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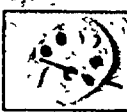
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Every fall, the PTA sponsors the Reflections program, an art contest that begins at the school level. Entries are judged by local professionals in each category (photo-



tography, visual arts, literature, dance, film and music composition)

and the winners from every public school in Northville are moved on to the state level competition. In the spring, the top finishers at the state competition are sent on to the national competition in Washington, D.C.

Northville Public Schools sent over 200 students to the state competition this year and had a record-breaking 27 winners, the highest number in the state.

Come see what all the excitement's about as over 200 entries will be represented at the Art House from 1-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Contact the Art House at (248) 344-0497.

Blood drives

The following blood drives will take place in the Nov/ Northville area:

Sunday, May 1: Our Lady of Victory, Northville, 8 a.m.-1:45 p.m.

Monday, May 2: Winchester Elementary, Northville, 2:15-8 p.m.

Friday, May 6: Walsh College, Novi, 9 a.m.-2:45 p.m.

Tuesday, May 10: Novi Meadows Elementary, Novi, 3:30-9:15 p.m.

Tuesday, May 10: Walton Woods, Novi, 1-4:45 p.m.

Wednesday, May 11: Ridgewood Elementary, Northville, 2:30-8:15 p.m.

Sunday, May 15: First United Methodist Church, Northville, 7 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

Sunday, May 15: St. James Church, Novi, 8 a.m.-1:45 p.m.

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Northville's Allen Terrace Meals-on-Wheels volunteer driver Bill Oliver hangs a colorful collage he created of the program's workers inside the town's senior residence on April 21.

RESOLUTION APPROVED

Scott prison property for sale

Township wants it developed by private interests

BY LONNIE HUHMAN
CORRESPONDENT

The future use for the vacant Scott Correctional Facility property in Northville Township is undetermined at present, but township officials know exactly what they would like to see it become.

At their April 21 meeting, the Northville Township Board of Trustees approved a resolution urging Gov. Rick Snyder to sell the Scott property to private interests so it can live up to its valuable potential. They believe it can be developed with a creative and useful economic activity, which could benefit the region and state.

The 35-acre site is located at the northwest corner of Five Mile and Beck roads and had been a woman's prison, but closed over a year ago. The State of Michigan is still the property owner, and through

the Department of Technology, Management and Budget it has designated it as surplus. That means it's for sale.

"Basically, we are looking to get rid of it," said Kurt Weiss, public information officer for the management and budget department. "We want to sell it to the best proposal. Legislation is required, so working with state Legislature representatives will be necessary."

Prior to the resolution reading, Township Manager Chip Snider said an idea had been floated that would see the site turned into a "tri-county regional lock-up and dispatch." Supervisor Mark Abbo voiced his displeasure with this by saying the idea is offensive, and being left in the dark is even more offensive. Abbo thinks the township has served their time as a home for prisoners.

"We have been an institutional dumping ground for 50 years,"

he said of the township's past as home to such locations as a Detroit House of Corrections facility.

One name mentioned during the resolution talk was state Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-6th District.

Anderson said the idea had been extended to him by a local police department, but nothing more.

"There has been no formal proposal," he said. "Absolutely no discussions, so it doesn't really have any legs."

State Rep. Kurt Heise, R-20th District, reassured township officials he would express these desires in Lansing and advocate on their behalf.

Meanwhile, Weiss said the state is hoping for some good proposals from both private and public entities.

"Our intention is to hand it off to someone who has better plans," he said.

School millage up to voters on May 3

Funds could only be used
for capital improvements

BY LONNIE HUHMAN
CORRESPONDENT

On May 3, Northville Public Schools officials are hoping the community mandate will be a yes vote — an agreement that passing a new millage is the best way an aging school district can be fixed.

Northville Schools Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski said he remains very optimistic about the capital improvement millage proposal. This is the first proposal of its kind for the district ... ever.

He said it's needed, and added the voters should feel reassured the schools are emphasizing their

important role in seeing the current buildings and facilities updated and maintained.

"It is a question of asking for this now because we have much needed repairs yet lack funding to do them, or risk having to reduce or eliminate something just so we can pay to

build a new roof in the near future," Rezmierski said. "We fully understand we are the stewards of the funds provided to us, so we have prioritized projects and are open to community input."

This coming Tuesday, voters will go to the polls to voice their say on the proposed one-mill increase, which would give Northville schools up to \$2.4 million a year for the next five years. Called a sinking fund, it is better known as a capital improvement fund because it can only be used for building/facility improvement.

A home with a \$300,000 market value and \$150,000 taxable value would see maximum annual tax increase of \$150 if the millage is passed.

If district voters say no then projects like the re-roofing of Meads Mill Middle School and parking lot resurfacing at Silver Springs Elementary will be postponed due to the financial constraints many schools are experiencing.

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Future of Seven Mile property forming

New committee generating ideas

BY LONNIE HUHMAN
CORRESPONDENT

A Green Ribbon Committee has been formed with the goal of getting the Northville Township community more involved in the master plan-

ning and future development of the former Northville State Regional Psychiatric Hospital property on Seven Mile Road.

According to Jennifer Frey, the township's director of Community Development, the committee is made up of

a cross-section of 30 residents with the charge of generating design/planning ideas.

"This master plan effort will include a comprehensive public involvement and conceptualization phase, which will include significant community input and participa-

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"Understanding the community's desires is important. We want to help build bridges between neighborhood groups and others through an interactive process."

MARK PASCOE, Stantec senior project manager



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Novi center helps former Northville resident cope with autism

BY LONNIE HUHMAN
CORRESPONDENT

Just watching Callahan McFarland ride a bike through the hall, riding a jet ski on the lake or working with his early intervention specialist is a testament to how far he has come, his mother says.

Nearly five years ago, former Northville resident Val McFarland learned her son was diagnosed as autistic. Since then she has set about helping others through fostering awareness and fundraising.

"We are so fortunate to have a place like this down the road," she said of the Autism Center, which is located at Novi's Children's Hospital of Michigan (DMC). "Everyone here has really helped Callahan grow, and in turn, it has helped him live a happier life."

It has also taught her a lot

about the need to find funding for those children and families so they can go to a place like the autism center. So she established Celebrities Against Autism, which is a volunteer organization working to assist in providing support to families. Many local athletes are involved with its projects.

According to McFarland, Michigan is one of many states where insurance does not cover autism. So many families can spend over \$50,000 a year to get their child the right kind of help. And it's needed for a child and the family. Each autistic child has different needs so therapy should be individualized.

The center uses Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) to help lead the child forward in a manner befitting of his or her own situation, said GERALYN DEBOARD, the center's administrative director.

Autism has a broad spectrum of intensities and traits, so the center uses one-on-one treatment to better identify ways to teach.

"The ABA helps to establish the building blocks that will assist in their growth and learning. It opens a window into the thinking of the child, and this helps us move them forward in areas of need."

At the center, Callahan spends his day going through a variety of lessons that emphasize social learning and reinforcement. Each time he completes a task properly he is rewarded with a positive word or with something fun, like a bike ride through the hallway.

His first early intervention specialist was Heather Burns, and she said Cal has done phenomenal at the center.

"His facial expression alone tells the story of his progression. He is smiling all of the time," Burns said.



Heather Burns, an early intervention specialist, works with Callahan McFarland at the Autism Center in Novi.

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done if passed.
Rezmierski said two important technological upgrades

would be done to the school's network infrastructure and wireless infrastructure for K-12.

"These technological pieces are a major goal for us. They are important to overall student achievement," he emphasized.

The schools could have asked for a three-mill increase over 10 years, but because of the current times Rezmierski said it is better to go slow. Sinking fund regulations state the schools can only ask for the \$2.4 million amount each of the five years. This is why, if approved, they have planned a schedule of projects in order of importance.

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Brick's looks to bolster downtown Northville's nights

Opening set for mid-July

BY LONNIE HUMMAN
CORRESPONDENT

A touch of new night life will be coming to downtown this summer and it will be called Brick's of Northville.

Co-owner Rick Buttery said the hope behind Brick's is to bring a new option to downtown for Northville residents.

"Northville has some great places to eat, but many times if you want to enjoy some night life fun you have to go to Plymouth or Novi," he said. "We want to give locals an option that is just down the street."

Brick's expects to have dueling pianos performing on Thursdays and Fridays, disc jockeys on Saturdays, and finally, an oldies night on Sundays. This oldies night will again be highlighted with a piano player. John Sheriff, a Brick's co-

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To keep updated on the progress, go to www.bricksofnorthville.com.

partner, said this will be something new for downtown and can only add to its already attractive atmosphere.

It's not just a night life location though. Brick's will boast a menu with home-made salads and soups, and such traditional bar foods as burgers and pizza. It will also have at least 10 dishes featuring Mexican food.

And another specialty will be their gyros. Buttery says with the on-site rotisserie, the gyros will have the taste of Greektown.

Brick's is planned opening is set for mid-July. It is located in the former Nomi



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Brick's of Northville will be occupying the Main Street-facing location of Northville Square – the former home of Nomi.

bar and restaurant location, inside of Northville Square on Main Street.

One other aspect to it will be the dozen or so wide-screen television sets that

will dot the inside of the restaurant/bar area. They will also have a larger drop down screen for use during special sporting events. Buttery said these things are important

because they want to attract the sport fan as well.

They are now in the early phases of re-working the interior. A 30-seat bar will be the center point inside.

While outside, they boast a patio seating area that can fit 50 seats. Brick's will place an awning over this area, so patrons can enjoy outdoor eating despite the weather.

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Downtown streetscape project is in full swing

BY LONNIE HUHMAN
CORRESPONDENT

It is definitely apparent to anyone driving or walking along Main Street in downtown Northville that the 2011 streetscape enhancement project has begun.

On April 18, work began on the north side of Main between Center and Hutton Streets. The street will only be open to eastbound traffic during this time. The on-site inspector Mike Smith, from AEW, said this type of work and closure could last up to a month, and after that the south side will be started.

According to Smith, the first thing to be done is the removal of the curb and sidewalk. This will be done so a storm sewer, electrical conduit and irrigation system can be constructed.

Once completed, the replacement of the sidewalks will begin.

Downtown Development Director Lori Ward said it was anticipated this removal work would end the week of April 22. She said temporary pedestrian access will be provided for businesses from Center to Hutton. Adding that, there will be minimal impact to walking traffic through these areas.

Ward wants to reassure the businesses and residents by keeping them updated and informed.

"Throughout the project, the contractor and Department of Public Works will make every effort to keep the area clean and traffic moving smoothly," she said.

For up-to-the-moment information and problem resolution, Ward said Smith is the best resource at (586) 709-8463.



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A spring break mission

Senior uses time off to help struggling in Detroit

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Novi High School senior Derek Kim had a spring break he will never forget.

And, no, he didn't spend it on the beach with friends, but with strangers in homeless shelters and on the streets of Detroit.

It was an easy decision for Kim to forgo his senior year spring break to help others because he also did that his junior year in Jamaica.

"I couldn't sit on a resort when there are people out there who need me," he said. "It gives me a sense of satisfaction I cannot even describe."

The easy decision for the senior class president and homecoming king would have been to join his friends for one last high school hurrah, but Kim and some of his classmates at Novi High School wanted to be different.

He said the trip to Jamaica changed his life, and he saw Detroit as a place that needed him.

Kim's focus for his week-long mission trip into Detroit was to feed into the EACH (Everyone A Chance to Hear) initiative. EACH is bringing together more than 400 churches to pray for and help people in southeast Michigan, and the big event was a Prayer Walk on April 16.

"(Detroit) is one of the most downtrodden places ever but I love it," Kim said. "There is so much potential."

While in Detroit, Kim spent time at the Detroit Rescue Mission feeding the needy, walked the city doing street evangelism and worked with City Mission to pass out food.

He said the most rewarding time was actually sitting down with the people he met and getting to know them.

"I go there hoping to change



Northville sophomore Shelby Gregory, Novi junior Ben Landry and Novi seniors Derek Kim and Mike Michniak stand on a street in Detroit during their spring break. The group joined several others helping the less fortunate in the city.

"I go there hoping to change people and I always am the one who comes back changed. Some of those people in Detroit are the most humble people I have ever met. I've learned a lot from them."

