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Trailway to link city, township

Project was two fiscal years in the making

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

After two fiscal years, many meetings, lots of paperwork and hard work, Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox (R-Livonia), Northville Township staff and Wayne County staff have succeeded in making an educational trailway in the Bennett Arboretum a reality.

"When the Board of Trustees authorized staff to commit to the project, the board's advice was to focus on results through basic fundamentals of collaboration and accountability," said Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo. "This project represented creative people, open to new ideas and ways of thinking, to bring this pathway to reality. The outcome realized will include increased pedestrian connectivity to our neighbors in the city while promoting safety to users."

The Northville Bennett Arboretum Educational Trailway will provide increased awareness of the Rouge Watershed and will become a motorized connection between the pathway system of the city of Northville and Northville Township.

The project, funded partially by parks millage funds and a recently-awarded $450,000 Rouge Program Office Grant, will include an elevated boardwalk, block retaining walls with native plantings and a bridge over Johnson Creek that will provide edu-

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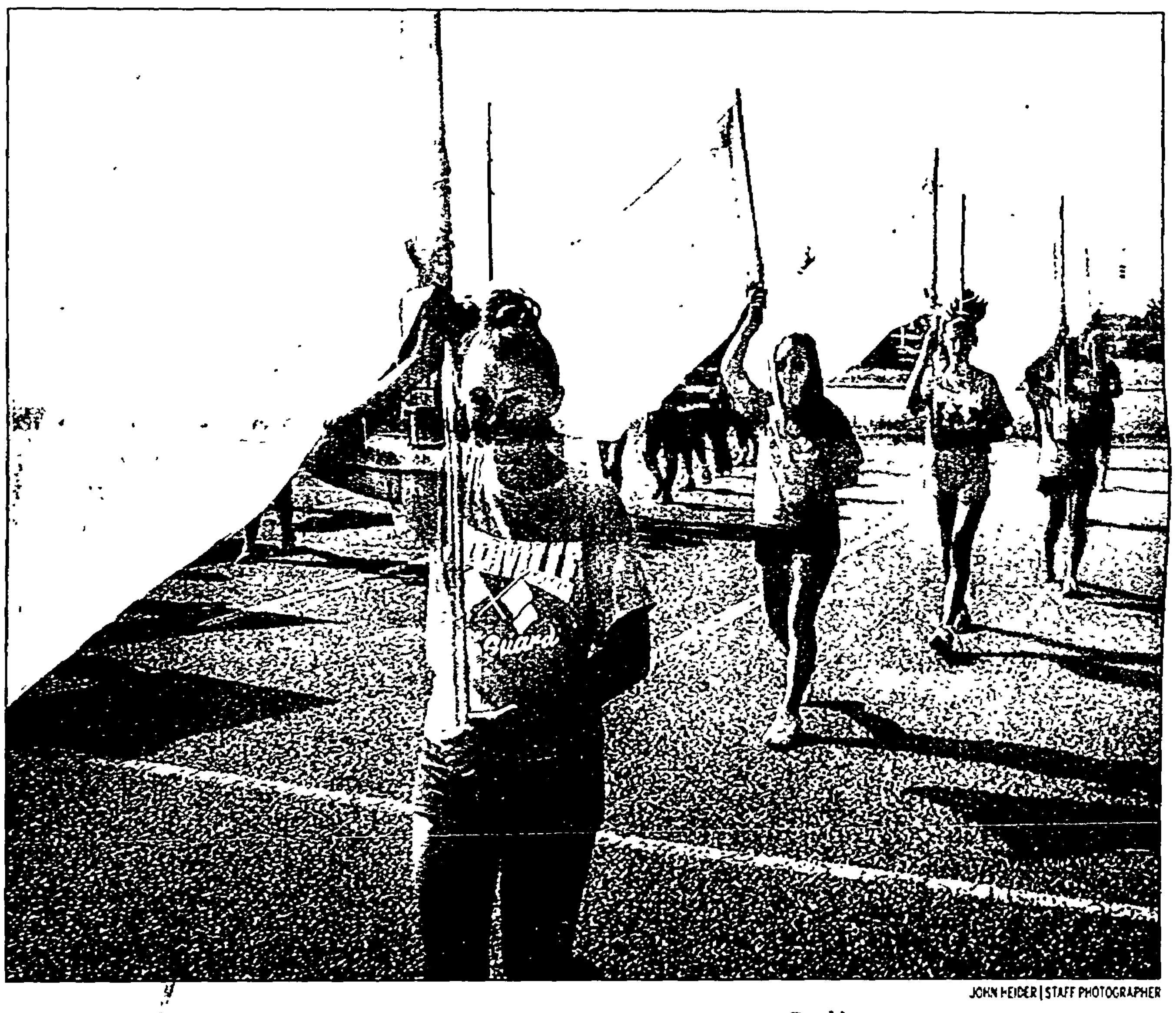
Color Guard



Northville High School freshman and Color Guard member Hannah Haas carries a flag for the school's marching band.

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Support Northville High with style

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Northville High School's Color Guard is becoming more and more popular, with participation more than doubling this year. These dedicated students, mostly freshmen, wave their colorful flags in unison to help support the Mustangs during football games.

Amy Henning, the mother of one of the lieutenants in Color Guard, Abby Henning, said the Color Guard has increased from about 12 girls to about 30 this year; 20 are freshmen.

The Color Guard is all student-run and participates with the band. Members perform at every game in which the Marching Band is present.

Last year, Novi Public Schools allowed Henning to participate in their Winter Guard program as the only Northville High School girl.

"She learned flag and rifle routines, which she is now teaching to girls in the Northville Color Guard," Amy Henning said.

Northville has no Winter Guard program.

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ON THE RECORD

Workshops on saving college costs

A free workshop on getting money for your child's college education will be hosted at Northville District Library from 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28.

The speaker will be Robert Hoger, a certified college planning specialist with Michigan College Funding LLC. He will be discussing such topics as how to send your kids to the school of their dreams without going broke; how to increase your eligibility for aid; how to find scholarships and grants you've never even heard of.

Admission is free but seating is limited by the size of the room, so please call (248) 662-1300 to reserve your seats now.

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.

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. Volunteers are asked to arrive no later than 8:45 a.m.

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

Northville leaders may take look at Plymouth's new study

Reviews city's police, fire, EMS, dispatch service

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

The city of Plymouth recently conducted a City Emergency Services study, which is available online at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us. "It is almost certain to generate discussions on collaborative efforts for communities within the 35th district," said Chip Snider, Northville Township manager.

The Plymouth City Commission contracted with ICMA Consulting Services to provide a detailed review of police, fire, EMS and dispatch services in the city of Plymouth.

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Northville bookstore to host author

Book is No. 1 August IndieNext Pick

Bryan Gruley, author of the No. 1 IndieNext Pick *The Hanging Tree,* will appear at a book signing at 7 p.m. tomorrow at the Next Chapter Bookstore & Bistro at 141 E. Main Street in Northville.

Gruley will also participate in a panel discussion with authors Steve Hamilton and Kent Krueger at the Kerrytown BookFest at noon on Sunday in Ann Arbor.

With the new release of *Hanging Tree,* Gruley returns with the second novel in his Starvation Lake Mystery series. Now in its eighth printing, *Starvation Lake* was recently nominated for an Edgar Award for Best First Novel by the Mystery Writers of America.

When Gracie McBride is found hanging in the shoe tree at the edge of Starvation Lake, her cousin, Gus Carpenter, executive editor of the "Pine County Pilot," and his old flame turned new girlfriend, Sheriff's Deputy Darlene Esper, set out to determine if McBride's troubled life really ended in suicide or if suspicious crime-scene evidence points to murder.

When Carpenter tries to retrace McBride's steps to discover what happened to her during the 18 years she was away from Starvation Lake, he's forced to return to Detroit, the scene of his humiliating past.

Gruley grew up in Michigan and is now the Chicago bureau chief of *The Wall Street Journal.* Locations throughout Michigan, from upstate to Detroit to Melvindale, play key roles in Gruley's books, as does his love of journalism and hockey.

He's been playing hockey since he was a boy growing up in Detroit and still plays regularly at Johnny's Ice House in Chicago.

Hockey plays a big role in the life of the fictional town of "Starvation Lake," as do two of Gruley's other passions, northern Michigan and newspapers.

TWIN LAKE FAMILY COTTAGE

Gruley loves to visit his father's cottage on Big Twin Lake in Michigan's northern lower peninsula – a few miles from the real Starvation Lake. In his spare time, he enjoys skating and spending time with his wife, Pam, and their three grown children, Joel, Kaitlin and Danielle.

His first newspaper job was at the nearby *Antrim County News* in the summer of 1978.

After graduating from the University of Notre Dame in 1979, he worked for newspapers in Brighton, Howell, Kalamazoo and Detroit, before joining *The Wall Street Journal* Washington Bureau in 1995.

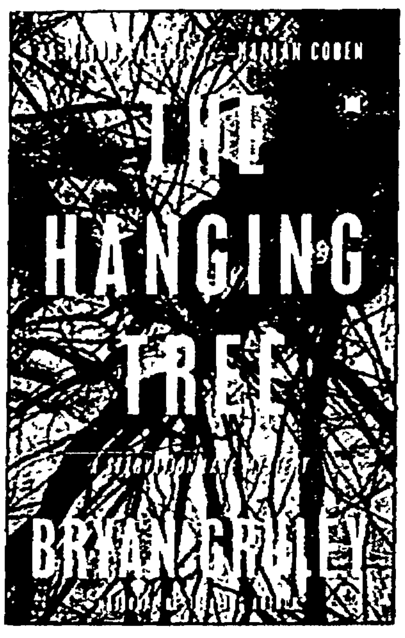
He was won numerous awards for his writing and reporting.

He wrote one of the front-page stories about the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks that won the Journal a 2002 Pulitzer Prize for Breaking News. "War Stories," his Nov. 25, 2003, tale about a black World War II lieutenant who saved a young Holocaust victim, was an alternate finalist in the Pulitzer feature writing category.

Gruley is the author of a prize-winning nonfiction book, *Paper Losses: A Modern Epic of Greed and Betrayal at America's Two Largest Newspaper Companies.* (Grove Atlantic, 1993) He's also an amateur musician who sings, plays guitar and composes his own songs. They include "For A Son," which he wrote after the 2002 death of his friend and *Journal* colleague, Danny Pearl.

For more information about the book sigining tomorrow in Northville, call the Next Chapter Bookstore & Bistro at (248) 465-0010.

Chicago author Bryan Gruley will appear at a book signing at 7 p.m. tomorrow at the Next Chapter Bookstore & Bistro at 141 E. Main Street in Northville for his new murder mystery, "The Hanging Tree."



"The Hanging Tree" is the sequel to Gruley's first novel, "Starvation Lake."

County to sell tax-foreclosed properties online

The Wayne County Treasurer will auction 13,000 properties - which include move-in homes, fixer-uppers and vacant land - online starting Sept. 17.

It's the county's first time using the Internet to sell tax-foreclosed properties, according to officials.

The online preview and auction (bidding takes place Sept. 17-23 at www.bid4assets.com/wayne), is the largest ever for Wayne County, which has hired Bid4Assets.com an online real estate auction site.

To preview properties, go to www.bid4assets.com/wayne.

County officials hope that by getting the properties back on the tax rolls, they will be taken care of (lawns mowed, homes and vacant land maintained, etc.) and neighborhoods will thrive.

Preview traffic is reported to be heavy.

"I've never seen website traffic like this before," said Matt Baker, CEO of Bid4Assets.com. "This is the highest traffic for any auction in the company's 11-year history."

A county press release stated the decision to use the online auction service is a "result of the sheer number of properties, demands placed on the treasurer's office staff, the need to provide other essential services and the opportunity to maximize revenue from the sales that will be dispersed to the county's taxing municipalities."

"With the substantial increase in auction activity, it was necessary to explore an alternative approach to perform the statutorily mandated auction in a cost effective manner," said Wayne County Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz.

"Bid4Assets.com was selected because of the company's extensive experience in county government online tax foreclosure auctions and a proven record of increasing sales and revenues," added Wojtowicz.

"This is easily the highest level of interest I've seen in any of our online auctions," Baker said. "The convenience and ease of online bidding not only makes the whole process easier for everyone involved, it also opens the auction up to investors from coast to coast – and even internationally."

All bidders must register with Bid4Assets.com and submit a $1,000 deposit and $25 processing fee, a total of $1,025.00, in the form of a Cashier's Check or bank wire in U.S. funds, to Bid4Assets, Inc. prior to Sept. 10.

See Bid4Assets.com Web site at www.bid4assets.com/wayne for deposit instructions. Potential auction bidders without a computer should contact Bid4Assets at 1-877-4-ASSETS for more information on how to register and bid.

Special procedures are in place to accommodate these bidders and will require completion of an Offline Bid Form. No auction activities will take place at the office of the Wayne County Treasurer.

For additional information on the auction and to view the properties, visit: www.bid4assets.com/wayne.

The Term and Conditions of Sale and a list of the properties offered are available online at the Wayne County Treasurer's website: www.treasurer.waynecounty.com.

Bid4Assets, Inc. (www.bid4assets.com) was founded in 1999. It is a privately held company located in Silver Spring, Md.

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Northville Budget Committee members review cuts to date

City looking at $1.3 million shortfall by 2014

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Northville's new City Budget Committee members met for the second time Aug. 30, reviewing cuts made so far -- and it's obvious they have their work cut out for them.

The next meeting will take place at 7 p.m. on Sept. 13 and will be a brainstorming session, according to Jerry Mittman, committee chair. The committee plans to present recommendations at the Nov. 1 city council meeting.

At the Aug. 30 meeting, Pat Sullivan, city manager, reviewed significant cuts the city has made to the budget from 2004 to the present.

The city's general fund has lost $1.04 million, or a 16-percent drop, in revenue since 2008. The projected loss is $1.8 million, or a 27-percent loss, of revenue by 2014 if Oakland County predictions are accurate.

Sullivan said the general fund reductions have come resulted from less funds from property taxes, interest earnings, state shared revenue, the Northville Downs race track breakage funds and other sources.

There is expected to be a 45-percent decline in tax dollars by 2012 paid by the average homeowner in the city of Northville — from having to pay $2,121 in 2008 to $1,164 a year by 2014.

'A lot of communities are cutting 10-15 percent of their budget without affecting service too much. Ypsilanti has cut 20 percent of its budget: That will affect services.'
PAT SULLIVAN, *city manager*

Legislation, such as the Headlee Amendment and Proposal A, will also limit future increases on property tax revenues.

The overall situation is that the budget committee is faced with having to come up with about $1.3 million in cuts between now and fiscal year 2014, Sullivan said. This is the expected shortfall between general fund revenues and expenditures.

ORGANIZATIONAL REVIEW

The city has adopted about 75 percent of the recommendations of an organizational study done by Rehman Robson about a year ago, Sullivan said. The team that reviewed the city's budget has done more than 150 previous assessments, according to the city manager.

Plante & Moran consultants suggested some budget cuts, too.

"A lot of communities are cutting 10-15 percent of their budget without affecting service too much," Sullivan said. "Ypsilanti has cut 20 percent of its budget. That will affect services."

Gary Goss, chief of police, talked about some of the cost-saving measures the police department has adopted to save money in that department, including the use of electronic tickets and providing online accident reports to citizens.

The police department laid off one officer, the records clerk and all part-time officers in July 2009.

"We've gotten to be a heck of a lot more efficient since we lost our clerical people," Goss said. "I can produce a pistol permit now in 20 minutes."

LABOR RELATIONS GOOD

Steve Schwartz, a local labor attorney, also gave a brief presentation that evening about the city's unions and their relationship with the city.

"This city has historically had good labor relations," Schwartz said.

He said that in the mid-1990s the city went to a different type of pension system -- from a guaranteed pension to something more like a 401(k).

"We're getting out of the retiree health care business as well," he said. He said to balance their budgets, cities can look at cutting services, raising their millage or consolidating services with other communities.

"But, that doesn't generate much revenue," Schwartz said. "And, you can't solve the problem through union concessions. Eventually, communities will have to reduce services or cut staff."

"We could save money if we consolidate," Sullivan. "That's been proven. It's even conceivable that you could merge with another government. It's been done with other cities."

Sullivan outlined proposals to consider without revenue adjustment:

* selling vacant city-owned property, which is mostly small park areas;
* charge off Special Event costs;
* contract out police officers;
* eliminate shared services with Northville Township;
* a full merger with another city or township; and
* reducing the full-time workforce by 11.

The number of employees that would be cut across the board to make up the $1.3 million shortfall would be four in public safety, three in public works, one in parks and recreation and three in administration, reducing staff from 43 to 32.

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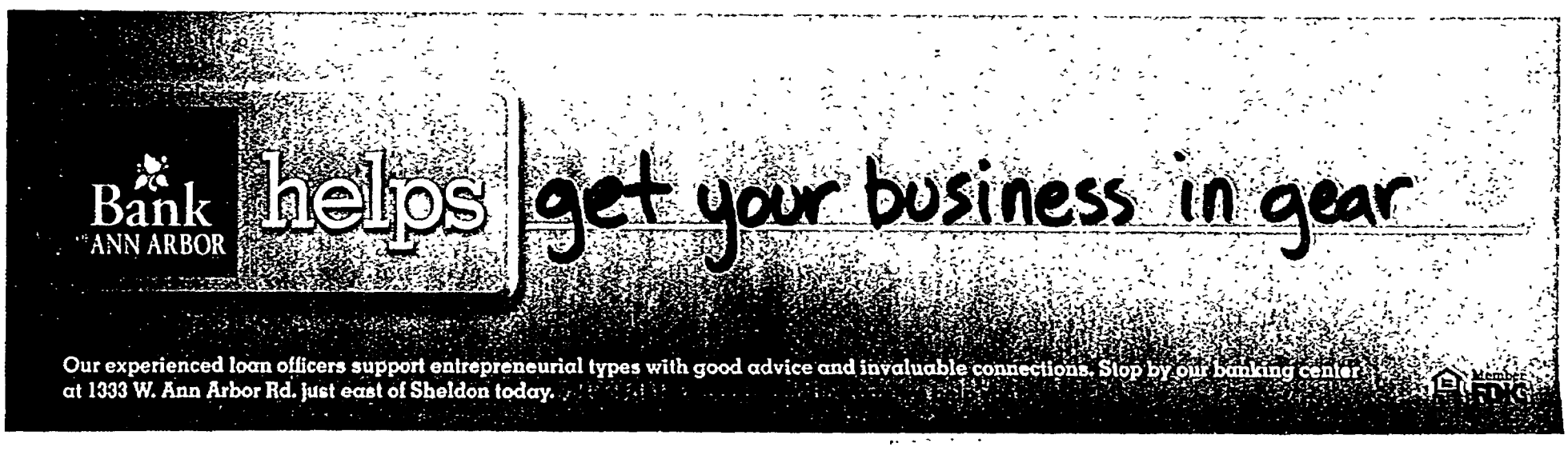

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School starts

Thornton Creek Elementary School teacher Carol Theisen goes over some instructions with pupils in the hallway of the school after lunch on Tuesday, Sept. 7. Northville schools began their 2010-2011 school year on that day.

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Thornton Creek Elementary School teacher Nicole Wesley begins the educational year by reading the book "First Day Jitters" by Julie Danneberg to her students. For most students that day at Thornton Creek, the school day was about learning the routines of classroom, lunchroom and school bus.

Northville Thornton Creek Elementary School teacher Nicole Wesley gets a high-five from one of her students as she goes over some of her classroom's routines on the first day back to school, Sept. 7.

South University-Novi hires new dean of academic affairs

South University announced the hiring of Scott Behrens, Ph.D., as dean of Academic Affairs and Operations for its new campus in Novi. Behrens brings with him more than 15 years of experience in higher education.

Prior to joining South University, Behrens served as a tenured associate professor of education as well as the chair of Teacher Education in Michigan where Behrens was responsible for hiring and evaluating adjunct faculty, developing new programs in teacher education certification and leading the college through the initial steps of national accreditation in teacher education.

He holds a doctorate in foundations of education from the University of Florida and a master's degree in school psychology from the University of Arizona.

Behrens

"Dr. Behrens' extensive experience and dedicated passion for higher education make him a valuable addition to our new campus," said William (Bill) Bradford, campus president of South University-Novi. "Our students and faculty will certainly benefit from his academic and administrative guidance."

As dean of Academic Affairs and Operations, Behrens is responsible for creating and sustaining an environment of academic and professional excellence for students and faculty at South University-Novi. Along with other members of the campus's executive committee, Behrens manages the hiring of new faculty, maintains admissions standards, and oversees student services.

