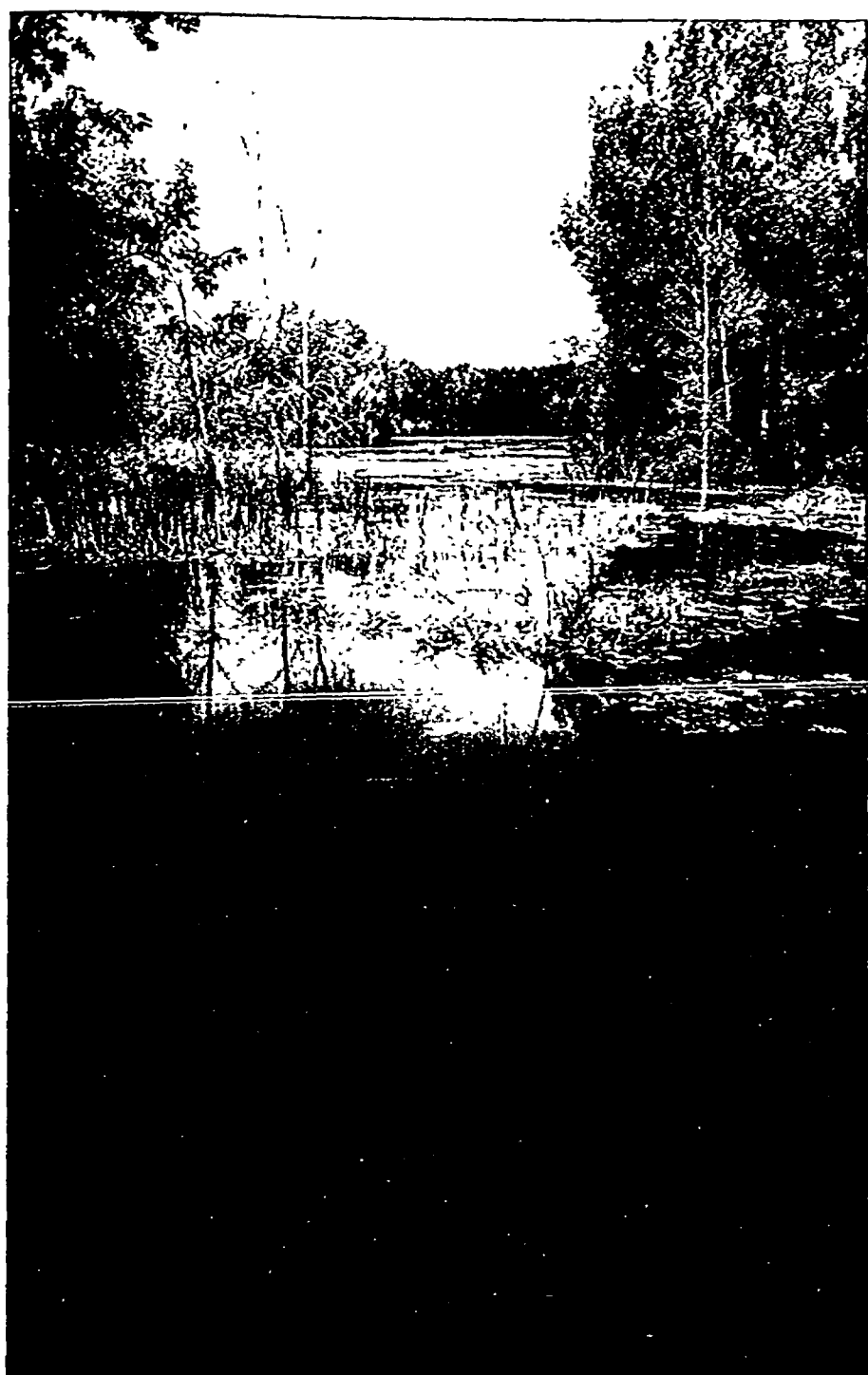
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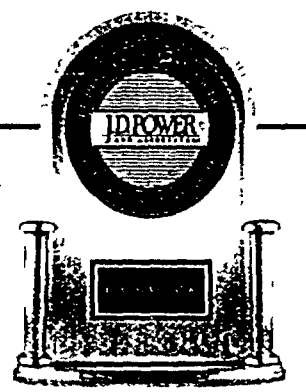
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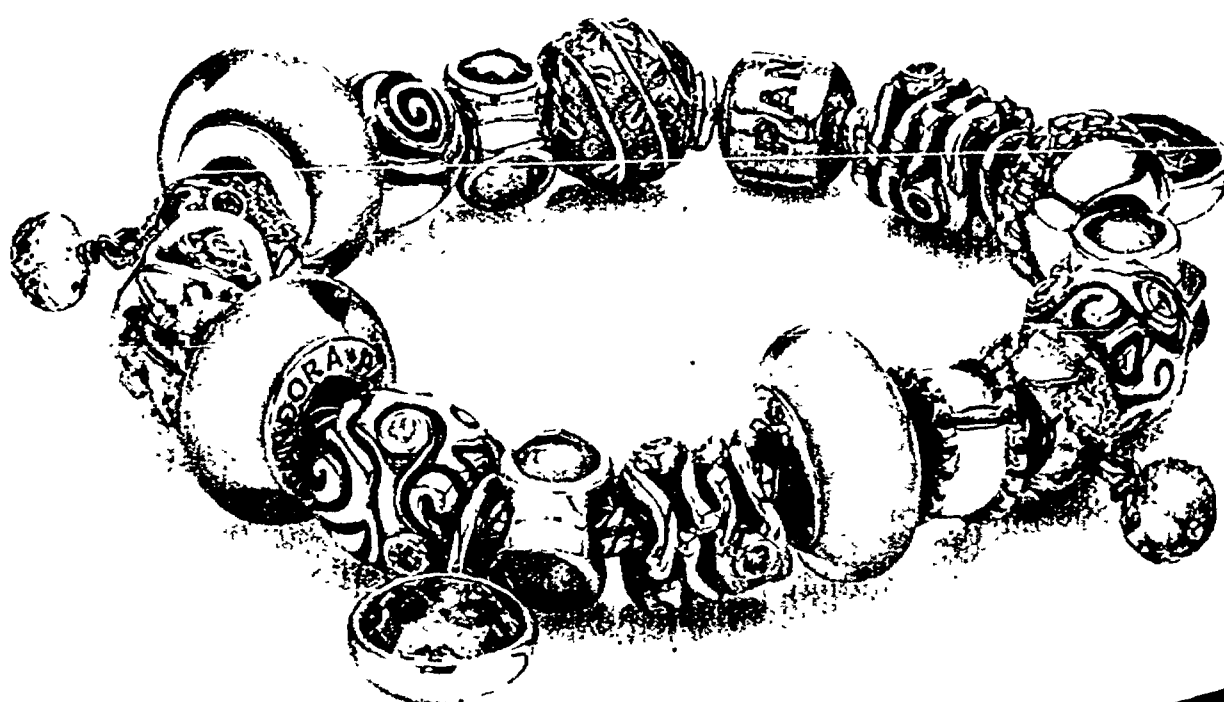
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Church of the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit holymfamily-novi.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

Concert

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9
Details: Piano duet concert by Beth Kamish and Phyllis Relyea. The program ranges from classical pieces to Scott Joplin to contemporary popular selections. The concert is free so bring friends along for a relaxing evening.

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.crosspointe-meadows.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

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.

Details: The W.O.W. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study welcomes you to their study of the Book of Exodus. There is a \$15 registration fee, which includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare will be available in the morning for children through age 5.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Location: 34567 Seven Mile Road, Livonia

Contact: (248) 442-8822 or www.newhope-center.org

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross

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

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit faithcommunity-novi.org

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

Rally Day Pancake Breakfast

Date: Sept. 12

Genesis Class

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 21-Nov. 9

First Baptist Church of Northville

Location: 217 N. Wing

Contact: (248) 348-1020

Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Tuesdays

Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

First Baptist Church of Novi-Family Integrated Church

Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptist-churchofnovi.org

Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.

