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### Fecht signing her book

Michellè Fecht will present her book on the history of Northville, Images of America: Northville, at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 30 in the Northville Library's Carlo **Meeting Room. Her books** will be available for purchase and signing.

Shawn Riley of the Shawn Riley Band will be performing an acoustic set. The annual meeting of the Friends of the Library follows the entertainment, with election of officers and directors. Refreshments will be served throughout the event.

The meeting is open to all Friends members. Registration is encouraged. If you are interested in joining the Friends, you may join that night and attend the event. Call the library to register at (2480 349-3020.

### Children's classes at Mill Race Village

A series of children's classes are being offered at Mill Race Village in Northville. Children from the ages of 3 and up are learning and being creative in these interactive classes.

Upcoming classes include Antique Toys, One-Room Schoolhouse Adventure, ABC's of Mill Race Village, a Fancy Nancy Party, a Huck Finn adventure, and many more.

Classes are \$15 each. Children can be dropped off and picked up at the end of

# **Spring Into Northville**

### Stop, shop, dine for a good cause on Friday

#### BY PAN FLENING STAFF WRITER

After the long winter, downtown Northville merchants thought residents needed a pick-me-up.

So, a group has created Spring into Northville from 5-9 p.m. on Friday, March 25.

Stores will have special discounts, giveaways, raffle tickets for great prizes and more. Patrons will receive a raffle ticket for every \$10 they spend during the event. (Shoppers area asked to please take the entire raffle ticket with them as they are handed to them.)

Then, they will be able to take their entire filled-out raffle ticket with them to the location of their choice out of Buckminister's, Poole's Tavern, The Starting Gate, Northville Sports Den or Wine Sync. Guests must be present to win a prize. The

raffle prizes will be awarded at each location at 9:30 p.m. A Grand Prize will also

be awarded, which will be a head-to-toe pampering day, sponsored by the Northville Central Business District. The Northville Downtown Development Authority is cosponsoring the event as well.

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Not only is the event a fun-

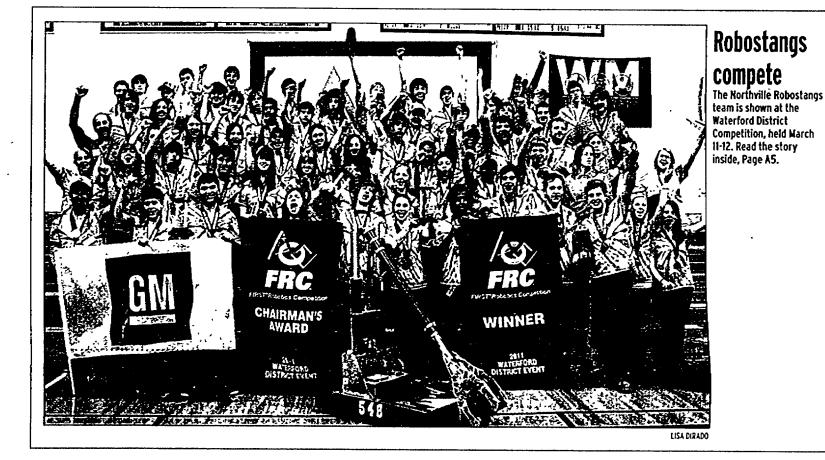
Civic Concern Food Bank will win, too. Patrons are asked to bring nonperishable food items to

filled evening for area shop-

pers, but the local Northville

the event. For each item they deliver to one of the participating businesses, they will receive an extra raffle ticket. "We wanted to motivate

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## Northville schools' community to vote May 3 on millage

the class. For a complete listing and schedule of classes contact the Northville Historical Society at (248) 348-1845 or visit their website at www.millracenorthville.org.

### Weiss wins over \$20k on "Millionaire"

Andy Weiss, a native of Northville, was a contestant on "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire" on March 17 with guest host Sherri Shepherd of ABC's "The View." Andy made it up to the ninth question, but decided to not take a guess and walked away with half of his accumulated Millionaire Bank (\$40,500) and took home \$20,250.

### Northville Public Schools voters will be asked on May 3 to consider a capital improvement (sinking fund) millage proposal to make much-needed repairs to the school district's 11 school buildings and other facili-

ties. The 1-mill request will provide the district with approximately \$2.4 million for each of the next five years to address capital repair and improvement needs across the school district.

Over the past six years. severe cuts in state funding for public schools has forced the school district to delay necessary repairs to our school buildings in order to protect the learning that takes place in our classrooms," said Northville Superintendent Dr. Leonard R. Rezmierski. "The 1-mill capital improvement funds will enable students to learn and grow in a safe, secure and healthy environment. It also will protect the community's investment in our school buildings and facilities and, at the same time, ensure the school district's limited operating funds are

1-mill, five-year capital improvement proposal

#### available to support student learning. And, it will keep Northville's taxpayer dollars in Northville."

"Strong schools are the foundation of a strong community and maintaining optimal learning facilities will help our community keep and attract residents." More than half of Northville's school buildings are over 30 years old, and many are much older. All of the district's buildings need repairs to maintain a safe and healthy learning environment for students.

"These projects represent

the same sorts of regular repairs and improvements we all do around our homes in order to protect our investment and keep our families safe and healthy," said Northville Board of **Education President Joan** Wadsworth. "Our community has invested a great deal in our school district and the May 3rd capital improvement election is an opportunity for the community to protect that investment.

Money raised by the capital improvement millage will fund district projects in the following areas. (These funds cannot be used

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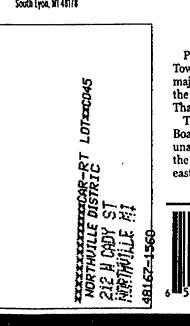
### WHAT WILL IT COST YOU

If the measure is approved, the average Northville homeowner will pay about \$150 more per year in property taxes over the next five years for a home with a taxable value of \$150,000 (or a market value of approximately \$300,000). A mill represents \$1 for every \$1,000 of a home's taxable value.

For more information about the millage election visit the district website at www.porthville.kt2. milus or e-mail you questions and comments to nps@northville.kl2.mi us.

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Thayer's Corners gets historic designation A first for Northville Twp.

BY LONNIE HUHMAN CORRESPONDENT

**Preserving Northville** Township's history took one major step forward with the historic designation of Thayer's Corners. The Northville Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously to authorize the plot located on the northeast corner of Six Mile and

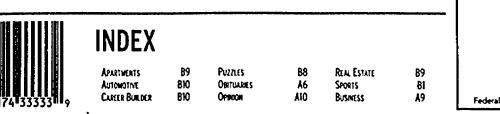
Napier roads as a historic property, a first for them. The area includes the Thayer Schoolhouse, built in 1877, and Cemetery, with burial sites dating back to 1830.

The historic commission worked long and hard on this," said Township Trustee and Historic Commission chair Marjorie Banner. According to Northville's **Historic Commission vice** 

chair Dan Schneider, this concludes nearly two years of research and work. However, he said this is just the start for this corner, which played such an instrumental part in the past.

"We are very proud of this designation and, hopefully, this is just the beginning," Schneider said. "Our intention is to promote our history and this will help us move in that direction."

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### LOCAL NEWS

# Backyard, pool and spa show this weekend at the Showplace

The 16th annual Novi Backyard, Pool & Spa Show will run from March 25-27 at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi (formerly the Rock Financial Showplace).

"We will help you create the backyard of your dreams," said Mike Wilbraham, show producer of ShowSpan, Inc. "From hot tubs, spas and pools to sunrooms, patios and decks - the show has what you need for the perfect 'staycation' every weekend." The show is sponsored by the Michigan Pool & Spa Association, member of the Association of Pool & Spa Professionals (APSP).

### DETAILS

Location: Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Avenue between Novi and Beck Road in Novi. Hours: 3-9 p.m. Friday; 11 a.m.-9

p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday.

Hundreds of ideas, products and services are available from the major outdoor living environment categories on display including inground and aboveground pools, spas, swim spas, decks, patios, fencing, outdoor living spaces,

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Admission: \$8; \$4 for children 6:14; and free for children 5. Discount coupons for \$2 off adult admission on Friday and Sunday are available at show's Web site. On site parking is available for a fee. Web: www.NoviPoolShow.com

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patio furniture, outdoor court systems, patio enclosures, sunrooms and accessories.

Homeowners will find the information they need about buying a pool or spa at show exhibits. Experts are available with tips and advice on purchasing, planning, maintenance, safety, exercise, health, financing and landscaping.

"Just think of the fun you can have with family and friends right in your own backyard," said Wilbraham. "Our professionals are available to assist you with all of your planning and purchasing needs for the spring and summer season."



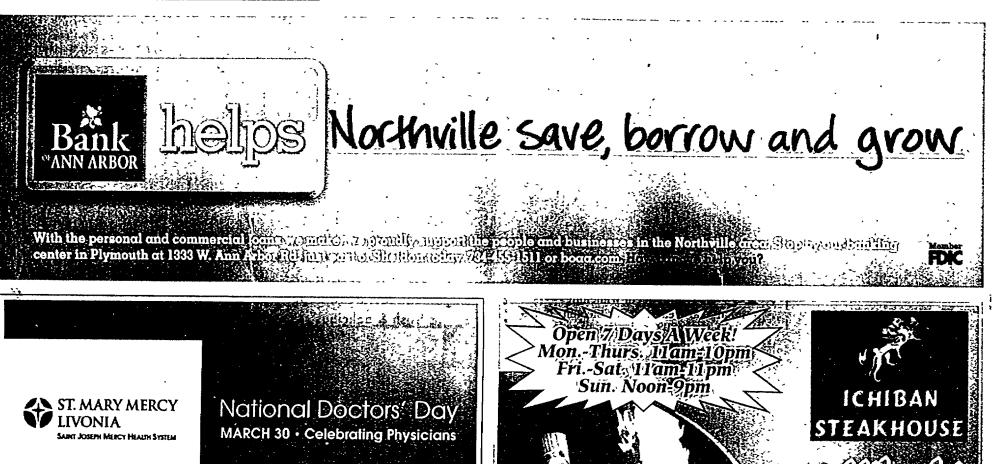
Every weekend is a vacation for a homeowner with a pool, spa, hot tub and backyard living amenity from the Novi Backyard, Pool & Spa Show, March 25-27 at Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. Exhibits display products and services from the major outdoor living environment categories including inground and aboveground pools, spas, swim spas, decks, patios, fencing, outdoor living spaces, patio furniture, outdoor court systems, patio enclosures, sunrooms and accessories.

### CORRECTIONS

In an article in the March is t 3 issue on a proposed new bui restaurant at Main and Wing streets now being called The Garage, the photo caption ers stated that Chuck Lapham onl

is the developer. He is the building owner. Bill and Mark

Evasic are the developers. The name 'Garage" is only a project name and not necessarily the name of the restaurant. The official name has not been established. The entire capacity is 244, not 250. The outdoor café has a capacity of 48, not 80. "The statement that we will address certain issues is incorrect," the Evasics said. "We have already addressed (in some fashion) each of their (residents') issues."



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### LOCAL NEWS

## VegFest at the Showplace March 27

In response to growing interest in a plantbased diet, VegFest has once more outgrown its location and will move to Suburban Collection Showplace, formerly known as Rock Financial Showplace, for its annual event on March 27.

Presented by VegMichigan, the event features notable local and national speakers, including Oprah's vegan chef and author Tal Ronnen, and former Detroit Piston and NBA champion John Salley, back by popular demand. Visitors can hear talks on the health, environmental and/or ethical benefits of a plant-based diet and enjoy tasty vegan cuisine from two dozen local restaurants along with national brand samples, food demonstrations, exhibits, children's activities, door prizes and more.

"The event is designed to give people real tools and resources for changing their diet for the better," says event chair Wendy Jones.

Last year's VegFest, held in Ferndale, drew more than 2100 attendees. The 2011 event is expected to draw upwards of 3000.

Keynote speaker Tal Ronnen is one of the most celebrated vegan chefs working today. In addition to preparing vegan meals for Oprah Winfrey's 21-day vegan cleanse, he catered the vegan wedding of Ellen DeGeneres and Portia de Rossi as well as the first vegan dinner at the U.S. Senate. Chef Tal's new cookbook, "The Conscious Cook," is a New York Times best-seller. He has worked at several of the nation's top vegan restaurants and conducts master vegetarian workshops at Le Cordon Bleu College campuses nationwide. At VegFest, Chef Tal will speak and prepare delicious vegan recipes at noon and sign copies of his book.

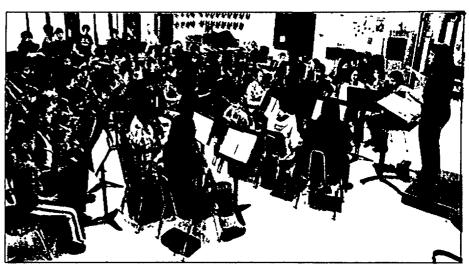
NBA champ and TV personality John Salley returns to VegFest, having drawn record-breaking crowds to the event the past

### DETAILS

YegFest takes place from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday, March 27 at Suburban Collection Showplace, located at 46100 Grand River Avenue in Novi. Parking is free. Admission is \$10 at the door; \$5 for students; free for children under 6 and YeoMichigan members. For memberships, discounted tickets and information on sponsorship, exhibiting, volunteering or the day's schedule, contact VegMichigan toll free at 877-778-3464 or visit www.vegmichigan.org.

two years. Salley helped lead the Detroit Pistons, Chicago Bulls and L.A. Lakers to NBA championships before retiring to host the Emmy-nominated "Best Damn Sports Show Period" and has since appeared in films and TV shows. Salley is vegan -- meaning he neither eats nor uses animal products -- and he passionately believes that this diet choice improved his game and his life. He speaks at 2 p.m.

Also speaking at VegFest are Nathan Runkle, executive director of the national Mercy for Animals; Joel Kahn, MD, corporate director of wellness for Detroit Medical Center Hospitals and director of preventive cardiology and cardiac rehabilitation at DMC Cardiovascular Institute; Jim Corcoran, cofounder of VegMichigan, Plant Peace Daily and VegFund; Harry Pianko, president of VegMichigan; and others. Chef George Vutetakis, author and founding chef of Royal Oak's Inn Season Café, will present a cooking demonstration and tasting, as will Chef Steven Delidow, culinary wellness representative at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital and Celeste Ivey, proprietor of Patisserie Ci in Southfield.



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Meads Mill 8th Grade Band director Robyn Taylor, right, conducts her group on March 9 as they prepared for a competition that was to take place later than week in Livonia.



### **Getting ready**

Meads Mill 8th Grade band members, including, from left: Alyssa Schmidt, Max MacGregor, TullyAnne Williams, and Matthew Cylk practice under the direction of Robyn Taylor on March 9. The band was preparing for a Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association competition on March II at Livonia Churchill High.





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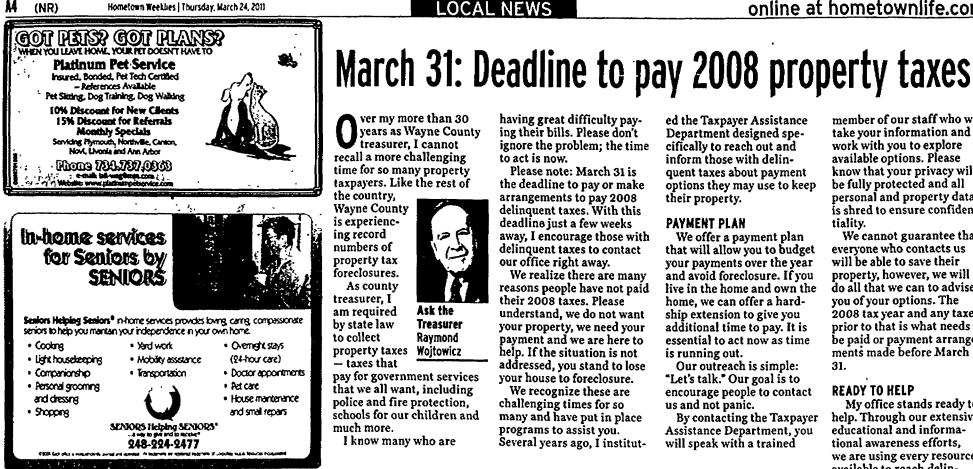


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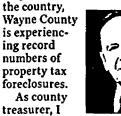
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### ver my more than 30 years as Wayne County treasurer, I cannot recall a more challenging time for so many property



pay for government services that we all want, including schools for our children and

having great difficulty pay-ing their bills. Please don't ignore the problem; the time to act is now.

Please note: March 31 is the deadline to pay or make arrangements to pay 2008 delinquent taxes. With this away, I encourage those with delinquent taxes to contact our office right away.

We realize there are many reasons people have not paid their 2008 taxes. Please understand, we do not want your property, we need your payment and we are here to help. If the situation is not addressed, you stand to lose your house to foreclosure.

We recognize these are many and have put in place Several years ago, I institut-

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ed the Taxpayer Assistance Department designed specifically to reach out and inform those with delinquent taxes about payment options they may use to keep their property.

#### **PAYMENT PLAN**

We offer a payment plan that will allow you to budget your payments over the year and avoid foreclosure. If you live in the home and own the home, we can offer a hardship extension to give you additional time to pay. It is essential to act now as time is running out.

Our outreach is simple: "Let's talk." Our goal is to encourage people to contact us and not panic.

By contacting the Taxpayer Assistance Department, you will speak with a trained

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member of our staff who will take your information and work with you to explore available options. Please know that your privacy will be fully protected and all personal and property data is shred to ensure confidentiality.

We cannot guarantee that everyone who contacts us will be able to save their property, however, we will do all that we can to advise you of your options. The 2008 tax year and any taxes prior to that is what needs to be paid or payment arrangements made before March 31.

#### **READY TO HELP**

My office stands ready to help. Through our extensive educational and informational awareness efforts, we are using every resource available to reach delinquent taxpayers to help them resolve their property tax issues. We have partnered with more than 20 community organizations to assist you in this time of need.

Those with delinquent 2008 taxes can pay their taxes in person or online, arrange a payment plan, or apply for a substantial hardship extension which will allow through the end of the year to pay the back taxes.

The payment plan option is an agreement that requires the taxpayer to pay 20 percent of the delinquency by the end of March, 20 percent by May 15, 20 percent by Aug. 15 and the remaining balance by the end of 2011.

More information about these two programs can be found on our website at www.treasurer.waynecounty.com, or by contacting our Taxpayer Assistance Department at taxinfo@ co.wayne.mi.us or (313) 224-6105.

Due to extreme volume, our phones are often overloaded. Also our offices will be extremely busy the end of the month, so I urge you to act now. If you have delinquent taxes, don't give up. Help us help you. Let's talk.

Raymond J. Wojtowicz is Wayne County treasurer.

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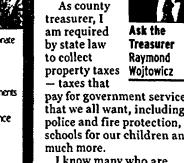
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# Robostangs grab top two awards in Waterford

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The Northville High School Robostangs attended their first FIRST Robotics Competition of the 2011 season, the Waterford District Competition, on March 11-12.

The FIRST (For the Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) robotics competition game this year is called Logomotion.

At Waterford Mott High School, robots from 37 high school robotics teams battled on

the field competing to hang as many inflated plastic shapes on their grids as they could during a 2 minute and 15 second match which concludes with minibots racing to the top of a pole. Due to the strength of their pit crew, the Robostangs managed to overcome several robot technical problems to close the qualifying matches ranked ninth.

The Robostangs were selected by the Byting Bulldogs from Washington, Mich. to be on the fifth seed alliance team, rounded out by

the Average Joes from St Joseph. The group powered through the eliminations rounds beating both the first and second seeded alliances and came out victorious as the winners of the Waterford District event.

As an impressive conclusion to a great day, the Robostangs were awarded the prestigious District Chairman's Award. This award recognizes a team that successfully encompasses the spirit of FIRST and spreads the FIRST message of inspiring greater levels of respect

for science and technology and encouraging youth to become scientists and engineers.

The success of the weekend qualified the Robostangs to compete at the Michigan State Championship at Eastern Michigan University on April 7-9. The public is welcome to attend the Robostangs next competition at Skyline High School in Ann Arbor on March 25-26. Go to www.robostangs.com for more details. All events are free and open to the public.



### Silver Spring students celebrate the arts

Silver Springs' students and families recently enjoyed an evening of art appreciation at the annual Reflections Celebration night, showcasing the student contest entries from six different categories: Photography, Visual Arts, Dance Choreography, Music Composition, Film Production and Literature. Over 100 entries were on display. Along with the art, students also enjoyed musical performances from students, a scavenger hunt and a People's Choice contest. Pictured are the first and second place winners of each category: Olivia Thomson; Markus Budweg; Emma Asher; Alexandra Lavacek; Charlotte Atkinson; Miranda Esser; Harrison Asher; Alex Gentner; Lauren Atkinson; Andrew Esser; Grant Mathiesen; Lily Guo; Theresa Freydl; Maggie Bowler; Harrison Asher; Dana Clafton; Annelise Polasek; Anexandra Lavacek and Andrew Esser. These students will go on to compete at the state level, with winners from other Michigan schools. All Northville Public School winners' entries will be on display at the Northville Art House in April.





#### JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

### **Fitness talk**

Moraine Elementary School students listen to a March 8 presentation on fitness and healthy eating. Some of the kids got to slip on a vest weighing 15 lbs. to see how difficult it would be to do jumping jacks with some added body weight.



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#### JOHN HEIDER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

### **Poet visits**

Michigan poet bard Terry Wooten engages with students of Meads Mill Middle School during his March 9 visit. He was eliciting laughter as he was reciting James Whitcomb Riley's "Little Orphan Annie" poem that contained the lines "You better mind yer parunts, an' yer teachurs fond an' dear, An' churish them 'at loves you, an' dry the orphant's tear, An' he'p the pore an' needy ones 'at clusters all about, Er the Gobble-uns 'll git you". Wooten was visiting the school as part of its March is Reading Month initiative.

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

### **Antique toys**

Faye Cramton, left, introduces some kids to an antique toy coin bank at a March 10 workshop at Kill Race Village. Kids got to make a few toys out of paper to keep, including a pinwheel, and then were free to explore a number of examples of toys from the 1900's. From left are Nathan Verkes, Jason Shehob, Sophia Slotka, and Avfyn Smith.

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people to come out and shop in downtown Northville," said Teresa Berent, one of the committee members. "Everybody can come out and check out the new spring lines."

Other members included Lou Mascola of gardenviews, Tiffany Zendejas of Sincerely Yours card shop, Ro Lambert of State of Mind Art Gallery and Mary Starring of Starring "The Gallery."

#### **NEW EVENT NEEDED**

Mascola said that after the Fire & Ice Festival and the Chili Cook-off fell by the wayside that some of the downtown merchants were talking about the fact that a new event was needed.

"This is kind of a Girls Night Out like they do in the fall, but in the spring," Mascola said. But, of course, men are welcome to attend this event as well.

"There were no events for January and February, so I thought we needed an event in the spring," he said.

We have a ton of big prizes from downtown merchants. The Grand Prize will be a haircut and color, eyebrow shaping, and makeup application from Tres Belle V; a complete 90 minute facelift massage from New Therapeutics or 90minute body massage plus a complete manicure and pedicure; Urban Optiques will provide a free eye exam and a gift certificate for eye glasses.

"Our theme for the event is Northville gives back to the community," Mascola added. "We want to thank all the loyal customers for shopping in Northville, and, in turn, they can give back to the community by contributing to Northville Civic Concern."

The Grand Prize winner will be selected on Saturday and does not need to be present to

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### **CHARLES E. COLBY**

Age 63, passed away March 19, 2011. Memorial service was held on March 22nd at at Moose Lodge No. 1253, Dexter, MI 48130. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

### ANN P. GATT

March 19, 2011, age 89. Wife of the late Joseph L. Gatt. Funeral was March 22, Holy Family Church. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Donations: Alzheimer's Association or American Cancer Society. Online condotences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome com

### **JOHN A. HALTER**

Age 58; of Highland, MI passed away March 16, 2011. He is survived by his wife Terri and their two children, Jonathan (Fiancé Kasey) and Jessica (Fiancé Tommy). In addition he was much loved by his mother-in-law Corrine Mulvihill, his sisters Jean Ann (Mike) and Judi. He was preceded in death by his sister Janet. Also survived by his brotherin-law Ronnie Miller, and many other sister-in-laws, brother-in-laws, nieces, nephews and friends who were all dear to him. An open house to celebrate John's life will be held on Saturday, March 26, 2011 from 10 00 am - 2.00 pm at the Milford American Legion hall-Post 216.

SHIRLEY LORENZ Age 83, died March 17, 2011. A



### **ROBERT D. MILES**

IN, died on Tuesday, March 15, 2011, in West Bloomfield. He was born December 23, 1924, in Bloomfield, IN, to the late Alva B. and Esther Jane (Slinkard) Miles. He graduated from Bloomfield High School in 1942. He served in the US Army in the China-Burma-India (CBI) campaign during WWII. On March 30, 1946, he married Margaret J. Kidd, who died in 1997. He graduated in 1949 and earned a MS in Civil Engineering from Purdue University in 1951, where he was a Professor until 1990. Professor Miles served as an officer in the US Army Reserve from 1950 to 1969, and commanded the 477th MID from 1964 to 69, retiring as a Major. He was commander of the CBI-VA Tecumseh "Basha' 2003-04, and last commander of the Indiana Department of the CBI-VA in 2004-05. He was a member of the Lafayette Elks, and a leader in the Lafayette Exchange Club. He also served as President of the National Society of Photogrammetry and the Indiana Society of Professional Engineers. He will be missed by all of us! Surviving are a son and his wife, Steve and Yvonne Miles of Novi. Also



6-year Novi resident, formerly from West Lafayette,

#### **GENE E. A. PLANKEY** Age 61 of Island Lake

Age 61 01 Island Lake Republic, MI & part-time resident of South Lyon, MI, while a patient of Ann Arbor VA Hospital, passed away Jan. 22, 2011 at his beloved cabin. Gene was born April 10, 1949 in Marquette, MI to Doris (Antilia) Plankey and the late George Plankey. He served his country in the U.S. Marine Corp. during the Vietnam conflict. He worked as a package delivery man for U.P.S in Pontiac, MI. He was an author and had a book published Trout Falls Chronicles. He was a free lance writer in the Marquette Mining Journal & wrote for The Detroit Free Press in Bob Talbot's column as "Yooper Tales." He loved to sit in the woods to write & watch birds and deer. He loved nature & his life. Gene is survived by two sons, Kris Plankey of Bloomington, MN & Jeff Plankey of Pontiac, MI & thier mother Karen Plankey of Leisburg, IL. His mother, Doris Plankey of South Lyon, Mr. One brother James (Judi) Plankey of Northville, MI. Nephew James Plankey, Jr., Niece Kim (Damon) Eddy & Tammy Plankey. Great uncle to Kristen, Jessica, Jordon, Kaitlyn, Mya, Kayla & Leslie. Also numerous aunts, uncles, cousins & friends. Gene was preceded in death by his father George Plankey. A memorial service to give thanks to God & celebrate Gene's life will be held on Sat. April 2, 2011 at 12 00 PM at the VFW Post #2502, 125 E Mc Hattie St, South Lyon, MI. In lieu of flowers, those planning an expression of sympathy may make donations to the Plankey family Visit Gene's eternal tribute at: www.bjorkandzhulkie.com.

**RICHARD "RICK" YOUNG** 

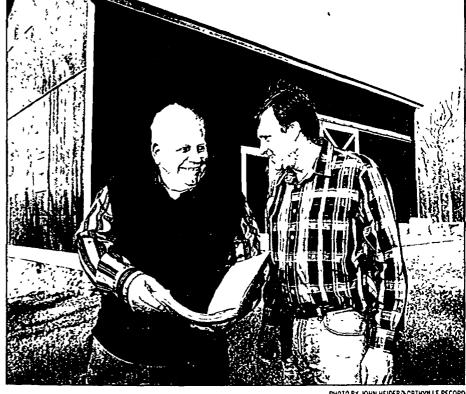


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Both Marv Gans, left, and Ken Brock have put many hours into restoring this circa-1850s barn now located at Thayer's Corner Park. The Northville Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously to authorize the plot located on the northeast corner of Six Mile and Napier roads as a historic property.

### HISTORIC FROM PAGE A1

The Historic District Commission was

established in 2006 for the purpose of safeguarding the township's historic resources. In 2009, a study committee was put together to investigate two potential sites for designation. They put together an extensive report that gave the history of the location.

The area was primarily a place of farmers, and it was in the 1820s that Rufus Thayer came to the area. He sold the plot in 1854 to the Fractional School District No. 1 for the school to be built on, and it was used as such until 1952. In 1830, the Thayer family set aside a portion of the property for the cemetery. Its oldest tombstone, with the name Tryphena Turrel on it, dates back to 1830.

Schneider said the cemetery is in good shape, but the schoolhouse is in disrepair. He said the roof had holes in it, and vandalism was evident inside and outside. The school is basically inaccessible because there are no doors on it, but instead they are covered over to prevent intruders.

The current owner of the property is Superior Arbor Hills Landfill. They have given the commission permission to do some work on the roof, but much more work is needed.

"Our hope is to eventually fix the building, and possibly use it as a meeting place and for educational purposes," Schneider said.

### MEETINGS

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Northville Public Schools BOARD OF EDUCATION Date: Second and fourth Tuesday of the month Time. 7:30 p.m.

### NORTHVILLE ETC. 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



North American Premiere

Featuring Christopher Howe, from last season's hit 'Boeing-Boeing' and Janet Caine from 'Dracula, A Rock Opera'

service was held on March 22, at Eden Memorial Park. Glen Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

### **KATHRYN JOAN MICHALAK**

Age 61, March 12, 2011. Wife of Stefan. Mother of Muriel (Yuji) Sobata & Mark, Funeral 3pm, Mar 24 at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi (248) 348-1800 Online condolences: www obriensullivanfuneralhome com

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Deadline: Tuesday at 10 am for Thursday Obituaries received after these deadlines will be placed in the next available issue surviving are 3 granddughters: Colleen Miles of Milford, Erica Miles of Indianapolis, and Heather (Miles) Michalak of Williamston. Visitation will be 10:00 AM to Noon (EDT) Tuesday March 22, 2011, at the Soller-Baker West Lafayette Chapel, 1184 Sagamore Parkway West, W. Lafayette, IN 47906. Burial at Tippecanoe Memory Garden, in W. Lafayette will be immediately following the visitation. In lieu of flowers, those wishing may contribute to the Lafayette Exchange Club.

#### ANNA PAPAZIAN

Ace 82, March 11, 2011, Funeral was March 19 at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home. Burial Woodlawn Cemetery. Donations: Stein Hospice, 1200 Sycamore Line, Sandusky, OH 44870 www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

### **VIRGINIA PILON**

Age 85, passed away March 18, 2011. Private family service will be held at a later date at Markey Twp. Cemetery in Houghton Lake, MI. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home, Online guestbook:

www.phillipsfuneral.com

Age 54, passed away March 19, 2011. He was born on January 9. 1957, in Detroit, son of Richard and Rhea Young, Rick was a loving and devoted husband, father, son, brother and friend. He was known for his kind, gentle and generous nature and will be remembered for his great sense of humor. An avid soccer player since high school, Rick passed on his passion and love for the game as a coach and mentor to many. He is survived by his beloved wife Cindy of 24 years; his loving children: Brian and Katie; his parents, Richard and Rhea and his siblings: Gay (Peter) Young-Jenkins and Bill (Lori) Young. His is also survived by his best friend, Chuck Halberg, his nieces and nephews: Matt and Ellie Jenkins. Chris and Emma Young and many dear friends. Visitation for friends and family was held on Tuesday, March 22nd at 10 00 a m, followed by a memorial service at 1.00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. A celebration of life luncheon was held at the South Lyon Hotel following the service. Memorial contributions may be made to The Richard Young Memorial Fund, for his children's education. Kindly make checks payable to Cindy Young. Online Guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com



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### NORTHVILLE CALENDAR

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### LOCAL

### Suburban Republican Women's Club **Monthly Meeting** Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. Thursday, March

24 Location: Courthouse Grille, 41661

Plymouth Road, Plymouth Details: The speaker will be former State Senator Bruce Patterson. Visitors

and guests are always welcome. The cost for the luncheon is \$12. Contact: For reservations and menu choice, please call (313) 532-3932.

#### "Hansel & Gretel"

Time/Date: through May 1; 2:30 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. Location: Marguis Theater, 135 East Main, Northville Details: A fairy tale of two children who are lost in the forest and find a house made of candy. Come see this fun, not scary, musical with lots of singing and dancing. Tickets for all public performances are \$8.50 Group rates and reserved seating for 20 or more. Please no children under the age of 3.

Contact: (248) 349-8110 or visit northvillemarquistheatre.com

Northville Public Schools Early **Childhood Education and Extended** Day Programs The Children's Exhibit ~ "Capturing Everyday Moments"

Time/Date: Opening night April 1, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Exhibit open for viewing through April 13, 2011. Location: Northville Square, 133 W. Main Street

Details: This exhibit includes a sampling of work from each of the classes in the NPS Early Childhood programs.

In our sixth annual exhibit we invite you to join us as we celebrate children. honor their unique qualities and capture the power of ordinary moments that constitutes the child's story. Contact: (248) 344-8465 or www. northville.ki2.mi.us/earlychildhood



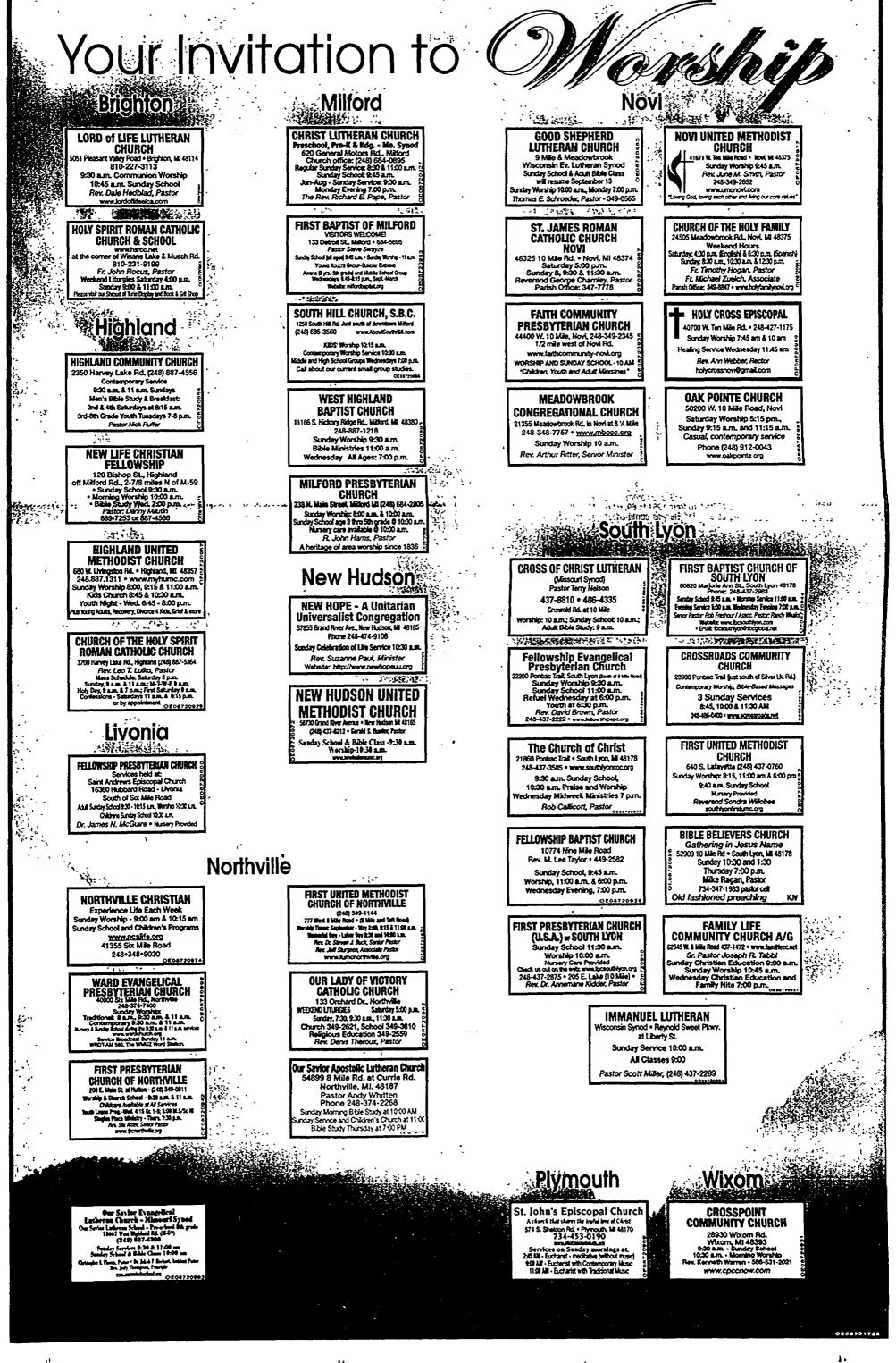
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### **Beyond the Blueprint**

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The Northville Art House presents Beyond The Blueprint: Architects' Other Art, bringing together a number of **Metro Detroit artist-architects whose** creativity extends far beyond traditional architectural ventures. While they share architectural backgrounds, each artist's work displays a unique and intriguing visual perspective. The show will continue through March 26 during the Art House Gallery hours (Wednesdays-Saturdays, 1-5 p.m.). For additional information, call (248) 344-0497 or visit www. northvillearts.org. The Art House is located at 215 W. Cady Street and is a facility of the Northville Arts Commission. Admission to Art House shows is always free and open to the public.



### OCAL NEWS

# Public urged to participate in redistricting process

#### BY KEN ABRAMCZYK **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

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With population losses in Detroit and Michigan, Michigan residents can expect to lose one member of the U.S. House of Representatives because the state will lose one Congressional district.

Michigan residents can expect new districts to be drawn for the U.S. House, state House and Senate and county commission seats this year once the official Census figures are released some time before April 1.

Organizers of the Michigan Redistricting Collaborative want to educate voters about the redrawing of the new districts. The collaborative hosted a forum March 14 at Schoolcraft College in Livonia to inform residents about redistricting laws and how to make the redistricting process more responsive to citizens.

The collaborative is a coalition of nonprofit organizations including the Michigan Nonprofit Association, Common Cause Michigan, the League of Women Voters of Michigan, the Michigan Campaign Finance Network and The Center for Michigan.

### 'ONLY BITE AT THE APPLE'

Often redistricting depends on the political parties in power, some officials say.

"If there is no partisan balance in the legislature, there is no partisan balance in redistricting," said Keesha Gaskins, senior counsel for the Brennan Center for Justice in New York.

Gaskins said it was important for the public to get involved because this year's redistricting is the "only bite at the apple" for another 10 years.



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Left . Joan Gebhardt, Wayne County Commissioner, 12th District and Susan Smith, Vice President Programs, League of Women Voters of Michigan.

For citizens to have input, they must have access to software to draft maps, contact local newspapers and testify before lawmakers. "They need to say, These are the communities where we live, this is what we care about, and this is what is important to us," Gaskins said.

Virginia Martinez, legislative staff attorney for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund in Chicago, said minority representation can be diluted by drawing a line down the middle of an old district, which is called "cracking.

"Or they 'pack' them so they are in one or two districts when there could have been three or four," Martinez said.

Kurt Metzger, director of

Data Driven Detroit, a nonprofit established in 2009 through grants from The Skilman Foundation and the Kresge Foundation, said Michigan was the only state to lose population in the 2010 Census. That population loss means that Michigan will lose one House seat, falling to 14 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives. In 1950, that number grew to 18.

"We'll have the fewest representatives in the state since 1920," Metzger said.

Other states are either gaining more residents through domestic migration or immigration. Illinois lost more residents than Michigan to domestic migration, but received an influx of immigrants to offset that loss.

Metzger found that Michigan also suffered a net loss of residents to each state when domestic migration was measured

between each state, except for Maine. Eight more residents moved to Michigan from Maine than those who moved to Maine from Michigan.

WAYNE COUNTY IS LOSS LEADER

Other population shifts were highlighted by Metzger: •In Oakland County, the population grew by 110,000 between 1990 and 2000, but in

2010 it grew only by 12,000. •Wayne County not only leads Michigan in population loss, it leads the entire nation.

The county is expected to show a loss of 151,402 residents between 2000 and 2010.

•With Detroit losing residents, it is expected that districts currently in Detroit will be redrawn southward and westward.

Michael McDonald, an associate professor of government and politics at George Mason

#### **Request for Proposals** City of Northville

#### MUNICIPAL PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Sealed proposals will be received in the City of Northville, City Hall, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167 until 2:00 p.m. local time on April 6, 2011 for professional services to develop and implement a MUNICIPAL PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM for the City of Northville. It is anticipated that engineering inspection/condition rating services will be required during the spring/summer of 2011 of approximately 25 miles of streets in preparation for developing project budgets and street improvements for the 2012 to 2017 period

A Request for Proposals document may be obtained by contacting the Northville Department of Public Works at (248) 449-

The City of Northville reserves the right to waive any

University, directs the Midwest Mapping Project, which examined the political and racial consequences of applying redistricting criteria to Congressional and state legislative districts in Illinois, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin. The project used 2000 population data to draw test plans, then evaluated them using presidential election data from that same year.

McDonald said drawing "nicely shaped" districts was difficult, if not impossible, because equal population sized districts cannot be equal geographically-sized. "It is difficult to piece together geographically smaller urban districts with progressively geographically larger suburban rural districts," he said.

Three of four types of congressional test maps favored the Democrats. All eight state Senate and state House types of maps favored the Republicans.

A key to fair redistricting is how to "unpack" the concentration of Democrats living in Wayne County, "Mapping scenarios that respected county boundaries were among those consistently most favorable to Republicans," McDonald said.