"It is a pleasure to be a part of South University-Novi," said Behrens. "Our institution is committed to providing quality education in a supportive academic environment – a philosophy I have had my entire professional career."

Classes at South University-Novi are slated to start Saturday, Oct. 2 in a new, 40,300 square foot academic campus at 41555 Twelve Mile Road. Initially, South University-Novi will offer bachelor's degree programs in business administration, criminal justice, healthcare management and graduate programs including a master of arts in professional counseling and a master of business administration.

For information about South University, call (877) 693-2085 or visit www.southuniversity.edu/novi.

NORTHVILLE ON CAMPUS

Davenport University

Nicole Nowak from Northville has been named to the Deans List for the summer 2010 semester. To achieve the Dean's List, a student must maintain a minimum 3.5 grade point average while enrolled in at least nine credits of regular coursework.

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cational information about the creek.
The boardwalk will provide a viewing platform for a wetland that straddles the city and township lines.

"This project is the realization of over two years worth of vision and commitment," Cox said. "The appeal of the trailway is not only in its natural beauty but also in its educational opportunities for everyone from children to seniors."

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER PRAISED

Cox praised Northville Township engineer Jill Rickard, who was the point person for the township when it came to the grant application work. She also expressed thanks to the Wayne County Executive's Office staff members for their support.

"The administration is pleased to have done its part in making Commissioner Cox's project a reality," said Assistant County Executive Alan Helmkamp. "The County places great emphasis on its parks and wetlands."

Cox's office has been pursuing the trailway project for many years, and for the past two fiscal years the commissioner has been putting on a full court press to complete funding.

The trailway will begin just north of Verona Lane, on the east side of Sheldon Road, where an existing 8-foot wide Northville Township pathway system ends. The route will continue along Sheldon, within the Bennett Arboretum, cross into the city of Northville, and end near the intersection of Sheldon and Seven Mile roads.

"I was delighted to hear that Commissioner Cox and Northville Township were able to accomplish this new connection to the township's pathway system," said Northville Mayor Chris Johnson. "A lot of hard work went into making this happen. In fact, so many helped that we can't list them all. It really shows that when communities work together, great things can be accomplished."

CONNECTS COMMUNITIES

There will be multiple educational aspects to the project, but the path's largest benefit is the connector it creates for residents to the Rouge River, Linear Park and the Bennett Arboretum. It spans the gap to trailways and path systems, which will allow residents of both the city and the township access to the water resources.

"There simply aren't enough of these types of paths and trails," Cox said. "And I'm very proud to help bring one to the city and township of Northville."

For more information about the Northville Bennett Arboretum Educational Trailway, contact Commissioner Cox's office at (313) 224-0946.

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JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Northville High senior Emily Love is in charge of the marching band's Color Guard. Here they practice on Aug. 30.

COLOR GUARD

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However, rifles and sabers will be present this year at the Northville football games during halftime routines for the first time in many years.

Emily Love, captain of the Color Guard, has been a Color Guard since freshman year and has served as captain for two years.

One of the Color Guard lieutenants who teaches the girls, Alex Pogany, said the leaders make up the Color Guard routines.

"We coach them on what they need to learn," Pogany said. Some of the girls have training in dance or were previous band members.

EXCITING CHANGES THIS YEAR

"These are exciting changes for the Northville band this year — both the increase in Color Guard participation and the increase in the types of routines being used (rifle and saber routines) plus the overall leadership of this group by students," Amy Henning said.

"We're trying to move forward to be more like an actual Color Guard than just a Flag Corps," Love said.

"This is the first year we have thrown the flags into the air," Pogany said.

The girls practiced from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. during Band Camp the week before school started in one of the parking lots at the high school and will practice as long as the Marching Band does.

They also had a recent fundraiser at Maggie Moo's Ice Cream and Treatery at 17927 Haggerty Road in Northville Township so they could purchase new flags due to the large increase in participation.

The Color Guard also performs in parades in Northville, such as the Victorian Festival Parade, Homecoming Parade, Fourth of July Parade and Memorial Day Parade and the Holiday Lights Parade in December.

The next Music Boosters meeting is at 7 p.m. Sept. 14 at Northville High School in the Forum.

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JANE E. BULMON

Age 85, of Salem Twp. Passed away Aug. 31, 2010. A funeral service was held Fri. 9/03/2010 at St. John's Evan. Lutheran Church. She was laid to rest at Lapham Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc., South Lyon.

EDNA M. CLOUTIER

Age 85, of Northville, passed away, September 6, 2010. Please contact PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME at 248-437-1616 for visitation and funeral service arrangements or visit: www.phillipsfuneral.com

MICHAEL M. GREEN

August 28, 2010. Funeral was Sept. 3 at St James Church, Novi. Donations to Green Children Educational Trust, 37637 5 Mile #243, Livonia, MI 48154. Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

GILBERT "SONNY" JOHNSON

Age 80, of South Lyon, formerly of Northville, passed away September 4, 2010. A funeral service was held Wed. 9/8/10 at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. Contributions to charity of choice appreciated.

JELSY G. JOHNSTON

Aug. 27, 2010. Funeral was Sept. 4, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Novi. Donations: St. Jude Children's Hospital or Angela Hospice. Interment, Ft. Custer National Cemetery. Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

PATRICK J. KELLY

Age 49, August 30, 2010. Pat was a member of Knights of Columbus, Knights of Equity & the A.O.H. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Donations to Odyssey Hospice or A.O.H. Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

DONALD A. LACROIX

Age 62, passed away, September 6, 2010 at his home in the care of his loving family. He was born on September 16, 1947, in Detroit, the son of Pearl and the late Clifford LaCroix. Donald is survived by: his beloved wife, Judith, his son David, his siblings Cyril LaCroix, Mary Hopkins and Doreen Young. He was preceded in death by his brother Louis and his sister Geraldine Gray. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, September 8th, from 6:00pm-9.00pm with Rosary at 7:00pm at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. Liturgy of the Word funeral service will be held on Thursday at 10:00am at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Online Guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

MARY HARRINGTON LLOYD (NEE ENGEL)

Died September 4, 2010 at age 79. The beloved wife of 32 years to Ken Lloyd and daughter of Andy and Dorothy Engel of Manchester, Michigan, Mary is survived by her husband Ken, son Doug Harrington (Sue), daughter Anne Hollaway (Gordon), Pam Dase (Brad), Leslie Williams, and grandchildren Tom, Liz, Andy, Lesley, Lauren, Jill, Jessie, Jonathon, Johanna, Katie, Denny and Zack. Mary was a graduate of Michigan State (BS) and Wayne State (MS) Universities and taught for over 30 years in South Redford at Thurston High School and Marshall Jr. High. Traveling to many parts of the world filled her retirement years, and she maintained an active schedule of volunteering, gardening, baking, bridge, and writing letters to friends and acquaintances. A memorial service will be held for Mary at Emanuel United Church of Christ in Manchester, Michigan on Saturday, September 11 at 11:00am with a luncheon following. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to Emanuel United Church of Christ or The Salvation Army.

SANDRA L. MCCOMMONS

Age 62, passed away, September 4, 2010. She was born on March 21, 1948, in Roseville, Michigan, the daughter of Alex and Zola Jones. Sandy was a dedicated employee of the United States Postal Service for close to 20 years. She was a kind and loving mother, grandmother and friend. Her family was the most important thing in her life. She is survived by: her beloved children, Traci (Shawn) Grangood, Tara Hagel, Ryann (Jason) Vanwingerden, her adoring grandchildren, Wyatt, Taylor, Justin, Sarah, Landon and Owen, her loving parents, Alex and Zola MacLauren, her siblings, Craig MacLauren, Mary Nunley and Alex MacLauren. Sandy is also survived by her dear friend Maureen Sandefur, many nieces and nephews, colleagues, and close friends. Visitation will be held on Thursday, September 9, 2010 from 2:00pm-6:00pm with funeral services being held at 6.00pm at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. Online Guestbook: www.phillipsfuneralcom

DANIEL S. MCCORMICK

Age 86, passed away, September 3rd, 2010. A funeral Mass will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church in the near future. Funeral arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon.

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Deadline: Tuesday at 10 am for Thursday

Obituaries received after these deadlines will be placed in the next available issue

In Memory Of

IN MEMORY ON THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF HER DEATH JOAN KINNE SAVAGE

Age 73, of Canton died Sept. 8, 2007, at her home after a courageous battle with lung cancer. A lifelong nonsmoker, Joan Mae Kinne was born on March 14, 1934, in Williamston, MI. While growing up, she worked as a cashier at her parents' Lee Theater in Whitmore Lake and Lyon Theater in South Lyon. She graduated from South Lyon High School in 1952 where she was a majorette in the marching band. She received a Secretarial Science degree from Michigan State College in 1954, a BS in Business Education from Eastern Michigan University in 1968, and a MA in Secondary Education from EMU in 1973. She married Carleton McNeal Savage on June 11, 1955. She worked for 26.5 years for the Plymouth-Canton Community School district as a high school teacher in the Business Education Department and as a co-op coordinator. She was a member of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, the Canton Historical Society, and former President of the Delta Pi Epsilon, Gamma Alpha Chapter at EMU. She enjoyed spending time with her family, square dancing, traveling, ushering at the Fisher Theater in Detroit, and playing bridge where she achieved ACBL Gold Life Master status in 2005.

Joan is preceded in death by her husband Carleton M. Savage in 1994; parents Gladys E. (Powell) Kinne in 1994 and Rex W. Kinne in 1959; and by her brother Douglas G. Kinne in 2000. She is survived by sons Michael McNeal Savage of Esko, MN; Gary Douglas Savage of Plymouth, MI; daughter Teresa Gail Savage of Canton, MI; grandsons Mark McNeal Savage and Henry Salvatore Savage; granddaughters Sarah Elizabeth Savage, Emily Jean Savage, and Grace Elizabeth Savage.

Joan is buried in Williamston's Summit Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to: savagejk@yahoo.com.

Paying Tribute to the Life of Your Loved One

STUDY

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The study was to be an independent review of current operations and to make recommendations for the future delivery of emergency services.

To find the study, citizesn can look under the City News on the right hand side of the city of Plymouth home page to locate the report.

The report was based on an extensive review of the official records of the Plymouth city, township and community ambulance partner Huron Valley Ambulance.

In addition, the ICMA Team presented their report to the City Commission and the community in a special Study Session Sept. 1.

The city of Northville and Northville Township combined police dispatch and booking services several years ago.

In this era of budget crises, communities are always on the lookout for ways to "combine and conquer" so to speak when it comes to providing services.

Northville's new City Budget Committee may be looking at ways to collaborate on some services with neighboring communities in an effort to save money in the near future.

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NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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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".

Northville-Novi Gardeners

Meeting
Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Sept. 13
Location: Northville Art House
Details: Social time, 6:30 p.m.; at 7 p.m., speaker Pat Mann will discuss and demonstrate hypertufa, the art of making cement containers. A meeting of the organization follows at 8 p.m.

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
Time/Date: 5:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays
Details: Open to the public (including children); $1.50 each for a slide or fries.
Steak & Rib Nite
Time/Date. 5:30-8 p.m. every first and third Fridays of the month
Details: public welcome
Contact: Cris Doering, Auxiliary president, (734) 756-7043

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 Matts 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

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NORTHVILLE / NOVI CHURCH EVENTS

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Church of the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org
Mass Schedule
TIME/DAY: 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday Friday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 5 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday
Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.
Reconciliation. beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment
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.crosspointemeadows.org.
Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.
Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages
Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene

Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road
Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org
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.newhopecenter.

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

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off Milford Rd., 2-7/8 miles N of M-59
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Mass Schedule: Saturday 5 p.m.
Sunday, 8 a.m. & 11 a.m.; M-T-W-F 9 a.m.
Holy Day, 8 a.m. & 7 p.m.; First Saturday 8 a.m.
Confessions - Saturdays 11 a.m. & 4:15 p.m.
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620 General Motors Rd., Milford
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Regular Sunday Service: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
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Monday Evening 7:00 p.m.
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Website: milfordbaptist.org

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(248) 685-3560 www.AboutSouthHill.com
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
KIDS' Worship 10:15 a.m.
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Call about our current small group studies.

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Wednesday All Ages: 7:00 p.m.

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Contemporary 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.
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Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
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Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
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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: downtownnorthville.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 B

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

Lyndsey Eccles and her son Ayden.

Walk at Kensington Sept. 12 to help fight MS

BY AILEEN WINGBLAD
STAFF WRITER

Lyndsey Eccles was just 25 years old — and six months pregnant — when she got some disturbing news about her health.

Doctors told her the extreme fatigue, double vision and other odd symptoms she was experiencing were likely caused by multiple sclerosis.

Yet since some diagnostic tests could hurt her unborn child, she had to wait until the baby was born to find out for sure.

Soon after she gave birth and underwent further testing, the diagnosis was confirmed. And Eccles was shocked.

"It was very scary," she said. "It took six weeks to get my vision back — after they gave me steroids."

Since then, Eccles, a 29-year-old single mom living in Milford, has struggled with raising her son, Ayden, on her own, as well as trying to maintain her job. She's had to cut back to about 20 hours a week at work, and even then still can't make it through the day without a nap. The simplest exertions cause numbness and tingling. Vision problems and dizziness occur time and again.

Eccles has relapsing-remitting MS, the most common form of the disease. Her symptoms or attacks of MS are unpredictable, but like others with this form of MS, she generally recovers once the attack is over. There are also

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Lyndsey Eccles of Milford will be among thousands of people raising money for multiple sclerosis Sept. 12 at Kensington Metropark.

progressive forms of MS which result in increases in ill health and worsening of symptoms over time.

Eccles recently learned the medication she injects every two days isn't working as it should to relieve her symptoms. That was confirmed with an MRI that shows additional lesions on her brain — a hallmark of the disease. The majority of people with relapsing-remitting MS will develop a progressive form.

Of the other drug options, she's already used most of them with no success. Doctors have one more they'd like to try — but there are no guarantees.

"It's hard, it's really hard," Eccles said. "Fatigue is my biggest symptom, and even the narcotic they give me for energy doesn't really do much."

Despite the extreme tiredness and weakness she lives with each day — as well as the intermittent bouts of other health problems and sensations brought on by disease — she's determined to do what she can to spread awareness about MS and raise money for research and services.

Eccles will be among those participating in Walk MS, a fundraising event held at Kensington Metropark on Sept. 12. This is the first time the walk will be held at Kensington. It's one of 13 Walk MS 2010 events held by the National MS Society's Michigan Chapter.

Walk MS is expected to raise more than $1.1 million this year in Michigan. Eccles hopes to raise $2,500 with her team, "Saving Private Myelin," which includes her sister, Shawn Eccles, and friends Marlene Rankin, Sara McDonnell and Shelly Herrington. Eccles came up with the team name because of myelin's role in her disease.

Myelin is an insulating layer around nerves, including those in the spinal cord and brain, that allows transmission of impulses along nerve cells. Damaged myelin can cause multiple sclerosis and other diseases.

Saving Private Myelin has brought in several hundred dollars so far, including $150 from the White Lake Inn wait staff, which paid $5 to wear jeans on Friday.

"Anyone else is welcome to join our team if they'd like to sign up online," Eccles said. "And of course, donations are always welcome."

Eccles said she was thrilled to hear an MS walk would be held in Kensington. "I've been wanting to do this walk — I have to do it. It's perfect that it's at Kensington," she said. "And it's not a big commitment — it's only three miles. And they only ask you to raise $100 in order to get a T-shirt."

Eccles is no stranger to fundraising walks — in the past she completed the 60-mile "Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure." But that was before her MS. Since her diagnosis, she has also participated in smaller fundraisers for MS, mostly sending letters asking for donations.

"People who have their health take it for granted. They don't realize how something like this changes your life," she said. "I want to raise awareness, and I want to raise money for this."

Register for Walk MS 2010 at www.walkmsmi.org. For information on Walk MS 2010, contact Andrea Jarvis (248) 351-2190, Ext. 218, or Eileen Wunderlich at (248) 266-8058. For information on multiple sclerosis, go to www.nationalmssociety.org.

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NOTICE OF NECESSITY HEARING

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ROAD RECONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENTS

PUBLIC HEARING

A notice of Public Hearing was published on August 26 and September 2, 2010 with an incorrect date for the Public Hearing. The **CORRECT DATE** of the Public Hearing is **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at Northville Township Hall, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan.**

If you have any questions or wish to obtain a copy of the notice of the public hearing, contact the Deputy Clerk at 248-662-0492 or by email at: jmoak@twp.northville.mi.us.

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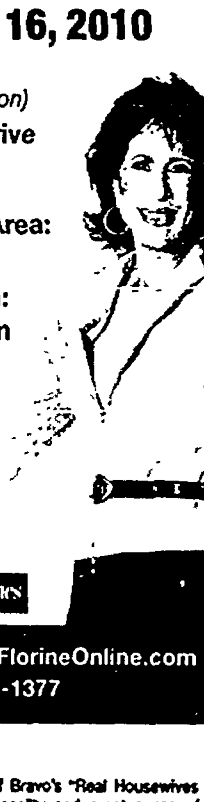

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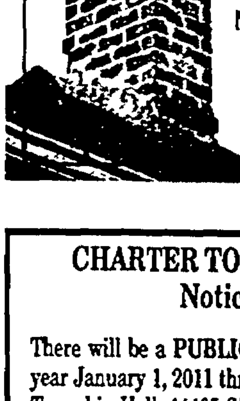

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Notice to the Residents

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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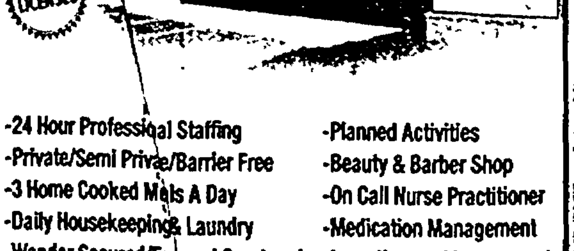

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NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Victorian Fest volunteers needed

This community event takes place in downtown Northville Sept. 17-19. It takes nearly 200 volunteers over the course of three days to sell tickets and man the information booth. While the National Honor Society students and scouts help each year, there are still several areas that require adult volunteers.

Once again, the Northville Chamber of Commerce is offering members an opportunity to promote your business while volunteering. If your company recruits and staffs an entire booth then you will have an opportunity to display your brochures and a table-top sign stating that this station is manned by volunteers from "name of your organization." It's free advertising for you as long as you man your station with volunteers from your organization only. If you have more volunteers that the requested shift requires, you can either work two shifts or your group will be spread around to various stations. First-come-first-serve!

All volunteers will need to be dressed in Victorian clothing which can be as simple as a long skirt with a blouse and can be completed with a hat or bow. The men can wear dark pants with a white shirt and bow tie and or suspenders. Keep it simple and comfortable! If you have any questions, please email Jeri at jerijohnson@northville.org or call the chamber at (248) 349-7640.

Northville Hearing Center celebrates over 40 years

Celebrating over 40 years of service, Northville Hearing Center will be holding an open House from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21 at 18600 Northville Road, Suite 700, Northville, MI (between Six and Seven Mile roads).

Board certified in hearing instrument sciences, audioprosthologist Lin McNair will be on hand. Lin has been helping people improve the quality of their lives through better hearing for over 20 years.

The following free services will be offered during the open house:

1. electronic hearing screening by a licensed hearing professional
2. opportunity to view your ear canal on a TV screen with the use of a video camera
3. preview of the new S Series iQ hearing aid available only from Starkey Laboratories
4. professionally cleaning and fine-tuning of your hearing aids

"Our goal in sponsoring this Open House is to provide people in the Northville area with the knowledge they need to make informed decisions regarding their hearing health," says McNair. "Appointments are available on a first-come, first-served basis and there is no cost for these services."

Call (248) 349-0657 to make an appointment.

"Show Me Yours, I'll Show You Mine"

Members of the Northville Genealogical Society will share their family treasures at the first meeting of the year. Travel back in time as they share the history of their family heirloom. Learn about the origins and emotional value attached to it. Discover why their treasure is so important to the family. Share their excitement as they share a piece of themselves.

The meeting will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12 at the Northville District Library, 212 West Cady, in Northville. A roundtable discussion on computer genealogy will precede the meeting at 1:15 p.m. The public is invited to attend both free of charge.

Individual help on genealogy is offered by Society members in the Local History Room at the Northville District Library on Monday afternoons 1-3 p.m. and also by appointment. For more information call Donna Kenske at (734) 678-6370 or check the website at www.rootsweb.com/~mings.

Ghoultide Gathering features bewitching artwork

A collective of twenty-three artists has been assembled for the fourth annual art show known as Ghoultide Gathering - A Halloween Artists Spectacular. This one-day event will take place from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2 in Mill Race Village, 215 Griswold, Northville. Admission is $5 at the gate.