Family Worship: 11 a.m.

Bible Study: 6 p.m.

Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth

Sunday of every month

First Presbyterian

Church of Northville

Location: 200 E. Main St.

Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpres-novi.org

Sunday Worship

Time: 9:30, 11 a.m.

Walking in the Park

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. every Saturday

Location: Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park (Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads)

Details: Group meet for lunch afterwards.

Contact: Sue (734) 459-0016

Single Place Ministries

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m.

opening: 8-9 p.m. program, every Thursday.

Details: Informative and entertaining programs of interest to singles; \$5 per person.

Check Web site for details: singleplace.org.

18th annual Sharing the Gift Fine Art Show

Oct. 1-8

Details: The juror will be MaryAnn Wilkinson, a scholar and curator and a Northville resident.

Entry forms are available at the church at 200 E. Main St., Northville or by calling the church. Deadline for entry is Sept. 17.

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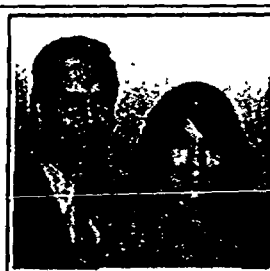
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Northville Beautification Awards luncheon in October

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Members of the City of Northville Beautification Commission and the Northville Township Beautification Commission recently announced winners of the 2010 awards.

Those driving around the two communities may see the gold and white signs in the yards of businesses judged to be winners.

The township provides more awards than the city "because we have more commercial establishments," said Marie Barr, chair of the township's Beautification Commission.

So, what sort of criteria are used in making the awards?

"We look for cleanliness — no trash anywhere — and good maintenance: that the grass is cut, bushes are trimmed and no weeds around," Barr said. "But, over and above that, we want to see flowers of some kind. We expect people to maintain their property, but we want to reward those who have gone out and done a little extra in planting flowers to make the community look nice."

Barr said that not all businesses have enough property to actually do plantings. So, if they at least put out pots of flowers by their door or do something to make the area look nicer, they receive an Honorable Mention.

"It makes the whole community look really nice and shows that people care about what they're doing," Barr said.

Julie Mantay, chair of the city of Northville Beautification Commission, said the city uses similar guidelines in presenting their awards.

"We do this in conjunction with them as a community,"



Pizza Cutter at 340 N. Center Street also received a Beautification Award this year.

Mantay said. "Our hope is that the businesses strive to enhance the community. The whole focus behind the awards is that we want to recognize those who make improvements to make Northville a more beautiful place."

HARD JOB FOR JUDGES

She noted that this year is the 21st year in presenting the awards. "It was really hard, because there were so many beautiful places," Mantay said. "Some of them are real show-stoppers, and that's what we love to see. It's a privilege to do what we do as volunteers. It's wonderful."

Residents must apply to become a member of either of the Beautification Commissions, and they then have to be approved by the board or council. Awards are not listed in any order. Each award winner also receives a certificate.

"A lot of the businesses take great pride in that and have them on the wall of their business," Mantay said.

AWARD WINNERS

The following locations were selected in the city: Pizza Cutter, Angela Carson, Asher, Table 5, Studio 324, Yerkes House at Mill Race Village, Thomas James Salon, Northville Garden Club Park, Town Square, Starbucks, City Hall, Our Lady of Victory Church, Kelly and Kelly Law Firm, Elizabeth's Bridal, Good Time Party Store, Tipping Point Theatre and Corriveau Law Firm.

In the township, the following locations were winners: Applebee's Restaurants, Chase Bank, Comerica Bank, Deadwood Bar & Grill, Gerald's of Northville Salon, Haggerty Dental Associates, Hampton Inn, Hayes Lemmerz International, Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic and Hiller's Market.

Other township winners are Meadowbrook Country Club, the Moose Lodge, Northrop Sassaman Funeral Directors, Northville Hills Golf Club, Northville Township Fire Headquarters, Northville Township Hall Offices, Northville Township Police Headquarters, P.F. Chang's



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The Thomas James Salon at 330 N. Center Street received one of the 2010 Northville Beautification Awards.

China Bistro, Papa Vito's, Rocky's of Northville, Rusty Bucket Corner Tavern, Senate Restaurant & Bushwood Golf Club, Sunrise Senior Living and Top of the Cone.

The township awarded a 2010 Honorable Mention to: Bronze Bay Tanning,

Century 21 Hartford South, Envy Salon & Day Spa, Jeffrey Burstein, D.D.S., Jiffy Lube, Northville Brighton Gardens, Northville Township Water & Sewer Building, Salon Posh and Wynwood of Northville. An awards ceremony

will take place for award winners, but Honorable Mention locations, at noon on Oct. 5 at the Northville Rotary Club meeting at First Presbyterian Church on Main Street.

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Northville spikers start off strong

Squad begins year
with convincing
tournament showing

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs volleyball team isn't going to sit back and rest on their record after a strong start to the season. Instead, they're already looking for ways to improve their game.

The Mustangs, coached by Amanda Yaklin, climbed to a 7-1-2 record thanks to some impressive play in two tournaments.

"Good things are happening on the court," said Yaklin. "We just need development time."

In the Northville Quad Tournament last week, Northville finished the day with a match record of 2-0-1 in pool play and a set record of 5-1

ON TAP

The Mustangs will be back on the court when they play in the Berkley Invitational at 9 a.m. Sept. 11 before hosting South Lyon East at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 14.

and took home a championship on the day.

The squad earned a 1-1 record against Dexter during pool play, 15-25 and 25-23, while beating Lahser and Skyline out-

right. Against Lahser, Northville won, 25-15 and 25-22, while they downed Skyline, 25-21 and 25-19.

The Mustangs advanced to the semifinals where they beat Skyline, 25-20, 25-20, before advancing to the finals against Dexter. Northville earned the championship with a 25-22, 18-25 and 15-10 showing against Dexter.

"Jen Buckingham had clutch ace serves after Dexter called a timeout in the Quad final match," noted Yaklin. "We have 13 players evenly contributing to every victory."

In the Saline Tournament, Northville may not have won a championship, but they gained invaluable experience. In pool play, they went 1-1 against Wyandotte (25-22, 22-25) and outright beat Flint Powers (25-15, 25-23) and Lincoln (25-21, 25-15). The squad collected a 2-0-1 record in pool play and a 5-1 set record.

In the quarter finals, Northville defeated Regina, 25-18 and 25-18, before falling in three to state-ranked Saline, 11-25, 25-13 and 9-15.

"It was a big set win for us against Saline," Yaklin said. "We had a few unforced errors in the third set to clean up. We didn't win the match, but we put up a challenge, and every player on the team improved their game."

Northville's stats during their home quad tournament included: Lauren Colasanti had 21 digs and 10 aces, Rachel Zinosky had nine digs, Michelle Mueller had six assist blocks, nine aces and 15 kills, Megan McCrohan had 11 assist blocks, Megan Gertley had four blocks, 15 kills and attacked a .314, Jenna Borgstrom had four blocks, Buckingham attacked a .333, had 11 aces and had 13 kills and Rebecca Martin had 20 kills.

In the Saline tourney, Northville's stats included: Ellie Asher had 12 digs, Buckingham had 19 kills, 17 aces, seven digs and attacked a .341, Mueller had 12 kills, five blocks and attacked a .218, Martin had 23 kills, 11 aces, four blocks and attacked a .218 and Zinosky had 20 aces.

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



CHRISTOPHER WALL

Northville starting quarterback Jeff Gertley scores in the first quarter against Lakeland.

Alandt leads Mustangs to blowout

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

Northville's Jonathon Alandt took the season-opening kickoff 99 yards for a score just 13 seconds into the game, and things only got better from there.

He went on to score three more touchdowns in a 35-0 romp for the Mustangs.