DEREK KIM, Novi High School senior

people and I always am the one who comes back changed," he said. "Some of those people in Detroit are the most humble people I have ever met. I've learned a lot from them."

One thing he learned during

the trip was how easy it is to help, and he wants to inspire others to give of their time and talents as well.

"We are so blessed where we live," he said. "And living in this area we feel we are the majority, but I hope people realize we aren't."

He also said you don't have to be famous or rich to be a role model or change the world.

"The opportunity is right in front of us and we should be taking advantage of it," he said. "It's about doing your part."

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Novi High School senior Derek Kim (right) and Shelby Gregory prepare food packages for the homeless with the non-profit organization City Mission.

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BY LOKNIE NUHMAN
CORRESPONDENT

During a work-break euchre game Northville resident Patrick O'Donnell got to thinking after his co-worker jokingly berated another for forgetting the trump.

She went over to a machine and made a crude version of a cube marked with symbols so whatever side was up then that was trump. He immediately saw the value in this and set about making his own euchre cube with some extra features.

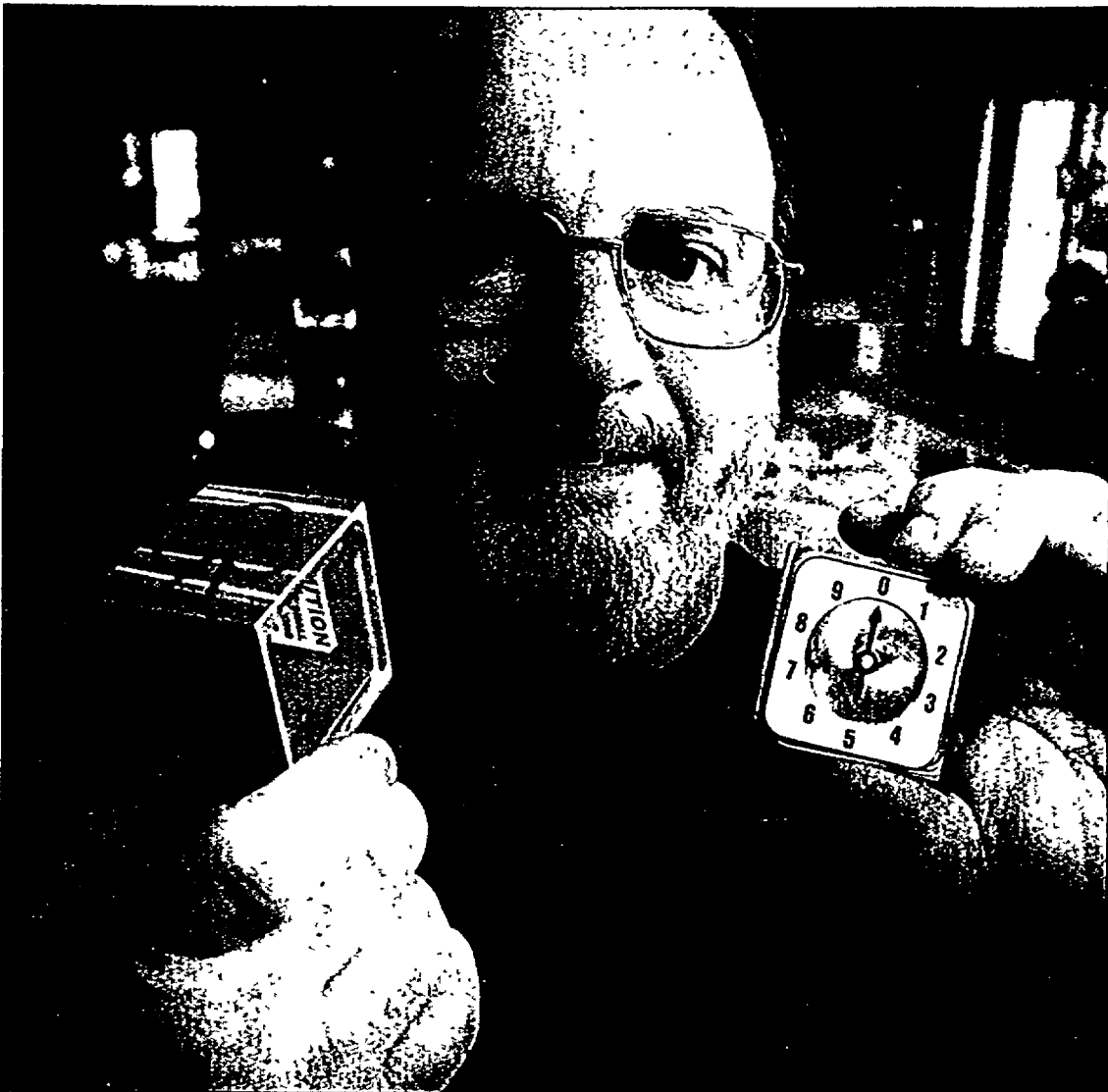
"What's trump? Who's Deal? What's the score? If you've played the game, you've heard these questions asked," O'Donnell said. "It's a fast moving game, so I figured I would create something to make these things less forget-

table."

O'Donnell is a long-time millwright welder in the automotive industry. In his basement workshop, he had set up and programmed an older Computer Numerical Control (CNC) milling machine. Over the course of time he began making more of these aluminum cubes while making refinements.

He calls it The New Euchre Cube. It has two attached "elbow-proof" scorekeepers and a center section called the Trump Tracker, which is placed in front of the current dealer and the chosen trump is shown on the top side.

The scorekeepers section of the cube features a recessed area for the pointer to prevent any errant elbows from accidentally changing the score. It measures approximately



Northville Township resident Patrick O'Donnell has used his love of a card game and ability to program a CNC machine to create a euchre score/trump identifier device — the New Euchre Cube. O'Donnell is a millwright and welder with the UAW.

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two inches square. He says it's held together with small but powerful rare-earth magnets. It also comes with a drawstring bag that is large enough for the cube and a deck of cards.

With the help of a patent attorney and courses at Schoolcraft College, O'Donnell successfully had it approved through the patent process. It is now also known as United States Patent #

7,896,346.

At this point it's a weekend hobby, but he is definitely interested in looking to work with a larger partner.

"It's possible that it could be mass produced; just need to

find the right person to do it."

If you are interested in purchasing a euchre cube, go to his web site at www.isleofeuchre.com and check it out. It could make the next game less argumentative.

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Northville school honor recipients (l to r) John Michniak, Kathy Cialkowski, Kathy Thompson, Paul Polanski, Alissa Lowman, Marianne Barry and Mary Ann Neault.

Schools honor staff, employees

Northville Public Schools following staff members were honored by the Board of Education at its April 12 meeting as the district's 2010-11 Outstanding Educators and Employees.

The honorees are:

- Elementary Teacher of the Year — Kathy Thompson, Thornton Creek Elementary School learning consultant, with the district for 16 years.

- Middle School Teacher of the Year — Alissa Lowman, Hillside Middle School seventh grade English Language Arts teacher, with the district for nine years.

- High School Teacher of the Year — Paul Polanski, Northville High School science teacher, with the district for five years.

- New Teacher of the Year — Kathy Cialkowski, Cooke School special education teacher, with the district for two years.

- Ancillary Professional of the Year — Marianne Barry, Silver Springs Elementary School speech and language pathologist, with the district for 17 years.

- Student Support Employee of the Year — Mary Ann Neault, Old Village School para educator, with the district for 16 years.

- Service Support Employee of the Year — John Michniak, delivery driver for Food Service, with the district for 10 years.

The Northville Educational Foundation is sponsoring the district's Teacher and Employee of the Year awards this year, after the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency discontinued its recognition program due to budget constraints.

"We are excited to recognize these incredible teachers and staff members," said Northville Superintendent Dr. Leonard R. Rezmierski. "They exemplify the amazing team of teachers and support staff who every day touch the lives of the more than 7,000 students in our schools."

"Our thanks also to the Northville Educational Foundation for sponsoring these awards, which allow us to recognize the outstanding individuals who help make our students and our district so successful."

In nominating Kathy Thompson for Elementary Teacher of the Year, Thornton Creek Principal Sharon Irvine said, "Kathy brings a remarkable depth to her position as a learning consultant. Her years of experience in the general education classroom as a third and fifth grade teacher, combined with her years as special education teacher

for elementary and middle school, leave her with a vast array of tools to use to meet the needs of all students. ... No matter what the student brings to the table, Kathy manages to find the critical information that will take him or her to the next level of understanding. Students who have the opportunity to work with Kathy are invariably transformed as individuals who believe in themselves and their potential."

Hillside Principal Jim Cracraft said in nominating Alissa Lowman for Middle School Teacher of the Year, "Mrs. Lowman demonstrates her understanding of the individual needs of students through her creative lesson planning and implementation of the readers-writers workshop in her classroom. Instruction and assessment are differentiated on a routine basis to meet the needs of the emerging adolescent learner. Hands-on projects and individualized reading assignments allow students to be assessed in a fair and child-centered manner. Mrs. Lowman goes out of her way to encourage students to do their best and is often observed working with students and small groups at lunch and before and after school."

In nominating Paul Polanski for High School Teacher of the Year, Northville High School Principal Rob Watson said, "Paul's greatest gift in my eyes is his ability to reach all students, no matter their ability level. His innovative strategies as well as his 'can-do' attitude make him the perfect teacher. Semester after semester I receive comments from parents and students about how much Paul cares, and also how hard he works to help students." Watson also cited a recent letter Polanski received from a former student that reads in part, "You turned my life around, Mr. Polanski, and there is nothing I can say which could encompass the amount of gratitude and appreciation I have for that. I have made loads of friends (at college) and always put 100 percent into everything I do. I am truly happy in my life, and that would not have been possible if I did not have you for a teacher."

According to Cooke School Supervisor Mary Meldrum, New Teacher of the Year Kathy Cialkowski's greatest talent is her ability to take curriculum and adapt it to the level of her students with severe multiple impairments. "I have seen her take concepts of English language arts, math and science and create amazing lessons that

are precisely at the level of her students," Meldrum said. "Kathy truly believes that her students have the ability to learn deeper concepts than what others may expect. It is always exciting to see what she is teaching and how she is teaching it."

Silver Springs Principal Scott Snyder values Ancillary Employee of the Year Marianne Barry's positive attitude and enthusiasm for her work. "In addition to serving as the school's speech and language pathologist, Marianne has pioneered the intervention program at Silver Springs and throughout the district," Snyder said. "She has taken it upon herself to research this topic and stay updated in an ever-growing and changing field. Extremely knowledgeable about her area of expertise and how it relates to a child's day, she consistently goes above and beyond to understand and address how language impacts a student's learning."

Old Village Para Educator Mary Ann Neault's relationship with her students is nothing short of amazing, according to special education teacher Katharine McEvoy, who nominated Neault as the Student Support Employee of the Year. "Mary Ann never restricts herself to just her assigned class," McEvoy said. "Throughout the day there is a steady stream of admirers coming to ask her favors or redeeming bonus time earned in their classrooms. She looks to the children to see what interests them and devises her math, reading and science lessons accordingly. Her humor and playfulness draw the students to her while allowing her to be strict and structured during lessons. Whether making puppets and games to entertain the younger classes or creating valentines for seniors, Mary Ann emphasizes with her students that they have talents and gifts to share."

In nominating John Michniak as Service Support Employee of the Year, Food Service Manager Robin Bolitho said, "John sets high standards for himself and strives daily to exceed those high standards. John is highly motivated to do the best job possible and can be trusted to make the best use of time and materials... He never hesitates to step out of his job description and take on extra work to get the job done. He volunteers to help repair items, which we might otherwise have to pay to have fixed or throw away. John is resourceful in solving a variety of problems."

NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

Mathematics award

Cody Liu, a Northville resident attending Detroit Country Day, received an honorable mention in the Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition sponsored by the Michigan Section of the Mathematics Association of America. Each year, over \$20,000 in scholarships, ranging from \$250 to \$2,500, are awarded. An awards ceremony was held Feb. 27 at Saginaw Valley State University.