### **NEUTRAL CRITERIA ISN'T** NEUTRAL

Following county lines works against minority representation in the state legislature, McDonald said. With the 2000 data, it was possible to draw two additional African-American state Senate districts and 11 additional African-American state House districts by drawing districts resembling the spokes of a wheel.

McDonald said it may not be possible to draw those same districts using the 2010 data.

"These neutral criteria are not neutral," McDonald said. "They have political consequences; they have racial consequences."

Christina Kuo, executive



director of Common Cause, said the collaborative's goal was to educate the public about the redistricting process. "We're calling for more transparency," Kuo said.

Kuo would like to see redistricting maps placed into the legislation that creates the new districts. Texas and Minnesota are the only states that do that currently, she said.

The process also needs reform, she said. More details to explain redistricting plans need to be revealed. "We need to find out and get an explanation (from lawmakers) on why did you pick this plan. We want something detailed to explain why you split counties," Kuo said.

Transparency and openness will be the big push for the collaborative, Kuo said.

Joan Gebhardt, a member of the League of Women Voters and county commissioner representing Livonia and Westland, said the league works to educate voters and redistricting was one of those issues. "People don't realize the importance of the Census," Gebhardt said, in reference to the Census impact on the new districts.

Gebhardt expects that Livonia will be an interesting district because it is one of Wayne County's largest cities besides Detroit. She was uncertain as to what that might mean for her district, which includes a southern portion of Livonia and the city of Westland.

"Detroit lost so much that (the districts) will be pushed out west, north and south," Gebhardt said. It is possible that districts containing Canton and Northville Township will shrink in size because those communities may have experienced population growth.

What that means for people in the middle, I don't know,' Gebhardt said.

Samantha Talbot, a Plymouth resident and a district director for State Rep. Vicki Barnett, D-Farmington, said she attended to obtain a better understanding of the redistricting process. "I think it's important for everyone to know how it works," Talbot said.

Rosemary Doyle, a member of the League of Women Voters, said she attended to learn more about the process. "I wanted to educate myself and be an educated voice," Doyle said.

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#### SYNOPSIS MARCH 17, 2011 - REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE** 

PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE

- Chapter 170

The Planning Commission has scheduled a public hearing to

consider amendments to Chapter 170, Zoning Ordinance. Article 3,

General Use & Operating Provisions; Article 15, Office, Research &

Technology District (ORT); and Article 42, Building Permits. The meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M. on March 29, 2011 at the Northville

Township Municipal Offices, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville,

The public is invited to attend this hearing and express their comments or ask questions. Written comments regarding the

proposed changes will be received by the Township Planning Commission, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. A complete copy of the proposed changes is available at Northville Township Offices during regular business hours, 8 30 A.M. to 4:30

DATE: Thursday, March 17, 2011 TIME: 7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting

PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Abbo called the meeting to order

at 7:30 p m

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Richard Henningsen, Majorie Banner, Mindy Herrmann, Christopher Roosen ABSENT: Marv Gans (excused)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: at 7.30 pm

- 1. Agendas: A. Approve the Consent and Regular Agendas approved
- 2. Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:
  - A. Mike Weaver re-appoint to the Planning Commission approved
  - B. Symantha Heath - re-appoint to the Northville Area Senior Citizen's Advisory Council - approved C. Fred Shadko - appoint to the Historic District Commission
  - approved
  - D. Joe Oldenburg - appoint to the Historic District Commission-approved

- 3. Public Hearings: A. Designation of Historical District open and closed 7:45
  - B. Set public hearing for April 21, 2011 Tax Abatement approved
- 4. Brief Public Comments: Resident complaint re: the distribution of handbills
- 5. **New Business:** 
  - A. Designation of Historical District approve Thayer's **Corners Historic District**
  - B. Charter Township of Northville Tax Abatement Policy approved
- Unfinished Business: None
- Ordinances: 7.
  - A. Second Read and Adoption of Chapter 53 Animals approved

Second Read and Adoption of the 2009 International Fire B.

- Code Standards, by Reference. approved Second Read and Adoption of Chapter 58 International Property Maintenance Code approved C.
- Bills payable in the amount of 8. Bills Payable: A. \$1,870,524.47 - approved
- 9. Board Communication & Reports: Reports were given by Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Richard Henningsen, Marjorie Banner, Mindy Herrmann, Christopher Roosen

10. Any other business or public comment for the Board of Trustees: Discussion on road conditions and potholes. Resident expressed his pleasure with the new solid waste program.

11. ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 8 25 p.m. An unapproved draft of the minutes will be available in the Clerk's office after March 29, 2011.

**Respectfully submitted:** Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.

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irregularity or informality, to reject any and/or all proposals, in whole or in part, or to award a contract to other than the lowest priced firm, should it be deemed in its best interest to do so.

Dianne Massa City Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES

Adoption of the International Property Maintenance Code NOTICE of 2nd Reading & Adoption

Notice is hereby given that the Second Reading and Adoption of the International Property Maintenance Code was approved on March 17, 2011 at 7.30 p m. at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, at the Township Municipal Offices located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168.

A copy of the complete text of the proposed Ordinance is available at the Township Clerk's Department, 44405 Six Mile Road and on the Township's website at http://www.twp.northville.mi.us. The following is the adopted Ordinance:

#### ARTICLE VII **Property Maintenance**

58.17 International Property Maintenance Code.

The "International Property Maintenance Code", 2009 edition, as published by the International Code Council, is hereby adopted as the Property Maintenance Code of the Charter Township of Northville.

58.18 Changes.

Selections and subsections of the International Property Maintenance Code are changed as follows:

101.1 Title. These regulations shall be known as the Property Maintenance Code of the Charter Township of Northville, hereinafter referred to as "the code".

102.3 Application of other codes. Repairs, additions or alterations to a structure, or change of occupancy, shall be done in accordance with the procedures and provisions of the Michigan Building Code, Michigan Uniform Energy Code, Michigan Rehabilitation Code for Existing Buildings, Michigan Mechanical Code, and the Michigan Plumbing Code. Nothing in this code shall be construed to cancel, modify or set aside any provision of Chapter 170 of the Code of the Charter Township of Northville.

103.5 Fees. The fees for activities and services performed by the department in carrying out its responsibilities under this code shall be those adopted by the Building Department.

106.4 Violation penalties. Any person, who shall violate a provision of this code, or fail to comply therewith, or with any of the requirements thereof, shall be prosecuted in accordance with Article VI of Chapter 58 of the Code of the Charter Township of Northville.

111. Means of Appeal. [Entire Section deleted].

112.4 Failure to comply. Any person who shall continue any work after having been served with a stop work order except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe condition, shall be prosecuted in accordance with Article VI of Chapter 58 of the Code of the Charter Township of Northville.

> SUE A. HILLEBRAND, Clerk Charter Township of Northville

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS CODE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION CHAPTER 53 - ANIMALS

At a Regular Meeting held by the Charter Township Board of Trustees on March 17, 2011 the Board voted to adopt amendments to Chapter 53 - Animals

#### Chapter 53-4

(B)(1) Livestock, Horses, Hamas, alpaca and other similar animals

A minimum two (2) acre parcel is required and the property shall not be located within a site condominium or multiple family residential developments.

- (B)(3)(4) (5) deleted
- (CX4) (1)Poultry A minimum two (2) acre parcel is required and shall not be located within a site condominium or multiple family residential developments.

• • (C)(4), (5), (6), (7) deleted Complete copies of the adopted ordinance are available in the Clerk's office during regular business hours, Monday through Friday 8.00 A.M. to 4.30 P.M. and on the Township website@twp.northville.mi.us SUE A. HILLEBRAND, Clerk

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#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES ADOPTION OF STANDARDS BY REFERENCE NOTICE OF 2ND READING AND ADOPTION

Notice is hereby given that the Second Reading and Adoption of Chapter 79 2 Fire Code were approved on March 17, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, at the Township Municipal Offices located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168.

A copy of the complete text of the adopted Amendments is available at the Township Clerk's Department, 44405 Six Mile Road and on the Township's website at www.twp.northville.mi.us. The following is the adopted Ordinance:

#### **Chapter 79 Fire Prevention Article 79.2** Adoption of standards by reference

A certain document one copy of which is on file in the office of the Clerk of the Charter Township of Northville, being marked and designated as the 2009 Edition of the International Fire Code," as published by the International Code Council, be and is hereby adopted as the Fire Prevention Code of the Charter Township of Northville in the State of Michigan for the control of buildings, structures and premises as herein provided; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said International Fire Code 2009 Edition are hereby referred to, adopted and made a part hereof as if fully set out in this chapter, with the additions, insertions, deletions and changes, if any, prescribed in § 79 5 of this chapter.

> Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk Charter Township of Northville

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# STRICTLY BUSINESS

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From the feft: Jongho Kang (TSC), Jerry Willcoxson (TSC), Allen Ibara (TSC), Chris Brown (Orion), Seungho Choi (TSC), Joe Leeson (Northville Township) and Changwoo Choi.

# TSC earns environmental award

Northville-based TSC Michigan was presented the Environmental Stewardship Award by Orion Energy Systems for utilizing new technology that reduces light related energy consumption by 61 percent.

TSC Michigan replaced 371 high intensity discharge light fixtures with Orion's Compact Modular high intensity fluorescent energy efficient technology. The new technology is expected to decrease the amount of kilowatt-hours consumed for lighting from an annual 348,340 kWh to 213,216 kWh.

"Our parent company, Techno

م مال ، ( بربر مرم آ مراق ورفور علي و <del>آ</del> SemiChem in Korea, has been recognized as a leader in implementing sustainable practices and we are just as committed to promoting sustainable energy practices," said TSC Michigan CEO Allen Ibara.

Orion's technology will also help TSC Michigan decrease carbon emissions by 2,816 tons, sulfur dioxide by 11 tons and nitrogen oxides by 4 tons over the lifetime of the system. These reductions are the air scrubbing equivalent of a 39 acre forest or removing 34 cars from highways. It also is the conservation equivalent of saving 17,601 gallons of gasoline every year according to the EPA. TSC Michigan Incorporated is a U.S. corporation located in Northville Township, Michigan and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Techno SemiChem LTD in Korea. TSC Michigan is North American headquarters for research and development and pilot production of lithium ion electrolyte used in advance lithium ion batteries. Lithium ion batteries are the technology of choice for the majority of advanced mobile consumer applications and the electrification of vehicles and other energy storage applications where energy density and efficiency are important. HAVE A STORY IDEA?

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# REI honored by Metroparks

Five area people and one corporation were named Volunteers of the Year for the Huron-Clinton Metroparks at its 51st Annual Recognition Dinner held on March 19. Giving freely of their time for the betterment of the Metroparks, all share a common passion for people, nature and the outdoors.

passion for people, nature and the outdoors. Recreational Equipment, Inc., (REI), received the Corporate Volunteer Award. REI has provided volunteer support to the Metroparks over the last four years by promoting and sponsoring environmental stewardship workdays at several Metroparks. In 2010, nearly 200 volunteers worked at seven REI-sponsored workdays, along with an additional 120 youths who

volunteered during another workday, totaling close to 1,000 hours of volunteer time given to the parks. REI has also provided corporate funding for water quality, environmental stewardship and volunteer efforts for the past several years. REI staff from the Troy, Northville and Ann Arbor stores have been involved in the stewardship efforts. Barbara Rust, Northville REI store manager, accepted on behalf of all three stores.



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"Our volunteers are not only our loyal helpers here at the Metroparks; they are also our valued friends and second family. We celebrate these volunteers of the year as well as all of our devoted volunteers for their commitment, generosity, expertise and extraordinary attitudes," said Jack Liang, Metroparks administrator for community relations.

During 2010, nearly 4,000 volunteers contributed almost 23,000 hours to assist the Metroparks. Volunteer opportunities are available at the parks, and anyone interested in volunteering on a one-time project or on an ongoing basis should call the Metroparks Administrative Office at 1-800-47-PARKS.

Located along the Huron and Clinton rivers, the parks provide a natural oasis from urban and suburban life as well as year-round recreational activities and events.

The Metroparks consist of 13 beautiful parks covering 24,000 acres, ten spectacular public golf courses and two marinas on Lake Erie and Lake St. Clair, respectively. The parks also offer scenic nature trails, breathtaking beaches, educational activities and exciting winter sports.

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### NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Streetscape Project meeting

Representatives from AEW, the construction managers for the downtown Northville Streetscape Project, Rauhorn Electrical, the ticipation elements of the project, which will redevelop more than 330 acres of neglected land and structures at the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital. The master planning and environmental considerations for the plan will be led by Stantec's Ann Arbor, Michigan and Columbus, Ohio offices. Plunkard and his staff have led the public engagement sessions for numerous design projects across North America, including the redevelopment of the Burlington waterfront in the 1980s and the current effort to redesign the Center Street alley in Rutland. His team recently earned a community development award for their public participation work on a citywide park planning project in Lethbridge, Alberta as well.

## END OF SEASON FURNACE BLOW-OUT SALE

## according to the EPA.

general contractors, JJR, the project architects, the City and the DDA will be present to provide information on the project, the communication plan during the construction, and the project schedule at 8:30 a.m. March 30 at Genitti's Hole-in-the-wall, 108 E. Main Street. Coffee and light breakfast will be provided.

The Streetscape Project is scheduled to begin on April 11 and is limited to East and West Main Streets and North Center Street.

Please rsvp to cwoodsdda@comcast.net by March 25 if you plan to attend.

### **ABWA Masquerade Ball**

The 2011 Masquerade Ball, hosted by the Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association, will be at 8 p.m. Friday, March 25 at the Royal Oak Music Theatre. Proceeds from this fundraiser benefit the chapter's Bettie Johnson Scholarship and Education Fund, which contributes over \$3,500 annually to grants and scholarships both locally and nationally.

Enjoy hot hors d'œuvres, eclectic finery, mystics and magicians, a candy buffet, photography, music and dancing, special guests, an art gallery, raffles, a premium cash bar, strolling entertainment, unique vendors and more. Please see www.abwamasquerade.com for information on purchasing tickets (\$65 per person; group discounts available), sponsorship opportunities and vendor booths.

### Stantec's Plunkard to lead Seven Mile property plan

A community outreach and land planning specialist from Stantec in South Burlington, Ind. has been hired to help Northville Township transform the former psychiatric hospital campus on Seven Mile Road into a large community park.

Stephen Plunkard, a principal with the firm and veteran landscape architect and planner, is leading the community outreach and par-

### Key Plastics expansion to bring 120 jobs to region

The Howell City Council has approved a 12year tax abatement for Key Plastics that paves the way for the company over the next five years to make a \$13 million investment in the community and potentially create 120 new jobs in the area, according to Howell City Manager Shea Charles

The Michigan Economic Growth Authority Tuesday awarded Key Plastics, a Northvillebased supplier of engineered plastic components to the auto industry, a tax incentive, which led to Council's decision to approve the tax exemption, according to Charles.

The abatement is effective as of Feb. 14 through Jan. 1, 2023, according to City Assessor Gladys Niemi.

The company's Indiana facility is closing, Charles said, and the group is looking to consolidate existing business and expand its Howell facility, located at 1301 McPherson Park Drive.

Michigan was chosen over competing sites, according to the MEDC website.

The company also plans to expand operations at facilities in Farmington Hills and Cascade Township, which is located east of Grand Rapids.

The company expects the projects to create up to 297 direct new jobs.

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# **OPINION**

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### **OUR VIEWS**

## Earth Hour worldwide phenomenon Turn off lights Saturday to boost 'green' effort

It's a strange request, we know, but just think of the light bulbs that will be going off in kids' minds when the lights are turned off for an hour Saturday. That's right — that odd but cool event known as Earth

Hour returns to the planet on Saturday, March 26.

Between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m., everyone is asked to turn off the lights.

This hour of darkness can actually be enlightening when you consider that you're one of millions across the globe who are making a statement that you're not only aware of climate change but you're willing to do something about it in your own home and community.

When the lights are out, think of all of the ways we can be better stewards of the earth - recycling, reducing our waste, reusing what we can, planting trees and flowers, learning how to compost, learning how to care for our lawns in a 'green' way that's not harmful to waterways' in darkness. and wildlife, or simply taking a walk outside and appreciating all that nature has to offer.

Earth Hour is an international event sponsored by the World Wildlife Federation. This worldwide initiative is designed to express global solidarity in the commitment to controlling climate change.

Earth Hour 2011 will take place at 8:30 p.m. local time in more than 80 countries, including the United States. Major U.S. cities that are participating include Washington, D.C., Chicago, New York, and Las Vegas.

Imagine what those plac-es must look like without lights. Global landmarks such as the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, Rome's Coliseum, the Sydney Opera House, and the Coca Cola billboard in Times Square will all stand

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### **COMMUNITY VOICE**

What's your favorite healthy snack?



'Probably strawberries, plain. That's really great." Dana Beyer, 12 Northville



"I like celery and zucchini. We grow it at home and I just sneak into our garden and help myself to a snack." Clair Ramsdan, 12 Northville



"I like celery and carrots with some ranch dip." Connor O'Meara, 12 Northville



"Yogurt, like Gogurts. Plus I like strawberries." John Eads, 9 Northville

### **LETTERS**

### Sen. Colbeck supports businesses

On Wednesday, March 9, at the Senate's Committee on Reforms, Restructuring and Reinventing, Sen. Colbeck supported Senate Bill 165 which eliminates union-only project labor agreements on publicly funded governmental construction projects. Project labor agreements force non-union workers and firms to adhere to collective bargaining agreements and thus discourage them from bidding on these projects.

Eliminating project labor agreements simply opens up the bidding process to all qualified workers and firms, regardless of labor affiliation. Opening up the bidding process results in increased competition which leads to decrease in cost.

During the 2010 general election, two of Sen. Colbeck's biggest platforms were lowering costs to taxpayers and creating job opportunities for Michigan Residents, His support of Senate Bill 165 ensures both of these things. Increasing competition in governmental construction will ensure that taxpayer dollars are spent responsibly and that all workers in Michigan have the

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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

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area business owners. I appreciate all the loyal customers that always took the time to stop and chat for a minute. This made my job enjoyable.

This community has a lot to be proud of and I thank you for allowing me to be a part of it.

In addition, in the financial manager legislation, the governor gives the financial manager the power to suspend elected officials within school districts and local communities if he deems a community or school district is in financial difficulty. What happened to the democratic process? What happened to our right to elect our local officials and school board members?

To expedite this process he is cutting dollars to local communities, and school districts are facing a \$470 cut in per pupil spending. This will force local communities and school districts into financial difficulty. And who decides if they need a financial manager? The governor! So what is the real agenda here?

Karen B. Zyczynski Novi

### Stand up to Republicans

The new Taxed Enough Already Party members of the Congress and fellow Republican conservatives, in the guise of balancing the budget, are harming the middle class, attacking Planned Parenthood, planning to cut social services, vilifying public education and National Public Radio. A new part of the agenda involves using illegal and unethical methods to destroy unions. Conservative Republicans know most working class people in unions support the Democratic Party and its policies. Since the Supreme Court's decision in the Citizens' United case, these Republicans want the wealthy and corporations to continue to finance their party. The main goal of the agenda: make President Obama a one-term president. They fear and dislike the content of our president's mind and the color of his skin. Note the recent disgusting and desperate insinuations/comments from Newt Gingrich and Mike Huckabee.

ing all that nature has to offer.

We encourage everyone to take part - and we encourage moms, dads, aunts, uncles, grandparents and friends to explain that Earth Hour began in 2007 in Sydney, Australia, when 2.2 million homes and businesses switched off their lights for one hour.

The message has since grown into a global sustainability movement, with recent estimates showing that one billion supporters in 4,100 cities from 87 countries will join in turning off their lights for Earth Hour 2011.

Wow, being part of something that's one billion people strong is pretty powerful.

So, switch off the lights and ignite the mind in an earth-friendly sort of way on Saturday, March 26.

For more information about Earth Hour, visit www. earthhourus.org.

opportunity to be able to work on projects funded by their own tax dollars.

As a contractor in Michigan, I would like to commend Sen. Colbeck on his support for Senate Bill 165. Senator Colbeck is supporting policies that will help local businesses by breaking down barriers to job opportunities for local construction and trade workers, reducing construction costs, and saving taxpayer dollars. **Douglas Cryderman** 

Grosse Ile, Mich.

### A big thanks to CVS customers!

I would like to take a few moments to say thanks. I've had the opportunity to be the manager of the CVS Pharmacy in downtown Nothville for the past 10 years. During this time I have had the pleasure of meeting and becoming friends with the customers that shop there. I have worked in retail in many cities, and I can say that the individuals that make up this community are the best. I have had the chance to sit in on city meetings, worked with the police and fire department and become friends with

My health has forced me to retire from CVS, and I will miss you all. Thanks for all your prayers, cards and generosity. The people at the store will be kept updated on my condition and hopefully I will be stopping in once in a while to keep in touch.