"I don't even know what to say, I was speechless," said Northville coach Matt Ladach. "We just got off to just a fast start. It just steam-rolled."

"I was as shocked as anybody that things happened as well as they did."

The Eagles actually played a lot better defense than the score indicates. Northville only scored two offensive touchdowns.

Northville starting quarterback put the Mustangs up 14-0 with a four-yard run a little more than three minutes into the game, and Alandt hauled in a 36-yard pass in the waning moments of the first half.

The other scores came an interception returned for a score in the second and on a blocked punt returned for a TD in the third, both by Alandt.

"Play one, right off the bat, getting that and pumping up the team was a lot of fun," said Alandt of the kickoff return. "It was amazing. Once I saw the wedge was perfect, I had the best blocking I could ask for, I had to make one move and I was gone."

"We were on fire tonight. This is a good team. We're going to go far this year."

The Eagles were able to move the ball at times, but turnovers were the destruction most of the night.

Lakeland outrushed Northville 111-106, but only completed four of 21 passes with five interceptions and another turnover on a fumbled pitch play. Throw in a pair of blocked punts due to high snaps, and it was anything but a banner night for Lakeland on opening night.

"A lot of it was created by Lakeland and some of it was cre-

ated by Northville," said Lakeland coach John Maltese. "You can't turn the ball over five or six times and have three colossal special team mishaps."

Northville took full advantage to race ahead 35-0 just 1:07 into the second half, and the running clock made it a quick finish from there.

"This was very important to us," said Ladach. To play the way we did, I was very pleased with our players' effort and pleased with their emotion on the field.

"We expected to win this game because of preparation, but, I don't know that any of us would've expected the big start and to play the entire game the way we did."

Eagle quarterback Casey Palanca struggled, hitting just four of 13 passes for 67 yards in the first half and 0-for-10 in the second half with five interceptions total.

After the game, Maltese didn't mince words with his team.

"This is not acceptable," he told them. "They didn't play to their level of talent. I didn't want them to take a little point here and there,

this is not acceptable and they shouldn't accept it."

"I'm always critical of myself and the staff. We've taken a step back too and will do things differently as a staff too."

Josh Orlando led the Lakeland rushing game with 33 yards on four carries, all coming late in the fourth quarter.

Ben Kowalski ran nine times for 32 yards, and Delvante Perry rushed six times for 20 yards. Perry also had a catch for 10 yards.

Receiver Taylor Wattles was the only Eagle with two catches, resulting in 29 yards.

Brandon Love led the Mustangs with 49 yards on five carries.

Gertley, the starting quarterback rushed for 40 yards on six carries with a score before leaving with an injury in the second quarter and did not return.

Anthony Perraino finished the game at quarterback and threw the touchdown to Alandt, finishing 4-of-13 passing for 67 yards.

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Northville takes third against highly-competitive South Lyon Invite field

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

This year's edition of the South Lyon Invitational had the most competitive field in the event's history according to Scott Smith, head coach for both the South Lyon East and South Lyon boys teams.

Last year's winner, Novi, finished a close second to a powerful Saline team while the Mustangs held on to capture the third spot out of 13 teams.

"We had a 'so-so' meet today," said Northville coach Chris Cronin. "I felt Chad Cini (seventh, 16:55) ran a marvelous race."

ON TAP

The Mustangs will be back to action come Sept. 11 when they participate in the Bath Invitational before hosting Livonia Stevenson at 6 p.m. Sept. 14.

Cini was about 18th at the mile mark and worked through the pack over the last two miles.

"That's Chad's forte," noted Cronin. "He never thinks he's out of a race."

The Mustangs also took the 16th and 17th places with Ed Clifton and Jason Lerner.

"I would have expected a higher place from these two juniors," said Cronin. "They are tough runners, but they had poor starts and could fight back into the top 10. Every race is an opportunity to learn something, and I think they will file that away for later use."

Freshman Dan Sims sparked with a 30th place finish.

"Dan ran great for his first high school race," the coach said. "He had a monster kick that allowed him to take back four or five places in the final 400 meters."

Christian Guenter was 33rd, Ashwin Easow was 37th and Jack

Fielden was 39th. "Ashwin and Jack ran about the races I thought they might," Cronin said. "Both runners are new to the varsity scene, and it takes some time to recalibrate one's pace. Last season, they had the luxury of leading JV races. They can't do that at this level. They are both quality runners who will provide us with great times this season. There's always a learning curve, but I have confidence in both of them to shine as the season progresses."

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Girls harriers finish third in South Lyon Invitational

Squad faces some of best teams in state

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

High school cross country, meet freshmen Rachel Coleman and Nicole Mosteller. They're going to be the ones impressing you this season, just like they did last week in the South Lyon Invitational.

Coleman and Mosteller led the talented Northville Mustangs girls cross country team last week as they respectively took 15th and 17th overall and helped their team to a third place finish. Northville collected 103 points, finishing behind first-place and defending state champion Saline and second-place Ann Arbor Pioneer. They took 54 points and 89 points, respectively.

Northville has six runners place amongst the top 30 harriers, earning each of them medals for the race. Leading the way was Coleman, who

took 15th in her first-ever high school race with a time of 20:46. Nipping at her heels was fellow freshman Nicole Mosteller, who took 17th in 20:49.

Gina McNamara, a junior, took 21st with a time of 21:05, while sophomore Alex Rodriguez was 22nd in 21:07—a full minute better than her time in the same race last season. Senior Emily Sklar, a four-year member of the varsity team, was 28th with a 21:38 while freshman Erin Zimmer was 30th in 21:43. Rounding out the top seven for the Mustangs was senior Helen Mulcahy, who was 38th in 22:11.

"I was most impressed at the level that my three varsity freshman raced at," said Northville coach Nancy Smith. "Coleman, Mosteller and Zimmer went out and raced hard today and looked like



(Left to right) Assistant Coach Megan Keiffer and Head Coach Nancy Smith with their top seven: Emily Sklar, Alex Rodriguez, Gina McNamara, Rachel Coleman, Nicole Mosteller, Erin Zimmer and Helen Mulcahy.

they had done this before. All three have that competitive edge that is a huge addition to the team this year and will create competition amongst all."

Smith also noted the racing of Rodriguez, who started the season strong after her impressive freshman season last year.

While McNamara, who is typically the top runner for the Mustangs, didn't finish as high as she would have liked, her coach knows she'll be back on top in no time.

"McNamara had an off day today, suffering from some shin issues," Smith said. "Once Gina is healthy, she will be

ON TAP

The Mustangs will be on the road Sept. 11 when they run in the West Bloomfield Invitational before visiting Livonia Stevenson at 6 p.m. Sept. 14

right where she left off last season as she had a great summer of running and is a lot stronger this year."

Already the Mustangs are looking ahead to what awaits them this year: One of the toughest regionals in the state.

"We still have a ton of work to do to prepare for our tough regional again this year," said Smith. "This

still is not an easy task as our regional is loaded with top talent, including state-ranked Brighton, Hartland, Pinckney and Novi, but it is something we can achieve if we stay healthy."

Northville is running without three members of last year's state finals team, who are all recovering from injuries. Sophomores Alex Drayback, Erin Dunne and Katie Vandervoort are all expected to compete for top-seven spots once they return to the line-up.

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9/2 Salem
9/8 @Livonia Stevenson
9/9 South Lyon

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9/2 9:30 a.m. @Ann Arbor Pioneer (Invitational)
9/9 Salem
9/10 @Novi

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9/7 Orchard Lake St. Mary's
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9/11 8:30 a.m. @Saline
Invitational

SPORTS BRIEFS

Travel softball

The Northville Broncos 12U girls' travel softball team is having tryouts at Millennium Park from 5-7 p.m. on Sept. 12 and 6-7:30 p.m. on Sept. 14.

For further information contact Robert Zwarka at bob.zwarka@wcaa.us or the NBA website.