Northville teachers receive national recognition

Andrea Dent, Jennifer Hart, Tim Ortopan, and Marc Sierra social studies teachers from Northville High School have been selected as NEH Summer Scholars from a national applicant pool to attend one of 22 summer study opportunities supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

They were selected from a record number of applicants. The Endowment is a federal agency that each summer supports Landmarks of American History and Culture Workshops so that teachers can study with experts in humanities disciplines.

Dent, Ortopan and Sierra will participate in a workshop entitled "America's Industrial Revolution." The one week program will be held at The Henry Ford Greenfield Village. Hart will travel to Boston and participate in a workshop entitled "African Americans in Massachusetts, From Slavery to Today." The one week program is facilitated through The African American Studies Program at Boston University.



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Principal reads

With a Cat in the Hat hat and doll, Old Village School principal Art Fischer gives a high-five to Hillside Middle School student Ally McClean, 15, during his March 29 visit for March is Reading Month.



Old Village School principal Art Fischer reads to a classroom of special needs kids at Hillside Middle School on March 29 as part of March is Reading Month. Fischer read a few books that he shared with the students and their teachers.

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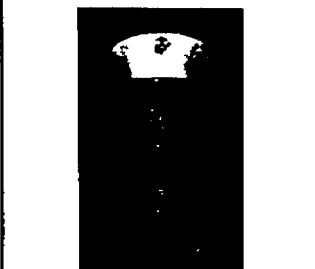
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BASTUBA, GERTRUDE
 Age 104, died April 23, 2011. Visitation Wednesday, April 27, 4-9 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Funeral Mass Thursday, April 28, 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com



CIARAMITARO, DOMINIC J., LCPL
 Age 19, of South Lyon. Dominic died serving his country in Afghanistan April 23, 2011. He graduated from South Lyon High School 2009 and worked at the South Lyon Hotel & Whitmore Lake Tavern. He was loved and will be missed by his family and Marine brothers & friends. Survived by his mother Debbie Beaupre, his father John and step-mother Lynn, his siblings: Salvatore, Holly Anne, Lucy, Elizabeth, Grace; his grandparents Sam & Marie Ciaramitaro and Susan Boston, and many aunts, uncles & cousins. Memorial services pending

HOFELICH, MARY JANE
 Age 87, April 19, 2011. Funeral Apr. 23, St. Hilary Catholic, Redford. Donations: St. Hilary Church or Disabled American Veterans. Burial Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com



JENNINGS MORRIS, VIVIAN J.
 81, of Highland, Michigan, formerly of Zionsville died April 12, 2011. Vivian was born on December 26, 1929 in Jackson, Michigan to Andrew and Iva Wilson Morris; they preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Ira Roland Jennings; her siblings, Harriet, Florence, Dorothy, Goldie, Nellie, and Andrew. Vivian was a member of the Zionsville Presbyterian Church and was a former member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter No. 248 in Whitestown, IN. Mrs. Jennings is survived by her son, Tim and his wife, Beth, of Whitestown, IN and her daughter, Linda Ryan and her husband, Patrick of Highland, MI. Also surviving are her grandchildren, Nicholas, Mallory, Christina, and Candace; seven great-grandchildren; and her twin sister, Virginia Jefferson of Jackson, MI. Visitation was from 4-8 p.m., Friday, April 15, 2011 at Flanner and Buchanan Funeral Center Zionsville. A graveside service was 10 a.m. Saturday, April 16, 2011 at Hutton Cemetery, Zionsville. A reception followed the graveside at the Whitestown Masonic Lodge. Memorial contributions may be made to the Simon Youth Foundation, 225 W. Washington St. Indianapolis, IN 46204 or www.syf.org. Online condolences may be made at www.flanner-buchanan.com

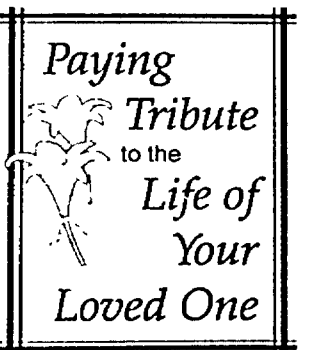
JOHNSON, DAVID GEORGE
 Age 77, passed away April 24, 2011. He was born on April 11, 1934, in Calumet, to the late George and Imple (Ruotanen) Johnson. On Sept. 21, 1957, he married Dolores Koski. David served honorably for two years in the U.S. Army and later opened two successful insurance agencies. He retired in 1998. He enjoyed sports, opera, billiards and especially his wife, children, and grandchildren. David was beloved by many for his positive nature and delightful sense of humor. David is survived by his loving wife Dolores Johnson; children: Stephen (Kelly) Johnson, Diane (William) Kohn, Kathleen (Tony) Johnson; siblings: Daniel, Paul, Peter, Michael, Phillip, Mark; grandchildren: Ryanne Kohn, Kristina and Derek Johnson. He was preceded in death by his brother Robert Johnson. Visitation was held on April 26, Tuesday, from 4-8 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 West Lake Street, South Lyon. A funeral service was held on April 27, Wednesday, at 11 a.m. at the First Apostolic Lutheran Church, 26325 Halstead Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48331. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Interment with military honors will be held on Thursday at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

JONES, KATHRYN
 Passed away January 11, 2011. Memorial service will be held April 30th, at 11am at the First Presbyterian Church on Lake Street, in South Lyon.

LACY, BLANCHE B.
 Age 88, passed away April 18, 2011. She was born on January 23, 1923 in Detroit, daughter of the late John and Rose Tyc. Blanche led a very interesting life. She was a successful entrepreneur, gave generously to catholic charities and kept an active interest in her Polish heritage. She was a loving and devoted mother and grandmother. She is survived by her children; James (Beverly) Urban, Kathleen Urban and Edward (Lauri) Lacy, her grandchildren; Michelle, Erin, Kevin, Shannon, her step grandchildren; Kenneth, Doris, Jimmy, John, Stephanie and her step great grandson, Javon. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Edward in 1966. A memorial Mass will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church in South Lyon in the near future. Online Guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

MCCARTHY, GERALD F.
 Age 74, died April 24, 2011. Visitation was held on April 26 with a Scripture service at 6 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online Guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

O'CONNOR, MARY LOU
 Age 82, April 21, 2011. Funeral Apr. 26 at Our Lady of Loretto Church. Burial Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Donations to Our Lady of Loretto or the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament. Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com



PREST, LOUISE
 Age 93, April 21, 2011. Funeral was Apr. 26 at Holy Family Church, Novi. Burial Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Donations to Holy Family Church. Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

ROTE, ELEANOR
 Age 90, passed away April 24, 2011. A private family service was held. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

SMITH, JR., ORLAND
 April 22, 2011, Age 86. Veteran of U.S. Marine Corps & a retired Detroit Fire Fighter. Interment at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, MI at a later date. Donations: American Diabetes Association. Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

WEINBURGER, DOROTHY L.
 Age 92, passed away April 22, 2011. She was born on October 7, 1918, in Highland Park, daughter of the late William and Rosetta Butler. Dorothy, along with her family, moved to South Lyon when she was 13 years old and was raised on her family farm on Angle Road. She attended the country school at 6 Mile and Angle Road. She met her beloved husband Francis on her senior trip and two years later they were joined in marriage. They were blessed with 65 years together until Francis' passing in 2005. She is survived by her beloved children: Elaine Weinburger, Joseph (Pat) Weinburger and Dottie (Jim) Goers and her loving grandchildren: Lynette, Jim, Joe and Jeff. Visitation was held on Tuesday, April 26th from 4:00 -9:00 p.m. with a Scripture Service at 7:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. A Funeral Mass was held on Wednesday, April 27th at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to the Capuchins Soup Kitchen. Online Guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

ZERKICH, SARAH
 Age 99, of Novi, passed peacefully April 22, 2011. Funeral service was held last Tues., 4/26/2011 at Casterline Funeral Home. She will be laid to rest at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL. Contributions to Love INC of Greater Novi.

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Family Worship: 11 a.m.
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Sunday Worship
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 Location: First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main, Northville
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 Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 28

Details: Single Place Cards & Games Night. Once again this is our popular monthly informal social evening of games, conversation, snacks, flavored teas or coffee, soft drinks, and ice cream with various toppings; \$5 donation.

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 5
Details: Cinco Di Mayo dinner is the theme tonight complete with tacos and virgin margaritas, with games and snacks to follow. Meet and socialize with other singles; \$7 for dinner and \$3 for games and snacks. For dinner reservations call the church office.

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, May 12
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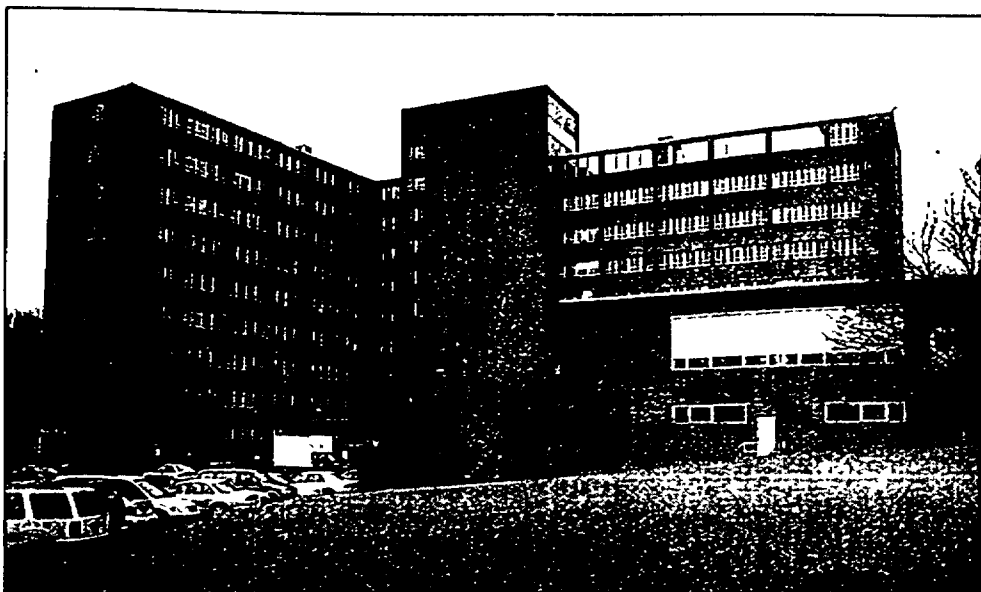
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tion from which design concepts and a master plan will emerge," Frey said. "While we know the property will be developed for recreation, engaging the public as well as other stakeholders throughout the process will help determine the most suitable uses for the land."

Branded as Twenty21, the master plan project will create a dynamic vision for future development of the 350-acre property. Frey said the property has been in flux since the hospital closed in 2003, but momentum for this idea began to take shape in 2009 when township residents voted to purchase the land.

The site is largely an undeveloped, diverse property with stands of mature trees, wetlands, old orchards and views of the Rouge River. It also has an old rail line, open spaces and wildlife.

The group, which met for the first time April 19, has many specialties represented including

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engineering and architecture. A team from Ann Arbor's Stantec Consulting has been brought in to lead the public engagement and master planning process. Their work will be overseen by township staff and the 2021 Green Ribbon Committee.

"Understanding the community's desires is important," said Stantec's Senior Project Manager Mark Pascoe. "We want to help build bridges between neighborhood groups and others through an interactive process."

Their first meeting had the group touring the site and its facilities, exploring their roles and discussing the use of surveys/questionnaires to gauge public opinion. The next meeting is open to the public and has been planned for June 10. It will be a community design workshop.

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The First United Methodist Church of Northville is hosting a Baby, Kid and Me Resale 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, April 29 and 9 a.m.-noon Saturday April 30. Organizers are currently looking for donations, including gently used baby equipment and toys; baby, kid, and maternity clothing, including coats, shoes, and costumes; kid's furniture, décor, toys, and books, and strollers.

To donate gently used items, please contact Sandra at (734) 306-0734. Proceeds support the MOMS (Moms Offering Moms Support) group.

Harold Reihl benefit

There will be a benefit for Harold Reihl, former store manager at CVS at 7 p.m. Sunday, May 1 at Rebecca's.

About a year ago, Reihl was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. He left CVS for six months and underwent chemotherapy and radiation, and returned with a clean bill of health. He worked for the past six months until he went in for a routine checkup and they found spots on his liver. Later tests confirmed that it was the cancer, and it had spread.