**Harold Reih**l Brighton

### **Problems with Snyder's budget**

In Gov. Rick Snyder's budget proposal seniors, low-income workers and children will be absorbing the brunt of the cuts by taxing almost all pensions and getting rid of other income tax deductions including the Earned Income Tax Credit. In case you hadn't noticed, this is a tax increase for seniors and low-income families. So where is the shared sacrifice? He is doing this under the guise of balancing the budget, supposedly raising \$41.7 billion.

On the other hand, he is giving an estimated \$1.8 billion in tax breaks to businesses in the form of a flat tax of 6 percent. How will this balance the budget? Where are the dollars coming from to balance the budget? He just gave it away to businesses. Show us the numbers!

People of all political persuasions must be motivated to combat these assaults on democracy. Grassroots activism is powerful. Follow the lead of Wisconsin!

Recall these words: "Democracies are most commonly corrupted by the insolence of demagogues." Aristotle 384-352 B.C.

Hannah Provence Donisan Commerce

## **GUEST COLUMN** MSU and Mott Foundation team up to reinvent Michigan

o Green! Sorry, this column is not about Sparty basketball or football. It



is about something much more important - our collective future. Michigan does not

need any prima donnas but will benefit from the expanding mission of Prima **Tom Watkins** 

Civitas foundation (PCF). "Prima ... What?",

#### you ask!

Prima Civitas Foundation – (www. primacivitas.org).

The PCF is a community economic nonprofit that is working to build a new, sustainable economy for Michigan. The PCF began as a regional Lansing area foundation that is taking its mission statewide.

Knowledge, creativity, innovation and globalization will be a moving force as the second decade of the 21st century unfolds.

The revised PCF exists "to create, facilitate, and bridge the network that is necessary for local, regional, and state growth in today's knowledgebased economy. Partnering with four year universities, community colleges, intermediate school districts, local economic development groups, work-

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force development agencies, and other local and regional partners, PCF seed to bring about foundational change to the culture of Michigan's economy, while stimulating activity for job creation and retention."

The leadership comes from Michigan State University President Lou Ann Simon and the C.S. Mott Foundation. The new statewide mission is to tap knowledge to assist communities and business transition and grow in our hyper-competitive, dis-ruptive, global, knowledge economy where ideas and jobs move around the world effortlessly.

MSU Vice President for Governmental Affairs Steven Webster becomes the new CEO of Prima Civitas. He will retain his key role in government relations for the university, replacing former CEO, David Hollister who has been an innovative spark for the region and state for decades. Mayor Hollister will now serve as a senior vice president and senior adviser to PCF. The new president, Michael Brown, a former interim mayor of Flint, will retain his leadership role at the Flint Area Reinvestment Office, a regional economic development agency working to revitalize Flint.

#### **MICHIGAN LOVES GREEN**

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The expanded role of PCF is good

for Michigan as we adjust to the new normal, finding ways not to simply survive, but to lead change and thrive in the knowledge economy.

Leadership matters. As they have since their founding, once again Michigan State University and the C.S. Mott Foundation have stepped up to the challenges facing Michigan. Expect good things to happen as

PCF takes its mission statewide.

Tom Watkins is a proud MSU grad and served the citizens as the former state superintendent of schools, state mental health director and was the president and CEO of the economic council of Palm Beach County, Fla. He can be reached at: tdwatkins@aol.com.

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# Mothers are Olympian worriers

K neeling at the feet of a statue, pleading for help. Our Lady of Victory -where he wore his First Communion Suit, and altar server's alb, sweated in a basketball jersey and raced a pinewood derby car in a Boy Scout Uniform, begrudgingly agreed to a Confirmation -Suit, and where he stopped traffic in his dress blues, just a few short months ago for Christmas - is our church. The darkness feels like a soft blanket. The silence is a down-filled pillow. I won't find what I want here, but I'm comforted here waiting, just the same.

Mothers are Olympian worriers. We stand high on a medal stand of any others who might worry. Our hair discolors and falls out. We loose sleep and remind you of it every chance we get. Some, I'm told, forget to eat and loose weight. I haven't found out where to sign up for that club yet. I'm still looking.

Children start elementary school and we're bothered. Then there's middle school and we're concerned. Dreaded high school approaches and we're anxious. They go away to college, and we're concerned. And if they join the Marines and go to Afghanistan...

Lance Corporal Joseph Eichholtz promised his mother he'd never let more than a week pass without some contact -- tin can on a string, carrier pigeon, smoke signal, telegram, e-mail, Facebook, or (please, God) phone call.

Sixteen days, 384 hours, 32,040 minutes, 1,382,400 seconds is not lyrics from a Broadway musical; it's the amount of time it takes a Marine, deployed with the Combat Logistics Battalion Eighth Transportation Security Company now stationed at Camp Leatherneck, Helmand Province, Afghanistan to contact home.

I've never seen the "Social Network" but Mark Zuckerberg is my hero. Through his genius, I received news from Joe. "I'm OK." Just two words. Just as emotional as "I do!" or "You're pregnant." A Facebook note came 16 days after Joe left Camp LeJeune,

### MARINE MOM'S MUSINGS



Lance Corporal Joseph Eichholtz in his dress blues at Our Lady of Victory this past December.

#### North Carolina.

The sentence structure is weak. The grammar makes Northville Public School teachers wince – but the sentiment is heaven-sent. A Marine really knows how to tell his father he loves him. The short message ends with "By the way we are going to need a lot of beef jerky because everyone loves it."

Debbie Eichholtz, Medical LRE at Silver Springs Elementary, Northville Public Schools, will be sharing her thoughts on her son's service regular with Northville Record readers.

#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS ELECTION TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2011

To the qualified Electors of the Township of Northville, County of Wayne, notice is hereby given that Monday, April 4, 2011 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the Election to be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 for the purpose of voting for the Northville Public Schools Sinking Fund Millage for building and Site/Capital Project Purposes 1.00 mill for 5 years. The full text of the above proposal is available at the Township Clerk's office. The Clerk's office is

The full text of the above proposal is available at the Township Clerk's office. The Clerk's office is located at the Northville Municipal Building, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168, and is open Monday through Friday from 8 00 a m. to 4:30 p m. for registering to vote. You may also register to vote at any Secretary of State Branch Office or county Clerk's office during their normal business hours.

Electors may also register to vote by mail by completing a Michigan Mail-In Voter Registration Application, (forms are available at the local Clerk's office or the Secretary of State's website www.michigan.gov/sos ).

Please note that a person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in Michigan (MCL168 509t.) are at least 60 years of age, disabled as defined by law, or temporarily living overseas.

SUE A. HILLEBRAND, Clerk Charter Township of Northville

### Scott Seabolt honored

Think Detroit PAL's second-annual MVP event, sponsored by the DTE Energy Foundation, was truly a night to remember. The sold-out award ceremony on Feb. 17, which included Detroit Mayor Dave Bing and WJR's Paul W. Smith, netted the nonprofit \$63,000.

According to Think Detroit PAL Chief Executive Officer Michael Porter, the purpose of Thursday night's event was to honor "...some of Think Detroit PAL's pre-eminent, long time supporters. Without their involvement, Think Detroit PAL might not even exist, and it certainly would not have had the same level of success at using team sports to build the character of girls and boys in Detroit."

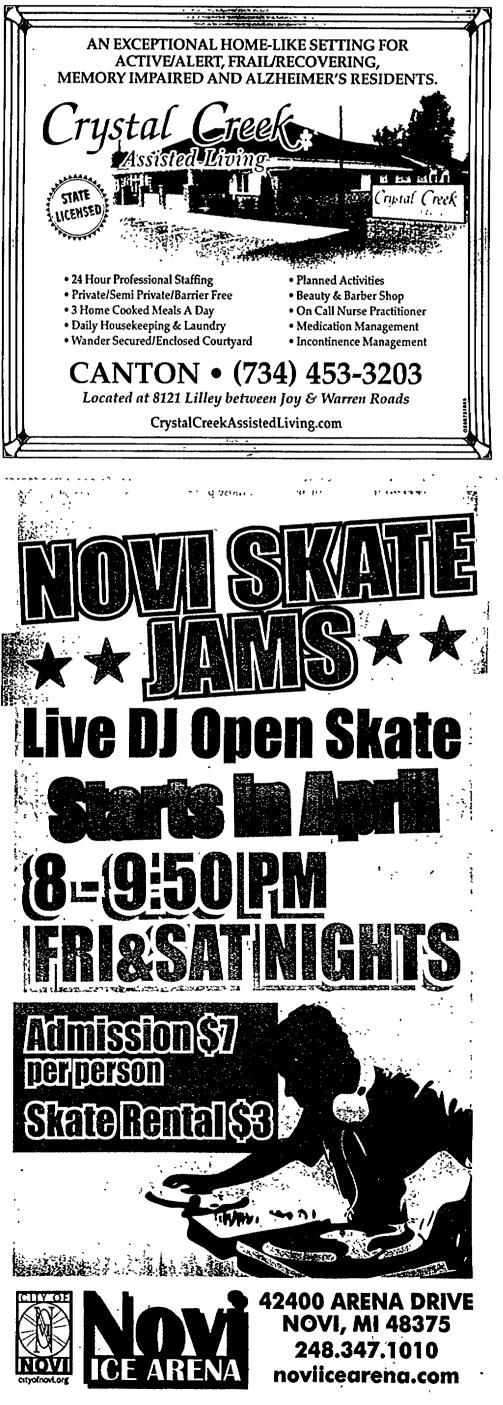
Scott Seabolt of Northville, a partner with Foley & Lardner LLP law firm, was honored with the John D. Scodellaro Builder Award, for the dedication he has shown to Think Detroit PAL in serving as the nonprofit's interim CEO in 2010.

### NEWSMAKERS

"For most of the year, Scott did double duty—managing his law practice while also serving as interim CEO of Think Detroit PAL," Porter explained. "And by all accounts—he handled both magnificently. Thanks to his leadership and the efforts of Tim Richey, who was then the interim COO, Think Detroit PAL operated smoothly despite the travails of the local economy."

"My time has interim CEO was one of the most enriching parts of my career," Seabolt said after accepting his award. "At then end of the day, 2010 was a great year, and I got more out of my experiences with Think Detroit PAL than I will ever be able to give back." The John D. Scodellaro Builder Award

The John D. Scodellaro Builder Award is presented to an individual or organization that has provided long-term service to Think Detroit PAL in an effort to sustain its greatness and help to bring it to the next level. John D. Scodellaro has served on Think Detroit PAL's board for more than twenty years and played a key role in the merger of Think Detroit Inc. and Detroit's Police Athletic League, offering vision and insight during a time of upheaval.



CITY OF NORTHVILLE CLOSE OF REGISTRATION MAY 3, 2011 ELECTION

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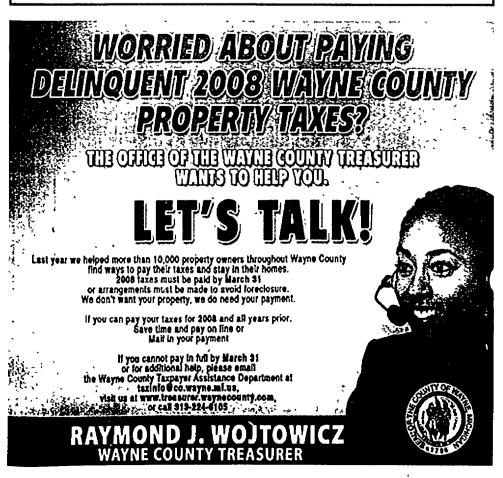
Full text of the proposal's) may be obtained from the City Clerk Office, City of Northville, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300, ext. 1961 or on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us.

The City Clerk's office is located in the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, and is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. for the purpose of registering to vote. You may also register to vote at any Secretary of State branch office or County Clerk's office during their normal business hours. Electors may also register to vote by mail by completing a Michigan Mail-In Voter Registration Application and forwarding the application to the City of Northville City Clerk at the above address by the close of registration deadline. Mail-in voter registration applications are available at the City Clerk's office, or by contacting the Elections Clerk at 248-349-1300 Ext. 1961, or on the City's website at <u>www.ci northville.mius</u>, Please note that a person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the City of Northville, are at least 60 years of age, are overseas voters, or are handicapped.

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DIANNE MASSA, CMC CITY CLERK



# Community leaders review baseball, softball soccer expenses

### Subcommittee formed to meet again

BY PAM FLEMING STAFF WRITER

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Northville soccer and baseball equals big money in the city and township, and recently the powers that be met to discuss the finances of the two organizations.

"We want to understand what are costs are and what our needs are," said Mark Abbo, township supervisor.

The discussion was the agenda at a special Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on Feb. 23 at the Northville Community Senior Center.

"We have been working with these two arms of the community for many years, and we want to continue to offer these opportunities to our youths," Abbo said.

#### SUBCOMMITTEE FORMED

A subcommittee formed at the end of this meeting has already met once to talk "We're not in this to make money. We're providing a service." Northville Township supervisor

numbers. Those present at the Feb. 23 meeting included Abbo, Nancy Darga, Mindy Herrmann, Sue Hillebrand and Joe Hige.

Joanna Harris, interim director, Parks and Recreation Department, was also present as well as Mike Rush of the Northville Rush Soccer Team. Steve McGuirk from Northville Soccer was not present.

The business discussed included the facility use agreements with both Northville Baseball/Softball and Northville Soccer.

One of the largest costs is caring for the fields, which includes irrigation, overall maintenance, such as winterizing them, plus caring for the bathrooms and trash cans near the fields.

"The costs are broken down by each park," Harris said, so that they know how much operating supplies to purchase.

Daily activities include such activities as seeding, aerification and topdressing.

There are currently 16 fields in the two communities that run from April through November. However, only one softball diamond exists. Lacrosse players use the fields, too, and pay \$85 per visit.

"We still cut the grass weekly, even in November," said an audience member.

It was estimated that between soccer and baseball/ softball the annual cost was more than a half million dollars for an eight-month operation of the fields, but Abbo wants that number looked at more carefully. Self-sufficient

All of the soccer, baseball and softball programs are paid for by those who use the services. However, Darga and Abbo said they believed that the communities began underwriting some of the costs at the beginning of the programs.

"The organizations used to pay for mowing and seeding, and we thought the cost was excessive," Darga said. The organizations also don't cover fence repair and like items. The organizations also pointed out the the use

pointed out that they purchased \$67,000 worth of equipment to run the program.

#### LARGE ORGANIZATION

There are currently 64 teams in the Western Suburban Soccer League, and it is reportedly the largest recreation program in this area, according to Christine Lyons, vice president of Northville Soccer Association. "I believe you are priced competitively," Lyons told officials.

They are struggling for practice fields, and this has become a constant problem. Northville Soccer and

Michigan Rush must play at other neighboring practice fields since there just aren't enough for all of the players.

"The goal of this meeting was to get a grasp on how much it costs to operate the fields, and what kind of money is being brought in," Abbo said.

"The value to our kids is great. The costs for soccer is getting exorbitant."

"I need to get my arms around these numbers."

What Abbo wants is a functional analysis of the so-called half-million-dollar budget for both programs. "Then, we'll see if we can

sit down and find a way of sharing the burden," Abbo said.

Abbo asked what other communities charged for the use of their fields. Northville Township charges \$89 per use and Novi charges \$87. Novi also has the Jaguars, which amounts to 18 inhouse teams.

"They (Novi officials) recover the full cost of the program from the Jaguars," Hige said.

One man in the audience said he and his wife have probably spent \$10,000 in the last decade on equipment and other items for the teams.

Abbo asked Harris to find more comparable data. Abbo supports all of the

programs, and just wants to get a handle on the costs. He wants actual costs,

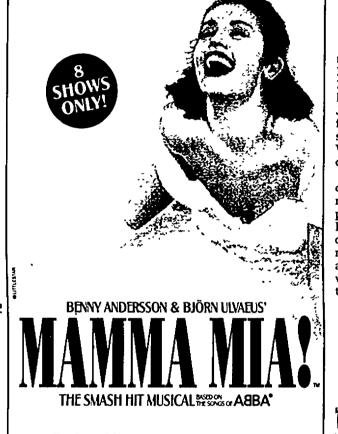
cumulative costs and capital improvement costs outlined. "We're not in this to make

money," Abbo said. "We're providing a service."

"We need to have some appreciation for the history of baseball, softball and soccer," Abbo said. "It's more than just the dollars and cents."

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## Fausone nominated for Water Board

### Ficano picks Northville attorney for seven-member board

As a result of the regional agreement on Feb. 11, Wayne County Executive Robert A. Ficano has nominated James G. Fausone, Esq., for appointment to the seven-member Detroit Water and Sewage Board of Commissioners.

"Jim brings the skills, qualities and leadership needed to continue the progression already accomplished," Ficano stated. "His high regard as a consensus builder throughout the community, accompanied with his strong analytical and communications skills, will serve as critical attributes to the team in place." Fausone has an accomplished background, including serving as partner at Dykema Gossett in Detroit; president of K&D Industries in Romulus; and currently, as a partner in Fausone Bohn LLP in Northville.

"I am honored to be nominated by the Wayne County Executive for the Board of Water Commissioners, as these are challenging times for DWSD, stated Jim Fausone. "By having a seat at the table, I look forward to building consensus on the major issues facing the system, not to mention, part of the solution to these challenges." Fausone is highly respected in the

Fausone is highly respected in the legal profession and his commitment to public service is demonstrated through participation on a number of boards and service organizations. Fausone adds decades of engineering and environmental expertise to the regional authority, and will be an advocate for transparent, accountable governance, upholding his duty to act in the best interest of the region's constituents.

"I have known Jim for many years," said State Rep. Kurt Heise (R-Plymouth, 20th District). He is a highly competent attorney and has a solid background on the issues impacting the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. I applaud Mr. Ficano for appointing someone who lives and works in Western Wayne County and who is connected to our communities in the 20th House District. I look forward to joining with Jim on the many challenges facing the DWSD."



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### NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP POLICE REPORT

### Larceny from vehicle

A 22-year-old resident of 17077 Dunswood Drive told police that someone stole money and gift cards from the center console of the front seats between 6 p.m. March 6 and 4 p.m. March 7.

The man came to the station to make the report. The car was parked in the driveway, and there were no signs of forced entry. Various bills and coins amounted to \$30, plus he had a \$40 gift card.

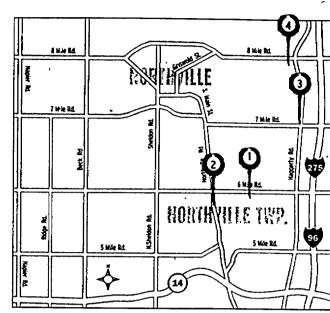
### Third suspended driving charge

2 A 26-year-old Pontiac man was arrested for his third driving while on a suspended license offense at 4:44 p.m. on March 9 at Northville Road and Reservoir Street.

The officer pulled the man over because he saw that his vehicle had no working brake lights. He then learned that the man had a suspended driver's license. He was not the registered owner of the vehicle either.

### **Operating while** intoxicated

**3**A 23-year-old Canton man was arrested for driving while intoxicated at 12:57 a.m. on March 10 at Haggerty and Seven Mile roads.



While directly behind the man in his patrol car, the officer saw the man drive erratically, fluctuating between speeds of 20 and 30.

Once pulling him over, he immediately smelled intoxicants coming from the vehicle window. The driver said he had a couple of beers but his eyes were bloodshot, and his speech was slurred.

A 20-year-old Canton man was also arrested in the car for minor in possession.

### Retail fraud arrest

**4** A 19-year-old Livonia man was arrested for retail fraud

at the Meijer store at 20401 Haggerty Road at 8:12 p.m. on March 11.

The man purchased \$6.64 in food items, then proceeded through the front doors after concealing several items on his person.

Loss prevention detectives watched him conceal the DVD "Jackass III" valued at \$40, a Master Lock valued at \$23, a Phillips Automotive Lamp valued at \$5, two NUK Orthodontic Pacifiers valued at \$8. and two pairs of Machanix Wear Gloves valued at \$18.

Compiled by staff writer Pam Fleming

## Cops looking for possible B&E suspect near Eight Mile and Beck

The Northville City Police Department on the afternoon of March 18 issued an alert for suspicious activity/possible day time breaking and entering near Eight Mile and Beck roads around 11 a.m.

A suspect was seen looking into the rear windows of a home after one of the residents had just left the house. When other occupants of the house saw the suspect looking through the windows, the suspect fled the area on foot towards Eight Mile Road.

The suspect may be working with accom-

plices and communicating via radio.

The suspect is described as a white male, 5'10", 160 pounds, longer shoulder length brown unkempt hair.

He was last seen wearing blue jeans, a blue shirt and an old baseball cap. Subject may be carrying a radio.

For full details, go to https://local.nixle. com/alert/4667930/?sub\_id=141274.