Volleyball tryouts

Northville seventh and eighth grade girls volleyball tryouts will be held Tuesday-Friday, Sept. 7-10. To participate you must have a physical on file and complete a registration packet. Registration packets are available in the Meads Mill office and can be returned to the office or Laura Melvin (Meads Mill physical education teacher).

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.

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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.

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Northville Cubs 2011 baseball tryouts

Building on its successful 2010 season (11-6-1 in league play), the Northville Cubs 11U baseball team (birth date between May 1, 1999 and April 30, 2000) is adding players to its team. The Cubs will play in the 2011 KVBSA league and several weekend tournaments. The Cubs' dedicated coaches focus on building players' fundamentals in a fun environment that emphasizes sportsmanship and teamwork.

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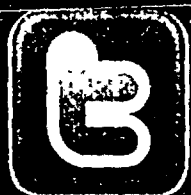
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Champs and clinic

The Northville High School Varsity Cheerleaders recently won the Blue-Green Award at Champion 3-day Cheer Camp. The award is given to the hardest working team that also excels in team spirit, dedication, overall skills and sportsmanship. Pictured (l to r, front) are Jordyn Trotter, Rachel Fojanski, Marisa Sourges, Delaney King and Katie Morris; (second row) Allie Hartnagel, Megan Callahan, Alex Romano, Katie Steinberg, Victoria Clay and Clare Elise; (third row) Head Varsity Coach Melinda Gentz, Alex Saad, Morgan Breault, Morgan Pistolesi, Jessica Enyeart, Molly Morris, Alyssa Wierzbicki, Abbey Hayek, Katie Bielskis and Rensy Wu. The Northville High cheerleaders will be hosting a one-day Junior Cheer Clinic on Wednesday, Sept. 22 from 6-8 p.m. for girls in grades first-eighth. Participants will learn a variety of cheers and chants and will perform them with the High School Cheerleaders during portions of the freshman and JV games on Thursday, Sept. 23. Cost is \$35 and includes the clinic, admission into the game on Thursday, and a T-shirt. For additional information, log onto www.northvillecheer.com, click News & Event - latest news and download the sign-up form from the Cheer Clinic details. Deadline to register is Friday, Sept. 17.

Varsity hosts Walled Lake Braves in season-opening loss

Last Saturday, Northville's green and gold met Walled Lake's black and red in a colorful late summer gridiron contest. Ultimately, the Braves scored 16 points and held the Colts scoreless.

Both teams fielded strong defensive teams but struggled on offense. The first half contained numerous turnovers on downs, as neither team was able to gain yardage. The Colts switched quarterbacks frequently and offensive ball carriers David Dillon, Zachary Prystash and Alec Coppock did their best to move the ball. A strong Braves defense held the line. When the Braves had possession, they too were unable to progress much due to quick defense work with numerous tackles by P.J. Schnepf.

Neither offense could keep their hands on the ball, and several fumbles resulted in turnovers, including a notable recovery by Colt Mason Williams. The Colts offense was plagued by incomplete offensive blocking, subjecting their ball carriers to backfield tackles by the Braves. The Colts also had difficulty with their shotgun snap but were saved by quick thinking, including a recovery by Owen Kipke.

The Braves endured their share of troubles on offense, but were able to score a touchdown near the end of the second quarter, making the score 8-0. Colt Shane Gregory interrupted a dangerous long pass that would have put the Braves in scoring position again before the half.

The Colts were tested again in the second half, and were forced to punt after failing to move the ball. The Colts' defense remained tight, with tackles by Alex Putman, Alex Thomas, Alessandro Gonzales and Tim Elliott. A fumble recovery by Colt Max Feisel put them in position to score, but again the Braves shut them down and forced a turnover on downs. The Braves, energized, quickly gained a first down with a long run by their ball carrier Kyle Thomas, who was finally tackled by Williams. Then, the Colts suffered a 15-yard penalty, and despite strong defensive tackles by Christopher Koumariotis, the Braves scored again, and now the Colts were down by 16.

The Colts had few opportunities to score, and stayed deep in Braves territory despite carries by Coppock and Schnepf. The Braves ran a few plays but were shut down by the Colts defense-men Austin Hayek and Prystash. Finally the Braves let the clock run down.

- By Kristina Dunne

JV opens with 15-13 win over Walled Lake

The JV Colts opened the 2010 football season with a 15-13 victory over the Walled Lake Braves last weekend. Coach Randy Gregory and his coaching staff preached teamwork and toughness throughout the pre-season, and the Colts did not disappoint in their opening game. A solid team effort on both sides of the ball and a steady ground game was the key to victory.

ON TAP

The Colts continue the 2010 campaign on Sunday, Sept. 12 in Walled Lake against the Chargers.

The Braves opened on offense in Colts territory after the opening kickoff. Three plays later, Braves quarterback Drew Temple scored, making it 6-0 Walled Lake. The extra point was converted and the Colts quickly found themselves behind 7-0. The Colts took over on offense and drove the ball to the Braves 20-yard line after 15-yard runs from Cole Gingell and Isaiah Popp. The Colts couldn't drive it home and both teams' defenses dominated the line of scrimmage in the 1st quarter keeping the game scoreless.

Early in the second quarter Gingell made a crushing hit on a Braves ball carrier and caused a fumble. The Colts recovered on the Braves 43-yard line. Again, the Braves defense stalled the Colts and took over on downs. The Colts defense earned big tackles for losses by Elijah Gash and Abe Khoury. The Colts took over on the Braves 43-yard line and on first down, Khoury ran for 18 yards to the Braves 25-yard line. On fourth down, Gingell took a handoff from quarterback Nathan Holloway and sprinted 18 yards up the middle for a Colts touchdown. Gingell kicked the extra point (2 points) and the Colts took the lead 8-7 into halftime.

The third quarter opened with the Colts taking over on their own 44-yard line after a kick return by Joseph McCormick. The Braves defense stood tall and held the Colts on their first drive. The Colts defense was dominant as well and had multiple key stops in the quarter. Gash recorded a sack and Khoury intercepted a Braves pass and returned it 15 yards to the Braves 45-yard line. Gingell added an 8-yard sack on third down late in the quarter and both defenses continued to play strong keeping the score 8-7 Colts.

The Colts offense was not going to be denied and took over the ball early in the fourth quarter at the Braves 49-yard line. The running game and offensive line began to wear down the Braves defense. Strong runs by Popp, Gingell and Khoury drove the ball to the 1-yard line. Nathan Holloway muscled into the end zone behind center Drew Atkinson's block and Gingell converted the extra point making the score 15-7. The Braves took over and quickly scored on a perfectly executed 38-yard halfback pass, making the score 15-13. The Braves attempted to tie the game late in the quarter with a kick conversion, but Khoury and Gash crushed through the line and blocked the kick. The Braves attempted an onside kick and Evan Carson dove on the ball securing the victory for the Colts.

Gingell led the offense with 108 yards on the ground, added 6 tackles and forced a fumble on defense. Popp had 31 yards on the ground and 3 tackles and Khoury ran for 35 yards and recorded 3 tackles and an interception. Gash recorded a sack and had two tackles for losses.

- By Joseph Lack

Shamrocks win Lansing Invitational for third straight year

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

It's only been five years since the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks started running in the Lansing Invitational and for the past three years it's been all theirs to win.

Catholic Central collected a mere 22 points to secure the victory, while the University of Detroit Jesuit had 72 points for second and Lansing Catholic was third with 92 points. Overall, there were 14 teams participating in the invitational.

The Shamrocks used superior pack running to earn their third-straight victory in the invite, following the leadership of Andrew Garcia Garrison, who ran a 16:05 to secure the top spot in the race. Right on his heels was Austin Zebrowski, who ran a 16:38 for second place overall.

Taking fourth in the event was Mackenzie Boyd, who turned on the jets for a 16:57,

while John-Paul Zebrowski literally finished at his shoulder for a fifth-place finish with a time of 16:58. Rounding out the top 10 was Shamrock harrier Thomas Fagan, who turned in a time of 17:26.