Juried artists work to create spooktacular collections to charm and sell at this Halloween-only show.

Using both traditional and non-traditional mediums, their vision of Halloween offer a spellbinding take on the season that has fascinated many since childhood.

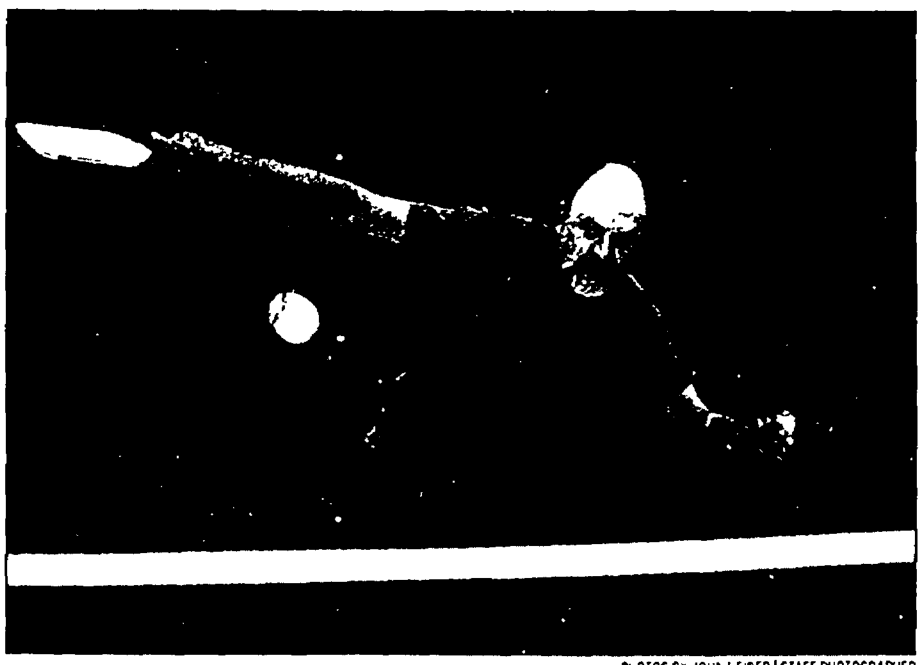
More information and a list of Ghoultide Gathering participating artists is available on the show website at www.ghoultidegathering.com.

Have a Heart for Hunger

The second annual Have a Heart for Hunger fundraiser to cover the cost of Kids Against Hunger meal-packing events this school year by Northville and inner-city students will be Saturday, Nov. 20 at Northville High School..

Soup supper is from 5-7 p.m. featuring soups donated by several area merchants. Join in the excitement of assembling rice meals for the world's hungry. Beginning at 7 p.m., enjoy the NHS production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's Broadway Musical, "Cinderella".

For more information, go to www.haveaheartforhunger.net. Tickets go on sale Oct. 1. They will only be sold at the door if available.



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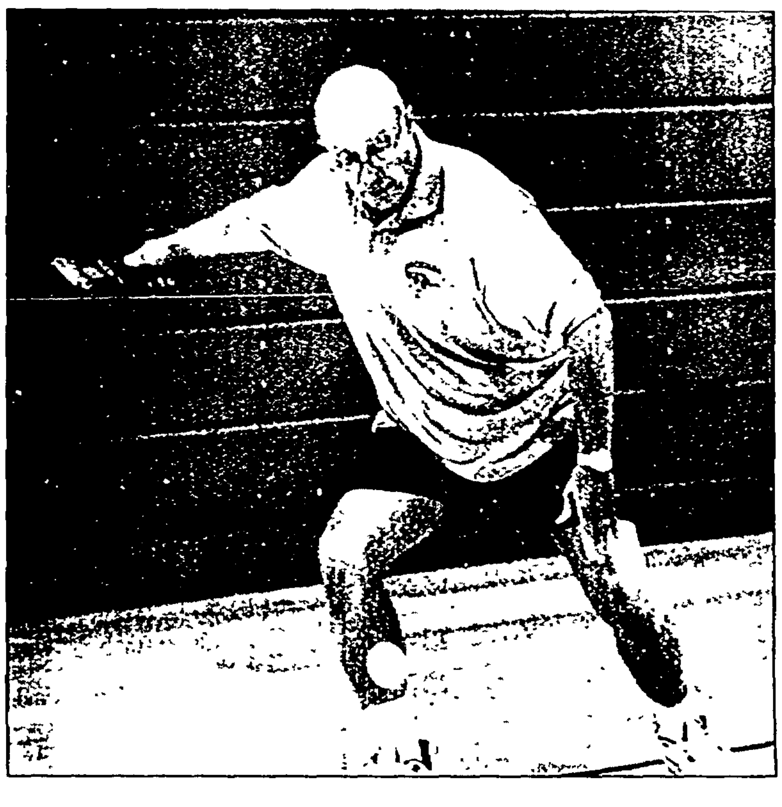
Mick Nowak returns a shot during a pickleball game with Larry Cupp and Tom Robb at the Recreation Center at Hillside on Aug. 11. The center hosts regular pickleball games through the week as well as the Northville Community Senior Center.

Playing pickleball



Larry Cupp plays some pickleball at the Recreation Center at Hillside on Aug. 11

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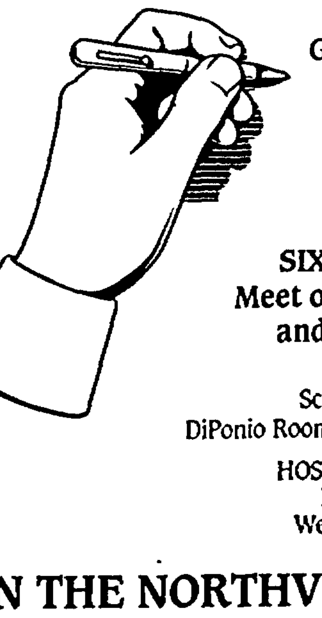

September 28th
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OUR VIEWS

Volunteer, make it better

Keep your local communities thriving

Volunteerism. It can be the difference between keeping this community bustling with events that attract people from surrounding communities — or not.

It could have meant the difference this past weekend in communities like Royal Oak, which hosted the Arts Beats and Eats festival; or downtown Detroit, home to the long-standing international jazz festival; or to Hamtramck, where Polish culture was celebrated all weekend on Jos. Campau and surrounding streets.

All of these Labor Day weekend festivities could not have happened without volunteers. And, a lot of revenue wouldn't have poured into these cities without those events.

As the communities of Novi and Northville continue to offer events throughout the calendar year, we continue to encourage people to get involved, volunteer at least a little time or talent to the events — whether it's the upcoming Victorian Festival, Car Tunes, Novi Palooza, or the myriad of other special events that make these towns what they are, it's worth the investment.

Being a part of a community means more than simply waving hello from your porch, or strolling through town on a nice evening. It's more than buying your gasoline at the corner station and choosing local businesses for your other purchases. It's more than paying attention to local government and it's more than attending special events. It's about being involved, being connected and being contributors.

Volunteerism, in the current tough economic times, has risen. According to the United States Department of Labor, the number of volunteers and the volunteer rate nationwide rose over the year ended in September 2009, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. About 63.4 million people, or 26.8 percent of the population, volunteered through or for an organization at least once between September 2008 and September 2009. In 2008, the volunteer rate was 26.4 percent.

There are several outstanding volunteers in these communities, and we don't want to imply that they're not doing great things. We're encouraging more people to step up and help out.

State to begin offering motorists a bargain

People with birthdays on Oct. 1 and shortly thereafter are finding a new option in their license-plate-renewal packet — the opportunity to buy an annual entry pass for state parks for $10. They should embrace it.

This is Michigan's attempt, and unfortunately a rather weak one, to increase funding for state parks, recreational areas and boat launches. The state that pioneered this approach, Montana, added the fee to license-plate bills and required car owners to opt out if they didn't want to pay it. Participation was high.

Michiganders, on the other hand, must opt in by checking "yes" on their renewal forms for what is called Michigan's Recreation Passport and adding the $10 fee to their total. It's a great deal, given that the current annual pass costs $24, with daily rates of $6. (People from out of state will continue to be charged $29 for an annual pass, or $8 daily.)

Although camping fees will still apply for parks and state forest campgrounds, the $10 fee for entry is a true bargain for people who use the parks regularly. It will also open up the entire system of 98 parks to anyone who might otherwise hesitate, because of the fee, to stop briefly for a lunchtime visit, a short hike or a chance to enjoy a view of the water or whatever other resource the park is built around.

With sufficient participation, estimated at about 50 percent of Michigan's vehicles, the parks will get enough funding so the Department of Natural Resources and Environment can begin many long-delayed improvements. The DNRE will also set aside money for a grant program for local parks and a separate program to maintain and improve historic facilities within the parks.

Governors and lawmakers over the last decade or so gradually decreased general fund support for the 98 parks and recreational areas, and then ended it completely in 2004. The 133 state forest campgrounds jockey for limited funding; 12 were closed in 2009. Meanwhile, the DNRE also struggles to maintain 1,000 boat launches and nearly 1,000 miles of trails.

Michigan has a long and strong tradition of providing inexpensive, and often free, access to some of its most highly scenic areas. A $10 contribution to maintain that tradition, now and well into the future, is not much to ask even in these hard-pressed times.

People with October birthdays can lead the way by buying a license sticker, which will have a small letter "P" on it, that shows they support Michigan's grand outdoor attractions.

Information about the Recreation Passport is available at www.michigan.gov/dnre.

This editorial appeared in the Livingston County Daily Press & Argus.

COMMUNITY VOICE

How do you think the Detroit Lions will do this season?

"I'm excited, actually. I'm looking forward to it. They look good."

Sam Boyea
Northville

"Better than last season. They looked good in the preseason."

Scott Zuawski
Nothville

"I say (they'll get) four wins at least and they'll win the Super Bowl in four more years."

Caleb Koilpillai
Northville

"Well, I think they're going to be much better this year. I think they have the right tools."

Michelle Kazewych
Northville

LETTERS

Better off with Republican greedership?

Rick Engelland, on your Sept. 2 Opinions page, thinks we would be better off with Republican leadership.

He must be one of the 1 percent of Americans who own 34 percent of the wealth in this country.

Rick wants us to go back to the Republican years that saw George Bush and Dick Cheney start a war under false pretenses.

That war cost us more than 4,000 American lives and billions upon billions of dollars, while putting billions of dollars into the pockets of Bush's friends at Halliburton, Blackwater, etc.

Rick wants us to go back to the glory Republican days when Enron was the big financial backer of Republican honchos and got one of its executives appointed Secretary of the Army by President Bush.

Rick forgets that when Republican oil men President George Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney were in office, oil prices went up 26 percent from 2001 to 2006. But then maybe Rick has oil stocks and then that's OK.

Rick also forgets that when Democratic President Bill Clinton was in office, he reduced the U S. federal debt by 9 percent (as a percentage of GDP), while Republican George Bush increased the federal debt 20 percent during his term.

Maybe Rick wants another Republican like John Engler to get into the governor's office in Michigan and politicize our natural resources and environmental departments for the benefit of developers and polluters, and pass laws that prevent citizens from suing drug companies.

Rick probably is not part of the 8 percent of American workers whose weekly ernings actually declined while corporate CEOs' pay has skyrocketed.

In respect to Rick, he is probably a comfortable, highly-paid executive or CEO with lots of stock and money in the bank, who has not been hit by the above problems.

So maybe we should put another Republican in office to start another bogus war and get the economy rolling again, violate the Constitution by detaining Americans without due process, suspend habeas corpus, snitching on one of its own CIA agents, and whatever, as long as it raises business activity while ballooning the federal debt.

Why not? Our kids and grandkids can pay off the debt, if they don't get killed in the war.

Think about it. Then go to the polls in November.

Bob Moreillon
Northville

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Blog: You may also let your opinions be heard with your own blog at www.hometownlife.com.

Library is more than just books

We moved around a lot when I was growing up, but there was always one thing in my life that was stable: the library. I remember scoping out the building as soon as we arrived in a new town and then making the determination whether it was in walking distance, bike riding distance or, God forbid, my mother had to drive me. I remember Saturdays lost in the world of Atticus Finch and Huckleberry Finn. I remember the smell of the books and the crisp feel of the new magazines. I remember feeling safe.

In November when you vote there will be a request for a .2 (two-tenths) mill increase on the ballot. This small increase would generate $400,000 of additional revenue for the library and cost the owner of a $300,000 home about $30 more in taxes each year.

I bet somewhere in our small city at this very moment is a child getting lost in a book at the Northville District Library. That book may be his best friend or maybe is only friend. The library may be his safe haven. When you vote in November picture that child, and I know you will make the right decision.

Christie Lypka
Northville

GUEST COLUMN

Serve and protect, or serve and collect?

Local governments are under financial duress due to the economic decline evidenced by continued home foreclosures, falling property values, subsequent tax decline and loss of revenue-sharing from the state.

Tom Watkins

Cities are scratching for revenue from any source they can find to maintain services and prop up pensions and benefits from contractual obligations — a heavy burden to maintain even in "good times" and nearly impossible as tax collecting plummet.

What is a city to do? It appears from anecdotal evidence that many municipalities are turning to increased collections from traffic violations and even speed traps to help fill empty coffers.

They got me! Right in my quaint little town of Northville one early Sunday morning. The speed limit signs, hidden by overgrowth trees, go from 45 to 35 just before you travel down one of the only steep hills in Wayne County. It has been a quarter of a century since my last ticket. I was busted — and guilty.

I mistakenly thought that with a good record, I might be warned, not fined. Wrong! I got that ticket. One hundred-plus dollars. Sure, I could take a day off work to fight it, but it would still be likely that I'd keep that fine and risk getting points, sure to raise my insurance rates.

A Northville Township officer gave me the ticket. A Northville city officer I was complaining to at the local coffee shop finished my sentence by guessing exactly where I got the ticket, telling me it was a well-known spot for township officers to get their "ticket quotas." (Why we need two separate police forces, a township and a city one, poses yet another question: How about ending the tax by police and merging government services to save money?)

Friends have had similar experiences across the state, from Novi to Westland and Birmingham to Troy. Now we find that the City of Livonia has been "awarded" by the National Motorists Association as the Michigan municipality with the most notorious speed trap. They are tops and were selected not just once, but in two different categories.

It is not easy to make the list; cities must meet two criteria: 1) Most user-reported speed traps regardless of population size, and, 2) Most speed traps for cities with populations of 100,000 or less.

Livonia's police department made it to No. 1 in both categories. Livonia's Police Chief Robert Stevenson is quoted as saying, "If they don't obey the law, then we're going to write them a ticket, and we don't make any apologies about that." Many will argue there are other Michigan cities that deserve to be at the top of the list. Weigh in online with your vote for Michigan Speed Trap spot in the comment section.

One friend equates this increased zeal to ticket — a flawed business model to extract taxes by cop — not unlike Blockbuster's perverse business model, built on exorbitant "late fees" to make profits.

When aggressive policing occurs, it begins or is sanctioned by the elected officials, not by the officer wearing the badge. When you feel you are being ticketed to fill the city coffers, it makes you mad!

No, this is not the top state priority, but one lawmaker, Rep Rick Jones, has introduced a bill to outlaw speed traps across the state. Here is one law we all would like to speed through the Legislature.

Jones believes his bill is being "thwarted by special interests" who want to keep the system in place to collect revenue from speeding tickets. Follow the money!

I took my medicine, accepting my punishment/fine like a man. However, it does not make it right. Government always seems to have a way of extracting more taxes from it subjects.

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CHURCH

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

First Baptist Church of Novi-Family Integrated Church

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

First United Methodist Church of Northville A Stephen Ministry Church

Location: 777 W. 8 Mile Road at Taft Rd.
Contact: (248) 349-1144 or www.fumcnorthville.org
Sunday worship
Times: 8:30 and 10 a.m. (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend); 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m. (Sept.-May)
Pastors: Rev. Dr. Steven J. Buck, senior pastor and Rev. Jeff Sturgeon, associate pastor
Coffee Hour: 9:30 a.m. Sunday ((Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend); 10:15 a.m. Sundays (Sept.-May)
Healing Service: 4 p.m. first Monday of every month
Logo Youth Club: 5 p.m. Wednesdays for fourth-12th graders (Sept.-April)
Men's Club: 8 a.m. second Saturdays
Contact: Heather J. Wallas, communications director, (248) 349-1144, Ext. 26, or e-mail hwallas@fumcnorthville.org

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi
Contact: (248) 349-0565

Jazz at Andiamo

The Andiamo-Novi Theater will present live jazz tonight with the Paul Keller Trio (Paul Keller, bass; Ralph Tope, guitar; Steve Richko, piano). The trio will perform selections from their new CD, "We Like To Riff: A Toast to the Nat 'King' Cole Trio" from 7-9 p.m. Tickets are two-for-$10. The theater is located at 42705 Grand River Avenue; phone (248) 348-3838.

Sundays
Time: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 am. Worship

Lakes Baptist Church

Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake

Livonia Church of Christ

Location: 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia
Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit www.livoniachurch.net
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.

Meadowbrook Congregational

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads
Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org.
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Sermon: Having a Plan
Church School: 10-11 a.m.
Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.
Merry Widows Luncheon
Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month
Pilgrim Fellowship
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays
Asking Questions adult education class
Time/Date: 10 a.m. Tuesdays
Vespers
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m.
Details: This traditional-contemporary service is led by Reverend Ritter with musical accompaniment of guitar and piano.
Rally Sunday and Chicken Fest
Date: Sunday, Sept. 12
Details: Worship will begin at 10 a.m. with Rev. Art Ritter leading the service and the Chancel Choir returning. The Church School program will kick off with a group activity introducing the first unit and a service project. Following worship is the annual Chickenfest. Members of the church will be busy preparing chicken dinners grilled over an open pit at the church. Dinners include half chicken, potato, cole slaw, roll, beverage and dessert for $8. Senior tickets are $5 and children can eat for $3.50. Diners can eat either inside or weather permitting on the grounds of the church. There will be games for the kids along with a Moonwalk for all to play in. Also on sight will be the Novi Fire Department for the children to visit. Everyone is invited to attend.

Northville Christian Assembly

Location: 41355 Six Mile Road
Contact: (248) 348-9030
Sundays
9-10 a.m.: Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children
9 a.m.: Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium
10.15 a.m. Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210)
Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study
8.45-10:30 a.m. (café)
Wednesday Family Night
7 p.m.: Adult elective classes; jr. and sr. high student ministries; children's programs (M-Pact Girls Club & Royal Rangers Boys Club) Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade) - contact (248) 348-9031

Novi - Northville Center for Jewish Life

Details: A Jewish center with events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year - children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs, community social events.
Contact: Rabbi Avrohhom & Leah Susskind at (248) 790-6075 or rabbi@novijewishcenter.com; www.novijewishcenter.com

Novi United Methodist

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit umc-novi.com
Sunday Worship
Time: 9:45 a.m.
Healing Service and Holy Communion
Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month
Peace Vigil
Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of every month
Location: In front of the church
Details: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.
Advent Service
Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. Sunday

Oak Pointe Church

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi
Contact: (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org
Worship Services: 5.15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 11.15 a.m. Sunday
Renew Life Group Ministries
Time/Date: 7.15-9 p.m. every Monday
Details: Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning, change from a Christian perspective.
Women's Life Groups Ministries
Time/Date: 7 p.m. every Tuesday 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday
Men's Life Groups Ministries
Time/Date: 6 a.m. every Friday morning at various locations For both Women's and Men's Life Groups Ministries, please contact the church office.