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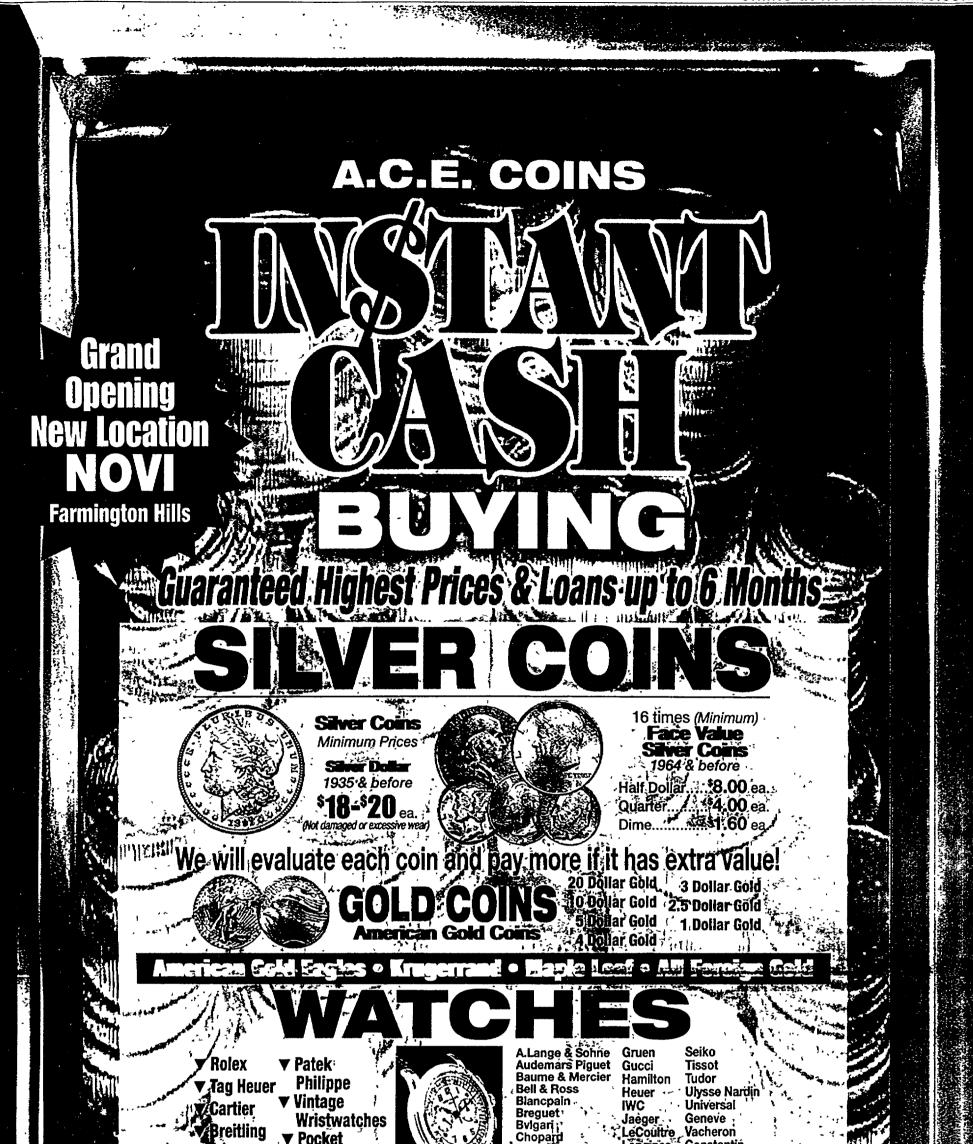
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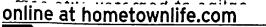




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### **NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY BRIEFS**

### **Run for Hope**

The fifth annual Run for Hope 5K run/walk at scenic Maybury State Park, presented by Northville Roadrunners to benefit New Hope Center for Grief Support, will take place Saturday, May 14 with fitness expert Peter Nielsen in attendance.

New Hope is 501 c-3 non-profit bereavement outreach center located in Northville with grief support services throughout southeastern Michigan.

The 5k run/walk is at 9 a.m. and there will also be a Hmile run/walk at 8:30. Pre-register online by May 2 at www.firstoiving.com/newhopecenter.Registration forms and more information are available at www.newhopecenternet.

Registration the day of the event is at 8 a.m. Free T-shirts go to all participants who register by May 2.

T-shirts will be available for purchase the day of race. Auction items including massages will be available for bidding at the race. A short memorial tribute to honor our loved ones will follow race.

Maybury State Park is located at 20145 Beck Road, Northwille. The park is located at Eight Nile and Beck Road: enter off of Eight Mile and follow signs to Walnut Shelter. Car fee is \$6. The event will take place rain or shine.

The cost to participate is \$25 for people 16 and over and \$15 for children 8-15 who register by May 2. After May 2, and day of the race add \$5. Children under 8 can participate free. Each entrant can collect donations from sponsors and run for free.

Contact New Hope Center at (248) 348-0115 from 9 a.m.4 p.m. Monday-Thurşday and 9-1 Friday for more information





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### Chili Cookoff The American Legion Post 147 (100 W.

Dunlap, Northville) hosted its Annual Chili Cookoff March 20. Five dollars bought tasting and the chance to vote for one's favorite. The \$50 first place prize went to John Doering; Greg Werda won \$20 for second place, and \$10 for third went to Jimmy Lovier. Pictured are Victor Spallone, Dragon Lady, Cris Doering, Hunter Doering, Alex Doering, Ben Eisele, Charlie Morgan, Danny McCarthy, Joey Eisele, Mumbles Werda, John Doud, Charlie Morgan and Flo Werda.

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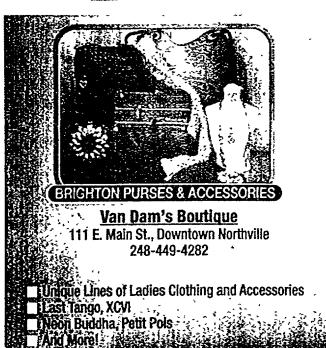
• Technology Infrastructure Updates: Network infrastructure upgrades that will facilitate the increased use of the network, expand wireless to building-level availability, and accommodate new applications in the future such as video streaming and IP phone systems.

In November 2010, the Board of Education convened a study committee of school district staff, students, parents and community members to explore the potential for a capital improvement millage (the legal term is a "sinking fund"). As part of the study, the construction management firm McCarthy & Smith, Inc. conducted an assessment of the district's capital improvement needs.

The study committee presented its findings to the Board of Education and on Feb. 17 the Board unanimously supported a May 3 millage election to address capital improvement needs across the district.



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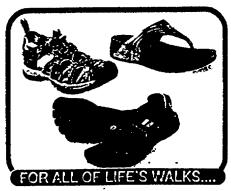
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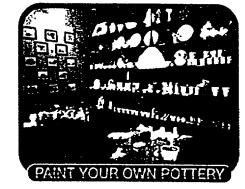
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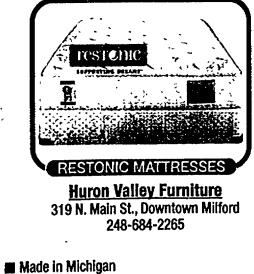


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# Northville baseball team looking to division, conference titles

### Mustangs have depth at pitching, plenty of experience

#### BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

. If you're a fan of baseball and the topic of what teams continually have top talent on their rosters comes up, then it would be an outright shame not to include Northville.

The Mustangs, under the leadership of coach John Kostrzewa, are no strangers to talented players. Two years ago, the roster was packed full of All-Star players. Last year, they turned inexperience into a 25-10 record and a Central Division championship. This year, they are chock full of talent once again, and have the experience to go with it.

"Losing our two top pitchers — Dylan Breault and Colin Gerish — will be the biggest challenge, but a lot of guys gained some very valuable experience last season," said Kostrzewa. "The goal every year is to maximize the talent we have collectively and compete for a division and conference championship. This group is very eager to get after it and compete."

Competing really shouldn't be a problem. The team's returning seniors will pack a wallop on their own, let alone the experience from the junior class, most of which either started or had significant playing time last year.

Seniors returning this year include Levi Perry (pitcher/outfielder), Trey Slominski (pitcher/infielder), Bobby Hayh (pitcher/infielder), Jack Oosten (infielder/outfielder) and Anthony Peraino (pitcher/infielder). Juniors

### NORTHVILLE BASEBALL

Coach: John Kostrzewa Last year: 25-10, Central Division champions and second in KLAA Key returning players: Brett Macdonald, Matt Stojkov, Jeff Gertley, Bobby Sable, Matt Satterfield, Connor Smith, Scott Matthews, Levi Perry, Trey Slominski, Bobby Nayh, Jack Oosten and Anthony Peraino

Biggest challenge: Maximizing talent

this year are: Brett Macdonald (catcher), Matt Stojkov (pitcher/ infielder), Jeff Gertley (pitcher/outfielder), Bobby Sable (pitcher/outfielder), Matt Satterfield (pitcher/outfielder), Connor Smith (infielder) and Scott Matthews (infielder).

"We need to work on the little things," said Kostrzewa, who is in his seventh year at the helm. "Since the first day of practice we have focused on the little things in games that make a major differences in the outcome. So far they have been very focused."

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

### Mustangs softball team wants to win district title

Northville returns seven starters, including pitcher

#### BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

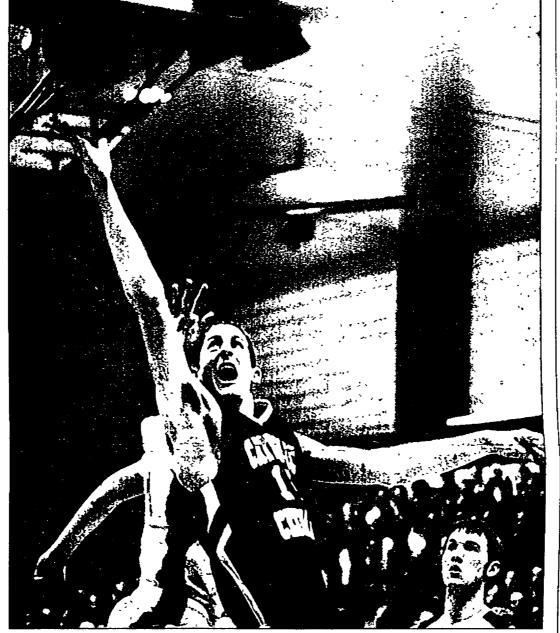
• Experience isn't going to be a problem this year for the Northville Mustangs softball team, especially with their infield and on the mound.

• The squad, coached by Kary Couchman in her third year, returns seven starters from last year's squad, including their starting pitcher, Laura Pond.

, "(We have to focus on) staying healthy and challenging each other every day," said Couchman about what the team needs to work on right out of the starting gate.

The coach also noted that experience was their biggest strength already.

Of course, with names like Karly Fisher, Katie Fenech and Rachel Deacon back on the roster, it's not hard to understand why. Northville's offense was slowly becoming potent last year by the time they bowed out in the second round of the district playoffs. The team's pitching, however, was strong from the start, as was



### Mustangs tennis team looks to strike back

Squad hopes to reclaim conference, regional titles

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

Taking second behind Novi in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association and the Regional Tournament has been something that Northville coach Sandy Woolfall has thought about all year long.

That's why Woolfall, who is in her 11th year coaching the Northville tennis team, is looking to reclaim those titles as the first season goals for her squad.

"Our goal this year is to take back the conference and regional titles that slipped away from us last season," said Woolfall.

And Northville has the tools to do it. Returning this year are the top two players from the 2010 squad, Joanne Weber and Erin Doud. While playoffs are still taking place to determine which outstanding tennis player will take the No. 1 singles spot, Woolfall is happy to know her singles lineup is shaking out nicely already. Of course, so is her doubles line-up, which features Ally Weaver and Jackie Kjolhede, who finished as state semifinalists last year when the Mustangs took fifth in Division I.

Also returning this year is Christy Murphy, who won a state title as a member of the fourth ' doubles team. Mackenzie Powers, a state semifinalist, is back as well, as are Elizabeth Sakorafis, Emily Toupin, Lauren Starr and Ria Barad.

Northville, unsurprisingly, has found some quality

their ability in the infield, making Northville a team to watch, especially in the early weeks of the season.

Other players on the roster this year are: Ellie Asher, Jennifer Buckingham, Caitlin Childers, Suzanne Hasse, Carly Oosten, Maggie Stewart, Meredith Williams, Nikki Thibodeau, Allie Chapekis and Jessica Jones.

With so much experience returning, Couchman made it clear the team has a clear goal in mind: A district title. Of course, they have plenty of strong competition in the Central Division and the KLAA to test them long before they get to that point in the season.

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

### **NORTHVILLE SOFTBALL**

- Coach: Kary Couchman
- Last year: Lost in second round of
- district tournament
- Key returning players: Seven
- returning starters from 2010

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Biggest challenge: Staying healthy

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CC's Kyle Cooper goes in for a layup against Orchard Lake St. Mary's in the regional final game. The Shamrocks fell, 49-48, in Ann Arbor.

# **Catholic Central bows out of state playoffs**

### Team falls at buzzer to CHSL rival Orchard Lake St. Mary's

#### BY SAN EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks boys basketball team knew that every step they took into the state playoffs was going to prove their toughest challenge to date.

What they didn't know was their final challenge — the one that ended their season — would be the familiar face of Catholic High School League foes Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

The Shamrocks' season came to a stunning end off the free-throw shooting of Eaglets point guard Shaun Covington, who sank a foul shot with just 12 seconds left in the game to give his team a 49-48 victory in the regional championship game. It was Covington's only point of the game.

Catholic Central didn't hesitate to bring the ball back down the court, however, to try and win the game. Junior forward Matt Doneth took the ball inside, made a move in the paint and found his shot blocked — along with a lot of heavy contact from the Eaglets but no call from the officials.

The Shamrocks were in control of the game through the first half, playing their style of offense to keep the points on the board while their grinding defense kept the Eaglets from playing the fastpaced game they specialize in. Keeping the game close and not letting St. Mary's run away with it was a tactic that was succeeding as they led, 20-19, at the half before increasing that lead 35-26 by the end of the third quarter.

The difference maker was Allen Robinson, who seemed to be able to do no wrong in the fourth quarter as he scored 20 of his team's 23 points — including 17 consecutive points, to

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freshmen to round out the team this year. Danielle Romano, Alex Jeannotte, Christy Snyder and Rachel Crittenden will compete for the Mustangs, as will Kelly turner and Shannon Williams, who moved up from last year's junior varsity team.

"Tryouts were very competitive this year," said Woolfall. "We have lots of talented players who will immediately make an impact on the team."

Of course, Woolfall noted the weather isn't helping them out right now. They need to be able to play outside before the season can begin.

"We need time to have some challenge matches, especially at doubles, so that I can establish a line-up for our first tournament next Saturday in Canton," the coach said. Captains this year are Weber, Kjolhede and

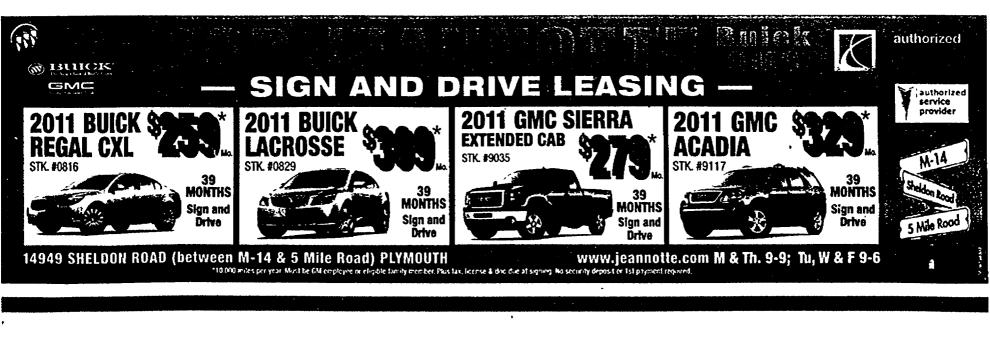
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### **NORTHVILLE TENNIS**

Coach: Sandy Woolfall Last year: Fifth at State Finals, Second in KLAA and Regional tournaments Key returning players: Joanne Weber, Erin Doud, Christy Murphy, Mackenzie Powers, Ally Weaver, Jackie Kjolhede, Elizabeth Sakorafis, Emily Toupin, Lauren Starr and Ria Barad Biggest challenge: Weather cutting into playing time

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# No shortage in lofty goals for girls track

### Mustangs want state title under new coach Vincent Tyle

#### **BY SAM EGGLESTON** CORRESPONDENT

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First-year Northville head coach Vincent Tyle doesn't pull any punches when it comes to setting goals in his inaugural season at the helm of the girls track team.

Tyle, who takes the lead for a team that earned the regional championship last season, didn't bother shooting for a simple KLAA title, or even simply repeating at the regional meet. Instead, he made it clear that his team wants a state title.

And why not? The team returns some outstanding players, all of whom had an impact on the regional title in 2010. Alex Moynes, Beth Roach, Kristen Wines, Laura Cheaney, Gina McNamara and Mary Kay Brzezinski are all back this year and are standout names on a roster that includes 83 names.

"Attitude and the number of girls (that came) out for the team," answered Tyle when

### **NORTHVILLE GIRLS TRACK**

Coach: Vincent Tyle Last year: Regional Champions Key returning players: Alex Moynes, Beth Roach, Kristen Wines, Laura Cheaney, Gina McNamara, Mary Kay Brzezinski **Biggest challenge: Believing the** team is better than last year

asked about the team's biggest strength.

Of course, with that many girls on the team, the head coach is also finding that his squad needs to work on respecting one another and believing that they are as good, if not better, than last year. Helping in that endeavor will be Wines, Roach, McNamara and Alexa Abbott - this year's team captains.

Also on the team this year are: Alyssa Adamczyk, Ashley .Adamczyk, Carly Armaly, Robbie Austin, Audrey Baetz, Leah Bedrosian, Alexis Berlin,

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Pole vaulter Amy O'Brien was part of the Mustangs' regional championship girls track squad last year.

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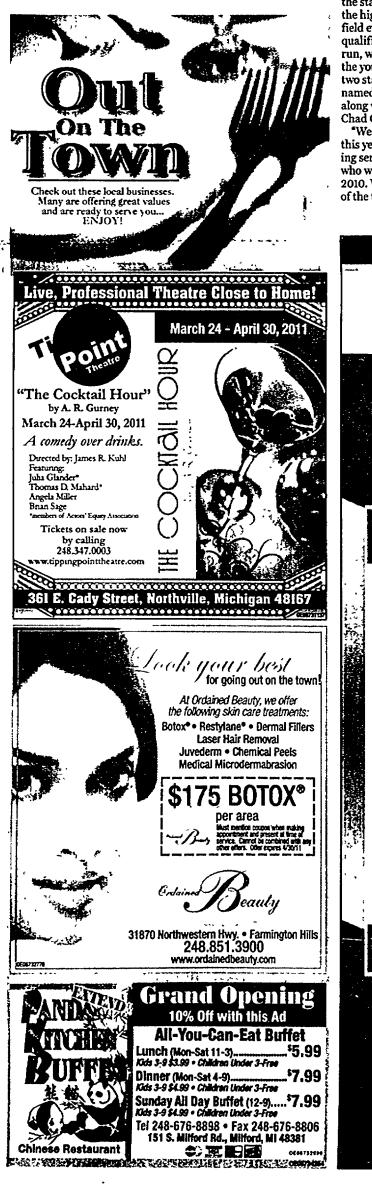
## Boys track team looks to be competitive in rugged KLAA

Mustangs under new guidance with first-year head coach

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs

boys track team will have plenty of work to do if they hope to overcome the losses from the 2010 season due to



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To do so, they're hoping to have their experienced members of the team lead by example - namely state qualifiers Al Myers and Edward Clifton.

Myers, who qualified for the state finals last year in the high jump, will lead the field events while Clifton, who qualified in the 800 meter run, will be expected to lead the young running corps. The two state qualifiers have been named captains this year, along with standout runner Chad Cini.

"We have a very young team this year with only six returning seniors," said McIntosh, who was an assistant coach in 2010. With the inexperience of the team in mind, the coach Yamin, Vikas Venugopal,

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has set obtainable season goals. Our goal is to be competitive in the league and push the boys to achieve personal records."

Unfortunately, one of those returning members of last year's team, star sprinter Brandon Love, won't be competing as he's still recovering from an injury sustained during football season.

Northville does have some promise in the throwing events - which the team struggled in last year. David Hornshaw is expected to give the squad a boost in both the discus and the shot put.

Other members of the 2011 squad are: Sean Wagner, Christian Yap, Donny

### **NORTHVILLE BOYS TRACK**

Coach: Gordon McIntosh Last year: Individual state qualifiers, no team titles Key returning players: Edward Clifton, Al Nevers and Chad Cini Biggest challenge: Gaining experience for a very young

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bring his team back from a nine-point deficit to take the lead, 46-44, with just over a minute remaining in the game. Robinson ended the game with 34 points along with seven rebounds and three assists.

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Catholic Central was led by Kyle Cooper, who scored 20 points in the losing effort.

For the Shamrocks, it was a tough way to end their season. They had faced Orchard Lake St. Mary's twice before, splitting the two regular-season games. The first contest ended with Catholic Central's sharpshooter Shea Kettner hit a long shot at the buzzer to win the game. The second contest was all St. Mary's, as they ran away with the victory.