Running to 26th overall for

Catholic Central was Matthew Carney, who finished in 18:33, while Preston Felty ran a 19:49 for 55th overall.

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

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NORTHVILLE HIGH SPORTS ROUNDUP

Northville golf unexpectedly struggles, finishes behind Novi to start season

It definitely wasn't the start that anyone expected for the Northville Mustangs girls golf team as they entered a season where they were expected to compete for top-five in the state.

The squad, coached by Mary Jane Ossola, fell flat in the eyes of the critics as they finished fifth out of 24 teams in the Seaholm Invitational last Monday before struggling to 10th place in the Grosse Ile Tourney last Friday.

"This was a lackluster start for our season," admitted Ossola. "It is clear we need to work on all aspects of our game if we are going to have a successful season."

In the Seaholm tourney, the Mustangs were led by Stephanie Sakorafis, who shot an 84, while Jackie Kjolhede shot a 90, Brianna Roberts shot a 92, Lauren Grigg carded a 94 and Lindsey Matych shot a 97.

Four days later, Northville hasn't improved any as they dragged themselves to 10th place with a score of 368 on the West Shore Country Club course during the Grosse Ile Tournament. Sakorafis led the team again, shooting an 88, while Emily Foland recorded a 93, Roberts shot a 93, Kjolhede a 94 and Grigg a 98.

JV boys cross country takes second

The Northville junior varsity boys cross country team took second in the South Lyon Invitational last week.

Leading the way was Neson Nesmith, who

finished second overall with a time of 17:44.

"Neson ran a terrific race for us today," said coach Chris Cronin. "I selected Neson to run in the JV race because I felt the opportunity to run up front would be a good experience for him."

Nesmith took full advantage of his opportunity and was within six seconds of Saline's Jonathon Parker at the line.

"Neson was terrific today," Cronin said. "He might have been our top performer (out of the JV and varsity teams) today."

Girls cross country junior varsity team wins South Lyon Invite

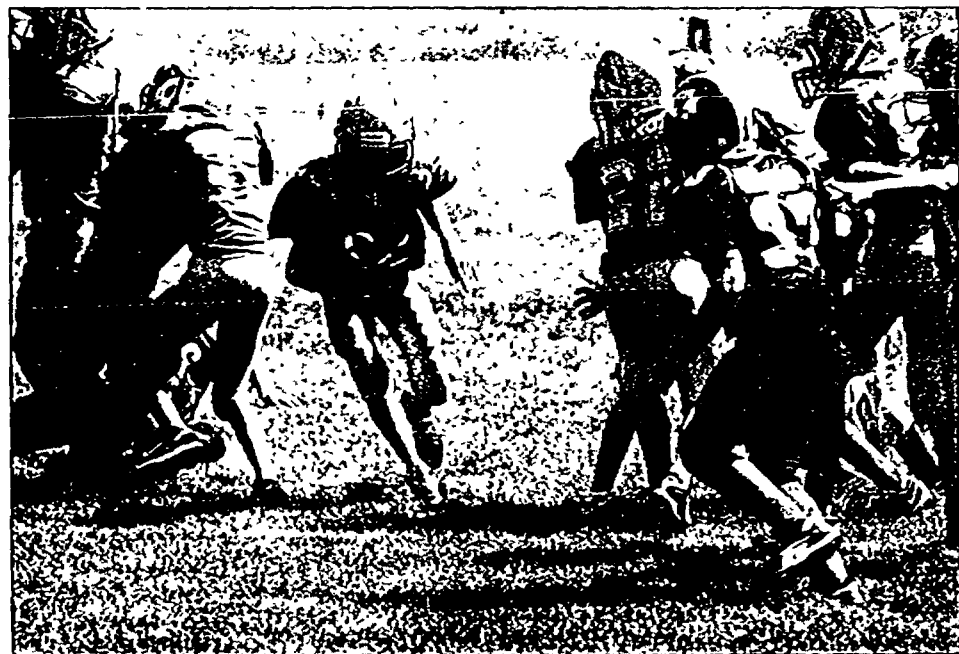
Northville's girls cross country team is sick with talent, and that's not just at the varsity level.

Last week at the South Lyon Invitational, the Northville junior varsity harrier squad took first place with a total of 33 points as they put six runners in the top 15.

Leading the way for the Mustangs was sophomore Claire Courtney, who ran to second place with a time of 21:53. Supporting her was Brianna Hatcher, a freshman, who ran to third place with a 21:57, while freshman Grace Doolittle took sixth in 22:12. Not far behind was junior Lisa Hamel, who was 10th in 22:30, while Mary Boyd, a freshman, took 13th in 22:42 and junior Erin Keiffer finished 15th in 22:56.

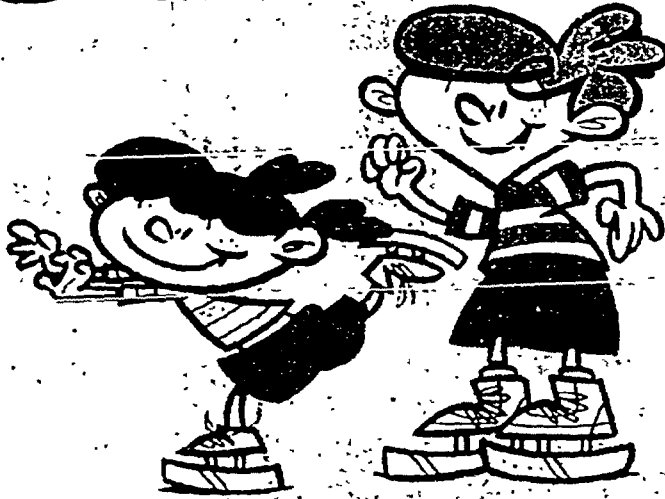
- By Sam Eggleston

NORTHVILLE COLTS



Cole Gingell gets some fine blocking from his JV Colt teammates against the Braves this past weekend.

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NORTHVILLE STALLIONS

Varsity takes the heat from Bobcats, 37-0

The varsity season began at home against the Bobcats of Novi on Sunday with Keenan Moss' kickoff. The Bobcats scored early in the quarter and were able to convert the extra point. It was a rough first quarter for the Stallions but they still kept moving. There were key tackles by the defensive line Jack Przebienda, Drew Skedel, Nick Green, Mike Beydoun, Keenan Moss, Omar Serrano, Diaz Saunderson and Michael Townsend. At the end of first quarter, the Bobcats were leading 16-0.

In the second quarter, the Stallions continued to battle on offense and defense. They showed great effort on offense with two complete passes from quarterbacks David Weber and Michael Townsend to Troy Browawski and Cleveland Tarp. There were key tackles from the defensive line Matthew Komorous, Drew Skedel, Keenan Moss, George Metrusias and Nick Green. The quarter ended with an interception from the Bobcats and a score of 31-0.

Following halftime, the Stallions came back to face the Bobcats. The Stallions had a fumble on the play and the Bobcats recovered it. The key defense plays were made by George Metrusias, Troy Borawski, Cleveland Tarp and Scott Lohman to have the ball turned over on downs. At the end of the third quarter, the Bobcats were leading 37-0.

In the fourth quarter, the offense shined again with a complete pass from Townsend to Scott Lohman. The defense stood strong with key tackles by Nick Green, Skedel and Komorous. The Stallions held the Bobcats from scoring again. The final score Bobcats 37-0.

"It was a hot and steamy day. For many of the players it was their first football game. They were nervous and the jitters showed. They played tough and never gave up until the very last whistle," said coach Joe Pirone.

—By Martha Michalak

JV's second-half comeback falls short in 32-26 loss to Novi

Stallion Kicker Jake Justice and his 2010 JV Stallions teammates kicked off their season this past Sunday against the Novi Bobcats as part of the Western Lakes Youth Football League. Speedy Stallion Colin Gardner got things started with the first tackle of the campaign stopping the return in Bobcat territory.