Orchard Hills Baptist Church

Location: 23455 Novi Road
Contact: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665
Preschool/Kids Choir
Time/Date: 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday
Details: For ages three to six; ongoing event; no need to pre-register; all are welcome.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth
Contact: (734) 453-0326, Ext. 221

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

Location: 770 Thayer, Northville
Contact: (248) 349-2621 or olvnorthville.org
Saturday Worship
Time: 5 p.m.
Sunday Worship
Time: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church

Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth
Contact: Pastor Bill Burke at (734) 927-0891
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.
Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service

St. James Catholic

Location: 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi
Contact: (248) 347-7778
Mass Schedule
TIME/DAY: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday

St. John's Episcopal Church

Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth

St. John Lutheran

Location: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills
Contact: (248) 474-0584 or visit stjohn-lutheran.com
Saturday Worship
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Worship
Time: 9, 11:15 a.m.
Sunday School
Time: 10:15 a.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

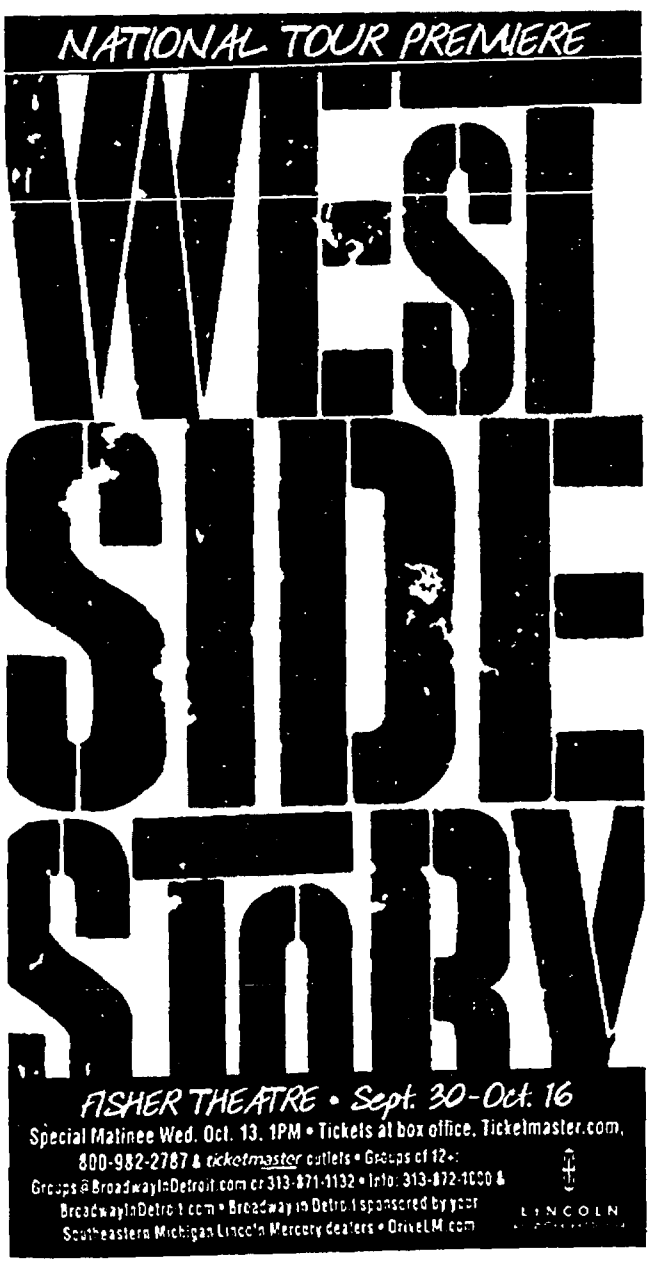
Location: 201 Elm St., Northville
Contact: (248) 349-3140
Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m. Blended; 11 a.m. Contemporary

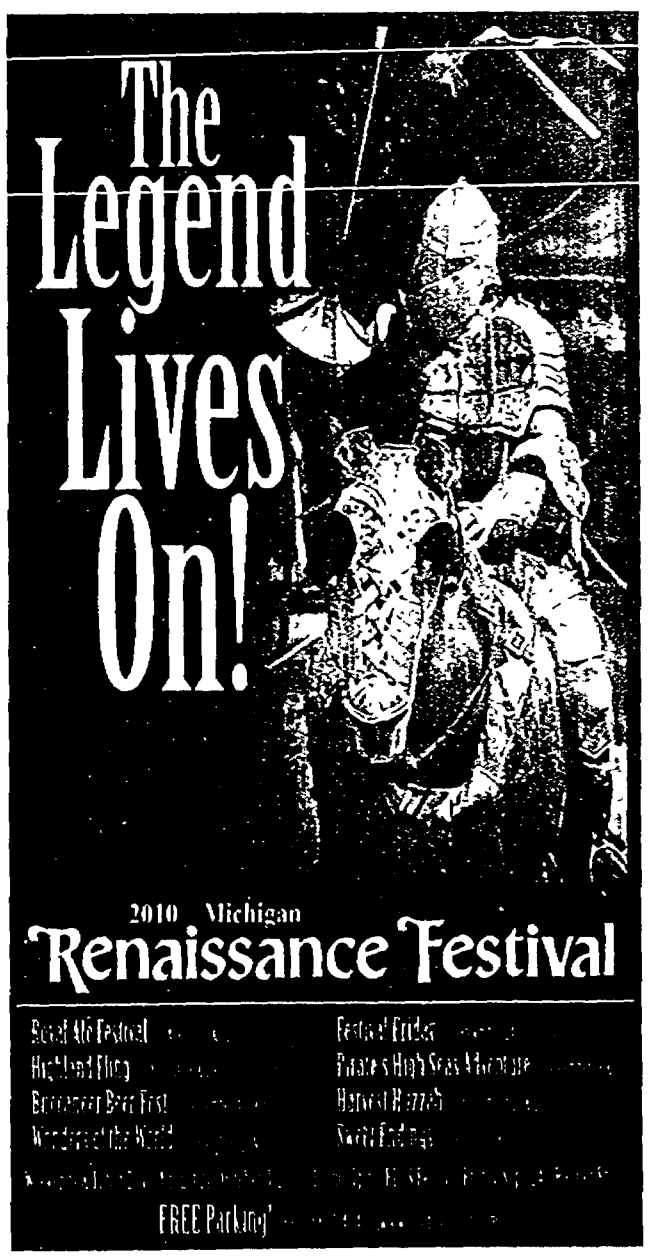
Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington

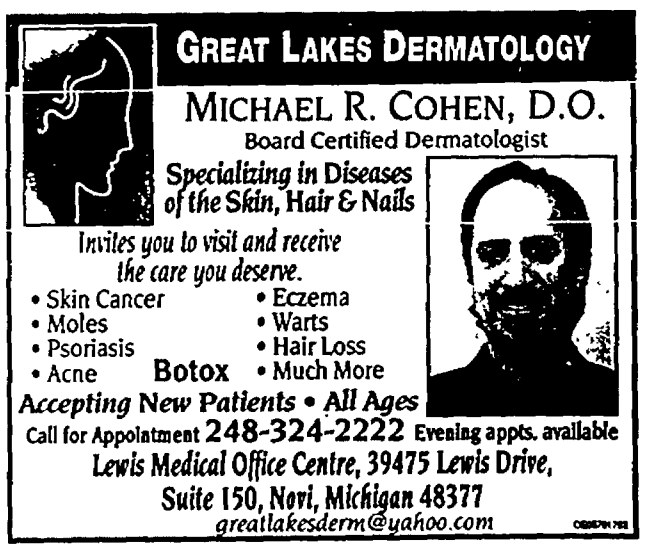
Location: 25301 Halstead Road, Farmington Hills
Contact: www.uufarmington.org
Youth Interfaith Journey
Time/Date: 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays
Details: This religious education program is open to the public and currently enrolling new students. The UUCF Interfaith Journey curriculum encompasses the Unitarian Universalism philosophy of individual worth and the power of community with a study of the World Religions that are practiced around the globe. This program compliments the mission of UUCF Religious Education of teaching youth inclusion, compassion and peace and provides the environment to live and learn in a culturally diverse community. Classes are grouped into grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 with age specific education materials for all.
Contact: Jennifer Teed at 248/478-7272 or dre@uufarmington.org
Lifelong Learning Forum
Time/Date: 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays
Details: Six weeks exploring different topics like religion, philosophy, science, health, social and political issues. No advance registration necessary; a $5 donation suggested. Drop in and pick the class that interests you most.
Contact: (248) 478-7272 or uufarmington.org/uucf/re-lifespan

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Location: 40000 Six Mile Road
Contact: (248) 374-7400 or (248) 374-5978
Sunday Worship
Time: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Traditional; 9:30 and 11 a.m. Contemporary. Nursery and Sunday School during the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services.
Service Broadcast
Details: 11 a.m. every Sunday on WRDT-AM 560, The WMUZ Word Station.







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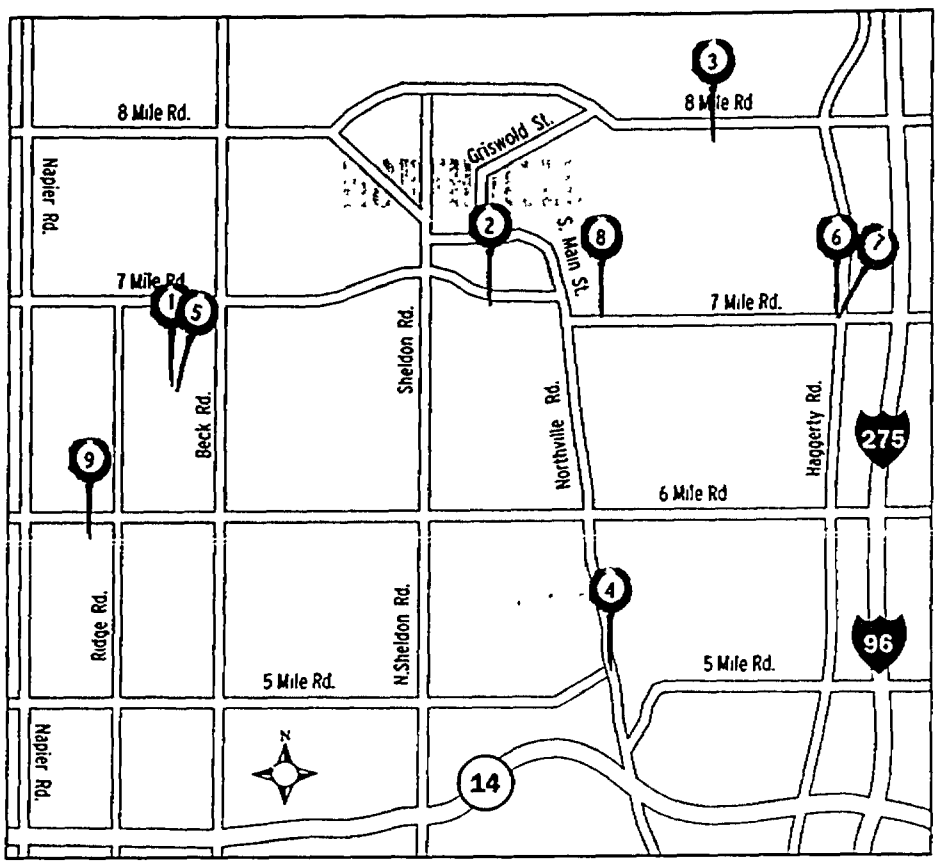

Larceny from vehicle

1 A 57-year-old resident of Manorwood Drive told police that someone entered four vehicles parked on his driveway and stole items from two of them between 10:30 p.m. on Aug. 21 and 11 a.m. on Aug. 22.

Items stolen included a burgundy leather pouch, leather coin purse and the power adapter for an iPod, plus a camera and garage door opener. The pouch was valued at $25; the coin purse at $5; the adapter cord at $15; the camera at $200; and the garage door opener at $25.

More theft from vehicle

2 A 26-year-old Novi woman came into the station to report that some items had been stolen from her car at Hines Drive at the Northville Recreation Area at Seven Mile Road between 5 and 7 p.m. on Aug. 22.

Stolen items included a laptop, pink purse, cell phone, $200 in cash and some credit cards.

The woman parked her vehicle near the volley ball courts in the recreation area to take a walk. The car was locked, and she returned to find the driver's side door window smashed.

The woman said that when she returned, there was a red Chevy Suburban parked near her vehicle that was there when she arrived. The driver said, "You should have had an American car."

The purse was valued at $200; the laptop was valued at $800; the cell phone at $200.

Golf course theft

3 A 59-year-old woman told police that someone stole some items from her car parked in the parking lot at Meadowbrook Country Club at 40941 Eight Mile Road between 8:40 a.m. and noon on Aug. 24.

Stolen items included a purse valued at $125 with a black Coach wallet valued at $125, credit cards and about $115 in cash.

Another golfer noticed her passenger side front window had been broken.

The woman had placed the purse underneath the front passenger seat of her car.

Operating under influence

4 A 57-year-old Plymouth man was arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol at 8:59 p.m. on Aug. 24 at Five Mile and Northville roads.

The man was pulled over because he didn't have his headlights on after dark.

Police could smell alcohol coming from the vehicle even with the man's convertible top down. His eyes were also glassy and his face flushed.

The man said he had one drink of vodka half an hour ago at the Starting Gate in Northville.

Damage to property

5 A 48-year-old Northville Township man reported to police that his vehicle had been damaged at his home on Manorwood Drive between 7 and 11:15 p.m. on Aug. 24.

He man said he noticed that all of his door handles had been damaged, but no one got into the car, and nothing was taken.

The vehicle had scratched and dents on all four doors, dents on the front hood, a scrape on the rear passenger quarter panel and pry marks on both rear passenger door handles.

The man had three laptops in the back seat in plain view.

Police advised the man to place motion sensor lights in the driveway.

Operating under influence

6 A 25-year-old Livonia man was arrested for operating under the influence at 1:02 a.m. on Aug. 26 at Seven Mile and Haggerty roads.

An officer noticed that the man's vehicle swerved onto the fog line, then weaved back and crossed the center line.

The man was also traveling at 58 mph in a 45 mph zone.

Police could smell alcohol on his breath and noticed that his eyes were glassy and his face was flushed.

He said he had drank no alcohol and had only had popcorn at his girlfriend's house.

His blood alcohol level was more than twice the illegal limit of .08 after a preliminary breath test.

More drunk driving

7 A 27-year-old Walled Lake man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 2:30 a.m. on Aug. 28 at Seven Mile and Haggerty roads.

The man was pulled over after police noticed that his vehicle was weaving in its own lane and also crossing over the yellow line several times while traveling east on Seven Mile Road.

He also stopped past the stop line at the light at Seven Mile and Haggerty roads.

The man said he was coming from the Wagon Wheel Bar and on his way home. He said he had two Labatt Blue beers. His eyes appeared to be bloodshot and glossy and police could smell alcohol on his breath.

His blood alcohol level was twice the illegal limit on a preliminary breath test.

Breaking and entering

8 Police responded to a breaking an entering alarm at 4:10 a.m. on Aug. 29 at B&W Varieties at 43067 Seven Mile Road.

Stolen property included $15-$20 in loose change and 50 cigarette lighters valued at 79 cents each, totaling about $39.50.

The front door had been smashed with a rock to gain entry into the business.

Larceny from auto

9 A 35-year-old man who lives on Algonquin Drive told police that someone entered his vehicle and stole two pairs of sunglasses between 11 p.m. Aug. 26 and 6 a.m. Aug. 27.

A pair of Rayban sunglasses was valued at $200, and a pair of Bolle sunglasses was valued at $100.

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St. Mary Mercy is hosting Embrace Life event Sunday

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is hosting its 4th Annual "Embrace Life" 5K run/walk for Cancer on Sunday at 9 a.m. Over 530 people participated in last year's 5K, raising over $18,000. Proceeds will support Cancer Services at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, including mammogram screenings, support groups, and access to care for those in need.

The 5K run/walk is for cancer awareness. It is a celebration of life for cancer survivors, for those who have cancer, and an opportunity for family members and friends to participate to honor or remember a loved one.

• Awards will be given to the first, second and third place overall male and female winners of each age division of the 5K Run.

• The USATF-certified course begins on St. Mary Mercy Hospital grounds and runners/walkers are then routed through the residential streets of Livonia.

• Visit www.stmarymercy.org to register or for more information. Registration is $27.

Following the 5K, beginning at 10:30 a.m. is the "Celebration of Health" Community Open House, a family-friendly event that offers a variety of FREE activities for all ages—kids and adults.

Clowns, balloon animals and face art will be part of St. Mary Mercy Hospital's 4th Annual "Embrace Life" 5K run/walk for Cancer at 9 a.m. Sunday.

HEALTH ACTIVITIES

• Blood Pressure and Bone Density Screenings

• Education and Prevention for Cancer, Diabetes, Stroke, Heart Disease, and more

• "Ask the Doctor" Booth

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• Tour the operating room and meet our new da Vinci surgical robot

KIDS ACTIVITIES

• Teddy Bear Clinic (bring your stuffed toys)

• Inflatable Bouncers

• Hockey Slap Shot Game

• Livonia Fire Truck, Police, Huron Valley and Concord Ambulance and Midwest MedFlight Helicopter

• Civil Air Patrol Unit: Livonia Thunderbolt Squadron

• Clowns, balloon animals and face art

• Kids' crafts

ENTERTAINMENT

• Music by the Sunset Boulevard Band

• Road Runner Demonstration Trailer

• Meet Dora the Explorer!

• Magic Shows at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. with Jason Hudy

• Food and Refreshments, prizes, and more!

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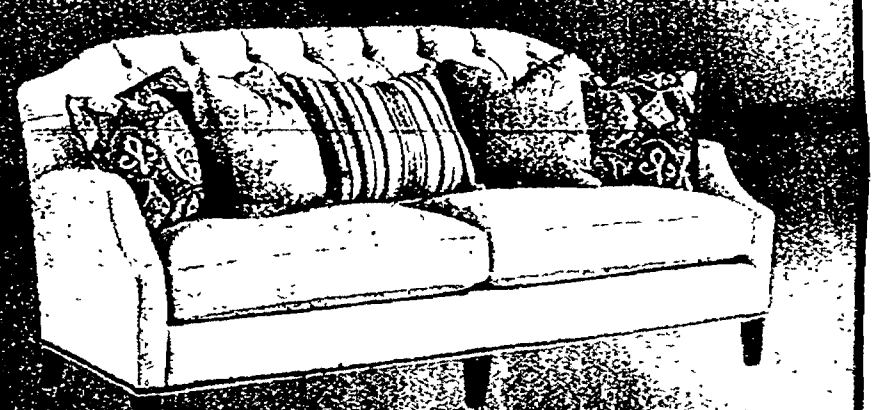

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Erich Harbowey (center) and Kristen Cardinal are shown with Todd Leopold (of Leopold Brothers Distillery, formerly of Ann Arbor) at the Leopold Brothers Distillery. There was a Leopold Brothers brewery in Ann Arbor until three years ago when it was relocated. The photo was taken by Catherine Cardinal.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Regan

Lansing's Michael and Kali (a 2001 Northville High School graduate) Regan announce the birth of their daughter, Tess Adele Regan, born at 9:42 a.m. Aug. 9, 2010, at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing.

She was 7 pounds 3 ounces and 20½ inches.

Grandparents are Greg and Susan Weber of Northville.

Her big brother is Hudson (pictured with her).

NORTHVILLE NEWSMAKERS

Shazaaam! LLC, a public relations agency based in Novi, announced a number of new appointments to its staff, according to President and CEO Adrienne Lenhoff. Northville resident Adam Zielke, 28, has been appointed as account manager.

Zielke

Zielke has been a public relations, communications and social media counselor for over five years, having held account executive and account assistant positions with Marx Layne & Company Public Relations. He has provided counsel and coordinated media relation's campaigns for the following industries; manufacturing, automotive, legal and financial, real estate, turnaround advisory, healthcare, retail, hospitality and non-profit organizations.

His regional and national media contacts have benefitted clients in realizing broad, targeted media attention.

"In order to utilize his strong organizational and leadership skills, Zielke will be tasked with heading up the agency's internship program," said Lenhoff.