The Catholic Central cagers end their year with a 16-9 record. They earned the right to play in the regional final with a surprising victory over Ann Arbor Huron. The River Rats, which were 22-2 this year, were top ranked and expected to win. Catholic Central center Brandon Tammaro scored 18 points, including 10 in the fourth quarter. Doneth scored 17 points for CC, and Cooper added 12, including a dunk with just over a minute remaining in the contest.

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### LOCAL SPORTS

# Linksters hope to work through playoffs Girls lacrosse team continuing to gain confidence this season

Mustangs lost four of top five players from 2010 to graduation

#### **BY SAM EGGLESTON** CORRESPONDENT

It is never easy to see practically an entire team walk out the door when graduation rolls around, just ask coach Matt Stetson of the Northville golf team.

Stetson, who also coaches boys tennis in the fall, isn't throwing his hands up in despair. He's been at this for six years and he knows there are rebuilding years now and then. Plus, he's got three solid returning players in senior Blake Bonatz and sophomores Matt Evasic and Todd Goebel.

But, Stetson knows he can't just take the team as it is and waltz back to a district championship and beyond. "We need to gain experi-

ence," Stetson admitted. "We graduated four guys that have been in the top five (on the varsity team) for the last two years, and two of them, Trevor Grigg and Alex Bernstein, were in the top five all four years and finished in the top 10 in the state all four years. We still have some good play-



Eric Gobel and the Mustanos finished 10-0 last season and won both the conference and district titles. Northville finished ninth in the state.

ers on the team, but we will need to see how well they play when the pressure is on. Luckily, we are in a strong conference where the guys will play some pressure golf and we are signed up to play in some big tournaments with a lot of

the top teams in the area." Northville will be looking to Bonatz to lead by example. The senior linkster has state tournament experience and was a top-five finisher at several tournaments last year. He even took the medalist position at the

### NORTHYILLE GOLF

Coach: Matt Stetson Last year: 10-0, Conference and District Champions and ninth at State Finals Key returning players: Blake Bonatz, Matt Evasic and Todd Goebel. **Biggest challenge:** Replacing four of top five players, including three-time first team All-State selection Trevor Griog

always-competitive University of Detroit Jesuit Shootout.

Evasic and Goebel will likely be expected to do the same, since both competed for varsity playing time last year as freshmen and showed promise through the year.

They should be really solid coming into their sophomore campaigns," said Stetson. Northville has not finalized their captains nor their roster

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

**BY SAN EGGLESTON** CORRESPONDENT

There is a lot of potential on the Northville Mustangs girls lacrosse team this year. The key for coach Jamie Francek is getting her team to see that themselves.

The squad, which finished last year with a 7-13 mark and fell in double overtime in their first playoff game, will be looking to improve their record this season and hopefully win their conference and district titles. "I expect this team to be a

lot better than last year," said Francek. "We will be more sound on defense and have a more potent offense."

Of course, it helps that two of your most determined offensive leaders from last year have returned for another season senior midfielder Kelsey DeDidder and sophomore midfielder Charlotte Peterson. The team will also look to stifle their foes with strong defensive pressure, a goal that will be led by sophomore defender Kaitlin Sabourin and

### NORTHVILLE GIRLS LACROSSE

Coach: Jamie Francek Last year: 7-13, lost in double OT in first round of playoffs Key returning players: Charlotte Peterson, Kelsey DeDidder, Kaitlin Sabourin and Rachel Jurczyszyn Biggest challenge: To continue to improve individually and as a leam

senior goalie Rachel Jurczyszyn. "We have to gain confidence in our abilities and make strides towards our goals," said Francek, who is in her second

year at Northville's helm. The team will be relying on their leadership and their positive attitude to lead them into the opening weeks of the season. Peterson, DeDidder, Sabourin and Shaylyn Brady, a senior midfielder, are team captains this year.

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## Goals could come in droves for Mustangs

#### **BY SAM EGGLESTON** CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs may not be returning four starting defensemen, their allstar faceoff specialist or their first two lines in the midfield, but they're not worried.

Why? Well, they're not going to have any problem scoring goals, that's why.

The Mustangs return their two three attacks from last season, including Dylan Gelven, a senior who had 109 points last year and earned second-team All-State honors. Joining him is Jakob Kippola, a junior who scored 46 goals

### **NORTHVILLE BOYS LACROSSE**

Coach: Greg Durham Last year: 11-10, won first KLAA championship, lost in regional tournament. Key returning players: Dylan Gelven, Jakob Kippola, Nick Mulucci, Michael Comben, Paul Soyster and David Ketelhut Biggest challenge: Replacing four starting defensemen, starting faceoff and first two lines of midfield idfield

last year and earned All-State honorable mention, while junior Nick Melucci returns

from a 2010 season that found him earning All-Region honors and scoring 17 goals.

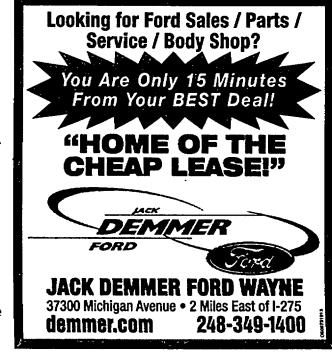
"All three starting attackmen are returning," said Durham, who is in his ninth season with Northville. "We should not have a problem scoring goals. Dylan has only gotten better, and has developed into a great leader, along with Jakob."

And teams that are being scored on are going to have some trouble keeping up, despite the heavy losses in the defensive corp. Northville returns Michael Comben, a senior defender, as well as four-year varsity player David Ketelhut, who will resume his post as goalie after a strong hockey season between the posts. Also returning, and quite capable of lending a hand on defense, is Paul Soyster, a senior who is the only returning midfield starter on the team.

The holes that have to be filled are glaring, yes, but Northville has plenty of talent to fill them. The Mustangs will be

led this year by Gelven and Kippola, who were named team captains.

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# to the Northville Mustangs

Mustangs look to potent offense to overwhelm opponents

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# **CC lacrosse focusing on internal improvements** Shamrocks look to remain

Shamrocks have talent, need to work on team aspects

### **BY SAM EGGLESTON** CORRESPONDENT

Catholic Central head coach Dave Wilson sure isn't complaining about the talent that has come back to his team this year.

The squad, which went 18-4 last year, returns several experienced players who will be stepping into leadership roles this year.

Attacks Mitch Burgin and Tim Urso are back, along with midfielder Mike Birney and defenseman Trevor

### **SCELLCROSSE**

Coach: Dave Wilson Last year: 18-4 Key returning players: Witch Burgin, Tim Urso, Mike Birney and Trevor Kujawski Biggest challenge: Sharing one ball 

Kujawski this season. They'll be doing more than just turning in impressive performances on the field this year, however, as each has been selected to be captains on the team as well.

Their experience will pay off in that particular role, especially since

the team's focus to begin the year is working on attention to details and, of course, being unselfish.

"(Our biggest challenge this year) is sharing one ball," noted Wilson, who is in his sixth year as the head coach of the Shamrocks.

The team is loaded in other aspects, however. Talent? Check. Leadership capabilities? Check. Speed? Yup. Stick skills? No problem.

The Catholic High School League title is one goal in mind for the Shamrocks, though that's not going to be an easy one with the talent they'll face. In addition, Wilson said his team has made taking a run at winning the state championship as one of their goals this year.

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Goalie Kevin Lerg and the Shamrocks went 18-4 last year. This season's squad returns Nitch Burgin, Tim Urso, Mike Birney and Trevor Kujawski.

# king of several track hills

#### BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

There's no doubt that the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks track and field team will be the mark that many teams measure themselves to this year.

And why not? Last year. the Shamrocks went 5-0 in dual meets and earned themselves championships in the Catholic High School League, the MHSAĂ Regional and the Oakland County meet. If that weren't enough, the Shamrocks also finished sixth in the entire field of Lower Michigan's Division I schools at the state finals.

"We will try to repeat the . championships and improve our position in the state final," said head coach Tony Magni when asked what his team's goals were for the 2011 campaign. "We will depend on our sprinters and distance (runners) to have a good season. Our hope is to keep everyone healthy.

That last part will be key for the Shamrocks, who have some amazing top-shelf talent. The team's best returning athletes will be responsible for teaching the younger members of the squad. Injuries will only hamper their progress.

The team will be looking to Jake Spuller and Billy Riga

### CC TRACK & FIELD

Coach, Tony Nagni Last year: CHSL, Regional and Oakland County champs; Sixth in the state finals Key returning players: Jake Spuller, Billy Riga, George Darany, Mall Donath, Andrew Garcia Garrison, John-Paul Zebrowski, Austin Zebrowski, Mike Shearon and Jack Malinowski Biggest challenge: Staying

as the top returning sprinters this year, while George Darany and Matt Donath will be expected to lead their team in the throws. The distance running team will have the benefit of outstanding talent in Andrew Garcia-Garrison and brothers Austin and John-Paul Zebrowski. In the hurdles and high jump, the Shamrocks will be relying on Mike Shearon and Jack Malinowski.

Magni is confident in his team's ability again this year, and if anyone knows how to spot a good team, it's the long-time head coach. Magni enters his 38 year as a coach at Catholic Central.

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# Shamrocks golf team enters rebuilding season

### Team looks to compete after building experience

#### **BY SAM EGGLESTON** CORRESPONDENT

Despite entering this season as the defending Division I state champions, the Detroit Catholic Central golf team won't likely be talking about a repeat anytime soon.

The squad, under the lead-

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ership of coach Bill Hayes, will instead be looking to simply learn from their mistakes early in the year and build up experience as quickly as they can. That's because the Shamrocks, unfortunately, are in a bit of a rebuilding year after losing the majority of their team to graduation

### last year.

\*Experience will play a big factor in how we do as a team," said Hayes, who enters his 12th year as the team's head coach. He led them to state titles in 2003 and 2010.

The team captains will consist of Connor Sexton

### Coach: Bill Hayes

Last year: Division I State Champions

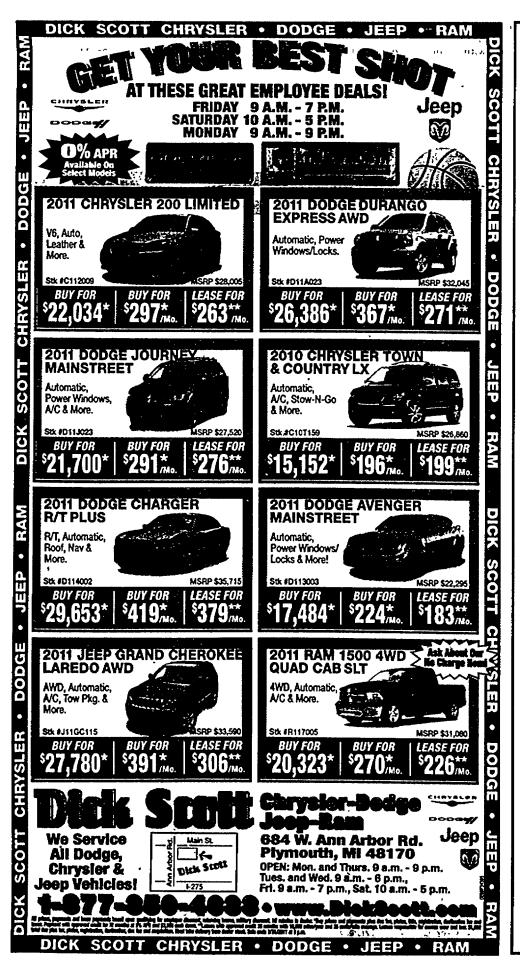
Key returning players: Connor Sexton, Nico Colucci, Owen Franks, Chartie Green and Palrick Luther. Biggest challenge: Getting experience early in the season i

and Nico Colucci, both be trying to pick up experiseniors, as well as junior ence along the way. Two Owen Franks. The problem other key returning playis that all three of them will ers are sophomore Charlie

Green and junior Patrick Luther, as both are expected to compete for playing time. Catholic Central will be

looking to compete in the always-tough Catholic High School League and will focus on short-term goals before looking ahead.

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youth of America, the body takes all the preservatives, "meat products", synthetic/enriched nutrition and turns it into fuel to grow a human being. Amazing!

The human body is so sophisticated that you can run, bike, swim, ski, and whatever else you want to push your body to do, it can and will get stronger and faster. I meet people all the time who go from being a complete couch potatoes/junk-food junkies to running full blown marathons, triathlons, eco-challenges, and ultra-marathons...pretty cool!



Tina Maruszewski, D.C.

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Mike came into my office with no pain or pre-existing conditions, no complaints. Not one! He was a young man, no older than 25 yrs. old, worked at an office, had friends and family like everybody else. So when I met him, I asked "why ARE you here?" He explained that he was an avid runner. And I mean avid...not only did he run marathons, but he did ultra-marathons. He flatly said <u>"running</u> is my life". He went on explaining "I had a friend video tape one of my races and I noticed that my stride or gait while running wasn't even". Mike noticed that one of his feet hit the ground differently, while biking he had to "stretch" one leg longer to pedal and once he saw the video of himself during a race he knew something was off.

Mike had heard how I was able to help a co-worker named Carl. Carl told him about how he no longer felt pain and that the range of motion in his neck after years of being stiff improved so well, he could actually turn his head to the left to change lanes while driving. So Mike thought just maybe I could help him.

Mike continued to keep up his training and

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### LOCAL SPORTS

# Mustangs to lean on returning players

# Soccer squad looking to gain experience in early games

#### BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

It's been a long time since the Northville Mustangs girls soccer team had some many new faces on the roster. Thankfully for head coach Eric Brucker, Northville, typically, is synonymous with talented soccer players, so he still has plenty to work with.

Brucker, who is in his 16th year with the Mustangs soccer program and his second as head coach, will be looking to get his team experience right out of the gate this year. Lucky for him, his division and conference foes are always challenging enough to make every game a learning experience.

"We have a lot of new faces at the varsity ranks with not a lot time to prepare before our first game," said Brucker. "I'm leaning hard on my returning players to help educate the new ones on our schemes. The early season will test our character. In a one week stretch, we play Canton (2010 conference champs), Novi (2010 State Champs) and Plymouth (2010 State Runner-up) back-toback-to-back. As long as we are progressing in the early season we will be OK in May and June."

Northville does have plenty of talent returning this year to compliment the youth that is new to the roster. Seniors this year are defender Ali Hawksford (three years on varsity) and midfielders Andrea Start (three years), Tara Cureton (two years) and Becky Reynolds (two years). Juniors on the team this year are midfielder Jenni Borawski (three

### NORTHVILLE SOCCER

Coach: Eric Brucker Last year: 15-3-2, Central Division Champions, KLAA runner-up Key returning players: Ali Hawksford, Andrea Stark, Tara Cureton, Becky Reynolds, Jenni Borawski, Mallory Weber, Tess Bradley, Sasha Gardner and Claire McHugh Biggest challenge: Youth and inexperience

years), forward Mallory Weber (three years) and defenders Tess Bradley (two years), Sasha Gardner (two years) and Claire McHugh (two years).

New additions to the 2011 roster include senior goalie Kaitlin Girbach, junior midfielders Noelle Kuphal and Sam Jarret, junior defender Alyssa Moulds, sophomore forward Emily Bush, sophomore midfielder Gabbie Guibord, sophomore goalie Kiki Hilmer, sophomore defenders Alexis Mencott and Cassidy Ebach and freshman forwards Rachel Yaggi and Jamie Cheslik andfreshman defender Ashley Peper.

The team will be looking to defend their Central division title and has set the goal of winning the conference and KLAA title and, hopefully, make a deep run into the playoffs.

Team captains are Hawksford, Reynolds and Weber.

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# Northville Prep Hockey advances to finals of Great Lakes Prep Hockey League

Northville Prep Hockey pushes their record to 25-5-4 for the Winter season. Northville continued its successful run in Tier I of the Great Lakes Prep Hockey League going 5-0 in their playoff round, then beating North Farmington Harrison in the Semi-Finals to advance to the Finals against Hartland on March 5th at the DISC in Dearborn. The following is a summary of both the State and League Playoff games.

#### **NORTHVILLE 5, TRAVERSE CITY 1**

Northville hosted Traverse City on Jan. 30 in the opening game of the league playoff round. In a well played, penalty-free first period, both teams generated chances, but neither found the back of the net as the opening stanza ended in a 0-0 tie. Tyler Harrigan would spark the Northville offense in the second period with aggressive checking behind the Traverse City net at the tail end of a penalty kill resulting in a turnover that Harrigan deposited in the twine for a 1-0 Northville lead. Ryan Bloom added to the lead with 1:32 remaining in the second period with assists going to Ben Bloom and Tyler Harrigan.

In the third, Tyler McMullin made it 3-0 with 13:18 on the clock, with the helper going to Dominic DiComo. Traverse City was able to put a questionable powerplay goal on the board at the 8:45 mark as the puck was pushed into the Northville net off the body of a Traverse City player in the crease to make it 3-1. However, Ryan Bloom would score his second of the game from KC Chaudóin to re-establish a threegoal lead. Nick Stegmeyer would add an empty net goal to make the final 5-1.

Jake Pawloski recorded 27 saves in the victory. Ben Bloom, Ryan Bloom, Austin Ratts & Tyler Harrigan led Northville with +3's.

NORTHVILLE 5, SOUTH LYON COUGARS 2

Northville came out flying Feb. 4 and thoroughly dominated the first period outshooting the Cougars 14-3 and taking a 1-0 lead into the intermission on a goal from Ben Bloom assisted by Tyler Harrigan and Ryan Bloom. South Lyon would tie the game at 1-1 at the midway point of the second period, but took penalties soon after to give Northville a 5-on-3 powerplay. Northville capitalized on the two-man advantage when Ryan Bloom threaded a pass across the crease to Tyler Harrigan who one 113 timed it home for a 2-1 lead. Then with Northville still on a powerplay, Ken Kosinski ripped a shot from the top of the left circle past South Lyon goaltender for a 3-1 lead. Todd Goebel and Alex Shuart assisted on the play. Eric Johnson capped the scoring adding a third goal in less than three minutes of play of the second period.

South Lyon cut the lead to 4-2 with just over 10 minutes to remaining, but Nick Stegmeyer sealed the game on a breakaway goal despite being pulled down from behind to give a 5-2 victory. Jimmy McGlynn recorded 20 saves in Northville's net. made it 2-0 with assists going to Kellan Flayer and Tyler McMullin.

Early in the second period, Ryan Bloom hit brother Ben on a long pass to spring him on a breakaway, Ben deeked to the forehand then backhanded the shot into the vacated net to make it 3-0. Todd Goebel working hard in front of the opponent's net as usual, picked up a loose puck and made it 4-0, assisted by Eric Johnson. Alex Shuart then made it 5-0 by letting a slap shot go from the top of the right circle into the top left corner of the goal. Eric Johnson was credited with the assist, Todd Goebel screened the goalie so that he had no chance at the save.

Midland got on the board early in the third period, but Northville would add three more to make the final 8-1. Goebel, Johnson and McMullin were the third period goal scorers. Jimmy McGlynn recorded 20 saves in Northville's net.

### **NORTHVILLE 1, BRIGHTON 2**

Special teams ended up being the deciding factor in a well played game on Feb. 14. Brighton went 2-for-8 on powerplay opportunities while Northville went 0 for 7, including a penalty shot. Brighton got one goal in the first as they were able to move the puck in close and get off a shot for a 1-0 lead. Northville matched Brighton shot for shot and goal for goal in the second period. Brighton pushed the lead to 2-0 before Dominic DiComo took an outlet pass from Joe Chase and carried it deep into the offensive zone then hit Nick Stegmeyer crashing the net for a chip in over the goalie.

Northville pressed in the third period but could not sustain any pressure as five penalties kept the Broncos shorthanded for most of the period. Jake Pawloski recorded 24 saves in net to keep it close, but it was just one of those games where Northville just wasn't able to find the back of the net.

#### NORTHVILLE 4, BRIGHTON 2

On Feb. 17, Northville returned to the Kensington Valley Ice House and avenged the loss from earlier in the week. The offense continued to click and this night resulted in more pucks finding their way into the Bulldogs net. Brighton did draw first blood taking a 1-0 lead at the nine-minute mark of the first. Ben Bloom got the equalizer to the the game 1-1 at 2:56 of the first rperiod when Dominic Dictomo drew the defense to the corner then passed the puck to the back post.