Tickets are being sold for the dinner, which will start at 8 p.m. After, there will be a general reception for people who didn't come to the dinner to come by and give their well wishes to Harold. There will also be a raffle after the dinner. Donations for items are currently being sought. Organizers will also be accepting cash/check donations at the benefit.

If you would like to make a donation, contact Teresa at ashley.booms@gmail.com or (248) 982-6137.

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 1-mile run/walk at 8:30. Pre-register online by May 2 at www.firstgiving.com/newhopecenter. Registration forms and more information are available at www.newhopecenter.net.

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, Northville. The park is located at Eight Mile 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-Thursday and 9-1 Friday for more information.

Buy Michigan Now event returns to Northville to celebrate state Aug. 5-7

Buy Michigan Now is again teaming up with Downtown

Northville to host an upbeat celebration of Michigan, Aug. 5-7. The family-friendly Buy Michigan Now Festival will showcase various Michigan entertainers, businesses, products, and educational opportunities with the goal of revitalizing the local economy.

Launched in 2007 by Lisa Diggs, Buy Michigan Now is a statewide initiative to inform, educate and encourage organizations and consumers, to refuel Michigan's economy by purchasing products and services made in Michigan and from Michigan-based companies.

"The Buy Michigan Now Festival is a little different from a lot of other summer events. It's a fest with a cause," said Diggs. "In addition to providing great food, entertainment, and fun, we are dedicated to helping Michigan businesses grow. It's going to be companies like these, each adding one or two more jobs that brings our economy back on track, and we want to help them do it."

The weekend celebration focuses attention on Michigan-based businesses and locally-produced merchandise to help stimulate the economy. Main and Center streets in central Northville will be closed to allow for pedestrian traffic. Local Northville merchants will host a sidewalk sale, while Michigan vendors set up shop under tents in the streets. The event also features live entertainment in Town Square and a kids zone dedicated to family fun.

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

For information on vendor or sponsorship opportunities, contact Buy Michigan Now (248) 390-0974 or info@BuyMichiganNow.com.



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Mill Race Village

As they prepare to ring in the school day with a hand bell, Faye Cramton guides Mill Race Village visitor Ellie Morante, 3, around the Wash Oak School building on April 13 during an introduction to old-time education. Cramton hosted the afternoon session which gave kids an idea of what it was like for pupils to go to school in the late 1800s in a one-room school house. Cramton is a member of the Northville Historical Society and assists with a lot of the offerings at Mill Race. At left, the Wash Oak school building in Northville's Mill Race Village on April 13, 2011.

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St. Mary Mercy nurses celebrate 50-year nursing school reunion

May 8-14 is National Hospital Week

In today's world of the ever-changing job market, maintaining a career in nursing for 50 years is certainly a feat. For St. Mary Mercy Hospital nurses Marge Becker, RN, Pre-Anesthesia Testing, of Livonia, and Marilyn Kramer, RN, Medical Cardiology Unit, of Livonia, their versatility, tenacity and love for the profession have allowed them to care for patients as long as they have.

It's nurses like Becker and Kramer who are celebrated during National Hospital Week, May 8-14. Since 1921, this celebration honors the history, technology and dedicated professionals that make hospitals beacons of confidence and care.

This year, Becker and Kramer will be celebrating their 50-year nursing school reunion from Providence Hospital School of Nursing, Detroit, at a gathering in May. Out of their 1961 graduating class of 55, just six to 10 of them are still in nursing.

"Our group is pretty connected," said Becker, one

of the reunion organizers. "I still vacation with some of them in Florida and we have gathered for several reunions over the years."

Becker (nee Dillon) and Kramer (nee Pikulski) shared a similar path when it came to choosing nursing as a career. Becker, a graduate of St. Ambrose High School, Grosse Pointe, and Kramer, a graduate of Sacred Heart High School, Dearborn, were both influenced by nurses who came to speak and recruit at their schools. Both women came from working class families and college was a costly option.

"I was already spending a lot of time caring for my sick grandfather and thought to myself, 'this is what I'm going to do,'" said Kramer.

Throughout their combined 100 years of nursing, the ladies can remember the major advances in medicine and technology.

"We have seen a lot," said Becker. Before the invention of disposable materials, tracheal tubes were made of stainless steel and needed to be hand scrubbed with a little brush.



St. Mary Mercy Hospital nurses Marge Becker, RN, Pre-Anesthesia Testing, of Livonia, and Marilyn Kramer, RN, Medical Cardiology Unit, of Livonia will celebrate during National Hospital Week, May 8-14.

Oxygen came in green tanks or tents placed over the patient. Needles were stainless steel and required sharpening, syringes were glass and autoclaved for cleaning, and thermometers had mercury in them "so when they'd break, we'd play with the mercury!" Kramer remembers.

After graduation, Becker took a job in the OR at Jennings Memorial Hospital in Detroit and landed at St. Mary Hospital in 1968.

She's raised three children, one of which worked as a

nurse at St. Mary Mercy for 17 years.

Kramer worked midnights at St. Mary in 1967, left to teach in the Livonia Public School system for 10 years followed by work in several nursing homes. She raised two children and rejoined St. Mary Mercy in 1989, where she will retire.

"After our 50 years, we can see how nursing has changed positively," explained Becker.

"It is a stable, rewarding career with so many more opportunities for both women and men today."

NORTHVILLE ENGAGEMENT

Russell & Wood

Stefanie Russell, daughter of Rob and Sheryl Russell of Northville, is engaged to Frank Wood, CPA, son of Bruce and Patricia Wood of Long Island, N.Y.

Stefanie graduated from Northville High School in 2002 and the University of Michigan in 2006 with a business degree in finance and marketing. She is employed as an apparel buyer for Ross Stores in New York.

Frank graduated from Binghamton University in New York with a degree in accounting and works in finance for Barclays Capital in New York. The couple met online and are planning a Sept. 3 wedding in Plymouth, Mich.



Stefanie Russell and Frank Wood

NORTHVILLE NEWSMAKERS

Botsford nurse recognized for exceptional work in disaster preparedness

Constance Fleming, R.N., director of nursing at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills, has been selected as a recipient of a Botsford Hospital 2011 Safety Excellence Award. The award recognizes employees' contributions to the hospital's safety initiatives.



Constance Fleming

Fleming, a resident of Milford, was recognized for her hospital and community leadership in disaster preparedness. She was appointed commissioner for the Farmington/Farmington Hills Emergency Preparedness Commission and is a board member of the Region 2 North Healthcare Coalition. Fleming also co-chairs Botsford Hospital's Emergency Preparedness Committee and manages Botsford's ASPR (Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response), which works to obtain grant money to cover hospital expenses related to disaster preparedness.

Why a Senior Citizen should NEVER go to a Chiropractor!

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In the beginning, her back would ache here and there. Nothing she couldn't handle, but over the years she started to have more and more problems with her back pain. Initially it began in the low back, but it would travel to her shoulders creating carpal tunnel syndrome like symptoms of numbness and tingling, eventually working its way up to her neck giving her the worse headaches she ever had.

Through the years she was told everything from... "just take these pain pills", "don't do certain activities", "try working out", "you're no spring chicken" and the best one was "maybe you're just going through the change of life."

Yep, that's right Mrs. Jones heard it all. She even endured a battery of tests; x-rays, MRI, EMG, L-M-N-O-P, you get the idea. She did all the recommended therapies and sometimes the result was great, just not long lasting.

So as fate would have it, she met yet another doctor. This time she was referred by one of the women on her bowling league... I told you she loved to bowl! This doctor was a *different* kind of doctor.

This doctor was the kind of doctor she was told to "NEVER" go to. Since Mrs. Jones was now a senior, she was told that this *kind* of doctor wouldn't be for her.

Did I mention *this* doctor is a chiropractor?

Luckily for Mrs. Jones, her bowling friend told her about the gentle, state-of-the-art techniques this chiropractor uses. Her friend also mentioned that this doctor sees many other senior patients and is getting great results herself.

Here's what some of the other patients had to say:

"I can't believe I suffered so long with neck and low back pain, when help was just up the street." - Sue F.

"I was told I would just have to live with the pain, I was getting older and that was it." - Bonnie G.

"After a few adjustments at Dr. Tina's office, I felt relief and I could actually turn my head without using my whole body to move!" - Bob H.

So Mrs. Jones decided to give the chiropractor a try and much to her amazement, she felt better. A whole lot better! The only regret she had was...why the heck did she wait so long?

Good question. Why would YOU wait so long to try something that may actually help you feel better? The truth is, a senior citizen should never go to a chiropractor...unless they want to feel better.

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LOCAL

Suburban Republican Women's Club

Meeting

Location: G. Subu's Leather Bottle, 20300 Farmington Road, Livonia
Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. Thursday, April 28
Details: The speaker will be Tom Robinson, candidate for Livonia City Council. Visitors and guests are always welcome. The cost for the luncheon is \$15.
Contact: For reservations and menu choice, please call (248) 474-3525.

Spring Blood Drive

Location: Our Lady of Victory Church, 770 Thayer, Northville
Time/Date: 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, May 1
Details: Open to the public; all donors welcome. Call or e-mail to schedule an appointment -- (248) 701-5221 or chrisabbey1@comcast.net.

"Hansel & Gretel"

Time/Date: Through May 1; 2:30 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday.
Location: Marquis 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.
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Storyteller extraordinaire Adam Mellema tells the tale of "Fenwick's Suits" by David Small during a gathering at the Northville District Library on April 14. Mellema was there as part of April's Library Month celebrations.



Story time

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northvillemarquistheatre.com Northville & Novi Garden Club

Meeting

Location: 215 W Cady Street, Northville
Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 9
Details: "Herbs--Medicinal" by Karen Caruso at 7 p.m.
Contact: gardenersnorthville-novi.org

Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall

Location: 108 E. Main, Northville
Contact: (248) 349-0522

Mysite Madness

Details: interactive murder mystery
Time/Dates: 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays April 30 and May 4
Royal Treatment
Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 30
Details: Arrive at 6:30 for a champagne toast and a seven-course dinner. After dinner head into the theater to see the interactive comedy, "Mystic Madness". There may be some wedding cake involved as well; \$49.95 per person
Blues Brothers and Jerry Lee

Lewis Tribute

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Saturday May 14
Details: \$49.95 per person
Two Comics Walk Into a Church
Time/Dates: 5 p.m. Sunday, May 22 and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 23
Details: The comedy of Kerri Pomarolli & Ron Mc Gehee in their smash hit; \$39.95 per person inclusive.
Fairy Tea Party
Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday June 26
Details: \$16.95 adults; \$8.95 children 3-10; free for 3 years and under.

Mustangs' Baseball Collecting Hygiene & Snack Items for Troops

Date: May 16-20
Location: participating Northville Public Schools
Details: Organized by NHS Baseball, students are encouraged to donate tax-deductible hygiene and snack items at school such as: Large baby wipes, toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, non-medicated eye drops, gel deodorant, shower gel (no bar soap), sanitizing gel,

disposable razors & shaving cream, single serve packets of powdered drink mix to flavor water (no lemon-lime), gum, individually wrapped hard candy, protein/granola/cereal bars, nuts, cans of Pringles or Fritos, and beef sticks/turkey or beef jerky (NO PORK PRODUCTS), Girl Scout cookies (no homemade food). Donors are encouraged to include brief non-political notes of thanks and support, along with updates on sports, current events and news makers. In a complementary effort, athletes and families of the Northville Baseball-Softball Association (NBSA) are encouraged to step up to the plate. NBSA donation opportunities are currently being developed. NHS Baseball will also collect items at its Armed Forces Day celebration and double-header starting at 11 a.m. on Saturday May 21 at the varsity baseball field. All appropriate items will be shipped by the West Point Parents' Club of Michigan, in conjunction with Operation Support Our Troops, Inc. Michigan troops on duty in Iran and Afghanistan will receive, then

share the treats with their military comrades from across the United States.

Contact: NHS Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach Bill Flohr at (248) 761 9694 or info@precisionbaseball-one.com.