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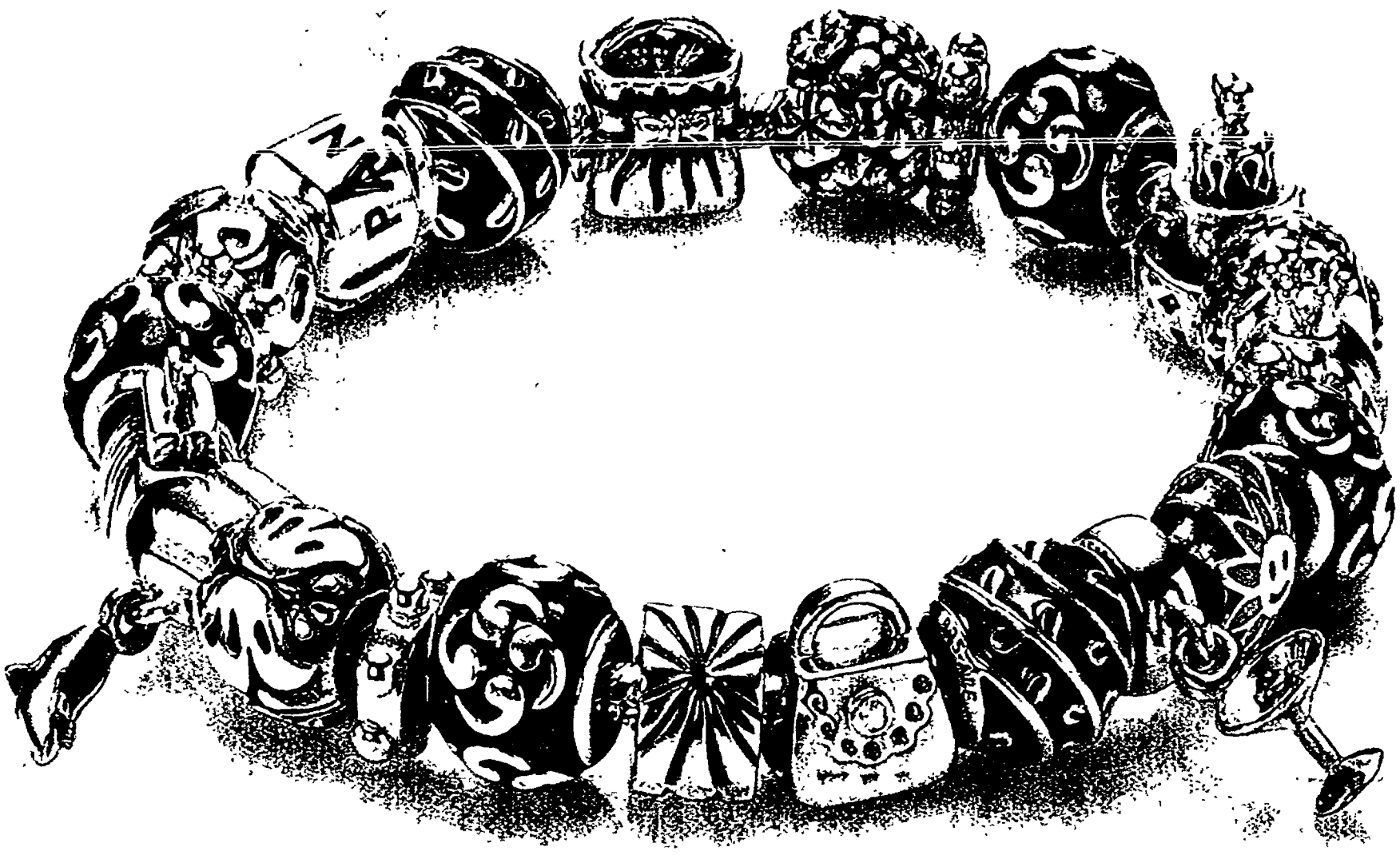

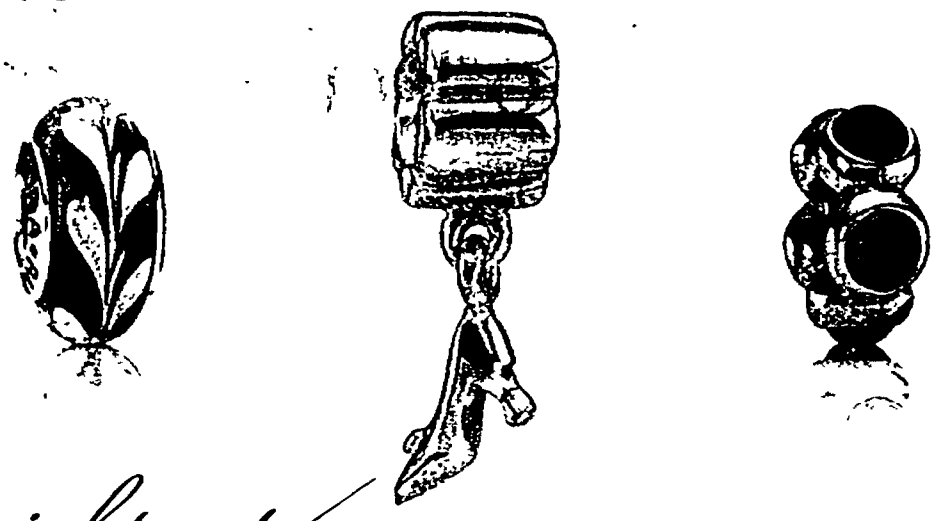

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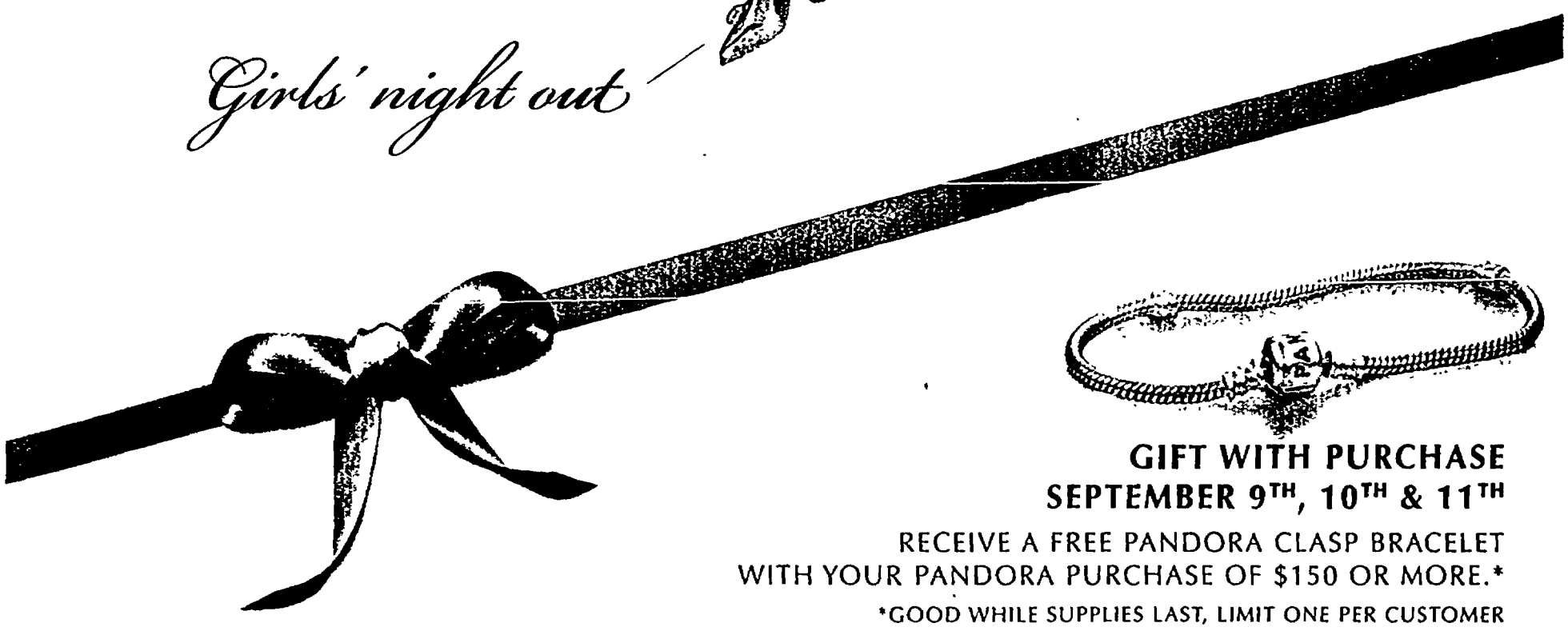

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NOVI NOW

Take A Child Outside Week

The City of Novi announces Take A Child Outside Week, Sept. 17-23. A variety of programs will encourage you and your family to take advantage of one of our greatest resources -- the outdoors.

Take A Child Outside Week was founded to help break down obstacles that keep children from discovering the natural world," stated Nancy Cowan, acting director of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services. "The goal of Novi's program is to expose children and their families to a variety of outdoor activities which hopefully leads to long-term interest and participation." For more information, visit cityofnovi.org or call the Novi Parks office at (248) 347-0400. To learn about the national initiative, visit takeachildoutsideweek.org.

A Blanket Blitz

Church of the Holy Cross will be making Tied Blankets (no sewing required) for Project Night Night (a charity that donates them to children at homeless shelters) from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25 at Church of the Holy Cross, 40700 West Ten Mile Road, Novi.

All are welcome to drop in to lend a helping hand for as long (or short) as you are able.

For more information, call Joanne Quinlan at (248) 880-1104.

Workshops on saving college costs

A free workshop on getting money for your child's college education will be hosted at Northville District Library from 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28.

The speaker will be Robert Hoger, a certified college planning specialist with Michigan College Funding LLC. He will be discussing such topics as how to send your kids to the school of their dreams without going broke; how to increase your eligibility for aid; how to find scholarships and grants you've never even heard of.

Admission is free but seating is limited by the size of the room, so please call (248) 662-1300 to reserve your seats now.

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Novi seniors put the finishing touches on their upcoming production 'Thanks for the Memories: A USO Tribute Show' Tap dancing in front, from left, are Jere Phillips, Mary Lou Montville and Marie Macura.

High-energy cast

More than 40 seniors set to perform 27 different skits

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Don Hieftje has a simple message for anyone interested in attending the Senior Variety Show that starts today at the Novi Civic Center.

"Don't come thinking you are going to see a bunch of old farts standing on stage," he said. "We are going to perform."

The annual show is titled "Thanks for the Memories: A USO Tribute Show," and features more than 40 seniors ready to sing, dance and put on a show everyone is sure to enjoy.

Hieftje, who has been involved with the series for nearly four years, said people also will be surprised "there is this much talent in the older generation," and he is excited to get on stage.

"It's just like going back to my childhood," he said. "I like to be a ham on stage and perform, and people are going to get a show with a lot of enthusiasm."

The shows take place at noon on Sept. 9-10 and Sept. 16-17, and includes a lunch for $20. There also are matinee shows at 2 p.m. on Sept. 12 and 19 at a cost of $15.

Northville resident Marion Cowan has been performing with the group for 14 years, and even postponed her hip surgery until after the show so she could participate.

Despite the hip problem hindering her from dancing, Cowan still is looking forward to getting on stage.

"It's so much fun to learn the songs and the camaraderie is fantastic," she said. "It's making friends for life."

Both Hieftje and Cowan also agree that participating keeps their brains sharp and gives their bodies a work out.

"I feel great," said Cowan, who recently turned 85. "I don't even know what 85 feels like."

The show will feature 27 different acts ranging from singing to dancing to acting and will close with a playing of the anthems from all the branches of service.

Cowan calls the show "very nostalgic."

"It's very special to all of us who remember the war," she said.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.cityofnovi.org or visit the Novi Parks office located inside the Novi Civic Center. All seats are reserved.

Novi senior Irene Fedorka, far right, and others, practice their vocals for the upcoming production 'Thanks for the Memories: A USO Tribute Show.' The first performance will be on Sept. 9 at noon.

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School aid fund at risk

Senate to vote on what to do with $208 million

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

A proposal to use $208 million from Michigan's school aid fund to help balance the state's budget has advanced to the Michigan Senate.

The Democratic-led Michigan House passed a bill by a 57-47 vote, mostly along party lines, two weeks ago, and Novi Community Schools District Superintendent Pete Dion said early indications show the bill is going to pass through the Senate, which was supposed to meet Sept. 7, and await Gov. Jennifer Granholms signature.

To him that means one thing.

"It shows me their priority clearly is not on schools," the longtime administrator said.

The money from the school aid fund will be used to pay for revenue sharing for local municipalities, the department of community health and corrections and more.

State Rep. Hugh Crawford, R-Novi, said he voted against the measure and will continue to vote against any funding cuts for schools.

"We have done enough cutting for K-12," he said.

Crawford said with the end of the fiscal year only weeks away, "people are grasping at straws to balance the budget." He said the House spent several months doing nothing in regards to the budget and blames the Democrats for waiting.

"It's extremely frustrating," he said.

Maria Mazza, a Novi parent and member of the Legislative Action Network-Novi, questions why the school aid fund is being attacked when there are other places to cut from.

"Education is not the place to take it from," she said. "It's an easy fund for them to take money from because it's right there instead of getting creative and looking at other options."

Mazza is worried that her son, who is in sixth grade, is not going to get the same quality education as her daughter, who is now in college.

"If anything, I expected it to be better with more improvements," she said. "It's sad."

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High school makes changes to personal electronic device policy

Pilot program to be evaluated after first semester

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Students at Novi High School no longer have to keep their cell phones or other personal electronic devices hidden during the school day.

A pilot program has been put in place to allow students to use such devices during passing time and lunch and in select classrooms barring teacher approval.

Superintendent Pete Dion is a supporter of the program, saying they hope to use it to educate students.

"What I like about it is it's developing good ethics on using a cell phone and proper standards and procedures for using cell phones," he said. "We are going to teach kids what is appropriate and what is not appropriate."

Talks about changing

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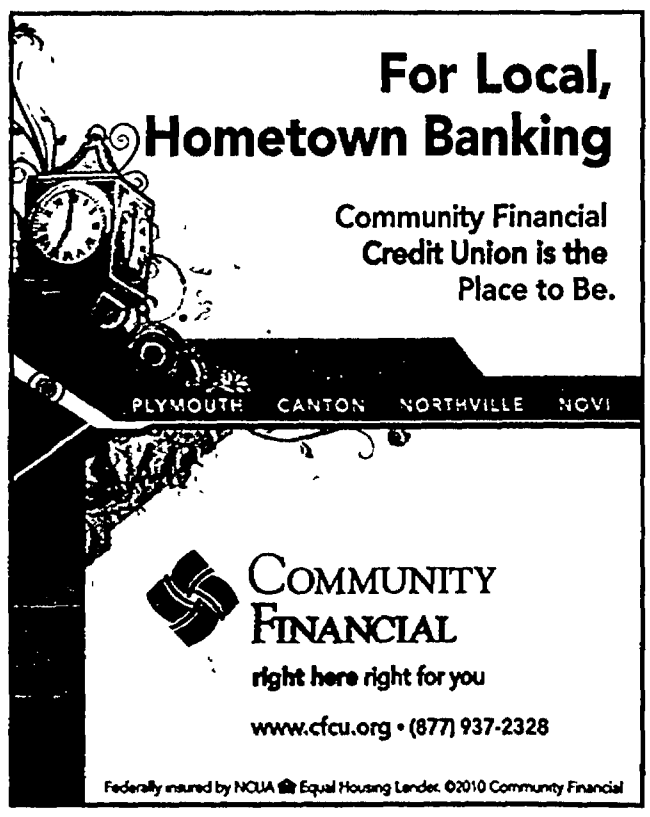

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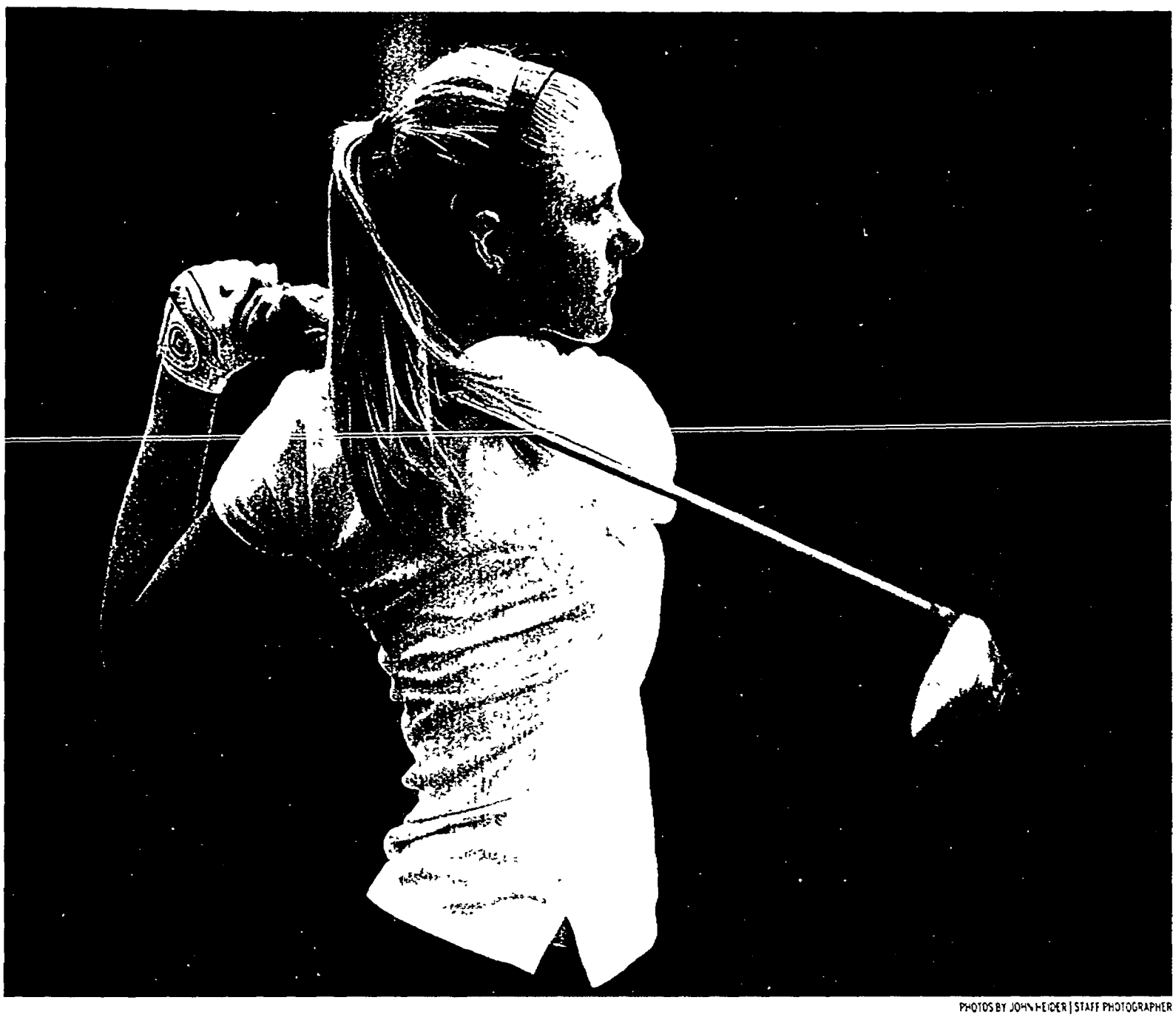

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Mustang Briana Roberts tees off at Lake Forest golf course in Bloomfield Hills.

Sakorafis, Matych step into leadership roles

Mustang golf team wins two dual matches, takes second at invitational

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

When a team is struggling, they need players to step up and lead. Thankfully for the Northville Mustangs girls golf team, they have two players eagerly looking to take on such a role.

Stephanie Sakorafis, a senior co-captain, is a natural choice for the leader of her golf team, and she's taking on that role without complaint. The surprise is that she's not the only one. Sophomore Lindsey Matych's play is showing that she, too, expects to lead by example this year.

"This is her first year on the team and she has had a significant impact on our team," noted Northville coach Mary Jane Ossola. "Her score has counted in two of the three tourneys she has played in and in both conference matches. She is relatively new to golf and loves to practice. In the next five weeks, I think we will see some wonderful golf from this young lady."

Not to mention the wonderful golf from this past week which, when combined with Sakorafis' play and some solid scores from other Mustangs, has helped Northville get their season a little closer to being back on track.

Last Monday, in the Knollwood CC tournament, the Mustangs scrapped out a second place finish out of a field of 14 teams with a score of 350. Sakorafis shot an 83 on the day, while Emily Foland showed a spark of her capabilities with an 87 and Brianna Roberts shot an 89. Coming in as the fourth score for the team was Matych, who recorded a 91 on the day. Shooting a 94 was Jackie Kjollnede, while Camilla Zhao carded a 97.

"If we are going to compete against the best teams in the state we are going to have to come up with four scores in the mid to lower 80s," noted Ossola. "I think we are capable of this but we still

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ON TAP

The Northville girls golf team will be back on the links today when they host Salem at 3 p.m. before visiting Novi tomorrow and South Lyon Monday with 4 p.m. starts for each.

Northville varsity golfer Stephanie Sakorafis tees off at Lake Forest Golf Course.

Northville takes top spots in first-ever invitational

Boys harriers take first in upperclassmen race, second with younger squad

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

It's the type of day any coach is happy to have: A first and a second place in two separate races.

The Northville Mustangs boys cross country team, led by coach Chris Cronin, earned a first-place finish in the upperclassmen portion of the first-ever Mustang Invitational last Wednesday before capturing a second-place finish in the underclassmen race.

In the upperclassmen event, which is comprised of teams of juniors and seniors, the Northville Mustangs ran through high temperatures and the threat of an oncoming rain storm as they fought to a first-place finish. Leading the way was senior Chad Cini, who has been coming into his own in the early part of the season.

"Chad ran a great race today," said Cronin. "He has looked strong all year, and I can't wait to see what he'll do as the season progresses."

Following in seventh place was Ed Clifton, while Ashwin Easow finished 10th, his best personal finish to date.