The game remained tied at 1-1 through most of the second period before Todd Goebel gave Northville a 2-1 when he gained possession in the high slot and ripped a shot through the Brighton net minder. Northville went up 3-1 early in the third period on Eric Johnson's goal assisted by Tyler McMullin and Todd Goebel. Brighton cut the lead to 3-2 with 9:38 left, but Austin Ratts gave Northville a much needed insurance goal with 2:38 left in the game when he carried the puck deep into the offensive zone put a shot on goal the Ken Kosinski retrieved and gave right back to Ratts to bury. Northville maintained the offensive pressure for the remainder of the game which prevented Brighton from pulling their goalie. Jimmy McGlynn recorded 19 saves in net while Goebel, Kosinski, McMullin, Johnson and Ratts led the way with +3 ratings.

as the game started to get completely away from a clearly overwhelmed referee crew. The result of a Hartland player jumping a Northville defenseman behind the play was dual ejections/fighting majors assessed against Northville to only one for Hartland, followed by a double roughing penalty against Northville with nothing assessed to Hartland. The result was a two man-advantage for Hartland, their third of the game, this one for more than 3 minutes in duration. However, Northville battled the adversity as Junior Tyler McMullin lead the way with a short-handed unassisted goal beating a stunned Hartland goaltender top shelf to tie the game at 3-3. Northville found themselves shorthanded most of the remainder of the game, but a bench shortened by ejections and an injury managed to battle Hartland to a 3-3 tie. Jake Pawloski faced 32 shots in Northville's net for the contest as Hartland powerplays generated many chances.

### NORTHVILLE 5, HOWELL 3

Northville headed to Grand Oaks arena on a snowy Monday night Feb. 21 for the final game of the season that would count both as the final game of the League and State playoff rounds. Northville scored first when Nick Stegmeyer picked up a Joe Chase shot on goal and roofed it for a 1-0 Northville lead just 90 seconds into the game. The game stayed that way until Howell scored twice late in the period to take a 2-1 advantage after one period of play. Northville tied it 2-2 early in the second period when Ryan Bloom showed great patience just outside the crease before elevating a shot off the crossbar and into the net. Howell regained a one goal lead at 3-2, but Northville took quick advantage of a 5-on-3 powerplay to tie it at 3-3 when Austin Ratts scored with assists from Joe Chase and Ryan Bloom.

The game remained tied at 3-3 for the final seven minutes of the second period and the first 10 minutes of the third period before Eric Johnson broke the tie to give Northville a 4-3 lead. Then with 37 seconds remaining, Howell was awarded a penalty shot for a chance to tie the contest. Jimmy McGlynn held his ground a took away the angle on a forehand shot forcing the shooter to send it wide of the net. With 24 seconds remaining, Ben Bloom gained the red line and fired the puck between the wickets of a defenseman for an empty

wickets of a defenseman for an empty net insurance goal and a 5-3 victory. Jimmy McGlynn recorded 20 saves in net while Joe Chase led the team with a +4 rating.

The victory gave Northville a 5-0 record in the Great Lakes Prep Hockey League playoffs round and the #1 seed in their bracket as they advance to the semi-finals.

NORTHVILLE 4, NORTH FARMINGTON 1 North Farmington came out flying

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### Cheering for our soldiers

The Northville High School cheerleaders recently made and sent blankets to a U.S. Army units in Afghanistan. The blankets, as well as games, snacks, toiletries and encouraging notes from the cheerleaders, were distributed to 'Wounded Warriors' in the unit. The girls are pictured with Specialist Erin Meadows (center back) who was the inspiration for the project and is the coordinator for the 'Wounded Warriors' for her unit. This year the cheerleaders also participated in Tour de Cure (an event supporting the Diabetes Foundation) and Race for the Cure (an event supporting the fight against Breast Cancer) as part of their commitment to community service. The 2010/2011 competitive season cheerleaders include varsity members Morgan Breault, Alex Saad, Ali Hartnagel, Morgan Pistolesi, Rachel Polanski, Delaney King, Castille Ausmann, Megan Callahan, Clare Else, Katie Step, Rensy Wu, Abby Hayek, Emily Lister, Katie Morris, Kyra Dahring, Suzie Gutowski, Kelsie Hoffman, Arielle lafrate, Alyssa Kowalski, Miho Morioka and Ashten Tucker. JY members include Maggie Haberstroh, Lauren Bryden, Sierra Fish, Nicole Kellum, Molly Norris, Clare Porter, Sarah Raymond, Tess Reed, Jordyn Trotter, Zarra Williams, Abbey Baum, Maggie Blissett, Kelly Cannon, Mary Dalrymple, Celeste Gallardo, Hannah Haas, Lauren Hubbard, Alison lafrate, Rachel Rosal, Camarah Steele, Maddie Williams and Taylor Zheng.

### **SPORTS BRIEFS**

### Cheer clinic

The Northville High School Cheer Program invites all current sixth, seventh and eighth grade girls to participate in the 2011 High School Prep Cheer Clinic Series. These clinics will be conducted by the NHS cheer coaching staff and the varsity cheer team. Clinics are offered each Monday from 5-7 p.m. March 21st-April 11. Registration forms and additional information are available www.northvillecheer.com.

### **Baseball camp**

Now is the time to register for the 4th Annual NHS Spring Training Baseball Camp. The camp will be held from 9 a.m.noon Saturday, March 26 and Sunday, March 27. It is open to all kids ages 7-14. Find the registration form at www.northvillemustangbaseball.com.

### Pom prep clinic

The Northville High School pom pon program is sponsoring a pom prep clinic for girls who are currently in middle school or high school that would like to improve their pom skills in preparation for spring tryouts. Information regarding tryouts for JV, varsity and the middle school pom team will also be distributed.

Clinic dates are 5:30-7:30 p.m. April 6-8 at the high school. Cost is \$60. E-mail northvillepompon@comcast.net for registration information.

### **NORTHVILLE O, CATHOLIC CENTRAL 5**

On Feb. 27, Catholic Central got the only marker of the first period to take a 1-0 lead into the intermission. Northville's best chance in the period was negated when Tyler Harrigan was hauled down from behind on a breakaway. The second period saw a nearly identical play result in a CC penalty shot, fortunately, the shamrock was incapable of generating much of an effort and slid the attempt wide of the net. CC would however, push the lead to 2-0 in the second period when a covered puck did not result in a whistle and were able to then jam it loose into the Northville net.

A powerplay goal made it 3-0 in the third period. A breakaway shot and rebound put it out of reach and the final goal came as the result of a badly missed offsides call that caught the Northville defense heading out of the zone to make it 5-0. A tough loss in the opening game of the state playoff bracket as the score was not indicative of the effort.

### **NORTHVILLE 8, MIDLAND 1**

Northville's offense salivates at the sight of the Midland goalies and this contest was no exception as Northville Prep put a snowman on the board as they cruised to an 8-1 victory on Feb. 13. Ryan Bloom kicked the scoring in the first period on assists from Ben Bloom and Andrew Carlone. Nick Stegmeyer

### NORTHVILLE 3, HARTLAND 3

Northville hosted Hartland in the state playoffs Feb. 20, pitting the top two teams from the GLPHL against one another. Northville persevered through an unbelievably poorly officiated game as Hartland consistently got away with dirty play while Northville was put short-handed, often by two men, for long stretches of time.

Northville's first goal came from Nick Stegmeyer with the assist going to Andrew Carlone for a 1-0 lead at the 9:53 mark of the first period. Hartland got the equalizer and the game went into the first intermission at 1-1 as Northville killed off the final two minutes of the period down 5 on 3. Eric Johnson gave Northville a 2-1 in the first 17 seconds of the second period as Tyler Harrigan got the assist. Hartland tied the game at 2-2 less than a minute later on a play that should have never happened as the refs did not call a flagrant roughing penalty behind the play.

The third period started with a Hartland goal to give the eagles a 3-2 lead, then things started to unravel against Northville on Feb. 26, controlling the first 10 minutes of the Great Lakes Prep Hockey League Semi-Final matchup, but Jake Pawloski was equal to the challenge in Northville's net and kept Farmington off the board the entire first period. Eric Johnson would spark Northville's offense late in the first, scoring on assists from Tyler Harrigan and Tyler McMullin. That spark started a blaze that would result in 43 shots on Farmington's net over the remaining two periods.

North Farmington managed to tie the game early in the second period getting to a loose puck in front of Northville's net, but from then on, it was all Northville. Tyler McMullin gave Northville a 2-1 lead midway through the second period scoring unassisted. The offensive pressure continued as Northville would clank three pucks off the post to close out the period with what looked to be a powerplay though both teams were playing even.

Finally, in the third period, Northville got rewarded for their work when a defensive zone faceoff win resulting in a breakout pass to Ben Bloom for a breakaway goal and a 3-1 lead. Farmington's offense had disintegrated as they were forced on their heels playing defense. Tyler Harrigan added another goal with 2:13 remaining to push the lead to 4-1' as Northville would close out North Farmington Harrison and advance to the finals on March 5. Northville ended up with a season high 55 shots on net, while Farmington managed 22, but just 10 over the final two periods.

- By John Stevens



# **Spring 2011 High School Varsity Sports Schedules**

# Novi Wildcats

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#### Baseball 4/9 11 a.m. & 1 p.m. @ Walled Lake Western (Doubleheader) 4/11 4 p.m. @ Wayne 4/13 4 & 6 p.m. @ South Lyon (Doubleheader) 4/20 4 & 6 p m. @ Brighton (Doubleheader) 4/27 4 & 6 p.m. South Lyon East (Doubleheader) 4/29 4 p.m. Canton 5/2 4 p.m. @ Plymouth 4 & 6 p.m. @ Northville 5/4 (Doubleheader) 5/6 4 p.m. Livonia Franklin 5/7 TBA Three-Way @ Birmingham Groves 5/9 4 p.m @ Livonia Churchill 5/11 4 & 6 p.m. @ Livonia Stevenson (Doubleheader) 5/13 4 p.m. Howell 10 a.m. Dexter 5/14 5/14 3 p.m. Marysville 5/16 4 p.m. Westland John Glenn 5/18 4 & 6 p.m. Plymouth Salem (Doubleheader) 5/21 11 a.m. Wyandotte Roosevelt 2 p.m. White Lake Lakeland 5/21 5/23 4 p.m. KLAA Conference Championship 4 p.m. KLAA Association 5/25 Championship 5/28 10 a.m. & 12 p.m. Lake Orion (Doubleheader) TBA @ State Finals (Bailey Park in 6/18 Battle Creek)

### Softball

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4/11 4 p.m. @ Wayne 4/13 4 & 6 p m. @ South Lyon (Doubleheader) 4/27 4 & 6 p.m. South Lyon East (Doubleheader) 4/29 4 p.m. Canton 5/2 4 p.m. @ Plymouth 5/4 4 & 6 p m. @ Northville (Doubleheader) 4 p.m. Livonia Franklin 5/6 5/7-8 **TBA Fred Pieper Tournament** (Royal Oak) 4 p.m @ Livonia Churchill 5/9 5/11 4 & 6 p.m. @ Livonia Stevenson (Doubleheader) 5/14 8:30 a.m. Belleville (Madonna Classic) 5/14 10:15 a.m. West Bloomfield (Madonna Classic) 5/14 5:15 p.m. Plymouth Salem (Madonna Classic) 5/15 **TBA Madonna Classic** 5/16 4 p.m. Westland John Glenn 5/18 4 & 6 p m. Plymouth Salem (Doubleheader) 5/23 4 p.m. KLAA Conference Championship 5/25 4 p.m. KLAA Association Championship 6/18 TBA @ State Finals (Bailey Park in Battle Creek)

5/7 8:30 a.m. @ Apple Orchard Invitational 5/10 Crossover vs. KLAA South 5/12 @ Ann Arbor Pioneer 5/14 8 a.m. KLAA Conference Tournament 5/17 8 a.m. KLAA Association Tournament 5/20 8 a.m. @ Regionals TBA @ State Finals (Midland) 6/3-4

### Boys & Girls Track & Field

3/24 4:30 p.m. @ Oakland County Indoor (Macomb CC) 4/12 3:45 p.m. @ Northville 4/16 9:30 a m. @ Oxford Invitational 10 a m. @ Balawadjer Relays 4/16 (Nilford) 4/19 3:45 p.m. South Lyon East 3.45 p.m. @ Plymouth Salem 4/26 3:30 p.m. @ Raider Relays 4/29 3,45 p.m. South Lyon 5/3 3.45 p.m. @ Livonia Stevenson 5/10 5/13 12 p.m. @ KLAA Conference Meet 12 p.m. @ Regionals 5/20 12 p m. KLAA Association Meet 5/24 12 p.m. @ Qakland County Tourney 5/27 TBA @ State Finals (Rockford) 6/4

### Boys Golf

All games at 3 p.m. unless noted 4/14 8:30 a.m. @ Farmington Hills Harrison Invitational 12 p.m. @ Mike Millwork Invite 4/17 1 p.m. @ West Bloomfield Invite 4/25 3:30 p.m. South Lyon (Walnut 4/27 Creek) 9 a.m. @ Pinckney Invite 4/30 12:30 p.m. @ Birmingham Seaholm 5/2 Invite @Northville 5/2 @ Plymouth Salem 5/4 Livonia Stevenson (Walnut Creek) 5/9 South Lyon East (Walnut Creek) 5/11 5/16 @ South Lyon 5/18 9 a m. @ Oakland County Invite 5/18 Northville (Walnut Creek) 5/23 Plymouth Salem (Walnut Creek) 5/25 @ Livonia Stevenson 9 a.m. @ KLAA Conference 5/31 Championships 6/17-18 TBA @ State Finals (Oakland University's Katke-Cousins Course)

### **Boys Lacrosse**

All games at 6:30 p.m. unless noted 5:45 p.m. @ Grand Blanc 3/25 3/28 7 p.m. @ Farmington 3/30 Walled Lake Northern 4/13 6 p.m. @ Plymouth Salem 4/18 South Lyon 4/27 Walled Lake Western 4/29 North Farmington 5/2 Plymouth 5/5 Utica Eisenhower 1 p.m. @ L'Anse Creuse North 5/7 5/9 7 p.m. @ Canton 5/12 7 p.m. @ Northville 5/16 @ KLAA Championship 6/11 2 p.m. State Finals @ Birmingham Seaholm

Championship (Milford) 5/22 10 a.m. Shamrock Freshmen Invitational 5/24 2 p.m. @CHSL Championship (Ladywood) 5/27 • 3 p.m. @Oakland County Championship (Milford) 10 a.m. @Oakland County 5/28 Freshmen Championship (Milford) 4:30 p.m. @Kermit Ambrose 5/31 Relays (Farmington) 10 a.m. @State Final 6/4 Championship (Rockford)

### Golf

4/14 3:30 p.m. DeLaSalle (Cattails) 12 noon University of Detroit 4/16 Shootout (Fox Hills) 4/17 12 noon Nilliken Millwork Invitational (Indianwood) 4/18 10 a.m. Milliken Millwork Invitational (Indianwood) 4/18 12:30 p.m. Huron Valley Invitational (Prestwick) 4/25 12 noon The Country Club Classic (Oakland Hills North) 4/28 3:30 p.m. Brother Rice (Cattails) 4/30 9 a.m. Pinckney's Golf Invitational (Rush Lake Hills) 5/2 12:15 p.m. Seaholm Invite (Orchard Lake Country Club) 5/2 3:30 p.m. TBA Notre Dame Prep 5/4 4 p.m. University of Detroit (Detroit Golf Club) 3:30 p.m. TBA Divine Child 5/5 3:30 p.m. TBA Cranbrook 5/9 5/9 3:30 p.m. Lutheran North (Cattails) 5/13 9:30 a.m. Bob Urschalitz Memorial Invite (Cascades Golf Course) 9 a.m. Detroit Golf Club 5/13 Invitational (Detroit Golf Club) 5/13 3:30 p.m. Orchard Lake St. Mary's (Cattails) **TBA Catholic League** 5/17 Championship (University of Michigan) 5/18 9 a.m. Oakland County Tournament (Pontiac Country Club) 8 a.m. Grosse Ite Invitational 5/23 (West Shore Country Club) 8:30 a.m. Forest Hills 5/23 Invitational (Egypt Valley Country Club) 8:30 a.m. Chelsea Invitational 5/25 · (Reddeman Farms) 6/2 TBA State District 6/9 8:30 a.m. State Regional (Lyon Oaks) - +1 T 6/17 **TBA State Final** 

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All games at 4 p.m. unless noted.				
3/25	Walled Lake Western			
3/28	4:30 p.m. Detroit Western			
3/30	@DeLaSalle			
4/2	11 a.m. Divine Child			
4/6	@Orchard Lake St. Mary's			

5/7 TBA @Toledo St. John's 5/10 **TBA @CHSL Semifinal** 5/14 **TBA CHSL Championship** (Notre Dame Prep) 5/31 6 p.m. State Regional Semifinal

# Northville Mustangs

### Baseball

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All games at 4 p.m. unless noted			
@Walled Lake Northern			
@Bedford			
11 a.m: @Allen Park			
@John Glenn			
Livonia Stevenson			
@Salem			
Wayne Memorial			
11 a.m. Brighton			
@Canton			
Novi			
Plymouth			
@Franklin			
South Lyon East			
10 a.m. Saline			
Livonia Churchill			
@South Lyon			
11 a.m. Lakeland			
Conference Cross-over			
Association Cross-over			

10 a.m. @Southgate Anderson

**@MHSAA Districts** 

### Softball

5/28

5/31

	All game	s at 4 p.m. unless noted.
	3/29	@Walled Lake Central
	3/31	Ann Arbor Pioneer
	4/2	II a.m. Southgate Anderson
	4/2	2 p.m. Garden City
	4/9	11 a.m. @Allen Park
	4/11	@John Glenn
	4/13	Livonia Stevenson
	4/27	@Salem
	4/29	Wayne Memorial
	4/30	TBA @ Saline
	5/2	@Canton
	5/4	Novi
	5/6	Plymouth
\$	5/9	@Franklin
,	5/11 -	@South Lyon East
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	5/16	Livonia Churchill
	5/18	@South Lyon
	5/23	Conference Cross-over
	5/25	Association Cross-over
	4/31	@MHSAA Districts

### Girls Lacrosse

All games at 7 p.m. unless noted. 3/23 QSaline

#### 4 p.m. @Farmington Hills 3/29

- Mercy (scrimmage) TBA @ Saline 3/30
- 4/12 Novi
- South Lyon 4/14
- 4/16 **TBA @Groves**
- 4/26 @South Lyon East
- **TBA @West Bloomfield** 4/30 Livonia Stevenson
- 5/3. TBA @Saline
- 5/6 5/7 9 a.m. @Adrian
- 5/7 **TBA @Livonia Stevenson**
- 5/10 @Salem
- **TBA @Conference Meet** 5/13
- 5/20 **TBA @MHSAA Regionals**
- 5/24 **TBA @Association Meet**
- 6/4 **TBA @MHSAA State Finals**

### Rove Track

Boys Track				
All meets at 3:45 p.m. unless noted.				
3/30	TBA @Saline			
4/9	10 a.m. @Ann Arbor Pioneer			
4/12	Novi .			
4/14	South Lyon			
4/16	TBA @Dearborn			
4/26	@South Lyon East			
4/30	TBA @West Bloomfield			
5/3	Livonia Stevenson			
5/6	@Harrison			
5/6	TBA @Saline			
5/7	TBA @Salem			
5/10	@Salem			
5/13	TBA @Conference Meet			
5/20	TBA @MHSAA Regionals			
5/24	TBA @Association Meet			
6/4	TBA @MHSAA State Finals			
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4/16	TBA@University of Detroit			
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	9:30 a.m. @East Lansing			
-	@Salem			
4/27	South Lyon East			
5/2	TBA @Seaholm			
5/3	Novi			
	@Livonia Stevenson			
5/5	9 a.m. @Novi			
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-	South Lyon Salem			
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	9 a.m. @Bedford @South Lyon East			
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5/25 ·	@South Lyon			
5/25 5/31	TBA @Kensington Conference			
6/2	TBA @MHSAA Districts			
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- TBA @MHSAA Regionals 6/9
- 6/17,18 TBA @MHSAA State Finals

### Girls Soccer

All games at 7 p.m. unless noted. 3/19 3:15 p.m. @Walled Lake Northern

### Girls Soccer

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- 3/28 Canton
- 4/12 Northville
- 4/14 @ Plymouth Salem
- 4/26 @ Livonia Stevenson 4/28
- @ South Lyon 5/3 @ South Lyon East
- 5/5 @ Northville
- 5/7 1 p.m. Saline
- 5/10 Plymouth Salem
- 5/12 Livonia Stevenson
- 5/17 South Lyon
- 5/19 South Lyon East
- 5/23
- 5/25
- 6/18 TBA @ State Finals

### **Girls Tennis**

### All meets at 4 p.m. unless noted

- 3/26 9 a.m. @ Okemos Tournament 3/29 @ Rochester 4/12 Plymouth Salem
- 4/14 Livonia Stevenson
- 4/16 9 a.m. @ Saline Tournament
- 4/20 @ West Bloomfield
- 4/21 South Lyon East
- 4/27 4:30 p.m. @ Clarkston
- 4/29 Northville
- Crossover @ KLAA North 5/3
- 5/5 **Crossover vs. KLAA West**