The Bobcats first possession was met with great tackling by the Stallion defense, including strong efforts by Ethan Hoffman, Shane Rankin, Cameron Dixon at the nose, as well as Brennan Pelland and Jonathan Michalak. The possession ended with a Stallion fumble recovery courtesy of Tyler Troyer. After turning the ball over on downs the Stallions yielded a pair of touchdowns to the Bobcats and the first quarter ended 12-0.



A pair of JV Stallions bring down a Bobcat during Sunday's contest.

The Bobcats again scored twice in the second quarter pushing the score to 26-0. After a Stallion Kick-off return to midfield by Gardner, the Stallions gained 10 yards on the ground on the feet of Pelland and arm of Stallion Quarterback Matthew Stinebiser culminating in the first score of the season via a 40-yard TD pass play to Tyler Walton who danced his way between tacklers and into the end-zone. Stallion place kicker Justice pushed one through the uprights for a 2-point conversion and a 26-8 score. The Stallions then executed an onside kick off the toe of Justice. A recovery by Walton put the Stallions in business again across midfield. A few plays later quarterback Stinebiser and wide receiver Walton hooked up for their second touchdown of the game and quarter pushing the score to 26-14 with just minutes remaining on the clock in the first half; the extra point was no good. Unfortunately for the Stallions, the scoring frenzy continued as the Bobcats returned the ensuing kickoff for a TD and a 32-14 lead; Stallion LB Michalak intercepted the conversion attempt. After trading possessions, Stallion defenders Gardner, Hoffman and Rankin closed out the half with tackles.

The Stallions returned to the field to start the third quarter determined to press the Bobcats and both teams traded multiple possessions without any additional scoring. With seven minutes remaining, Stinebiser connected on passes to Gardner, Marcus Lee, and Deion Johnson moving the ball down to the Bobcat 5-yard line. On the next play, Colin Gardner tucked the handoff and rolled to the right following blockers Tyler Troyer and Jonathon Michalak before kicking in the speed and rolling untouched into the end zone for both his and the Stallions first touchdown of the

season via the ground game, closing the score to 32-20. The quarter ended with a strong defensive effort by the Stallions and tackling by Rankin and Walton.

The Stallions began the fourth deep in their own end of the field but consecutive strong runs by Zach Pirone, Connor McKee, and Brennan Pelland gave them some breathing room. Stinebiser connected on a deep pass down the left side to Marcus Lee for a 65-yard gain down to the Bobcat 2-yard line. With just over three minutes left in the game, Stallion first-year player Connor McKee took the handoff, from Tejas Bedi and plowed into the end zone for another Stallion touchdown, pulling them within a single score at 32-26; the extra point was no good. After the ensuing kickoff, the Stallions defense further stiffened and tackles by Tyler Troyer, Jake Gourd, and Jack Peterson followed by a sack at the hands of Ben Schmidt to turn the ball over on downs close to midfield. The Stallions advanced the ball as the clock ran down but the drive was stalled by a Bobcat interception.

Time ran out with the Stallions on the wrong side of a tight and exciting 32-26 game.

—By Julie Stinebiser

Freshmen kick off 2010 season with a 39-18 loss to the Novi Bobcats

The freshman Stallions started off Sunday's game with a kickoff by Mark Baker. The defense led by players Baker, Alex Genter, Nicholas Roehrig and Gabriel Xuereb started strong with a tackle of Bobcats running back Turner, resulting in a several yards loss for Novi. Unfortunately for the Stallions the Bobcats offense pushed up the field for an eventual score on a running play by Turner, followed

ON TAP

The Northville Stallions take on the Walled Lake Braves on Sunday, Sept. 12 at Walled Lake Western High School beginning with freshmen (11 a.m.) followed by JV (1 p.m.) and varsity (3 p.m.). For more information visit the Northville Stallions online at www.northvilleyouthfootball.com.

by their scoring of the extra point resulting in a 7-0 score. The following Bobcat kickoff was fumbled by Northville team and recovered by the Bobcats inside of their own 50-yard line. Novi eventually turned the ball over back to Northville on downs and the Stallions took over deep inside their own territory. Northville could not convert for a first down and turned the ball back over to the Bobcats. The first quarter ended with the Bobcats leading the Stallions 7-0.

In the second quarter the Novi Bobcats scored on their opening drive resulting in an early 13-0 lead. The extra point, however, was prevented by the Stallions' Grant Hood, Robert Reynolds and Aidan Vollick. Cooper Leverton provided some much needed yardage for the Stallions on the following kickoff return when he returned to the Stallions 38-yard line and followed up on the next play by carrying the ball to mid field. The Stallions Max Lewter provided additional yardage with two big runs in the second quarter to keep the drive going. The Stallions were unable to score on this drive and went into halftime trailing the Bobcats 13-0.

The Stallions Orange Crush offensive unit started the third quarter with the ball on their own 42-yard line. Tyler Voss later ran the ball for over 50 yards to put the first points on the board for the Stallions. The extra point attempt proved unsuccessful for the Stallions holding the score at 13-6. The quarter proved challenging defensively for the Stallions as the Novi Bobcats scored two additional touchdowns ending the quarter with a lead of 25-6.

The fourth quarter began with Stallions offensive output exhibited by Lewter, Leverton and Jackson Van Arnam with combined rushing of 52 yards. This helped set up a 3-yard touchdown run by Cooper Leverton which cut the Bobcats lead to 25-12. In the following offensive series the Novi Bobcats were able to score a touchdown and the extra point to extend their lead to 32-12. Northville was unable to score on their subsequent drive and turned the ball back over to the Bobcats on downs. The Bobcats scored their final touchdown of the game giving them a 39-12 lead. The Stallions received the kickoff and Owen Steele ran it back to the Stallions 45-yard line. Jack Rathwell and Lukas Van Arnam each had productive runs resulting in a combined 37-yard gain to their own 18-yard line. With 31 seconds remaining in the game Lukas Van Arnam ran the ball in for the Stallions final touchdown, resulting in a final score of 39-18.

—By Liza Esqueda



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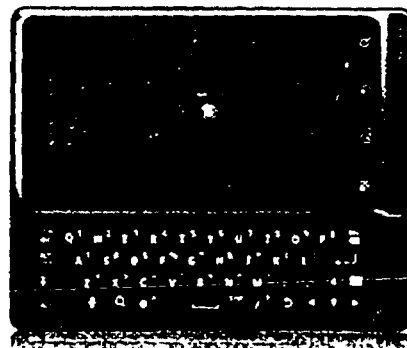
Pom pon gives back

The 2010-11 season is barely under way and the Northville High School Pom Pon teams have been busy with fundraisers, building relationships with other sports teams in the community and working hard at their commitment to increase their level of community service. As a way of showing their appreciation for the generous community support they receive, the team members and parents are vowing to make community service a priority throughout the year, not just once or twice. With the need for assistance greater than ever, girls on the teams wanted to make an even larger commitment to Northville Civic Concern. The Northville Pom Pon teams first worked with Northville Civic Concern two years ago. After the organizers of Civic Concern met with the girls and spoke about the many families in need in our community, they were compelled to help more than ever. They decided to help collect food throughout the season in addition to going in and helping bag and sort food. Thanks to nearly 100 participants at a recent Middle School summer camp and a clinic held in conjunction with Northville Colts and Stallions cheer teams, numerous items were collected and delivered to help the low inventories of food at Civic Concern. In addition to volunteering at other events such as Miracle League, Soup Kitchen, Jingle Bell Run and adopting a garden at the high school, the Varsity and JV pom pon team members will be collecting canned goods prior to the start of the Northville/Novi Varsity football game on Oct. 8. Northville Pom Pon believes that community involvement builds teamwork and offers rewarding experiences for all.

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Outstanding landscaping

Brothers Mike, left, and Jacu Kelly stand in front of their parents' Main Street law firm office of Kelly and Kelly, P.C. which was noted by the Northville Beautification Commission for its outstanding landscaping efforts. Jacu, owner of Imagine Landscapes, renovated the firm's lawn to its current configuration.