"He can be such a big difference maker for us this season," said Cronin of Easow.

The Mustangs also saw the return of junior Matt Sierra and seniors Robert Singletary and Trent Johnson, who have been out with injuries thus far this season.

"We are getting back to full strength, but I suspect we are still two or three weeks away," said Cronin. "It was just exciting to see these guys all running."

In the underclass race,

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ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs boys cross country team is slated to be back in action when they race against Livonia Stevenson in a dual meet Sept. 14 at 6 p.m. before running in the MSU Invitational Sept. 17.

Northville gets revenge on Waterford Ketting – 40 years later

Mustangs win second straight game thanks to suffocating defense, rugged special teams

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

Last week's match-up between the Northville Mustangs football team and Waterford Kettering marked just the third time the two teams have met.

The first two meetings resulted in Kettering taking home a 52-6 victory in 1970 and a 34-26 win in 1969.

Northville pounded out a 58-10 victory over the Captains last week to settle the score 40 years later.

"We played really well as a team tonight," said Northville coach Matt Ladach, who was born in 1977. "Our defense and our special teams gave our offense great field position all night long, and our offense was able to capitalize."

ON TAP

Northville (2-0) will be hoping to prove to be a road-warrior squad when they travel for the third-straight week to play. The Mustangs will visit the South Lyon East Cougars (1-1) tomorrow at 7 p.m. South Lyon East beat Waterford Kettering, 30-27, to start the season, but was shutout by Walled Lake Northern, 26-0, last week.

Northville jumped out to a 17-3 lead in the first quarter before doubling that to 32-10 heading into halftime. The Mustangs defense buckled down in the second half, not allowing a score as their team added 24 more points to their total to secure the victory and a 2-0 record.

Whatever Jonathan Alandt, Northville's chief running back, ate for breakfast that morning should become his game ritual, as he pounded out three touchdowns by basically hitting for the cycle. He scored the first touchdown of the game on a 42-yard sprint for the 7-0 lead. He added to that in the second quarter by snagging the kickoff from Kettering and racing 81 yards for the score with 1:23 left in the half to make it a 27-10 game. He made it a 34-10 game just a few plays later when quarterback Anthony Peraino hit him for a 42-yard scoring play.

"Jon has gotten off to a tremendous start to the season," said Ladach. "He worked extremely hard all off season, and I am glad to see that he has seen immediate results."

Alandt ran the ball five times for 44 yards while hauling in two receptions for 65 yards and returned three kicks for 128 yards.

Alandt spread the wealth though, even allowing other players to score for Northville. Peraino found Matt Celentino for a 48-yard scoring play with 4:19 left in the first quarter to make it a 14-3 game and Peraino connected with Levi Perry in the third quarter for a five-yard touchdown. Northville also got scoring runs from Dawson Laabs from nine yards out and an 18-yard jaunt from Jake Hansen.

Northville also collected nine points off of the 24-, 27- and 30-yard field goals by Victor Bodrie, who also hit seven point-afters.

Northville picked up 18 first downs in the contest while picking up 432 yards in total offense. The defense allowed just 111 yards from 45 plays and stopped the Captains on 10-of-11 third-down plays.

Northville did have five penalties for 35 yards, while Kettering committed no fouls.

Leading Northville's defense was Michael MacLean, who collected 10.5 tackles while Brett MacDonald had seven and Billy Mitchell had six. Despite Northville's stingy defense, they did not collect a sack on the night.

Trei Walton had the game's only interception.

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

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Northville Mustangs

FOOTBALL

All games at 7 p.m. unless noted
9/10 @South Lyon East
9/17 South Lyon

VOLLEYBALL

All games at 6:30 p.m. unless noted
9/11 9 a.m. @Berkley (Invitational)
9/14 South Lyon East

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

9/11 TBA @West Bloomfield (Invitational)
9/14 6 p.m. @Livonia Stevenson
9/17 TBA @MSU Invitational

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

9/11 TBA @Bath (Invitational)
9/14 6 p.m. @Livonia Stevenson
9/17 TBA @MSU Invitational

GIRLS GOLF

All games at 3 p.m. unless noted
9/9 Salem
9/10 @Novi
9/13 @South Lyon
9/15 @South Lyon East

BOYS TENNIS

All games at 4 p.m. unless noted
9/9 South Lyon
9/13 Ann Arbor Huron
9/14 @South Lyon East
9/16 @University of Detroit Jesuit

BOYS SOCCER

All games at 7 p.m. unless noted
9/9 South Lyon East
9/14 @Livonia Stevenson
9/16 Salem

GIRLS SWIMMING AND DIVING

All meets at 6:30 p.m. unless noted
9/9 Livonia Churchill
9/11 9 a.m. @Walled Lake Northern (Invitational)
9/14 Harrison
9/16 @Walled Lake Western

Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks

FOOTBALL

All games at 7 p.m. unless noted
9/10 Inkster
9/17 Divine Child

CROSS-COUNTRY

9/11 10:30 a.m. @West Bloomfield (Invitational)
9/13 4:15 pm. Orchard Lake St. Mary's and DeLaSalle

SOCCER

All games at 7:30 p.m. unless noted
9/9 Brother Rice
9/14 7 p.m. @DeLaSalle
9/16 7 p.m. @University of Detroit Jesuit

TENNIS

All games at 4 p.m. unless noted
9/11 8:30 a.m. @Saline Invitational
9/14 University of Detroit Jesuit
9/16 @DeLaSalle

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Mustang golfers Lauren Grigg, left, Jackie Kjolhede, center, and Brianna Roberts, right, exchange a smile and high-five as they prepare to take part in an Aug. 23 tourney in Bloomfield Hills.

GOLF

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need to put in a lot of work on our ball striking and short game. We have too many golfers playing bogey golf and that is not going to be good enough. In the next five weeks we will be spending a lot of time on the driving range."

The next day, Northville earned a victory over South Lyon East, 176-205, in a division match-up. Leading the way was Kjolhede and Roberts, who stepped up and put up 43s to help their team to victory while Matych and Sakorafis each shot a 45. Zhao and Foland recorded a 46 and 49, respectively.

The very next day, the Mustangs earned another win at home with a 171-201 victory over Livonia Stevenson. Sakorafis was the top shooter, carding an impressive 39 in the victory while Kjolhede shot a 43, followed by Zhao's 44 and Matych's 45. Roberts missed the top spots by just one, shooting a 46, while

Mustang senior golfer Lauren Grigg prepares to putt during an Aug. 23 tourney at Forest Lake golf course.

Lauren Grigg was right on her heels with a 48 in the team's best showing to date.

Northville's strong week faltered, however, when they played in the U-of-M Invitational, hosted by Ann Arbor Pioneer. Saline won the tournament with a 335, while Northville finished ninth with a 362.

Leading the way for the Mustangs was Roberts, who shot an 86, while Matych and Foland each recorded a 91 and Grigg shot a 94. Sakorafis recorded a 95 and Kjolhede shot a 97.

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

SPORTS BRIEFS

Travel softball

The Northville Broncos 12U girl's 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 NBSA 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).

Family Sport Pass

Don't miss your chance to purchase a 2010-2011 Northville High School Athletic Boosters Club Family Sport Pass. This convenient pass provides admittance to all Northville High School sports regular home games.

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Send the form and a check for $100 made out to Northville Athletic Boosters to the upcoming registration event with your child. You can also send your completed form and check to Membership Director, Maureen Owen, 22583 Fuller Drive, Novi, MI 48374. If you have any questions, contact Maureen Owen at (248) 348-0075.

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.

For a private tryout, please contact Jim Marshall at (248) 348-3981 or e-mail at jim@northvillebaseball.com.

Support Mustangs

Show your strong support for top achievement in the classroom and the playing field by becoming a member of The Mustang Spirit Club of the NHS Athletic Booster Club.

The Athletic Booster Club is a volunteer parent organization dedicated to promoting and enhancing the NHS athletic program. Each year, the Athletic Booster Club contributes thousands of dollars in support of NHS athletic programs through the sales of Family Passes to NHS athletic events, concession stand sales and NHS Spirit Wear apparel sales.

Members of The Mustang Spirit Club acknowledge the importance of academics and athletics. All donations to the Mustang Spirit Club Student-Athlete Scholarship Fund go directly into funding college scholarships. Each year in the spring, the Athletic Booster Club awards scholarships to selected graduating NHS student-athletes.

Show the Northville High School athletes (and their parents and community) you support their participation in Northville Mustang athletics and their achievements in the classroom by becoming a member. All family and business members of The Mustang Spirit Club will be recognized throughout the year with their names printed in the athletic programs.

Please contact Darlene Bolden, chair, The Mustang Spirit Club, at (248) 819-1299 or boldendj@hotmail.com for more information.

Plymouth Whalers Veteran of the Game

The Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers are developing a unique program designed to honor men and women who have served in the armed forces. The promotion – known as The Veteran of the Game – happens during each Plymouth Whalers home game over the 2010-11 season.

Individuals can write, FAX or email their nomination for Veteran of the Game to the Plymouth Whalers office.

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HARRIERS

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which is comprised of teams of freshmen and sophomores, Northville ran to second behind Livonia Churchill.

Nathan Tajer raced to second overall, which Cronin noted was "the best race of his career."

"Nathan was good at the end of last season, and we expect him to be a big force for this team in the coming years," he said.

Also running well for Northville were Ricky Momoi and Joseph Craig, as did Drew Kanya and Jack Fielden.

In both races, collectively, the Mustangs earned 15 medals of the 60 that were presented.

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

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Win No. 2: CC tops Hudsonville

Shamrocks offense firing on all cylinders in 42-13 victory

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

Give the Hudsonville Eagles credit, they did this year what they failed to do last year against the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks football team: They scored.

Unfortunately for the Eagles, their three-yard touchdown run in the first quarter by Hank van Ooyen was pretty much the highlight of the game for them. From that point on, it pretty much turned into another Shamrock domination as they rolled to a convincing 42-13 victory in the non-league showdown.

Once Hudsonville went up on the scoreboard, it was only a matter of minutes before Shamrocks quarterback Mike Birney tied the score with a play-action fake that found receiver Matthew Doneth wide open behind the defense for a 19-yard scoring strike. Not long after, the Shamrocks added a second tally to go up, 14-7, heading into halftime. They rolled from that point on, not looking back as they pounded out their second victory of the season.

Birney not only showed that when he needs to throw he can, but also when the moment calls for him to run he's more than capable of doing that, too. Birney added to his stats after throwing the first touchdown of the game by scampering into the end zone on a 25-yard run set up by impressive second-level blocking by his linemen. To add to the final score was Justin Messner, who ran 72 yards for a touchdown, while Andy Erickson added two scores on the ground, including one from 66 yards out.

Catholic Central climbed to 2-0 on the season while Hudsonville fell to 1-1.

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

ON TAP

The Catholic Central Shamrocks football team is slated to take on Inkster at 7 p.m. tomorrow. The Shamrocks (2-0) will host the Vikings (1-1) in a non-league showdown. Inkster was blanked in it's opening game, 36-0, against Steubenville of Ohio, but bounced back last week with a 35-3 victory over East Kentwood.

Mustangs sweep first-ever invitational

Girls race to victory in both races

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

Go ahead an add another victory to the slate for the Northville Mustangs girls cross country team. Well, you better make that two victories.

The girls squad, coached by Nancy Smith, pounded out a victory in the first-ever Mustangs Invitational last Wednesday. The squad was divided into two age-specific teams with the freshmen and sophomores on one squad and the juniors and seniors on the other.

Despite sweltering heat, Northville proved to be talented no matter their age, winning both races. In the junior/senior race, Northville took first with just 54 points while Novi was second with 78 and Walled Lake Northern was third with 88.

In the freshman/sophomore race, the Mustangs galloped away with the win with 27 points, while Livonia Churchill took second with 43 and Walled Lake Northern took third with 76.

"I was pleased with how the meet turned out and how we ran in age groups," said Smith. "It allowed the girls on the team to see how they are running compared to others across the conference at the same age level."

In the upperclassmen race, Northville was led by Gina McNamara, a junior who took second overall with a time of 20:43. Next in was junior Lisa Hamel, who took ninth in 22:32, followed by senior Becky Reynolds in 12th in 22:51. Junior Clare Naughton finished 15th in 23:20 for Northville, while Helen Mulcahy rounded out the top five with a 16th-place finish in 23:26 to help her team to victory.

In the underclassmen race, freshman Nicole Mostseller took fourth and freshman Rachel Coleman took fifth, both finishing with a time of 21:02. Next was freshman Erin Zimmer, who took seventh in 21:47, while sophomore Alex Rodriguez was 11th in 22:04 and freshman Brianna Hatcher was 13th with a time of 22:18.

"I was most impressed again this week with our freshman performances an their racing ability in the hot conditions," Smith said. "They seem to not let things phase them and just go out and compete every race which is great for the program."

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ON TAP

The Mustangs are slated to run against Livonia Stevenson Sept. 14 at 6 p.m. before running in the Michigan State University Invitational just three days later.

Two CHSL teams fall to Catholic Central

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

Chalk up two more victories for the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks boys tennis team.

The squad, led by coach Joe Stafford, collected two big Catholic High School League victories last week when they toppled rival Brother Rice, 5-3, before beating Cranbrook, 6-2, just two days later.

"These were two big league matches for us this week," said Stafford. "We are getting contributions from everyone."

Stafford noted that his squad is starting to develop a bit of a personality. What's more important, the team's four doubles teams are starting to gel and the duos are beginning to compliment the play of one another.

"Our doubles teams are starting to define their playing styles, and we are starting to understand what we do well and what we need to improve on," Stafford said.

Equally as important as getting the wins is the fact that the team is coming together well.

"We have a lot of upperclassmen with several years of varsity experience," noted Stafford. "This team is showing that they care about each other and the overall team success."

And shining through is the team's ability to recognize the importance of winning as a team versus winning as an individual.

Catholic Central is now 3-0 overall and 2-0 in the Catholic High School League.

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NORTHVILLE COLTS

Freshmen begin with 40-20 win

On a sunny Saturday afternoon Aug. 28, the freshman Colts started their 2010 season with a 40-20 win over the visiting Walled Lake Braves.

The Colts began the game on defense, but after key tackles by Aidan Hayek, Patricio Gonzalez and Ryan Logan, the Braves drive stalled. Joe Borthwick wasted little time setting the tone by scoring from 50 yards out, his first of four rushing touchdowns.

Offensive linemen Jet Giammarusti, David Moore, Alex Seba, Nolan Loomis, Alex Bayer and Sam Jones continued to open up holes for their running backs in the first half leading to a long touchdown run by Nicholas Prystash on their third possession. Daniel McLaughlin also took advantage of the great line play by rushing for two extra points.

The ground game continued to excel in the second half but it took multiple tackles by Jeff Varner, Isaiah Gash, Dimitri Asimakis, Mickey VanAntwerp, Robert Johnson, Emile Rizk and Blake Evans to slow down a Braves rally in the fourth quarter.

After a late fumble recovery by Luke Waldman, Jake Khoury sealed the victory by reaching the endzone on a 25-yard run and again on the extra point.

– By Stephanie Varner

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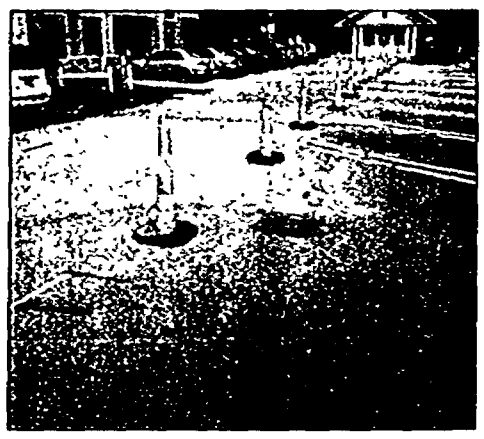

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Work has begun on making downtown Northville's Mary Alexander Court a two-way street.

New sidewalk on Mary Alexander Court

The sidewalk and pavement on the south side of Mary Alexander Court in downtown Northville has been removed. The contractor has constructed the new section of curb on the east side of Mary Alexander Court. The west side of Mary Alexander Court is prepared for new curb placement first thing next week. Once that section of curb is placed, the contractor will construct the new sidewalks on the east side of Mary Alexander Court followed by the west side.

It is anticipated the contractor will place asphalt on Mary Alexander Court the week of Sept. 13. One-way traffic will remain on Mary Alexander Court and parking on the south side will remain disrupted next week. Although sidewalks have been removed access to all businesses is maintained. Once new sidewalks have hardened, probably the latter part of next week, pedestrian traffic will have full access.

Storm sewer construction at Cady and Center is complete. The Center Street detour at Cady will remain in place for a few more weeks while the contractor works on the wall, walks and pavement on the east side of Center between Mary Alexander Court and Main. Replacement of the brick wall and rail on the east side of Center Street between Mary Alexander Court and Main Street is under way and will continue next week.

Throughout the project, the contractor and the city's Department of Public Works will make every effort to keep the area clean and traffic moving smoothly. Despite months of careful planning, however, situations may arise that were not expected. For this reason, an AEW on-site inspector, Mike Smith, is available by mobile phone to respond to business and residential concerns at any time during construction hours. He is your best resource for up-to-the-moment information and problem resolution. His number is (586)709-8463.

From the Northville Downtown Development Authority

Come to restaurant's Re-Brann-ding

Brann's Sizzling Steaks & Sports Grille in Northville will celebrate its recent makeover with a special Monday Night Football kick-off featuring Calvin Johnson, fresh off the Detroit Lions' season opener a day earlier.

"We're excited to host a Detroit gridiron great and his many fans at our restaurant," said Tom Brann, president of the Brann's chain of restaurants. "Calvin Johnson certainly is a sizzler on the field, and the star on our menu for nearly 50 years has been our Sizzler steak. This is a perfect match as we celebrate our new look and new, fresh menu."

The Sept. 13 event, at Brann's Sizzling Steaks & Sports Grille at 39715 6 Mile Road in Northville, will feature special drink and appetizer deals, coupons toward future dinner purchases, and the opportunity to meet Johnson from 6-8 p.m. Although Johnson will not sign autographs, he will pose for pictures with fans and talk about the previous day's game against the Chicago Bears.

"We're pulling out all the stops to show our guests a good time," said Dave Richardson, General Manager of the Northville restaurant. "We're proud to showcase Brann's as one of the premier family restaurants in all of southeast Michigan. We've upgraded the decor and added numerous flat screen TVs to make Brann's the perfect place to catch the game."

Brann's also is announcing a $181 donation to Northville Public Schools for every touchdown by Johnson, who wears number 81 for the Lions, in upcoming season.

"We're planning to accommodate monthly fundraisers with NPS clubs and teams, where they'll receive 15% of the food and beverage check for every person they bring into the restaurant on a designated night. The additional $181 donations for Calvin Johnson touchdowns will allow the foundation to provide assistance to school programs that cannot generate that sort of traffic."

Don't confuse long-term service with serving your organization well

In gratitude for years of long term service to this company, its employees and its customers, we are gathered to thank..".

While the sentiment that drives this statement is known and understood throughout the annals of organizational history, much of its meaning goes unstated. At a time when forced retirements take the joy out of amiable closure between an individual and the organization, it is nice to have the rare opportunity to attend a retirement that, still, adheres to the ceremonial ritual long since weeded out of the current organizational landscape.

Lee Meadows

Having, recently, witnessed this long held tradition for a friend and colleague, I thought about one of the meanings and wondered if he and thousands of others who have heard the phrase, "In gratitude for years of long term service.." really understood that serving an organization for a long time doesn't necessarily mean that you have served the organization very well.

My friend and I can pinpoint that start of our relationship to 20th century, Michigan State University antics. How we made it from freshman year to graduation is one of the great Spartan stories that takes on legendary status when told by the few witnesses whose intermittent chuckling rarely allows them to finish the stories.

Needless to say, our paths took us to different experiences in different states, but we always kept in touch and loved sharing organizational war stories.

When I flashed forward to seeing him standing at the podium, talking about his 30-plus years with that one organization, I recalled the youthful, anything-is-possible, enthusiasm he brought into his first, full-time, professional job. During that time, he let me know in no uncertain terms that he had his eye on an executive leadership position with the organization -- and in 20 years he would realize that dream.

I watched over the years as his unwavering loyalty was viewed as a standard by which all employees should set their gauge. I listened as he discussed the starts and stops along his career path and wondered why his 'unwavering loyalty' did not ease his journey out of middle management and into the higher ranks. Though he did not make his irritation with being stuck in middle management a part of his retirement speech, we did talk about it later on, as we sat out on his patio laughing about the trials and tribulations of his adult children and the scroll like 'honey-do' list his wife was gleefully compiling.