Rouge Rescue

Time/Date: 9 a.m. June 4
Location: Cold Water Springs/Linear Park
Details: The event will consist of a fun run along the newly constructed park path that runs parallel to the Johnson Creek and has access to the creek in several locations. Parents are asked to register their children ages 5 and up in advance with the staff engineer
Contact: (248) 662-0497

18th Annual Garden Walk

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday, July 13
Location: Garden Walk Central is at Mill Race Village, 215 Griswold Avenue, Northville
Details: The Country Garden Club of Northville invites you to attend its Eighteenth Annual Garden Walk featuring six gardens in charming

Northville. Other unique attractions include a garden market, live music, and refreshments. Proceeds from the event support charitable contributions to local and national horticultural causes. Cost is \$10; tickets available at Gardenviews, 117 E. Main in downtown Northville, after June 13.

Contact: (248) 348-3263; www.cgcny.org

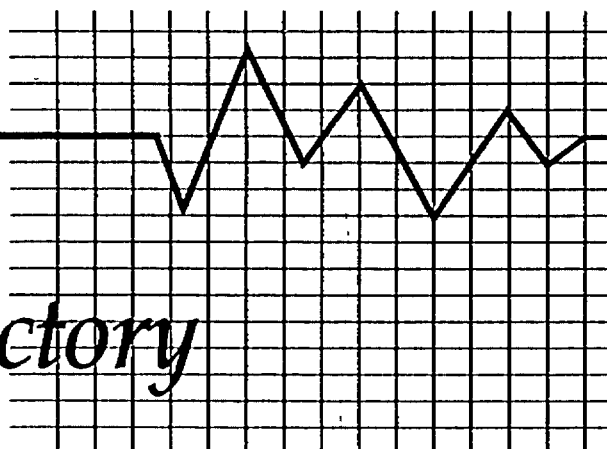
Northville Art House

Location: 215 W. Cady St., Northville
Contact: Northville Art House (248) 344-0497 or www.northvillearts.org for on-going art classes, lectures, events, rentals, volunteering.
Hours: 1-5 p.m. Saturdays; 1-9 p.m. on first Fridays of each month
Details: Admission to Art House exhibits are always free and open to the public.
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NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

Felony Arrest Warrant

1 A 37-year-old Ypsilanti man was arrested on April 17 after a check on him revealed he had a felony arrest warrant out on him for child support.

While on patrol, the arresting officer reported seeing a vehicle with a defective license plate light driving near Beck and Five Mile roads. A further check of the vehicle stated it belonged to a 44-year-old Ypsilanti woman who had a misdemeanor warrant, also out of Ypsilanti. It was for a dog at large violation.

The officer asked the male passenger for his identification, but he said he had none and

added he had a felony probation warrant out of Oakland County out on him. The man was placed into custody and later released to the Oakland County Sheriffs.

The female driver was informed of her status and released at the scene.

Larceny from Auto

2 A 42-year-old Northville man reported to the police some items had been taken from his vehicle while parked outside a residence on Greenridge Drive.

Sometime on the night of April 14 and morning of the next day, a \$10 roll of quarters and engraved field knife from the Boy Scouts of

America was stolen from his truck. The man reported that on the 15th he came outside to see his passenger side door ajar while the console and glove box were opened.

The knife sheath has MNR engraved on it.

Damage to Public Property

3 On April 12, a report of damage done to a boardwalk at Coldsprings Park, located at Carriage Way and Ridge Road, was called into the police by an employee of Northville Parks and Recreation.

The report states that sometime between April 8-12, damage was done to a walkway close to the Johnson Creek. Over 30 wooden vertical slats had been kicked out or removed. The parks and rec. employee said this has been ongoing problem.

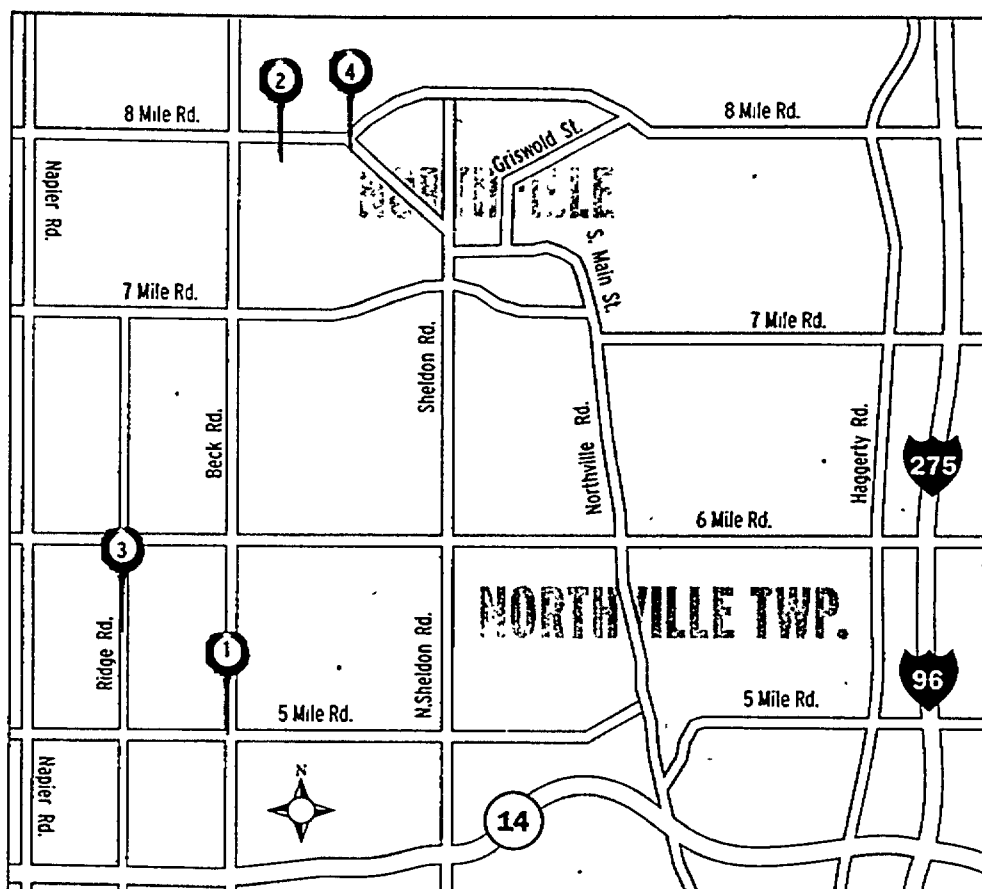
Operating under the Influence

4 On April 15, a 34-year-old Novi man was arrested for drunk driving after he was stopped for exceeding the speed limit near the intersection of Eight Mile and Randolph roads.

The reporting officer observed the vehicle going above the posted 40 mph around 2:30 a.m. Upon making contact, the driver stated he had just left a bar in Novi and had "two beers." During field sobriety tests he swayed and emitted an odor of intoxicants.

The reported breathalyzer test came back a .15 percent BAC and he was placed under arrest.

Compiled by freelance writer Lonnie Huhman



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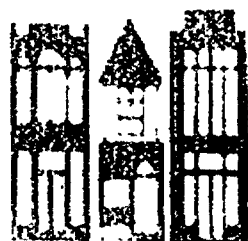
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A place of destiny

Businesses feel settling in Old Village 'meant to be'

BY HELEN NIEMIEC
CORRESPONDENT

It's a feeling of kismet that the universe was speaking to them as owners sought locations for their businesses or an opportunity opened and it happened to be within the confines of the quaint and eclectic Plymouth Old Village.

There's no envy for not being in the bustling downtown or even in another community. The proprietors say there is no place else on Earth they would want to be. Businesses are doing well and they are well-supported by the homeowners nearby.

It's no surprise the Old Village Association positions itself as a unique enclave. Banners identify the business district and proprietors support the association, with its board of both business owners and homeowners, to come up with marketing ideas as well as work on special events that draw people into the region and also serve as fundraisers for improvement plans.

Norman Rockwell could have painted in Old Village. There's the barbershop with a flag pole on one side of the door and a barber's pole on the other. The pets of owners nap in the corners of the shops during the workday. Bars and restaurants are a part of the community, with homeowners coming in and asking for "the usual" and the servers always knowing what that is.

LOYAL CUSTOMERS

Shaun Seabolt, who owns the Old Village Market with her dad Patrick Stempien, has one of those businesses with a loyal customer base. They bought the business three years ago.

"Originally I wanted to open a coffee shop," Seabolt said. "My dad saw an ad for this business being up for sale and I said, 'No way.' Then I came in and saw it — and I wanted it."

Old Village Market has the original flooring and the original tin ceiling.

She works days, her father works nights and they alternate weekends at the store. There also is some wiggle room in the hours. If an emergency comes up at one of the schools her two children attend, she puts a sign on the door that she'll be back in an hour. Then people stop in to ask if everything is OK.

"I love it here," she said. "If I could, I would move here, but there's nothing available."

Plymouth Jewelry & Gifts opened on Starkweather 24 years ago, expanding along the way. Owner Kevin Felts bought the building and has a large showroom plus a visible work area for master jewelry designer Cass Maiorani, storage, plus plenty of windows.

His brother, Patrick, has worked there since the beginning.

"Our customer base has grown through word of mouth," Patrick Felts said. "People liked our work and liked our custom items. They tell us we're the most trusted custom jeweler. If you buy it here, chances are you don't see anything like it anywhere else."

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

Kevin Felts said he entertained the idea of moving when he rented the space, but when the building went up for sale, he jumped at the opportunity to be his own landlord and grow his business in Old Village.

The harsh economy slowed business, but Felts said they never worried about shutting the doors. Owning the building plus having a good inventory helped them ride out the tide.

"If you're a destination business, you don't have to be in a downtown. People get comfortable with us and they tell other people. A high percentage of our business is referrals," Kevin Felts said.

He said having Maiorani is a definite plus. Maiorani started working at the jewelry store when he was 16. Now in his 40s, he had earned degrees in graphic design and sculpture, both used as he creates the wax molds that become rings and other pieces. He's won multiple awards for his work.

The shop also does jewelry repairs and appraisals.

J. Karen Kelchak, owner of Old Village Bookshop, loves books and loves Old Village. The bookstore originally was located a few blocks away for more than 20 years and Kelchak worked there when she left her paralegal position.

"It happened serendipitously," she said. "My goal was to get a part-time job in a bookstore and write the great American novel. People make plans and God laughs."

When the owner wanted to sell the store, Kelchak bought it and then moved it to its current Starkweather location. "It just fell into place because it was meant to be," she said.