How to deal with the employee-from-hell

The Devil in Prada is no match for the employee from Hell!

While a great deal of attention is being directed to 'Bad Bosses' who literally make their employees live a living hell, less is said about the employee who is a recurring nightmare during the day hours in the workplace.

It is ultimate irony that a place of employment, in which a paycheck is exchanged for services provided, is often times held

hostage by its own institutional policies and unwillingness to confront employees whose daily dysfunctions are a hindrance to improving the bottom line.

The dysfunctions run the continuum from chronic absenteeism due to a long list of undefined illnesses, to behavior in need of a pharmaceutical remedy.

It has often been stated, as a matter of business lore, that 80 percent of managerial time is taken up by 20 percent of the workforce. The idea that such a small number of individuals can garner so much time and attention is truly a testament to a large organization's ability to endure and prevail despite this brand of annoyance. In fact, there is a greater tendency to minimize the impact by channeling the employee-from-hell to various departments that are off the beaten path. The real issue for most entrepreneurs is in knowing how to manage the behavior when the organization is not large enough to hide that

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individual.

It makes no logical sense that employee who agree to perform daily tasks (psychological contract) in exchange for an agreed upon compensation, would go out of their way to be anything but a good employee. Yet, for a certain percentage of the workforce, the idea of being an ideal employee goes against their ... whatever!

At the point of workplace dysfunction, it becomes the responsibility of the immediate supervisor to begin to reel in the behavior. Supervisors are rarely trained in the fine art of psychological assessment, but they are expected to 'coach' an employee with an attendance problem into conforming to organizational standards. When besieged by a variety of issues that pull at trying to grow a business, any entrepreneur would be hard pressed trying to address the question, "Why am I spending valuable time trying to coach an adult employee into coming to work on time?"

The simple fact of the matter is that most employees-from-hell are more than aware of the fact that they are an employee-from-hell.

There are those who wear this label as a badge of honor as opposed to an indictment against their character. Having pride in the dysfunction seems to be one of those motivators that lay dormant beneath the radar of most selection instruments. The 91st day of employment appears to be the point when the dysfunction begins to rear its ugly head. From that point forward it becomes

a drain on the organization's resources to keep the behavior aligned with organizational goals.

The other immeasurable impact is felt by the employees who are, departmentally, forced to work with this brand of employee. Their primary concern is always centered on why any organization would tolerate such conduct when the other employees within the department are, essentially, doing their job. How many times have employees breathed a sigh of relief having watched the employee-from-hell be marched out of the organization, only to have them reinstated due to some technical flaw in the removal process? It would seem that if a reasonably thinking adult knows that they really don't want to work at a particular place, then any behavioral demonstration that reinforces that sentiment is just a waste of time!

When small, entrepreneurial organizations have no place to hide this brand of employee, it has no recourse but to confront the problem head on, with legal and human resource consultation, and resolve the issue before the workplace becomes a haven for the organizationally dysfunctional.

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Michigan policies penalize business owners, residents

Michigan leads the nation in unemployment and many other negative business statistics.

This is not just a function of the economic downturn but partly our own fault - we have created extremely user-unfriendly tax laws that discourage businesses from operating here.

Most businesses are set up as LLCs or corporations - establishing limited liabilities for the owners. The owners are personally liable for unpaid "fiduciary" taxes collected by the business on behalf of a government (payroll withholding taxes, sales taxes, etc.) and the owners are considered as trustees for these types of taxes.

The State of Michigan has taken this much further. Any liability owed by a business to the State of Michigan (including Michigan Business Tax, penalties and/or interest on these debts) becomes the personal obligation of the business owner regardless of whether the business is a LLC or Corporation. Michigan is unique in this - other states (including the largest states in the country - New York, California, Arizona) and all of our neighboring states (Ohio, Illinois, Indiana) do not

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have such anti-business laws.

Our CPA firm has witnessed a number of occasions where a business has failed; the owners have lost all of their investment in the business, their livelihood is gone and, more often than not, they have used up their savings trying to keep the business afloat. If there are unpaid liabilities to creditors, as a corporation or LLC these debts normally will be discharged. However, if there are any monies owed to the State of Michigan for any reason, the State will go to the business owners individually and seize personal assets to the extent of the debt - including their homes.

This process is exacerbated by the fact that the State does not seek to collect on its debts directly. Instead, they have outsourced this collection process to the Michigan Automated Collection Service, a robotic agency that does not concern itself with the source of the debts or their accuracy - only enforced collections, period. The IRS and some state governments have procedures for

adjusting liabilities and will allow individuals to pay their tax debts over time with terms favorable to the business owner. The State of Michigan has no such program.

In addition to all this we have an onerous system of taxation in our state - the Michigan Business Tax (again, unique to the State of Michigan). The result should come as no surprise that we have a depressed State economy. Why would a business choose to locate here?

We watch our clients struggle with these unfriendly policies and can only wonder why the State of Michigan is unable to figure out that no one wants to do business here. Professionally, we have a difficult time advising businesses to operate in the State of Michigan. Our incoming state legislature and governor need to evaluate the system and ask themselves if this is part of the economic failure we are experiencing here in Michigan.

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Oakland County offering business workshops

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

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NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

Traffic barrels up on Center Street

The new dumpster enclosure on the south side of Mary Alexander Court just west of the parking deck entrance in downtown Northville is complete. The contractor will continue work on the asphalt pavement and sidewalk on the south side of the road. Excavation and storm sewer installation will take place in this area.

One way traffic will remain on Mary Alexander Court, but parking on the south side will be disrupted. Sidewalk removal has begun, and there will be impact on pedestrian traffic. However, access to all businesses will be maintained.

The contractor was expected to begin work on the east side of Center Street this week. Storm sewer construction at Cady and Center Streets will require rerouting traffic around this intersection for one to two days.

Replacement of the brick wall and rail on the east side of Center Street between Mary Alexander Court and Main Street was also to commence this week. While work on the east side of Center Street progresses there will be one-way-only (southbound) traffic on Center Street (from Main to Cady) for a period of approximately three weeks.

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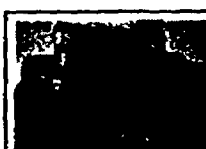
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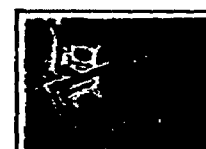
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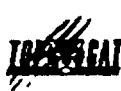
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16 Careers With
Hefty Salaries
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Income is all relative, not only when you compare your income to someone else's, but also when you compare it to the different stages of your career. Ideally, your salary as you near retirement is higher than what you earned during your teenage or college years. Your view of what constitutes a high salary also evolves over time.

Common first jobs are part-time or temporary summer gigs that put some cash in your pocket and let you start saving up for a car. At that age, you're just happy to have money you can call your own. You might earn a little more in college, or you might earn less if you're an unpaid intern. When you decide to take a job that's a step toward the career you want, you get serious about salary requirements and benefits. You're more likely to shop around so you know what you should be earning and can negotiate your salary.

How does your salary stack up?
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isn't loaded and bringing home six figures every year. Not only are most Americans not in the financial stratosphere of the overspending, gaudy caricatures on reality TV, but

we're not even near the fictitious income levels of TV characters. Your favorite TV cop or journalist might have a normal job, but a salary of \$41,231 doesn't allow you to live in a sprawling (and smartly furnished) condo in Manhattan.