He genuinely looked forward to retirement, so our reflective conversation was not laced with bitterness or any deep levels of regret. Age and wisdom does tend to broaden a narrowly-focused lens and bring into focus those things that were not clear.

"I did what I was asked to do, rarely delivered a project late, went the extra mile and could never be classified as a troublesome employee. So, why didn't I make it out of middle management and into an executive position?"

Realizing that he wasn't seeking an answer from me, I sipped my beverage and waited.

"I gave the organization my best effort, but maybe I did not give my best work. I think that somewhere along the way, I confused long-term service with serving the organization well. Maybe it's not enough to just show up and serve, but to make sure that what you are doing is more than just meeting expectations."

"If you had it to do all over again," I asked, "what would you do differently?"

He replied, "I would do a better job of balancing the tasks of my job description with the unstated initiatives the organization needs to accomplish."

I mentioned that I thought there were a number of lessons embedded in his story.

"I'm retired, now," he said. "Feel free to share it with anyone who wants to listen."

"Thanks," I said. "I will."

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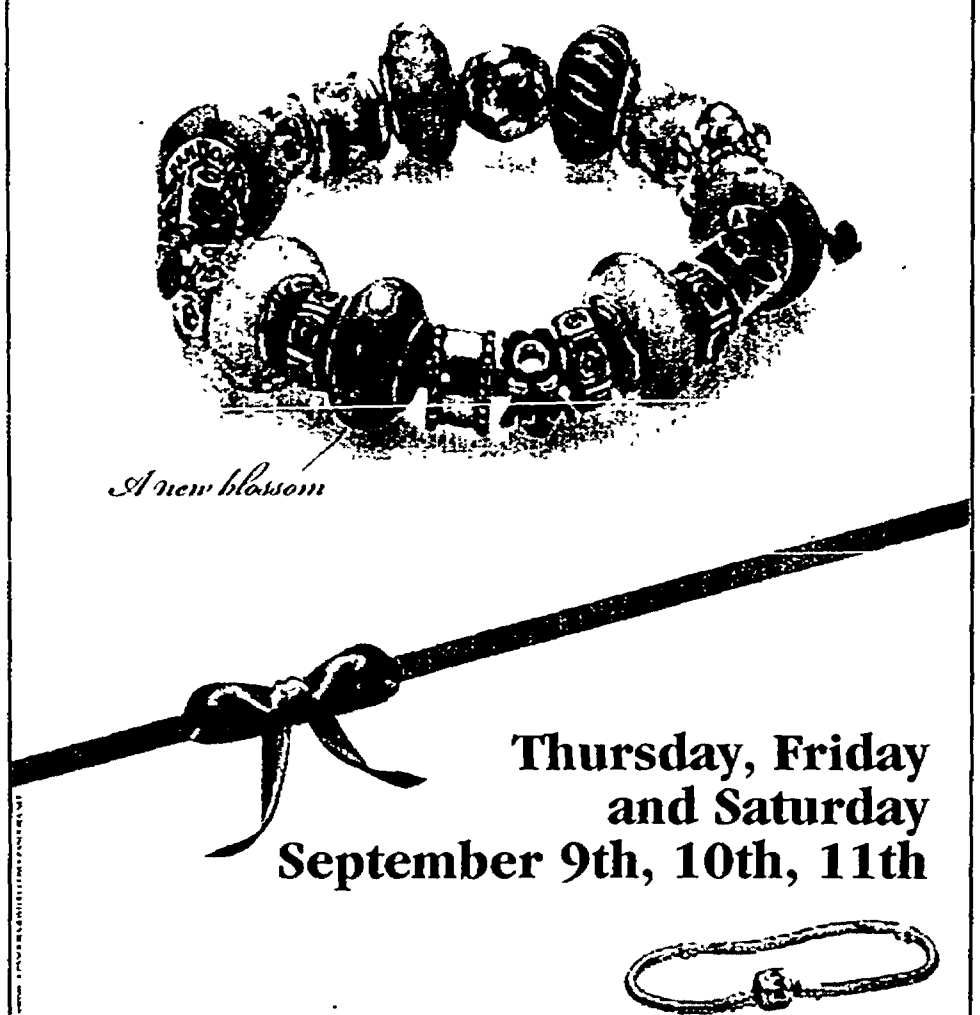

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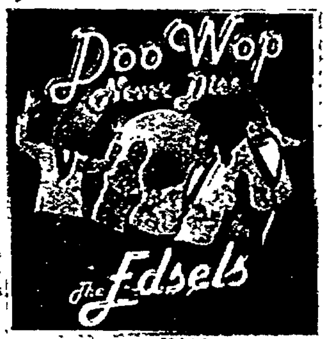

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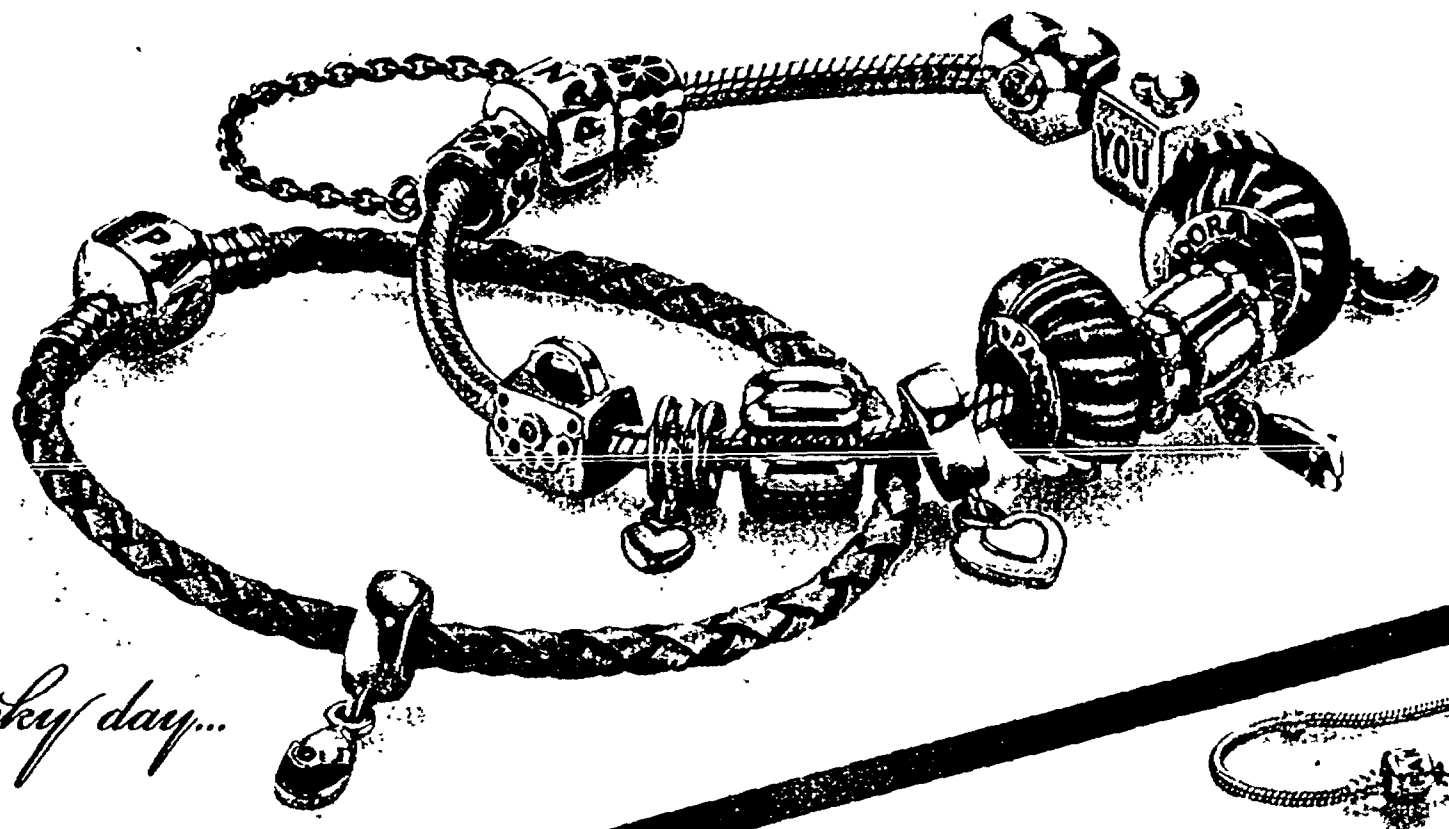

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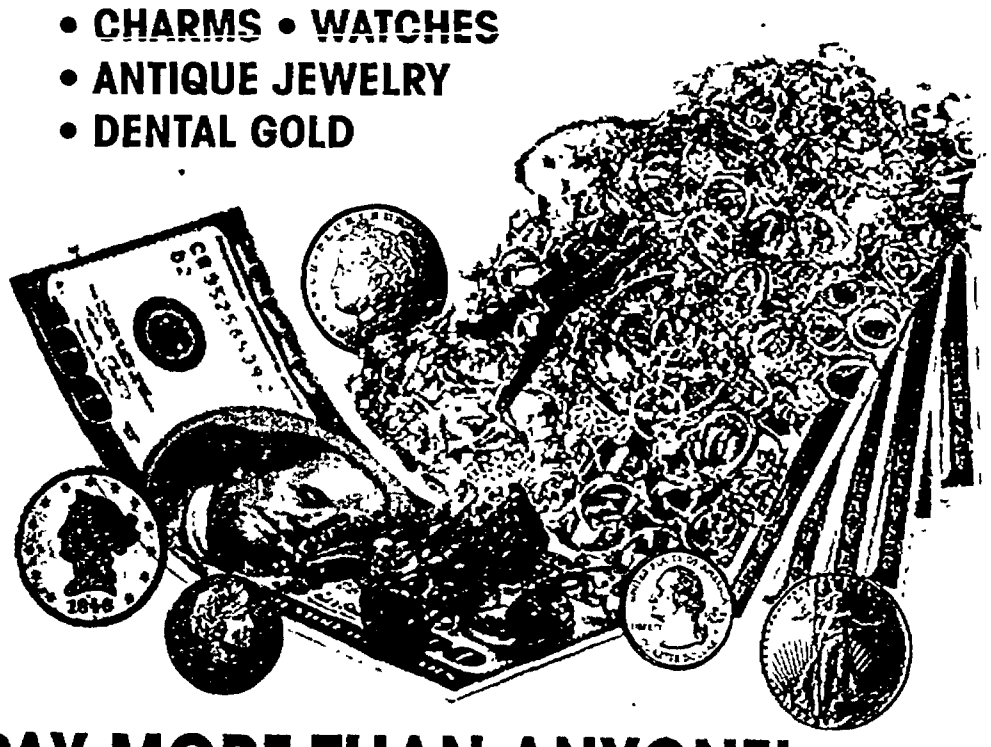

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How Do I Find A Job When Nobody Is Hiring?

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Which word best defines today's economy?

A. Downsizing

B. Layoffs

C. Mergers

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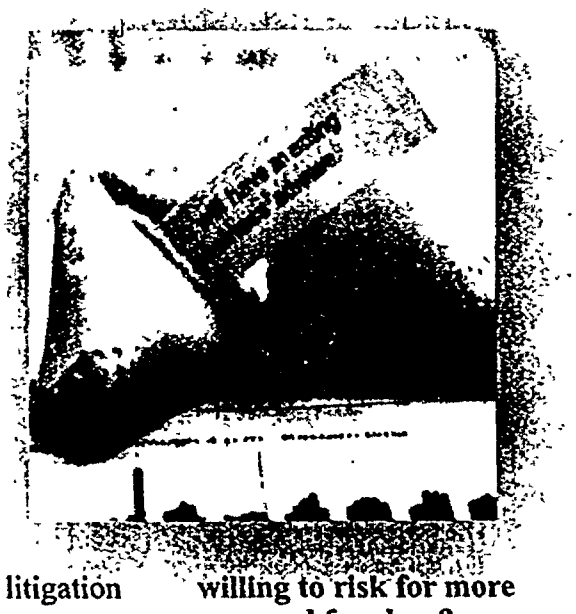
E. All of the Above

In the morning paper and on the evening news, these buzzwords have become synonymous with the "Great Recession," a time of chronically high unemployment with no end in sight.

Businesses continue to scale back, leery of increasing taxes, regulations and mandates that have them hamstrung. Making matters worse is that the unemployment rate, typically a lagging indicator of recovery, is likely to deteriorate before it improves.

It is often said that perception is reality, which is why it seems like nobody is hiring. The reality is that nobody is advertising, but there are jobs. The key to finding those jobs is by adopting a new paradigm of seeking out not jobs, but business opportunities.

While the direction of employers will be away from hiring people in the traditional 9 to 5 sense, there is actually an uptick in independent contracting or business to business (B2B) relationships that limit a company's exposure to the rising costs of healthcare, workers' compensation, litigation and disability.



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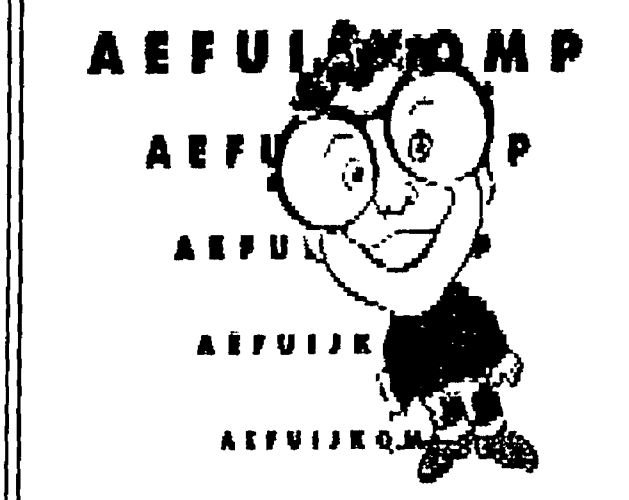

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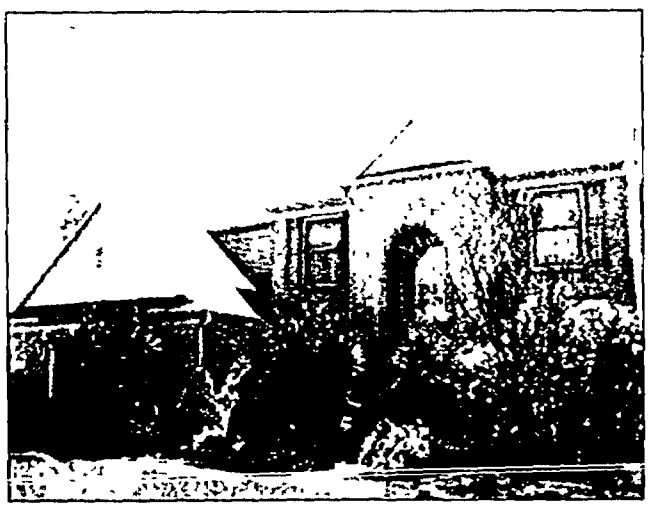
This four-bedroom Cape Cod is at 838 Haggerty in Canton, and is listed at $369,000. It's of brick with a three-car attached garage.



This four-bedroom colonial, listed at $314,900, is at 47143 Woodlong Drive in Canton. It's of brick/wood with a finished basement and a two-car attached garage.

This four-bedroom colonial, listed at $349,900, is at 6406 Connaught Court in Canton. It's of brick with a finished basement and a three-car attached garage.

Sales of homes $300,000-plus show improvement

Fourth of a four-part series

BY JULIE BROWN
O&E STAFF WRITER

You've heard a lot about declining home values, and may think only a superstar athlete could afford a $500,000 home in Canton, Plymouth, Livonia or Farmington Hills. That isn't necessarily the case.

The higher end up to $500,000 also has homes in our area: "I think there's some out there at that," said Realtor Bart Patterson, vice president and general manager of RE/MAX Classic, with offices in Canton, Farmington Hills, Novi and Milford. "There's definitely an improvement." Inventory of high-end local homes has dropped in recent months.

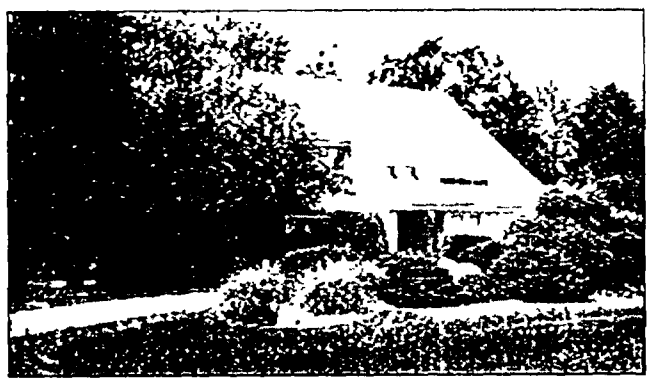
He agreed some buyers are still in the $300,000-$500,000 range. "There are people still transferring that would be looking," Patterson said. He found 50 such properties in Farmington Hills as he looked.

Those ranged from 2,000 to as large as 6,000 square feet, the largest one a contemporary with five bedrooms, 3½ baths on a short sale. "You can see there are lots of options," Patterson said.

In addition to transferring businesspeople, there are still professionals like lawyers and doctors with income allowing them to buy more expensive homes, Patterson said.

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 $300,000 to $399,999, data showed: seven Plymouth homes on the market, two sold in the past three months; 23 Plymouth Township homes on the market, 17 sold in that time; 30 Canton homes on the market, 32 sold in that time; nine Livonia homes on the market, nine sold in that time; and 36 Farmington Hills homes on the market, 11 sold in that time. There were no homes in that range sold or on the market in Redford, Westland, Garden City or Farmington.



This home, listed at $300,000, is at 31045 Sudbury St. in Farmington Hills. The three-bedroom colonial features a finished basement and a two-car direct access garage. It's of aluminum.

For homes/condos priced at $400,000 to $499,999, Realcomp II data showed: one home on the market in Plymouth, five sold in the past three months; 12 Plymouth Township homes on the market, five sold in that time; 11 Canton homes on the market, six sold in that time; three Livonia homes on the market, none sold; and 15 Farmington Hills homes on the market, one sold. There were no homes in that range on the market or sold in Redford, Westland, Garden City or Farmington.

Dale E. Smith, executive vice president of the Farmington-based Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors, sees some $500,000 range homes closer to Birmingham, as well as some in Canton. There's still a good supply, he said, although there had been even more.

"Those homes are kind of the forgotten ones nobody's talking about," Smith said of high-end homes, noting dollarwise their value's been hard hit. At lower prices and more modest dwellings, homes are selling more in western Wayne County and the Farmington area.

"The number of sales has picked up," Smith said. "We're not continuing to find it spiraling downward. So that's a good sign."

Smith said local Realtors have seen that improvement "mini-trend" in the last two or three months. "It's kind of an encouraging sign," he said.

He noted the recent tax credit extension for buyers boosted sales on thousands of homes that otherwise would have gone back on the market. That expired at the end of June and that evening Congress extended it to Sept. 30 for sales already in progress.

Without the extension, Smith said, some 8,000 Michigan home sales would have halted, most of them in metro Detroit.

"That would have added to the burden we're already under," Smith said. Major players in the market remain banks and foreclosures, less so government's Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

"They're still in the background and not much of a player in all of this," Smith said.