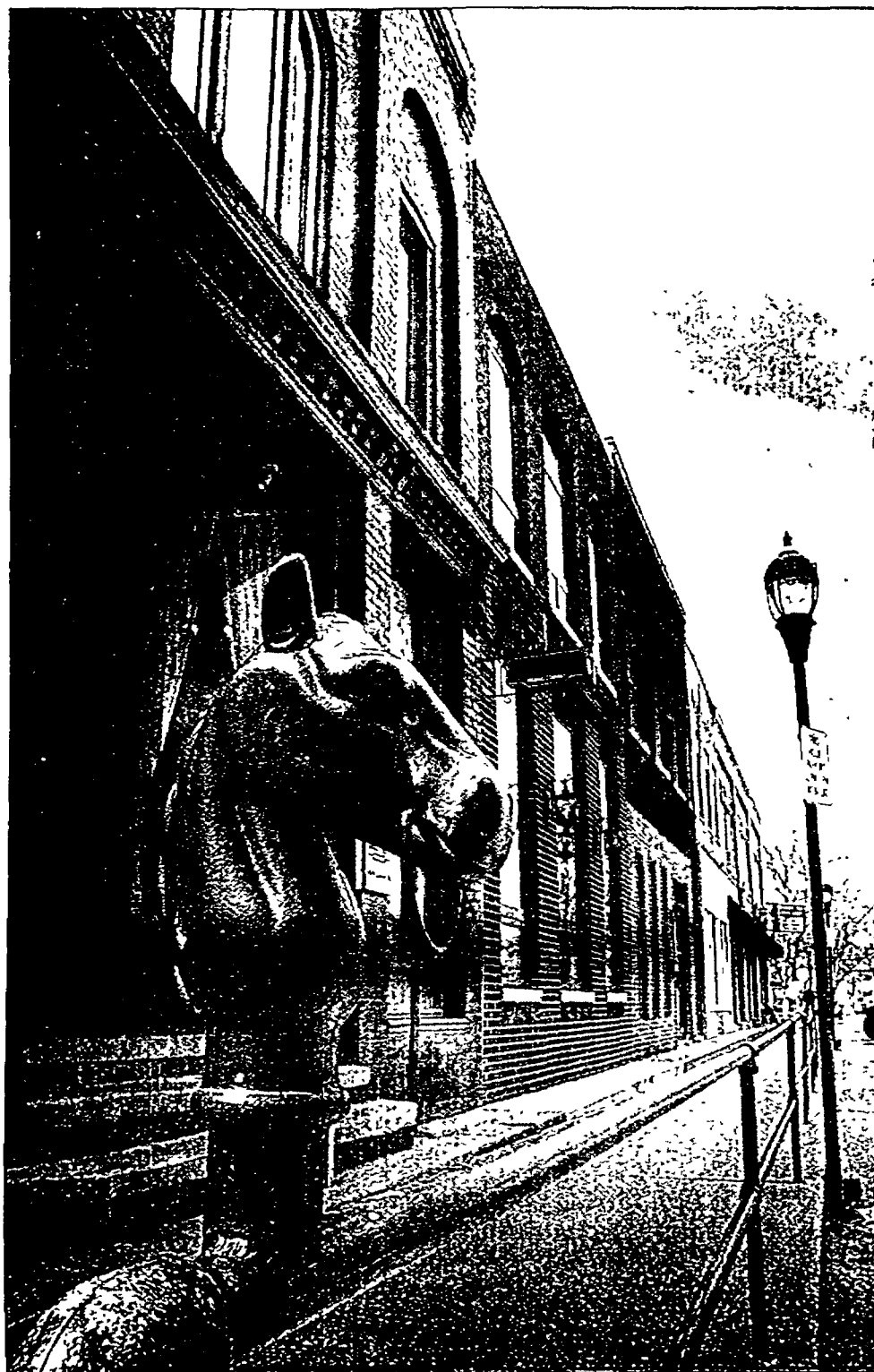
BETTER SUITED

She acknowledges her popular shop is more suited to Old Village than a downtown, because she sells used books but has a devoted following. The bad economy slowed her business, but she said her steady customers still came in, though they may have purchased fewer books than they had in the past.

"Buying the store was great fun and a real creative experience," Kelchak said.

Her working "associates" are her cats, Fran and Zoey, named after the title of a J.D. Salinger novel.

Several business owners pointed out that, more than 10 years ago, there were many antique shops in the association. Now they are gone and have been replaced by salons and art galleries. Many are located on North Mill Street, where turn-of-the-century wooden homes now serve as space for those services, as well as for attorneys, accountants and psychologists.



Old Village prides itself on its quaint feel, complete with vintage architecture.

PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



A door at The Funky Monkey Boutique.



Urban Roots Salon and Funky Boutique is on Liberty Street, Old Village's downtown.

Pam Free, of Freestyle Salon on North Mill, is one of the salons that opened in a former antique store. Her opening didn't go off as planned, since her first day in business was Sept. 11, 2001. Despite the auspiciousness of the day, the business got off to a good start.

"I was self-employed and looking to open my own shop," Free said. "I drove by and this building was available. It was just meant to be."

With a capacity for six chairs and a little boutique, Free slowly expanded her offerings to full hair and nail service.

"I love Old Village. I like being here. It's quaint and it's a destination," she said. "I have no intention of leaving Plymouth."

She knows there are a number of salons in Plymouth, but said that doesn't hurt any individual personal service business. "There are a lot of people in Plymouth so there's enough for everybody," Free said.

LIBERTY STREET

Liberty Street is another street of interest, with a variety of business, including Liberty Brewing Co., where imbibers can watch their brews being made, and Hermann's Old Town Grill. Also on that street is Yer Grampa's Mustash, owned by Greg Huddas. His is another tale of serendipity.

He attended Henry Ford Community College and worked at the General Motors Archives

when he was drafted. After two tours in Vietnam, he came back to Michigan and found the winter too cold after his time in Asia. He and several Army buddies took their motorcycles to Florida and then to California, where he spent five years doing "a little of everything."

When Huddas returned to Michigan, he saw that Curly Gray was selling the barbershop that he opened in 1927. What he thought would be a short visit here to see his family turned out to be the start of a 38-year career.

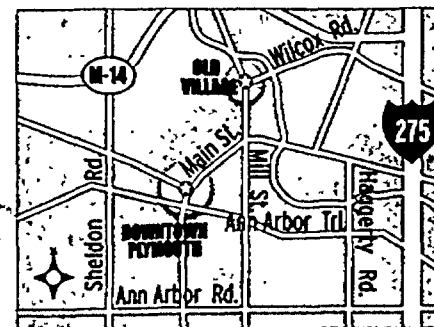
"There's a lot of history in this shop," he said. Though he knows he won't stay in the business too much longer, he does enjoy his customers and the new businesses developing in Old Village.

"Old Village is changing a lot. There's good traffic. With the new types of businesses, it's still bringing people in," he said.

He said the changes have been to the good: "It's cool to have a brewery in town."

Across the street from him are two "newcomers" to the Village. Tamara Ward just opened her Silver Thumb photography office in September. Growing up, she lived in Belleville and Canton, but her grandmother lived in Plymouth. As a wedding photographer, her usual territory spans from Detroit to Ann Arbor, with Plymouth right in the middle.

"I live three blocks from my office. It's just great. I love Old Village," Ward said.



OLD VILLAGE EVENTS

Here are some upcoming special events for which Old Village is becoming known:

- Yard Sale & Trunk Show - Yard sale throughout the district; trunk show at Station 885, Saturday, May 7
- Bumpers, Bikes and Bands - Car show, motorcycle show and blues bands, Sunday, July 17
- Barktoberfest - Dog walk and other activities, Sunday, Oct. 1
- Halloween - Family holiday event, trick-or-treating, Sunday, Oct. 30

For more information on events, visit the Plymouth Old Village website at www.oldvillageplymouth.com.

Most of her time in the studio is spent editing photos she's taken or ordering books or more equipment, since her clients come by appointment. Her two Chihuahuas accompany her to work and she finds it relaxing.

"I'm just starting out, but I want to expand," she said. While she isn't very active with the OVA because she works on weekends, she does like to photograph some of the events. She shot the Halloween event last year and has her photos on the association website.

HOME AND WORK

In the same Victorian house, the section facing Mill, is Patrick Kelleher and his new business, headfirstConcepts, an advertising and marketing service. Working in Dearborn, Kelleher and his wife moved to Old Village in 2005. When he decided to start his own company, he knew the only site he'd choose would be office space in Old Village.

"When we moved into our place, we met all our neighbors before we even unloaded our moving van," Kelleher said. "That was quite a feeling, so there wasn't a question of where the business would go."

The bright yellow house on the corner of Mill and Liberty houses Amici Italian Bistro, purchased by Jeff and Jay Lindsey nearly two years ago. The house itself is 160 years old and has ties to the Underground Railroad, Jeff Lindsey noted.

"The house has an interesting history," he said.

He and his brother had been in and out of the restaurant business all their lives. He had kept his eye on the building in Old Village and when the previous restaurant in it closed, he saw his opportunity and they purchased it.

"I love this area," Jeff Lindsey said. "We're definitely a neighborhood bistro. This is such a walkable area."

He, too, awaits an improvement in the economy so he can expand services a bit. With the support of local diners and positive word-of-mouth, the bistro is holding its own.

The neighbors definitely have made an impact on Lindsey. He said he's had such nice gestures from neighbors welcoming them to the area, but from customers as well.

"In more than 10 years, I've never had this happen anywhere else," he said. "Not once, but twice, customers have had their meals, paid the bills and then come back later because they thought we made an error and didn't charge them enough. Where else would that happen?"

IDEAL LOCATION

The customers said they didn't want to short the business because they wanted to make sure they stayed in the city, mainly because of the fresh sauces, soups and dressings plus homemade desserts that come from the Amici kitchen.

Robert Costanza, part of the family that has owned Station 885 for 26 years this August, says its location is ideal for a family friendly restaurant. The windows allow patrons to view passing trains only yards away and a toy train glides along the track just below the ceiling.

"It's been tough the last few years, but we're working through it," he said. "We offer good food at reasonable prices, plus our customers have come here for years. It's a symbiotic relationship we have with the neighborhood. We're part of them; they're part of us."

Station 885 was up for sale those years ago and his father, Jerry, had worked for Elias Brothers, owning six franchises, but Costanza wanted to have something a little different and had never owned an establishment with a liquor license, so he wanted to give it a try.

"All the pieces just fell into place," he said. "He wanted to do it. My brother (also named Jerry) and I were young so we could work the long hours to make a new business work. As soon as we opened, we got involved with the chamber of commerce. We just love Plymouth."

His long-time customers often ask if he can whip up a dish that used to be on the menu but isn't anymore. "We never say no. If we have the ingredients, we can make it. Our customers know what they like about our restaurant and we're here to please them," Costanza said.

With the economy slowly improving, he said that he's hoping to see increases in his catering and banquet services, but is satisfied with the continued business he has in the dining room.

"It's been a great run. When you treat our guests the way you would someone having dinner in your own dining room, that's the secret of success," Costanza said.

Being in the Old Village helped because of the feeling of community and the support shown to local businesses.

"There's a mystique to the Old Village. It's a great community. It's unique and we're proud of it. Our restaurant fits here because we're a neighborhood business," Costanza said.

Listings: Etc. includes Meetings; Senior Events; Library Lines; Parks and Rec; Volunteering; Support Groups; Clubs and Groups; Class Reunions; Golf Outings; and Health Events. Please visit our Web site (hometownlife.com) to view the complete listing.

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

MEETINGS

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

Location: Old Village School
City of Northville CITY COUNCIL

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

DOWNTOWN Development AUTHORITY MEETING

Date: Third Tuesday of each month
Time: 8 a.m.

Location: City Hall Meeting Room A, on lower level, 215 W. Main St.

Contact: downtownnorthville.com

PLANNING COMMISSION

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

Location: City Hall

HOUSING COMMISSION

Date: Second Wednesday of every month
Time: 3 p.m.

Location: Allen Terrace, 401 High St.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Date: Third Wednesday of month
Time: 7 p.m.



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Senior Art Exhibition

The Northville Art House presents the annual Northville High School Senior Class Art Exhibition. As part of their Northville High School curriculum, 12th grade art students plan and present an exhibition of their work through the year. These students work in diverse fields from photography and graphic design to metals and ceramics. The show will open with a reception hosted by the students from 6-9 p.m. Friday, May 6 during Northville's First Friday Art Walk. The show will continue through May 14 during Art House Gallery hours, 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday from 1-5 p.m. The Art House is located at 215 W. Cady Street and is a facility of the Northville Arts Commission through the City of Northville. Admission to Art House exhibits is always free and open to the public. For additional information, call (248) 344-0497 or visit www.northvillearts.org.

Location: City Hall

ARTS COMMISSION

Date: Second Wednesday of every month
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Date: First Monday of every month
Time: 8 a.m.

Details: Individuals and organizations invited to attend.

Location: Northville City Hall, Meeting Room B

Northville Township

PLANNING COMMISSION

Date: Last Tuesday of month
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Township Hall, 44405 West Six Mile

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date: Third Thursday of month
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Township Hall

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Date: Third Wednesday of month
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Township Hall

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Date: Third Monday of month
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Township Hall

YOUTH ASSISTANCE

Date: Second Tuesday of every month

Time: 8 a.m.

Location: Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road

Contact: Sue Campbell (248) 344-1618

SENIOR EVENTS

Senior Community Center

Location: 303 W. Main St.

Contact: (248) 349-4140

THURSDAY

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

10:30 a.m.: Yoga

11 a.m.: Cribbage

Noon: Walking Club

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle

FRIDAY

11 a.m.: Poker

11:30 a.m.: Walking Club

Noon: Walking Club

1 p.m.: Movie

MONDAY

8 a.m.: Walking Club

9:30 a.m.: Mah Jongg

10 a.m.: Beginning Line Dance;

Oxycise

11 a.m.: Adv. Line Dance

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle/Euchre

TUESDAY

8 a.m.: Walking Club

10:30 a.m.: Yoga

11:30 a.m.: Walking Club

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle

WEDNESDAY

8 a.m.: Walking Club

9 a.m.: Foot Reflexology by appt.