Still, for a mean salary to exist, someone has to earn less and someone else has to earn more. In some careers, certain workers are earning more. Much more. In some cases, 10 times the national mean. As you might expect,

many of these jobs are in health care, and the biggest moneymakers require an M.D. Health care is growing and will continue to grow for the foreseeable future, so the combination of demand,

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To give you a glimpse of which workers are earning the biggest bucks, here's a list of the highest-paying medical professions today:

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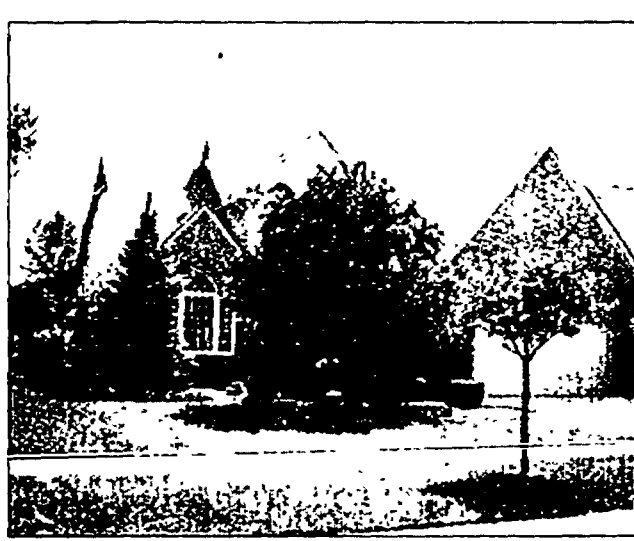
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This three-bedroom colonial, listed at \$279,900, is at 42107 Lakeland Court in Plymouth Township. It's of brick/cedar and has a finished basement, along with a two-car attached garage.



This colonial, listed at \$259,900, is at 34123 Trillium Court in Livonia. It's of brick/vinyl with four bedrooms, a finished basement and an attached two-car garage.



This colonial, listed at \$200,000, is at 29125 Ramblewood Drive in Farmington Hills. It's of brick and includes a three-car attached garage and four bedrooms.

Homes priced at \$200,000-\$299,999 begin to sell

Third in a four-part series

BY JULIE BROWN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Realtor Phyllis Pulty of Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel in Northville is pleased business is picking up. "All of them," she said of price categories showing improvement, adding it's a great time for deals.

"First-time buyers are still at an advantage because of the prices," Pulty said, agreeing recent federal government incentives have helped move first-time buyers off the fence. Those shopping in the \$200,000 to \$299,999 range can get a lot in a home or condo in western Wayne County or the Farmingtons.

Pulty has recently sold homes in that range, as well as others. A larger home listed at more than \$400,000 sold in 2½ weeks. "So there are people looking and relocating back to

Michigan in that price range," she said.

Realtor Bart Patterson has also seen the trend of businesspeople and professionals moving into higher-end homes. Patterson is vice president and general manager of RE/MAX Classic, with offices in Canton, Farmington Hills, Novi and Milford.

An analysis of sales data for May 8 to 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.

For homes/condos priced at \$200,000 to \$299,999, Realcomp II data showed: 25 Plymouth homes on the market, four sold in the past three months; 26 Plymouth Township homes on the market, 16 sold in that time; 98 Canton homes on the market, 56 sold in that time; 63 Livonia homes on the mar-

ket, 27 sold in that time; one Redford home on the market, none sold; nine Westland homes on the market, two sold in that time; two Garden City homes on the market, none sold; four Farmington homes on the market, one sold in that time; and 138 Farmington Hills homes on the market, 56 sold in that time.

Pulty of Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel sold a home for \$135,000 in Livonia in two

to three weeks. "If it's priced right and in good condition, it'll sell," she said. "That's important — priced right."

Gary Reggish, broker/owner of Remerica United Realty of Novi, said there are 13 high-end Livonia properties for sale shown in a recent computer search at his office. Those 13 Livonia properties averaged \$433,822, said Reggish, president of the Farmington-based Western Wayne

Oakland County Association of Realtors. The highest was listed at \$742,000.

The Livonia properties averaged 119 days on the market. "That's awesome," Reggish said of the time in which those homes sold.

In the \$200,000-\$300,000 range, there were 61 active in Livonia with a garage and basement, he said. You likely wouldn't give your Realtor that large of a spread in price, Reggish said, but would work within a smaller range.

"That's not a lot for people" to buy in Livonia, Reggish said, relative to Livonia's population. "Sixty to 70 buyers is not a lot of people moving."

"Now's the best time to sell, because inventory's low," he added. "You're going to sell quickly. We need product on the market."

As you move into the \$200,000-plus category, you see amenities like granite countertops and hardwood floors, he said. Those homes

had sold for \$500,000-\$600,000 in 2005, Reggish said.

"You couldn't build a house for what you can buy these resale homes for today," he said.

Reggish found 31 homes at \$200,000-\$300,000 listed for sale in Plymouth and Farmington Hills. Livonia had about double that, but also a larger population, he said.

"That's low, low, low inventory. This is a time to capitalize on that opportunity, be able to move up," Reggish said.

He and Realtor colleagues are concerned about appraisal issues forcing the lowering of home prices. "There shouldn't be an issue with that property appraising," he said of an example of three houses identical to another being appraised at \$200,000, the fourth at \$190,000.

"We're not short of buyers," he said. "We have to get the guidelines loosened up on these appraisals."

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of May 17-21, 2010, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices

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			2841 Red Arrow Dr	\$123,000	43069 Emerson Way	\$223,000	19321 Jeanette St	\$48,000
			840 Sherbrooke St	\$129,000	24609 Olde Orchard St	\$48,000	18216 New Hampshire Dr	\$36,000
			1686 Union Cir	\$80,000	30316 Sterling Dr	\$270,000	21254 Wallace Dr	\$17,000
			5041 White Tail Ct	\$40,000	23741 Stonehenge Blvd	\$45,000		Troy
			5061 White Tail Ct	\$215,000	24567 Thatcher Dr	\$80,000	1610 Brentwood Dr	\$110,000
				Davisburg	21734 Victoria Rd	\$45,000	1773 Brentwood Dr	\$118,000
			5328 Birch Ln	\$220,000	42745 Whitman Way	\$252,000	4214 Cherrywood Dr	\$159,000
			12200 Rattlesnake Lake Rd	\$140,000	23971 Woodham	\$188,000	6761 Forest Park Dr	\$179,000
Auburn Hills			Farmington	22905 Woolsey	\$40,000	6506 Glyndebourne Dr	\$360,000	
2780 James Rd	\$88,000	24023 Merrillm Ct	\$140,000	Oakland Township		2795 Langeran Dr	\$105,000	
199 Jotham Ave	\$79,000	Farmington Hills		3101 Bridewood Dr	\$163,000	Walled Lake		
Beverly Hills		23151 Ashley St	\$83,000	5565 Murfield Dr	\$825,000	2117 Hidden Meadows Dr	\$78,000	
31602 E Bellvue Trl	\$375,000	21351 Boxwood Ct	\$162,000	Orchard Lake		435 Leon Rd	\$134,000	
31384 E Rutland St	\$174,000	35257 Caryn St	\$169,000	4427 S Bay Dr	\$270,000	3065 Terry St	\$81,000	
17311 W 14 Mile Rd	\$127,000	27475 Cranbrook Dr	\$190,000	Oxford		2352 Trevor Dr	\$203,000	
Birmingham		29915 Foxgrove Rd	\$240,000	634 Elder Road	\$171,000	Waterford		
993 Bird Ave	\$300,000	21330 Hamilton Ave	\$82,000	545 Newman Road	\$126,000	2679 Campbellgate Dr	\$107,000	
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1814 Maryland Blvd	\$175,000	29816 Middlebelt Rd	\$62,000	200 N Alice Ave	\$349,000	1835 Manse Rd	\$57,000	
755 N Glenhurst Dr	\$311,000	29814 Newberry Ct	\$177,000	706 Parkdale Rd	\$128,000	1167 Meadowcrest Dr	\$130,000	
1336 Ruffner Ave	\$142,000	31002 Pine Cone Dr	\$247,000	604 Renshaw St	\$122,000	2840 N Williams Lake Rd	\$55,000	
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Bloomfield Hills		28033 Ridgebrook Rd	\$171,000	Rochester Hills		2668 Siverside Rd	\$225,000	
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