Catholic
Central

# Shamrocks

### Track

- 3/26 11 a.m. @54th Kermit N. Ambrose Huron Relays (EMU) 3/30 5 p.m. @Ypsilanti Indoor Invitational (EMU) 12 noon @Dakota 9th/10th Grade 4/8 Invite 4/9 10 a.m. @AA Pioneer Indoor Invitational (EMU) 4/11 4 p.m. Brother Rice 4/16 11 a m. @Dearborn Elks Relays 4/18 4 p.m. @U of D Jesuit 9 a m. Intersquad 12 & 10 vs. 11 & 9 4/23 4/29 3 p.m. @Jackson Invitational 4 p.m. @Divine Child 5/3 4 p.m. @Harrison Hawk's 9th/10th 5/6 Grade Relays 3 p.m. @Observerland Relays 5/7 5/9 5 p.m. @DeLaSalle 5/14 10 a.m. @AA Huron Last Chance Invitational
- 5/16 4 p.m. Orchard Lake St. Mary's
- 5/20 2 p.m. @State Regional

4/7	4:30 p.m. @Livonia Stevenson
4/9	2 p.m. University of Detroit
4/13	@Brother Rice
,4/14	4:30 p.m. Fenton
4/15	4:30 p.m. Edsel Ford
4/16	11 a.m. DeLaSalle
4/19	@Divine Child
4/25	@University Liggett
4/27	@Bishop Foley
4/30	11 a.m. Orchard Lake St. Mary's
5/4	@University of Detroit
5/5	@Walled Lake Central
5/7	11 a.m. Brother Rice
5/10	CHSL Quarterfinals
5/14	CHSL Semifinals (Madonna
Universi	ty)
5/19	CHSL Final (Comerica Park)
5/31	State District
6/11	State Regional
6/14	State Quarterfinal
6/17	State Semifinal (Battle Creek)
6/18	State Final (Battle Creek)
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All mate	hes at 7 p.m. unless noted.
3/24	Holt
3/26	4 p.m. @East Grand Rapids
3/28	@Troy Athens
3/31	Northville
4/2	2 p.m. @Western Reserve
Academ	y (Ôhio)
4/9	5 p.m. @ Culver Military
Academ	y (Indiana)
4/10	3 p.m. St. Joseph's High
	University of Notre Dame -
	Stadium)
4/12	@Orchard Lake St. Mary's
4/16	1 p.m. @Brighton
4/19	DeLaSalle
4/26	University of Detroit
4/30	6 p.m. Forest Hills Central

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  - 6 p.m. @Brother Rice

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3/28	5:30 p.m. Brighton
3/30	8 p.m. @ Plymouth
3/31	5:30 p.m. Troy Athens
4/6	6:15 p.m. Plymouth
4/13	6;15 p.m. Salem
4/14	6:15 p.m. Lakeland
4/26	@Harrison
4/27	8 p.m. @Canton
4/30	TBA @Rockford
5/2	6:15 p.m. South Lyon
5/3	@Salem
5/7	9 a.m. @Ladywood
5/9	6:15 p.m. Hartland
5/11	@South Lyon
5/13	6:15 p.m. Dexter

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@Association Cross-over

5/18

Boys Lacrosse					
All game	es at 7 p.m. unless noted				
3/23	@Ann Arbor Huron				
3/26	1 p.m. Rockford				
3/28	@Lakeland				
3/30	Hartland				
3/31	@Catholic Central				
4/12	@Howell				
4/13	@Canton				
4/27	Salem				
4/29	@South Lyon East				
5/4	Walled Lake Western				
5/6	6 p.m. @Holt				
5/7	1 p.m. @Forest Hills Central				
5/9	@Plymouth				
5/12	Novi				
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5/16	Association Cross-over				
5/18	Rochester				
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### **Girls Track**

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All meets at 3:45 p.m. unless noted.

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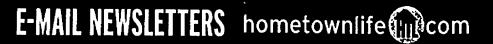
### **Girls Tennis**

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All games at 4 p.m. unless noted.				
3/26	TBA @Canton			
3/28	Brighton (scrimmage)-			
4/5	Salem			
4/7	@Livonia Stevenson			
4/9	TBA @Grosse Pointe South			
4/12	South Lyon			
4/13	@Ann Arbor Huron			
4/14	@South Lyon East			
4/29	@Novi			
4/30	8 a.m. @Ann Arbor Pioneer			
5/3	@Association Cross-over (North)			
5/5	Association Cross-over (West)			
5/7	TBA @Okemos			
5/9	Greenhills			
5/10	Association Cross-over (South)			
5/12	@Marian (scrimmage)			
5/14	TBA @Conference Tournament			
5/17	@Association Cross-over			
5/18	@North Farmington (scrimmage)			
5/20	TBA @MHSAA Regionals			

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# When vacationing, plan to reduce break-in chances

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REAL ESTATE

**BY JULIE BROWN O&E STAFF WRITER** 

Thursday, March 24, 2011

Sgt. Mark Gajeski of the Canton Police Department says most vacationers in his community are pretty good about planning ahead to make a break-in less likely while they're away.

Sometimes, children of vacationers let word slip parents are out of town and there's a break-in, he said. "It's not just a random stranger that happened upon their house."

Common-sense advice can go a long way to making it less likely you'll be a break-in victim as you head out on vacation. Putting lights on timers, available at hardware stores, is a good place to start.

"That's a good one, timers on the lights," Gajeski said. "And vary them." You don't want lights in different rooms all going on and off at the same time.

"Make sure all your doors and win-dows are locked," he said. You'll need to have mail held and newspaper delivery stopped, or have mail/papers picked up regularly by a trustworthy neighbor.

"If you're leaving this time of year, make arrangements to have your snow removed," Gajeski said. Some residents like to leave a radio or TV on to make the home appear occupied.

"Make sure that someone knows you're gone and has an emergency contact in case something happens to your residence," Gajeski said. You'll want to choose someone trustworthy and be sure he or she can get in touch with you.

Some more generic home safety advice, like not having shrubs obscur- ' ing windows, applies as well: "That's more regular day-to-day as opposed to going on vacation, but yeah," the police sergeant said.

If traveling for a long time, he recommends you consider using a safety deposit box at a bank for valuables. At the least, don't leave them in an obvious spot like a jewelry box in a master bedroom

The Michigan State Police website before leaving:

 Make your home appear occupied when you go out.



·Leave lights on and the radio playing. •Keep your garage door closed and

locked. •Use timing devices to turn inside

lights on and off. ·If you will be gone several days,

arrange to have the mail and papers

stopped or picked up. Half of all home burglaries occur during the day when alert neighbors could spot and report

Outside your home, whether you're there or on vacation, state police urge you:

•Trim back shrubbery hiding doors

### Florida condo standards not bad

Q: I have heard about a recent article that was written about how much better or worse than Florida is community association living elsewhere in the country and/or abroad. Do you have any comments about that?

A: While I have not been everywhere in the United States and/or abroad, I have visited



a number of countries in Europe and generally inquire about the community association status in each country,

**Robert Meisner** 

particularly condominiums or similar, type developments. I have also had an opportunity to visit community associations in many states in the United States and talk to community association lawyers from many States.

What is particularly interesting is that the same problems that occur in Michigan occur in Florida, California, Texas, Illinois, etc., in that people are basically the same as it relates to community association governance. While it is true that there are more "senior citizens" in Florida that have more time to stand around and watch the contractors and managers do or not do their thing, generally speaking, the issues concerning condominium governance result in the same types of decision making processes on the part of the Board with the same types of problems. In short. I do not think things are much different in Florida than any place else in the country, or for that matter, the world. Q: The president of our n asso happens to be a doctor, is unwilling to pay any of his contractors a fair wage and got into a fight with his attorney over a legal bill even though the association recouped all of the legal costs from a delinguent co-owner. How do we deal with this director who doesn't seem to want to pay any service vendor, but expects good service? A: Have the director read materials available on community association governance, as well as remind that director of his or her legal and fiduciary responsibilities to operate in the best interests of the Association, which includes having to spend money on vendors which are necessary to assist the association. It has always been a puzzle to me, in nearly 40 years of practicing community association law, that too many directors think their job is to spend as little money at whatever cost as opposed to improving the operation and organization of the board, and, consequently, the association and at the same time, avoiding potential personal liability for them as directors. This doctor probably doesn't perform house calls either.

the thieves.

or windows. Cut back tree limbs that could help a thief climb to second story windows.

 Make sure all porches, entrances, and yards are well lighted.

•Maintain the neighborhood. Dark alleys, litter, and rundown areas attract criminals.

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 6-10, 2010, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales

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 Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a three-hour Continuing Competency course, required for license renewal for both Builders and Maintenance and Alterations Contractors licenses, on Tuesday, April 12, from 9 a.m. to noon at Association Offices, 2075 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield. For those with licenses issued prior to Jan. 1, 2009, three hours of continuing competency are required each cycle. The instructor, Don Pratt, CGB, CGR, CGP, CAPS, of CECS of Michigan, LLC, will present one hour for each of the required subjects: legal issues, codes, and safety issues. Registration fees

#### are \$55 for members or guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org/events. php.

• Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a seminar for leasing professionals called Leasing 101: The 2011 Tour on Friday, April 15, from 9 a.m. to noon at Association Offices, 2075 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Kathleen Mabie of Ann Arbor-based Success On Site will provide guidelines to increase occupancy immediately. Topics to be presented include Competitive Analysis, Closing from Start to Finish, Secure Contacts when they call, hit websites, or send e-mail, Meet and Greet Interface, Follow-up and more. The

entire leasing process will be covered. Registration fees are \$69 for PMC mem-

bers, \$79 for AAM or Building Industry Association members and \$99 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at: www.builders.org/events.php.

 Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) NAHBR Professional Remodelers Council will hold a three-part seminar series called "Your Master Planned Business" on April 19, June 15 and Oct. 19. The seminars will be presented by Dawn Drozd, business coach and CEO of ClearVision Business Coaching. Part One, to be presented on April 19 is "Measure Twice, Cut Once." Part Two is "Your Master Blueprint" and will

be held on June 15. Part Three is "Project Review" and will be held on Oct. 19.

The April 19 program will begin at 12:30 p.m. with lunch followed by the seminar from 1-2:30 p.m. It will be held at the Ford Conference & Event Center at 1151 Village Road in Dearborn in conjunction with the Pella Pro Expo being held later that day. The June 15 and Oct. 19 programs will each run from noon to 2 p.m., including hunch, at Association Offices, 2075 Walnut Lake Road in West Bloomfield.

Registration fees for members or guests are \$40 per person for each seminar or \$80 per person, if you register for all three seminars. For further information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at: www. builders.org/eventsphp.

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What separates the smart job seeker from others looking for employment? Oftentimes, it is one of these 10 things:

1. They realize a potential job lead could be anywhere. Smart job seekers aren't afraid to mention occupational aspirations to their book club, their parents' friends or their dentist. (One never knows whose golf partner might be the ticket to getting a foot in the door.) Caroline Ceniza-Levine, a partner at SixFigureStart -- a career coaching firm in New York City comprised of former Fortune 500 recruiters -- recommends putting your LinkedIn public profile hyperlink in your automatic e-mail signature. "This is an elegant way to attach your résumé to every correspondence you send. Even friends who think they know you may click through to your profile, learn more about you and perhaps think of you for a job or lead that they might have overlooked."

2. They surf job boards for more than just open positions. Ceniza-Levine calls job boards "goldmines" for research. "You might see companies you didn't know before -- add these to your list of targets. You might see the same requirements again and again -- this indicates a standard for the job you want, so incorporate these items into your pitch and cover letters."

3. They put adequate time and effort into their applications. "Spend time to make your résumé the best possible written advertisement of you," says Lisa Quast, author of "Your Career, Your Way!" and founder of Career Woman Inc., a Seattle-based career development

consulting company. "Analyze the job requirements against your own skills and abilities, and customize your cover letter." Obviously, all correspondence should be free of errors and typos.

And before sending off the application packet, look at the job posting one last time to ensure all desired material is included.

4. They do their homework. It seems logical to smart applicants to know something about potential employers. From Googling a company to checking out its financial statements, they learn what they can -- and use the info to enhance their correspondence.

### 5. They know employers do their homework, too.

"According to [a 2010] Coremetrics [study], 75 percent of companies require recruiters to research job applicants online, so you'll want to

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be sure you know what they'll find," states Sherrie Madia, coauthor of "The Online Job Search Survival Guide." Besides thinking twice about what you choose to post, she suggests doing a Google search on your name. If you find something undesirable, try to have it removed.

O Things Smart Job Seekers Do

6. They make their value known quickly.

"An employer gives each résumé about a threesecond window of time before he decides to either 'delete' or read further," says Patrice Rice, author of "How to Interview" and president of the recruiting firm Patrice & Associates in Dunkirk, Md. A smart applicant answers the "What can you do for me?"

question right off the bat with a summary of strongest accomplishments at the résumé's top.

### 7. They look and act like a professional. Simple but effective: A smart

applicant arrives on time, dresses appropriately, both talks *and* listens, displays confidence and minds his manners.

### 8. They show that they want *this* job.

Smart job seekers are not "tire kickers." They focus on the needs of the employer and demonstrate how they are perfect for this particular position. "Show enthusiasm during the job

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interview," says Rice. "Always make certain that the company you're interviewing with feels as if it is your first choice, no matter what other companies are involved in your job search."

### 9. They don't get ahead of themselves.

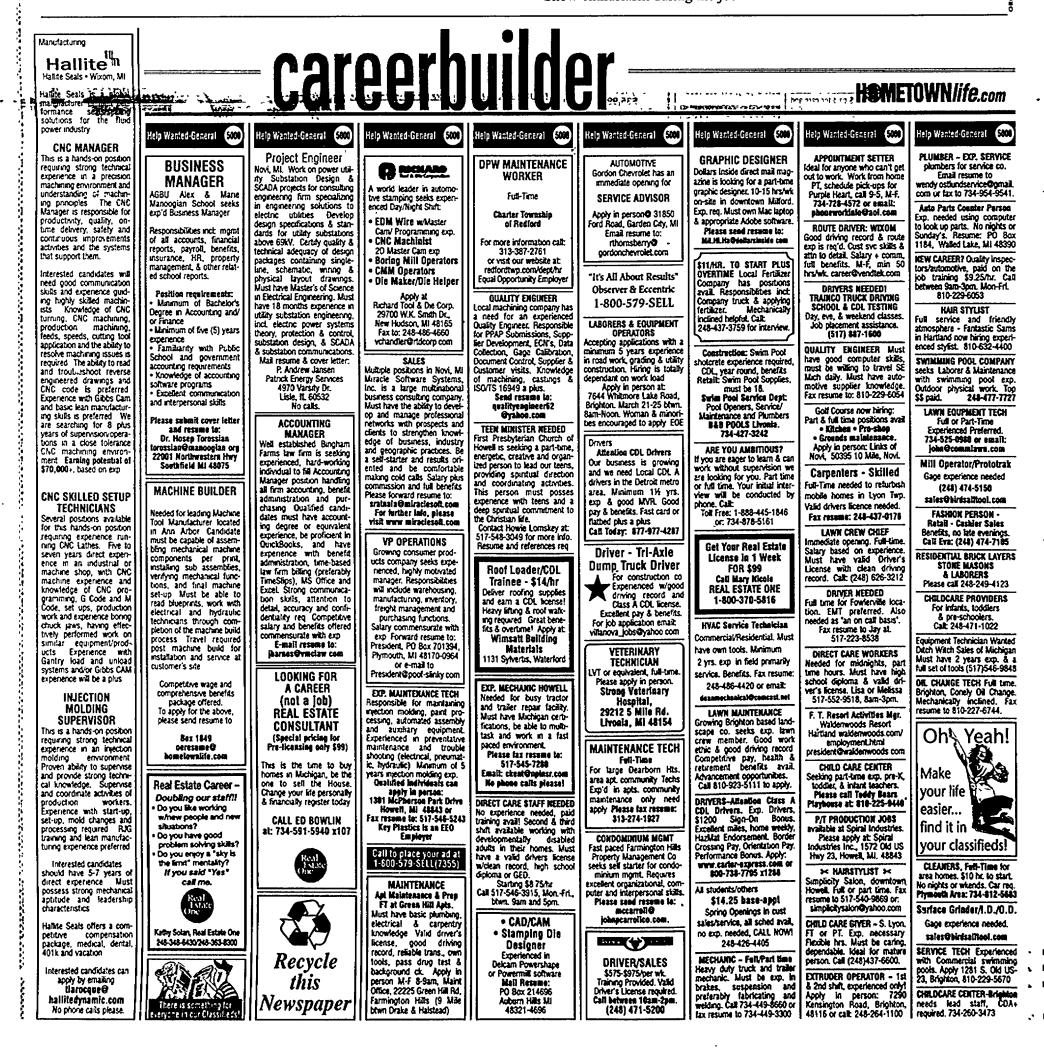
As much as she may be dying to know about promotions, raises and vacation time, a smart candidate doesn't jump the gun and tackle these issues during the first interview. She focuses on landing the position, then on whether the package is suitable.

### 10. They ask for the position, follow up and thank.

"As strange as it sounds, you need to ask for the job," says Catherine Jewell, author of "New Résumé New Career: Get the Job You Want with the Skills and Experience You Already Have." "At the end of the interview, sum up your strengths, tell the interviewer that you are excited about the position and say, 'I would really like to contribute to this company. I am hoping you select me.""

Then, a smart interviewee keeps his name in the game with a follow-up note reiterating interest and offering thanks -- knowing that a great last impression can seal the deal!

Beth Braccio Hering researches and writes about job search strategy, career management, hiring trends and workplace issues for CareerBuilder.com. Follow @CareerBuilder on Twitter.



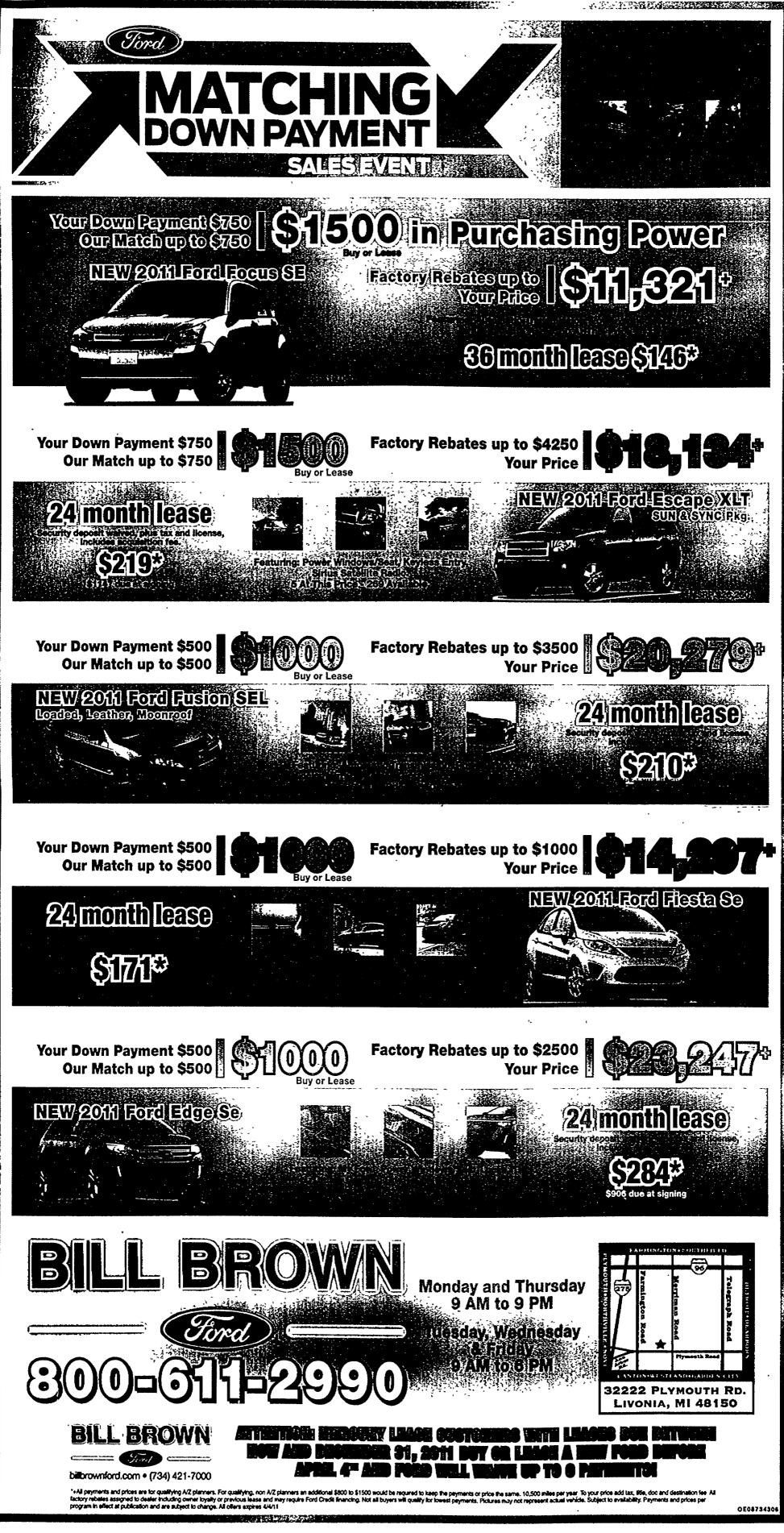
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