10 a.m.: Oxycise

11 a.m.: Strength Training

11:30 a.m.: Walking Club

Noon: Bridge

1 p.m.: Cribbage

7 p.m.: Bridge

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Location: Recreation Center at Hillside

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

Contact: Northville Parks and

Recreation (248) 449-9947

HEALTH WALKING

Date: Monday-Friday

Time: 8-10 a.m.

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

PILATES CLASS

Time/Date: 6 p.m. each Tuesday

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

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

FRIDAY FLICKS

Time: 1 p.m. every Friday

Details: Cost is \$1.

LIBRARY LINES

Northville District Library

Location: 212 W. Cady St., near

Northville City Hall

Time/Day: 10 a.m.-9 p.m.,

Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m.,

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OUR VIEWS

May 3 millage

Vote YES, invest in education

If Gov. Rick Snyder's proposed budget passes, and K-12 funds are used for higher education, the Northville school district will see a \$470 per student decrease in state aid. That, coupled with several other factors, will result in a \$7 million deficit for the local district.

The effects would be staggering and could include nearly 50 teachers losing their jobs; elimination of high school busing; and class student sizes near 40. And those are just a few examples.

That requires your voice being heard by local legislators via phone calls, letters and e-mails.

But the district is facing another battle, one that requires a YES vote at the polls next Tuesday.

Northville Public Schools is asking voters to support a capital improvement (or sinking fund) millage. If approved, the millage would bring in approximately \$2.4 million each year for the next five years. The money will be used for repairs to the district's aging buildings.

The *Northville Record* has reported on and studied the proposal and encourage voters to approve it on May 3.

The funds cannot be used for salaries, benefits, textbooks or supplies.

For several of the last six years, state funding has been cut.

Forcing Northville to make cuts while deferring maintenance on facilities. That can only last so long. And now, facing the most severe cuts ever in state aid, the district is asking taxpayers — for the first time ever — to help keep its buildings in shape without tapping a dwindling general fund.

These are not frivolous improvements to buildings. The projects are long overdue and much needed maintenance — boiler replacement; roof repair/replacement; ramps; elevators/lifts replacement; gymnasium floor replacement; sidewalk replacement; carpet replacement; parking lot resurfacing — as well as improvements to technology infrastructure.

The money for these necessary repairs will either come from the passage of this millage or from operating funds. If the latter, that's money that should be spent in the classroom educating students.

Times are tough. They have been for a while now. More than likely, your finances have been hit just like the school district's. And everybody wants to know — what's it going to cost me?

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Whether you're new to the district or a longtime resident, chances are a top-notch education is one of the reasons you chose Northville. It's a defining aspect of what makes this a great community and one that attracts businesses and protects property values.

Make education a priority — go to the polls May 3 and say YES to the sinking fund millage.

WHERE TO VOTE:

Polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

City of Northville

- City Hall — Precinct 1 (Wayne County residents)
- Amerman Elementary School — Precinct 2 (Oakland County residents)

Northville Township

- Moraine Elementary School — Precincts 1 & 15
- Silver Springs Elementary School — Precincts 2, 8, 9, 13
- Winchester Elementary School — Precincts 6 & 11
- Ridge Wood Elementary School — Precincts 10 & 14
- Northville High School — Precincts 3 & 4
- Meads Mill Middle School — Precincts 7 & 12
- Kings Mill Club House — Precinct 5

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COMMUNITY VOICE

What's your favorite TV show?



"I like 'Malcolm in the Middle' — even though it's been discontinued. It's funny how the boys get in and out of trouble."

Angelo Vitale
Hillside Middle School
eighth grade



"I like 'Keeping Up with the Kardashians.' It keeps you up with the latest trends."

Quinn VanRiper
Hillside Middle School
eighth grade



"I like the Disney Channel's 'Phineas and Ferb.' Even though it's for 2-year-olds, it gives me ideas of what to do in the summer."

Gracie Guibard
Hillside Middle School
eighth grade



"I like 'Prison Break' because it involves structural engineering, which I'm into, and it's got a good plot line."

Daniel DiTommaso
Hillside Middle School
eighth grade

LETTERS

May 3 yes vote needed

The United States is no longer the world leader in education. Scores from the 2009 Programme for International Student Assessment showed 15-year-old American students ranked 14th in reading, 17th in science and 25th in math out of 34 industrialized countries.

While most people would agree that our nation needs to improve our education, our funding to do so keeps declining. Strengthening education is never a quick fix. Whether you are teaching one child to read or trying to improve a national curriculum, education is a process that takes time, perseverance and funding.

One small, simple step that we can take is to vote yes on May 3 for Northville school district's Capital Improvement (Sinking Fund) Millage Proposal. By voting YES we will help alleviate some of the pressure on the general operating fund and enable Northville to keep our buildings in safe operating condition for our students. Although this won't solve all of our district's financial woes, it will be a necessary step in the right direction. It will be a step towards regaining our leadership in education and not shortchanging our children of the education they deserve.

Becky Barnhart
Northville

Approve millage on May 3

On May 3, I encourage you to make your way to the polls and vote YES for the Northville Public School Capital Improvement (Sinking Fund) Millage. Unprecedented financial challenges faced by our school district, and in turn our children, force us all into uncharted and undesirable waters. For those of us wanting to support Northville kids, voting YES on this millage proposal is an easy decision. To any Northville Public School district (NPSD) resident interested in best-preserving home values, I'd also strongly recommend voting YES for this proposal.

As shown by the 2010 census, Northville Township was one of the very few communities in our state that saw a population increase, ranking No. 1 in Wayne County for population growth over the past 10 years. The Northville community boasts 230 acres of dedicated parks and nearly 1,000 acres of state park land within our borders. Additionally, over the past 15 years, the township has acquired nearly 900 public acres, much of that for future park development. While some other communities are at a standstill, key Northville infrastructure is being improved. While some communities continue to suffer staggering losses to property values, Northville Township's taxable value was assessed for 2011 with but an average 2-percent decrease.

Clearly, the Northville community remains one to which people and businesses (such as Northville Township's newest corporate resident and global company — TSC Michigan) want to move. It is my strong belief, as well as my own experience, that our award-winning school district (which continually ranks among the top in the state) is the top reason why this is so.

The undisputed quality of the NPSD is the main reason that my husband and I chose to move to Northville 10 years ago. With our oldest daughter ready to enter kindergarten then, it was very important to us to find the best school district / community combination within driving distance of downtown Detroit. I am very happy that we succeeded by choosing Northville! From our own children, to their friends, kids we read about in the paper, see in school and playing sports, meet downtown — Northville is blessed with an amazing group of young people, who

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have been nurtured by a truly remarkable school district and Community.

While passing this millage won't solve all of the financial problems challenging our school district, it will help achieve the critical objective of alleviating unsupportable financial pressure on the district's general operating fund to keep our facilities in good operating condition. To further understand the depth of the problem faced, and to find out more ways to help, please visit NPSD's website: <http://www.northville.k12.mi.us/>, including the LAN alert on the district homepage.

Please join me May 3 in supporting our kids and our community by voting YES on the Northville Public Schools millage proposal. Tell your friends and encourage them to vote as well.

Mindy Herrmann
Northville Township trustee

School sinking fund millage: the right thing to do

It's complicated — this business of funding public schools — especially when the State of Michigan is in the state that it's in and politics are involved. That's why, when Northville residents can control even a small aspect of the funding for Northville public schools, we should take the opportunity and vote YES on May 3 to approve the millage proposal for capital improvement (sinking fund) for Northville Public Schools.

Since Proposal A was passed as an amendment to Michigan's constitution in 1994, the local property taxes we pay for public schools bypass our Northville public schools and are sent to Lansing for redistribution to all public school districts in the state. Done on a per pupil basis, this essentially becomes a school district's operating budget. As we all know, despite recent encouraging glimmers of improvement, the Michigan economy, and therefore, school operating budgets, have been declining. Accordingly, serious reductions in per pupil funding from the state face our district, which could materially alter the way our kids are educated.

While there may have been enough operating budget funding to handle capital improvements when the economy was better, this has not been the case for some time. In addition, while it might seem like it was only yesterday that the new high school and Ridgewood were built, in fact, all the district's buildings are aging and need to be maintained. So, because capital improvements can be handled separately and kept on the local level, for the first time Northville residents are being asked to approve the proposed millage for capital improvement (sinking

fund), so the money can be used within our district for specific facility repairs, normal replacement and improvements, and some updates. Please see the district website, www.northville.k12.mi.us/, for the details of how the sinking fund can be used for the needed repairs and improvements.

Not only are our property values linked to the quality of our schools, but our kids' futures depend on an excellent educational system. This is a key factor for people wanting to live in Northville. Ask a Realtor about this, and also ask if they would like to see more homes listed for sale in Northville because they have serious buyers. Their answers would be YES and YES, respectively. I urge Northville residents to vote YES on May 3 to approve the millage proposal for capital improvement (sinking fund) for Northville Public Schools.

Kathy Morris
Northville Township

Support schools

Northville voters heading to the polls Tuesday, May 3, have an opportunity to protect the community's investment in its public schools by voting YES for the capital improvement (sinking fund) millage proposal.

A YES vote next Tuesday not only will help protect our investment in our schools, but also will help sustain Northville's property values.

The State of Michigan's financial commitment to K-12 public education has never been more precarious. The challenges to local school districts — particularly Northville — have never been more daunting. Approximately 90 percent of Michigan public school district funding comes from the state. The governor's current budget reduction proposal for K-12 education combined with a staggering increase in state mandated retirement contributions puts Northville Public Schools at a \$6 million loss as it heads into the new budget year.

While funds generated from a Sinking Fund Millage cannot be used for operating costs (salaries, programs, textbooks, etc.), they can provide monies for necessary repairs and maintenance to school buildings at a time when the district can't afford to take a cent away from classroom learning.

Over the last several years, the Northville Public Schools has deferred many of its maintenance projects in an effort to protect student learning. The \$250,000 allocated for maintenance and repairs in the district's budget is wholly inadequate for maintaining 11 schools plus additional facilities, most of which are more than 30 years old.

The sinking bond fund request is for 1-mill for five years. The impact on property owners would be a maximum annual increase of \$100 for a home with a market value of \$200,000. It will cost the average homeowner less than 50 cents a day. The one-mill levy will generate approximately \$2.4 million a year to pay for capital projects such as roof repairs, sidewalk replacement, boiler or mechanical upkeep, etc. Details of capital repairs and replacements can be found on the district's website at www.northville.k12.mi.us/.

A capital improvement (sinking fund) millage is one of the only opportunities local school district residents have in deciding how their tax dollars will be spent on public education. Northville residents have the opportunity on Tuesday, May 3, to protect their investment and help maintain Northville's educational excellence. I urge you to join me in voting YES for the capital improvement (sinking fund) millage.

Michele Fecht
Northville

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS



The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues. In Your Voices. Find more comments or join the discussion on the Web at hometownlife.com.

The issue: Citizens committee makes budget recommendations to Northville City Council

Until I read this story I didn't understand why this committee didn't make any structural change recommendations. In reality this was a government committee bearded by inexperienced citizens. On the first day these people met, I marvelled at the number of first-timers in the collective. Did all the government employees in the room that night laugh at how easily I was duped?

OaklandTom

Art house class

Lauren Mailley, 5, works on painting a flower mask at an April 8 "Creative Tot Art Exploration" at the Northville Art House. The class, taught by Julie Woodard, is offered through the Art House. For more information on classes call (248) 344-0497.



Dev Nimmala, 5, shows off the cowboy mask he painted in a "Creative Tot" class at the Northville Art House on April 8.