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of May 24-28, 2010, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Auburn Hills
15 Cross St $5 000
2629 Konrad Ct $116 000
Beverly Hills
17869 Dunblaine Ave $243 000
19916 Sunnyslope Dr $409 000
20072 Wellesley St $396 000
Birmingham
955 Forest Ave $250 000
550 Henrietta St $721 000
1221 Latham St $250 000
2535 Manchester Rd $399 000
2366 Northfield Blvd $505 000
2684 Pembroke Rd $188 000
971 Pierce St $1 120 000
255 Ravine Rd $160 000
663 N Frank St $190 000
Bloomfield Hills
660 Woodland St $285 000
2467 Yorkshire Rd $139 000
40740 Woodward Ave $50 000
Bloomfield Township
6420 Apple Grove Ln $200 000
1312 Ashower Dr $165 000
136 Bloomfield Blvd $305 000
3460 Broadway Blvd $435 000
3350 Burning Bush Rd $500 000
4584 Covered Bridge Rd $250 000
618 Deadwood Ln $328 000
1936 Devonshire Rd $78 000
559 Fox Hills Dr N $55 000
416 Fox Hills Dr S $49 000
3211 Greentree Rd $220 000
4351 Haddington Dr $234 000
3354 Heron Point Dr $490 000
1997 Kingsmith Rd $56 000
650 Lahser Rd $240 000
2952 Maseley Dr $318 000
3675 Middlebury Ln $178 000
3641 Quail Hollow Dr $215 000
768 Robinhood Cir $207 000
2798 Turtle Shores Dr $950 000
3774 Wabeek Road $512 000
Clarkston
5470 Chanto Dr $127 000
8751 Fawn Valley Dr $185 000
9389 Minnewanna Rd $180 000
6612 Park Valley Dr $320 000
5812 Pine Breeze Dr $285 000
6275 Pine Knob Rd $135 000
5945 S Main St $55 000
6927 Tappon Dr $65 000
Commerce Township
4635 Alban St $118 000
486 Charlevoix St $167 000
4792 Driftwood Dr $295 000
8401 Hummingbird $248 000
Farmington
23845 Gill Rd $174 000
Farmington Hills
32838 Cadillac St $300 000
25054 Castlereagh Dr $127 000
30780 Country Ridge Cir $260 000
28875 Eton Ct $218 000
30317 Glenmuer St $113 000
28230 Greening St $72 000
22199 Hansdale Dr $293 000
38940 Holsworth Ct $160 000
38757 Lantern Hill Ct $328 000
21319 Mulberry Ct $180 000
30594 Orchard Lake Rd $50 000
29416 Pendleton Club Dr $55 000
23030 Purdue Ave $55 000
30478 Scotshire Ct $183 000
24950 Toddy Ln $185 000
22456 Vacri Ln $280 000
29860 W 12 Mile Rd $42 000
28418 W Eight Mile Rd $27 000
27529 W Echo Vly $34 000
Lake Orion
3366 East Pond Ct $220 000
3068 High Point Ridge Rd $45 000
923 Pine Tree Rd W $182 000
325 Torrey Pine Ct $187 000
Lathrup Village
28466 Eldorado Pl $136 000
27397 Goldengate Dr W $110 000
28260 Wiltshire Blvd $79 000
Milford
3860 Dabale Ct $36 000
752 Duchess St $152 000
1550 Highwood Ct $280 000
216 S Houghton St $152 000
631 Woodside Dr $89 000
Northville
1194 Concord Ct $85 000
20941 Eljon Dr $239 000
51281 Park Place Dr $485 000
956 Whitegate Dr $350 000
Novi
41983 Aspen Dr $317 000
27370 Chase Dr $250 000
41390 Clinton Dr $98 000
23597 Dunston Rd $342 000
22690 Heatherbrae Way $180 000
40960 Hollydale $108 000
31201 Kingsley Ct $309 000
48805 Pebble Ln $240 000
1127 South Lake Dr $52 000
45554 White Pines Dr $333 000
24261 Willowbrook $136 000
Oakland Township
4169 Barnes Ct $410 000
4155 Bold Midas $271 000
3701 Deer Springs Dr $340 000
3773 Mountain Laurel Blvd $560 000
3586 Tremonte Cir S $95 000
Oxford
114 Dennison St $118 000
545 Manitou $240 000
1344 W Drahner Rd $295 000
Rochester
214 S Castell Ave $400 000
Rochester Hills
1836 Adsdorf Ave $161 000
2372 Chalet Dr $177 000
3710 Commons Dr $345 000
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762b Glenbrooke Ct $139 000
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3324 Innstrock Dr $180 000
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2622 Longview Ave $138 000
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3421 Mayacoo Ct $390 000
1200 N Livernois Rd $386 000
531 Pinehurst Dr $210 000
2932 Powderhorn Ridge Rd $240 000
2081 Rochelle Park Dr $140 000
518 Tennyson $110 000
2839 Trailwood Dr $93 000
1636 Treesdale Dr $214 000
2135 Yellow Leaf Dr $197 000
South Lyon
160 Princeton Dr $24 000
916 Stoney Dr $161 000
Southfield
28700 Bell Rd $136 000
19201 Birchridge St $86 000
28448 E Larkmoor Dr $64 000
28535 Evergreen Rd $80 000
27403 Lexington Pkwy $42 000
27027 Lincolnshire Dr $85 000
23801 Pinup Dr $60 000
30840 Red Maple Ln $113 000
17221 Revere St $100 000
23500 Riverview Dr $210 000
29349 Southgate Dr $72 000
16355 W 12 Mile Rd $65 000
Troy
2847 Ardmore Way Rd $370 000
1583 Brentwood Dr $100 000
6557 Forest Park Dr $345 000
232 Fairlington Dr $155 000
3874 Gatewick Dr $275 000
408 Dunston Ct $446 000
2529 Hampton Ln $203 000
1707 Meer Dr $100 000
2778 Pine Hill Dr $190 000
130 Redwood Dr $115 000
1175 South Blvd W $60 000
Walled Lake
1891 Alton Cir $138 000
1336 Appleford St $33 000
1383 Appleford St $50 000
120 Cherry Grove Ln $195 000
224 Lake Village Dr $50 000
1525 Leon Rd $50 000
2352 Trevor Dr $120 000
333 Winslow Cir $129 000
West Bloomfield
7573 Ashburton Ct $190 000
1928 Bloomfield Oaks Dr $215 000
3314 Bloomfield Shore Dr $287 000
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2618 Depew Dr $65 000
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4770 Maplewood Ave $177 000
5862 Orchard Woods Dr $383 000
6136 Palomino Ct $53 000
2040 Rhine Rd $130 000
5215 Richard Run $60 000
4359 Strathdale Ct $315 000
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6310 W Maple Rd $337 000
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1625 Aberdeen St $169 000
7334 Admiralty Dr $234 000
41642 Haggerty Woods Ct $130 000
42008 Hanford Rd $181 000
42537 Lilley Pointe Dr $39 000
45226 Lothrop Rd $245 000
170 Madison Ct $330 000
1627 Morrison Blvd $177 000
1780 N Morton Taylor Rd $173 000
45635 N Stonewood Rd $150 000
238 Nassau Ct $150 000
46213 Polo Dr $220 000
42902 Savoy Rd $165 000
43338 Stonington Ct $180 000
6591 Weatherfield Way $240 000
2068 Woodbine Dr $210 000
Garden City
30855 Barton St $77 000
899 Douglas St $78 000
28824 Elmwood St $28 000
30952 Elmwood St $64 000
29924 Florence St $82 000
30940 Hennepin St $76 000
32171 James St $90 000
Livonia
14221 Arden St $112 000
14223 Berwick St $130 000
14123 Blue Skies St $127 000
8905 Danzig St $75 000
9562 Deering St $99 000
17312 Deering St $109 000
18501 Deering St $35 000
9847 Denne St $123 000
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34469 Fargo St $300 000
18363 Foch St $82 000
19783 Gary Ln $270 000
30539 Hathaway St $114 000
18818 Hillcrest St $92 000
14166 Hubbell St $115 000
15671 Ingram St $360 000
17000 Levan Rd $145 000
32043 Maine St $137 000
9904 Mayfield St $114 000
29448 Minton St $40 000
29475 Minton St $105 000
16178 Nola Dr $170 000
16221 Penn Dr $202 000
30629 Puritan St $117 000
38820 Richland St $117 000
19357 Stamford Dr $190 000
14050 Stark Rd $130 000
31513 Vargo St $198 000
20108 Wayne Rd $283 000
Northville
16273 Aspen Valley Dr $550 000
17560 E Northville Trl $327 000
20131 E Whipple Dr $290 000
17294 Hilltop View Dr $315 000
16047 Homestead Cir $235 000
39407 Jasmine Cir $310 000
16432 Lincoln Dr $20 000
16448 Lincoln Dr $20 000
42063 Pon Meadow Dr $274 000
45877 Rainbow Ln S $310 000
42952 Richards Ct $100 000
16481 Sherwood Ln $313 000
Plymouth
50544 Beechwood Ct $80 000
11707 Lehigh Ct $292 000
725 Pacific St $175 000
Redford
8920 Brady $30 000
8870 Farley $50 000
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1391 Alexander Dr $85 000
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308 Marigold Cir $75 000
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Translating document could prevent lawsuit

Q: Our manager recently inquired as to whether hearing notices which were to be sent to Spanish-speaking-only owners had to be translated. The question is whether or not they have to be translated.

A: This is a difficult question, although, my gut reaction would be that the board or management company, having actual knowledge that the notice would not be understood, should attempt to translate it into Spanish. However, I am not aware of any case law or statutory requirement but it is always possible that someone might claim that failing to translate it might be some sort of discriminatory conduct.

Robert Meisner

Q: The association attorney who claims he represents hundreds of community associations is trying to get our documents reviewed to limit the liability of the Association for repairs to our units and to make the co-owner more responsible for aspects of the condominium development. Do you think that is a good idea?

A: It all depends upon the circumstances of the project. There has been a movement over the last 15 to 20 years to site condominiums which has placed more responsibility on the co-owner to maintain not only the interior, but also the exterior, of the unit. On the other hand, I note that some associations have attempted to get out of the business of maintaining the exterior of the condominium which was one of the salient sales points in condominium development 15 to 25 years ago. Be careful that the attorney for the association is not trying to convince the board to get a new set of documents unnecessarily just to try to keep the assessments down for the association, in a sense to low ball the assessments to perspective purchasers while making it more difficult for the co-owners to maintain the condominium project.

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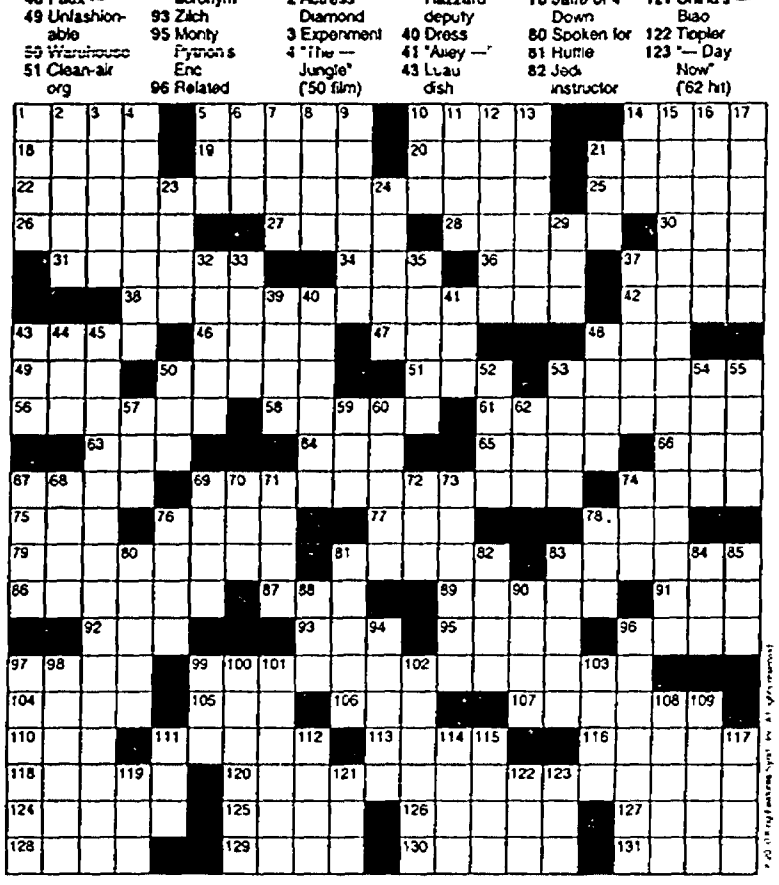
Crossword Puzzle

Comparative Zoology

ACROSS
1 Dog star?
5 Iraqi city
10 "Norwegian —" ("65 song)
14 Act like Etna
18 Towel word
19 Startled cry
20 Feminist Belmont
21 — Gras
22 Elusive
25 Shun
26 Brando's birthplace
27 Part of ER
28 Synthetic textile
30 Exploit
31 Pipeline place
34 Fairway accessory
36 — es Salaam
37 Adored one
38 Relaxed
42 Scads
43 Future of the present
46 Be bombastic
47 Smash letters
48 Faux —
49 Unfashionable
50 Warehouse
51 Clean-air org
53 Bog
56 Crested reptile
58 Vision
61 Novelist Carr
63 Lingerie item
64 "Blame it on —" ("84 film)
65 Flatfish
66 Directional suffix
67 Broccoli —
69 Sage
74 Melodious Marvin
75 — trip
76 Sitarist Shankar
77 "Xanadu" rockers
78 Cul-de- —
79 Disciplinarian
81 Sprite
83 Strauss opera
86 Fancy
87 Teacup part
89 Designer Carolyne
91 — -Magnon
92 Police acronym
93 Zach
95 Monty Python's Eric
96 Related
97 Show off
99 Docile
104 Irish island group
105 Pressure meas.
106 K-O connectors
107 School supply
110 Cratchit kid
111 Sentinel
113 Zenith
116 "Beat it!"
118 Stir
120 Fit
124 Hilarious Hardy
125 Like some textbooks
126 Bean or Welles
127 A bit of Berlioz
128 Requirement
129 Baseball's Nolan
130 Wretched
131 "Confound it!"

DOWN
1 Comment from Chan
2 Actress Diamond
3 Experiment
4 "The — Jungle" ("50 film)
5 "Doodle-oo!"
6 Broadcast
7 — terrier
8 Enlarge a hole
9 Sometimes they're frozen
10 Pale
11 Dairy-case purchase
12 Go to extremes
13 Cowboys' home
14 Bankbook abbr.
15 Van
16 New Jersey city
17 Very
21 TV's "Chico and the —"
23 El —, TX
24 Zones
29 Nev neighbor
32 Asian nation
33 PDQ, politely
35 Wading bird
37 Japanese porcelain
39 "Dukes of Hazzard" deputy
40 Dress
41 "Alley —"
43 Luau dish
44 Holidayless mo.
45 Obstinate
48 Gdansk denizen
50 Genes designer?
52 Lhasa —
53 Grind grain
54 Nimble
55 Rational
57 Is for two
59 Actress Scala
60 Biblical book
62 "— sweet it is!"
67 San —, Italy
68 Thickening agent
69 Ebb
70 "— Gotta Be Me" ("69 hit)
71 Location
72 Clay, today
73 Karate-chopping Chuck
74 Four qts
76 Rudner or Garr
78 Jaffe of 4 Down
80 Spoken for
81 Hustle
82 Jock instructor
83 Clip
84 Med. test
85 Tons of time
88 Tiny colonist
90 Model Macpherson
94 Paul of "Melvin and Howard"
96 Run away
97 Benefactor
98 Baltimore bird
99 Scholastic abbr.
100 Wet Willams
101 Well
102 Mainstay
103 Prepare potatoes
108 Blunder
109 Jamaican cultist
111 Elfin
112 "That's a scream!"
114 Dame Hess
115 Orient
117 Competition
119 Silly Caesar
121 China's — Biao
122 Tiepler
123 "— Day Now" ("62 hit)



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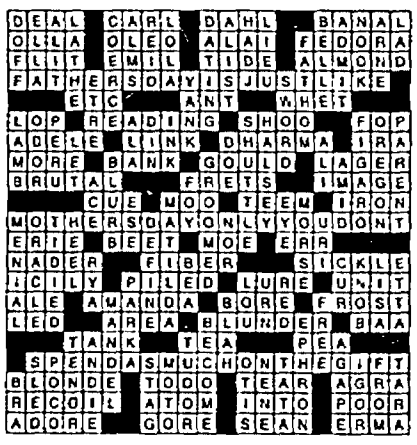

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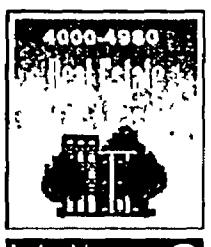

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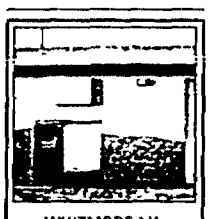

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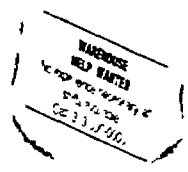
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LIVONIA - 16742 Rougeway, SW corner of 6 Mile & Inkster Fri Sept 10, 9-6pm & Sat Sept 11, 9-5pm Household tools, some furniture & misc

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LIVONIA
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MILFORD 435/478 Heritage Dr, Milford -3 Family Sale-Huge selection. toys household, clothing more! 9am-1pm, Sept 9, 10, 11

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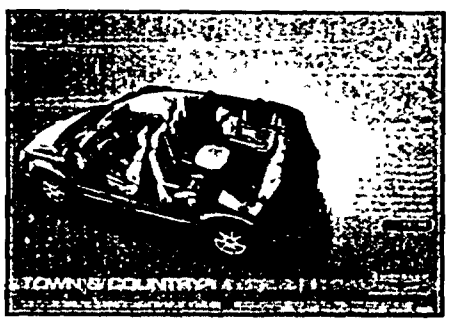

Chrysler is gaining buyers for Town & Country by emphasizing the minivan's inside amenities.

Jeep Wrangler Sahara and Wrangler Unlimited Sahara

Toyota and Chrysler were the headline brands in automakers' August sales report. But for an indication of how wildly things are swinging in the American car business these days, Chrysler is the brand you want to be in this case - and Toyota isn't.

Chrysler turned in the best relative performance in August of all the largest automakers, with a 7-percent increase over sales a year earlier. One reason was that Chrysler had little to offer American car buyers who flocked to dealerships in August, 2009, for the federal government's "cash-for-clunkers" program.

The other reason Chrysler stood out this August is a better one: sales of pickup trucks and SUVs are taking a bigger share of the market these days, and the company's mainstay Ram and Jeep brands are reaping benefits.

Another factor working in Chrysler's favor right now is that it has the highest proportion of 2010 models in its inventory among the Detroit Big Three - meaning that Chrysler is offering some of the most attractive incentive deals in the industry because it's got to clear the old models away to make room for the 2011 vehicles.

"We have beaten or matched the average industry sales increase for the fifth consecutive month this year and for the calendar year to date," crowed Fred Diaz, Chrysler's lead executive for U.S. sales.

August sales for Toyota, on the other hand, were down 34 percent from last year, and some huge portion of that had to do with the continuing struggles of the Toyota brand.

Yes, Toyota was the brand most affected this August by comparisons with the huge volume of sales of its cars during cash-for-clunkers last year. But the company still can't escape the damage to its reputation from this year's safety recalls.

"We still have a spring in our step but perhaps not as pronounced as last month," said Bob Carter, Toyota Division general manager.

In fact, Toyota was looking for bright spots wherever it could find them. He announced that the company would be extending through September an incentive under which it offers two years of "free maintenance" on a new car, which originally was to expire this weekend. And Carter didn't rule out retaining that incentive indefinitely.

"Consumers tell us that it's a significant reason for them to come in and look at Toyotas," he said. "It's a sound strategy from a marketing perspective."

At the same time, the company announced yet another significant safety recall last week, underscoring what could amount to long-term damage to the brand's once-unassailable reputation and position in the U.S. market.

Nevertheless, Carter asserted that the Toyota brand is on the mend. He noted that 57 percent of Toyota division vehicles purchased in August with trade-ins were by owners of competitive makes, the highest such percentage for any month since last year, before the recall publicity.

Also, he said that Toyota's research shows that Toyota owners whose vehicles have been repaired under the recall program demonstrate a higher "average level of satisfaction" than consumers who weren't exposed to recalls.

"That is one of a number of indications that the brand is recovering nicely," Carter said. "We know clearly there is a perception in the market that we've got to work on with our marketing, but we're seeing improvements - that perception is starting to moderate."

Meanwhile, General Motors Co. sales executives still were appropriately restrained about the company's August sales numbers, as they had to report a 24.9-percent drop.

But put cash-for-clunkers aside and there's another big factor: last year, the four brands GM has now jettisoned accounted for 39,661 sales. This August, the same figure was 255.

Sales at the Buick, Cadillac and GMC divisions all improved by strong double digits - and a combined 37 percent - with only Chevrolet declining, by 21.5 percent.

Despite an August that didn't stand up well to last year, Chevrolet's got the launch of the new Cruze compact car to look forward to and a stock of just 8,000 Cobalts, the car launched in 2005 that the Cruze now replaces.

Ford sold 157,503 vehicles in August, down 11 percent from a year earlier, when its Ford Fusion and Ford Focus small cars were among the most popular models purchased in the government's cash-for-clunkers program.

Company executives understandably preferred to focus on the fact that Ford's year-to-date sales, at 1.28 million, were up 18 percent through August - double the growth of the industry as a whole.

In addition to strong sales of its F Series trucks, Ford executives enthused about the initial reception for its Fiesta subcompact. The company has been holding up shipment of the Mexican-built vehicles lately because of a minor quality issue but now is shipping them again.

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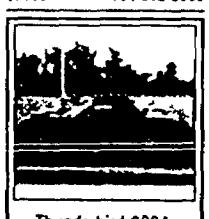

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