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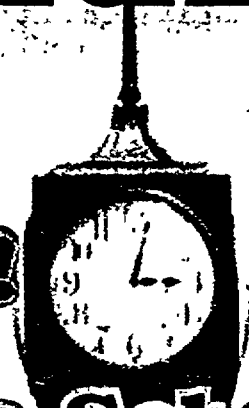


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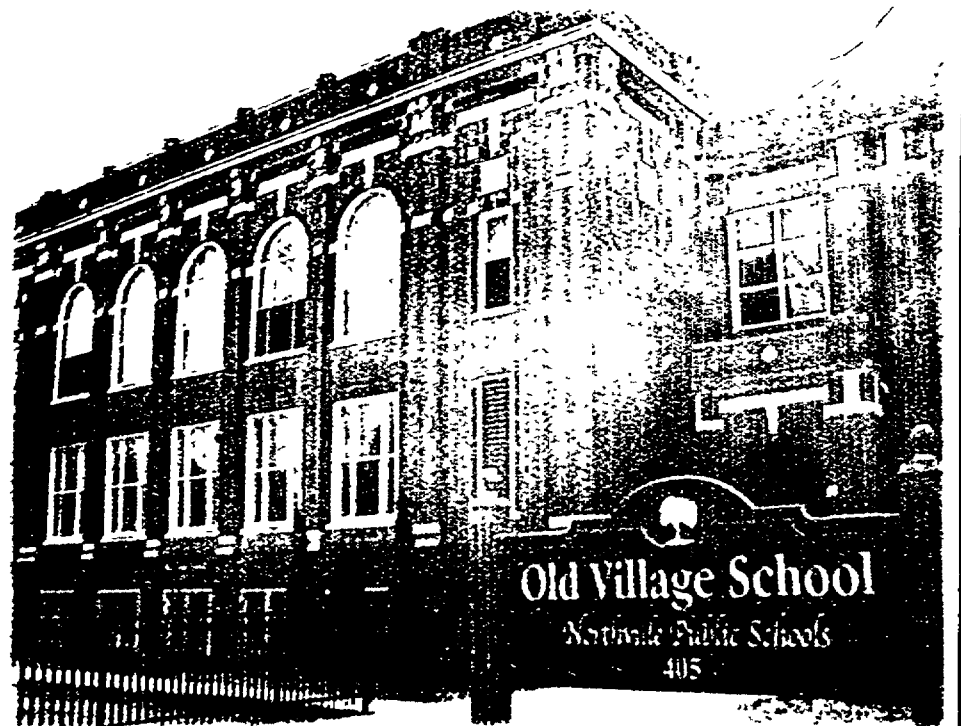
Dear Northville School District Voters:

As Northville graduates, a current Northville school parent (Randy), and local business owners, we implore you to support our incredible school system and our entire Northville community by voting YES on the Northville Public Schools Capital Improvement (Sinking Fund) millage request on May 3rd.

The 1-mill request for five years will cost the average Northville homeowner less than 50-cents a day. We are sure you will agree that this is a small price to pay to make sure our school facilities are safe and comfortable places for our kids. Simply put, this millage request is about brick and mortar and protecting our investment in our school buildings and facilities.

With your support the millage will provide the school district with about \$2.4 million for each of the next five years to make much-needed repairs to the district's facilities — from roof replacements, to new boiler systems, to sidewalk repairs. There's nothing fancy here. These are the same sorts of regular repairs we make around our own homes to protect our investment and keep our families comfortable. The problem is many of these school facility repairs have already been delayed for several years as cuts in state funding for schools have left the district struggling to make ends meet. Without the millage, many of these repairs will continue to be delayed and any emergency repairs will have to be paid for with general operating funds that would otherwise go to support educational programs for students.

When you vote YES on this millage proposal you're not just supporting our schools — you are supporting the entire Northville community. As local business owners, we can tell you firsthand that people moving to the area choose to buy homes in the Northville school district



because of the outstanding reputation of Northville Public Schools. Maintaining our school buildings and facilities — many of which pre-date our time as students here — is part of protecting our quality school system. Excellent schools translate into higher property values for all of us, regardless of whether we have kids in school.

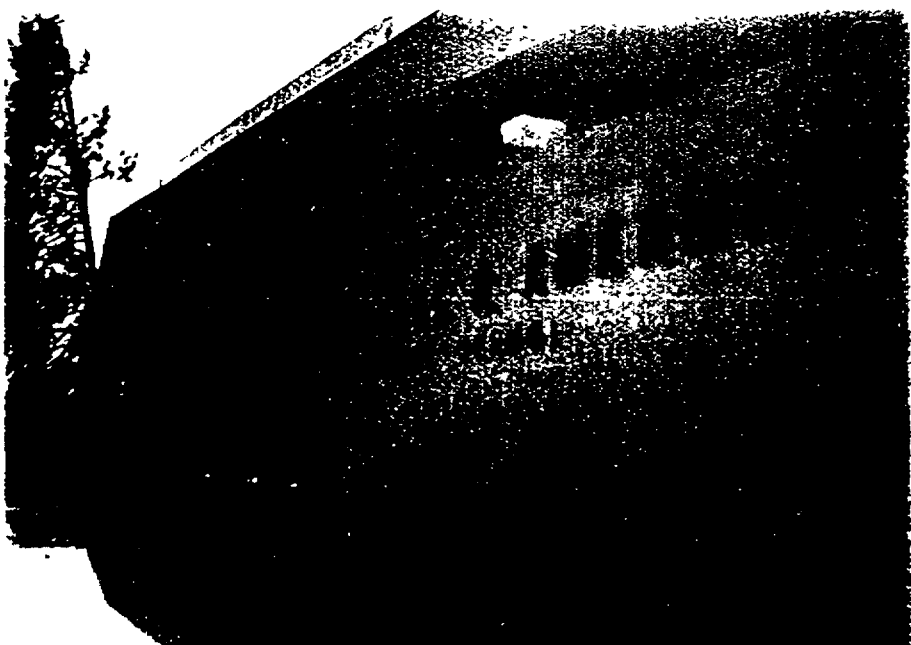
Much has changed since we were Northville Public Schools students, but at its core Northville is still the same small town where we stop to chat with our neighbors, watch out for each others kids, gather on Friday nights in the fall to cheer on our football team, and do our part to support the community.

Please VOTE YES on May 3rd!

Sincerely,

Robert E. Holloway II (Class of '79)
Jana Feters (Class of '81)
Randy Holloway (Class of '87)

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Spring fling

Jewelry artist Patti West creates some bracelets at the April 15 Spring Fling artisans market inside the Northville Community Senior Center.



Patti West creates a bracelet at the Spring Fling artisans show on April 15.

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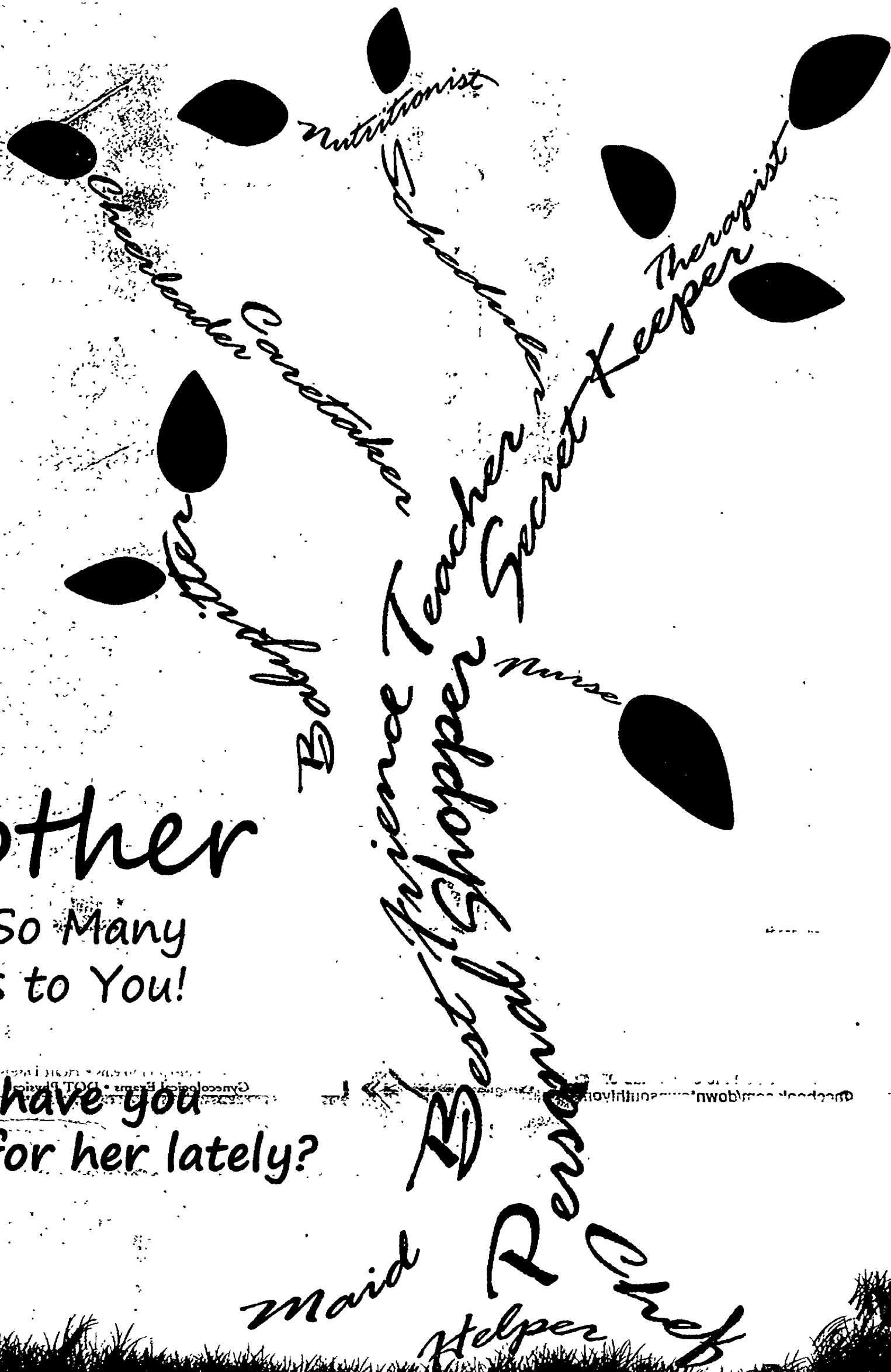
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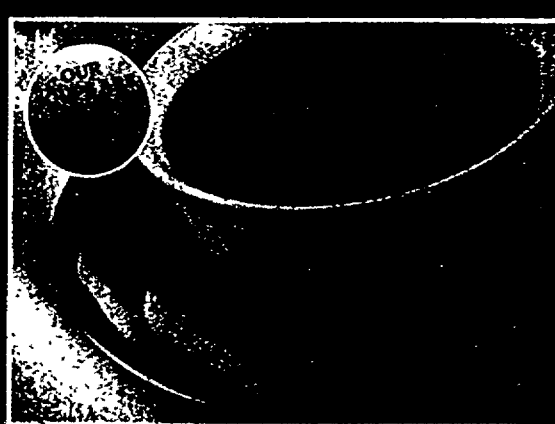
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Novi's Ferriss wheels past peers as top icer

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

Centering the top line of the Division I state champions and setting a school record for points is hard to do in the same season, but that's precisely what Novi senior Joey Ferriss did. Ferriss earns the Player of the Year honor after amassing 32 goals and 45 assists in 30 games.

"Joey is one of the most talented and hard working forwards in the state. His 77 points set the single-season points record in our program over its 13-year history," Novi coach Todd Krygier said. "His leadership on and off the ice led this team to its first state championship."

The First Team All-Stater was also selected to the Michigan High School Hockey Coaches' Association's Dream Team.

First team

Nolan Valleau (Novi Sr. D)

Earning a second-straight year on the MHSCHA Dream Team, Valleau rebounded from an unlucky ricocheted overtime-inducing own goal off his skate against Detroit Catholic Central to allow just one more goal during the final four games of the Wildcats' championship playoff run. His two-way play and ability to keep his head in the game led to 18 goals and 30 assists over 30 games, as well as an All-State honor.

"Nolan is the most talented and best offensive defenseman in the state," said Krygier. "His development as a player and person over the last four years has been tremendous. He may be the only player in recent high school hockey to be on the Dream Team two consecutive years."

Michael Pesendorfer (Novi Sr. GK)

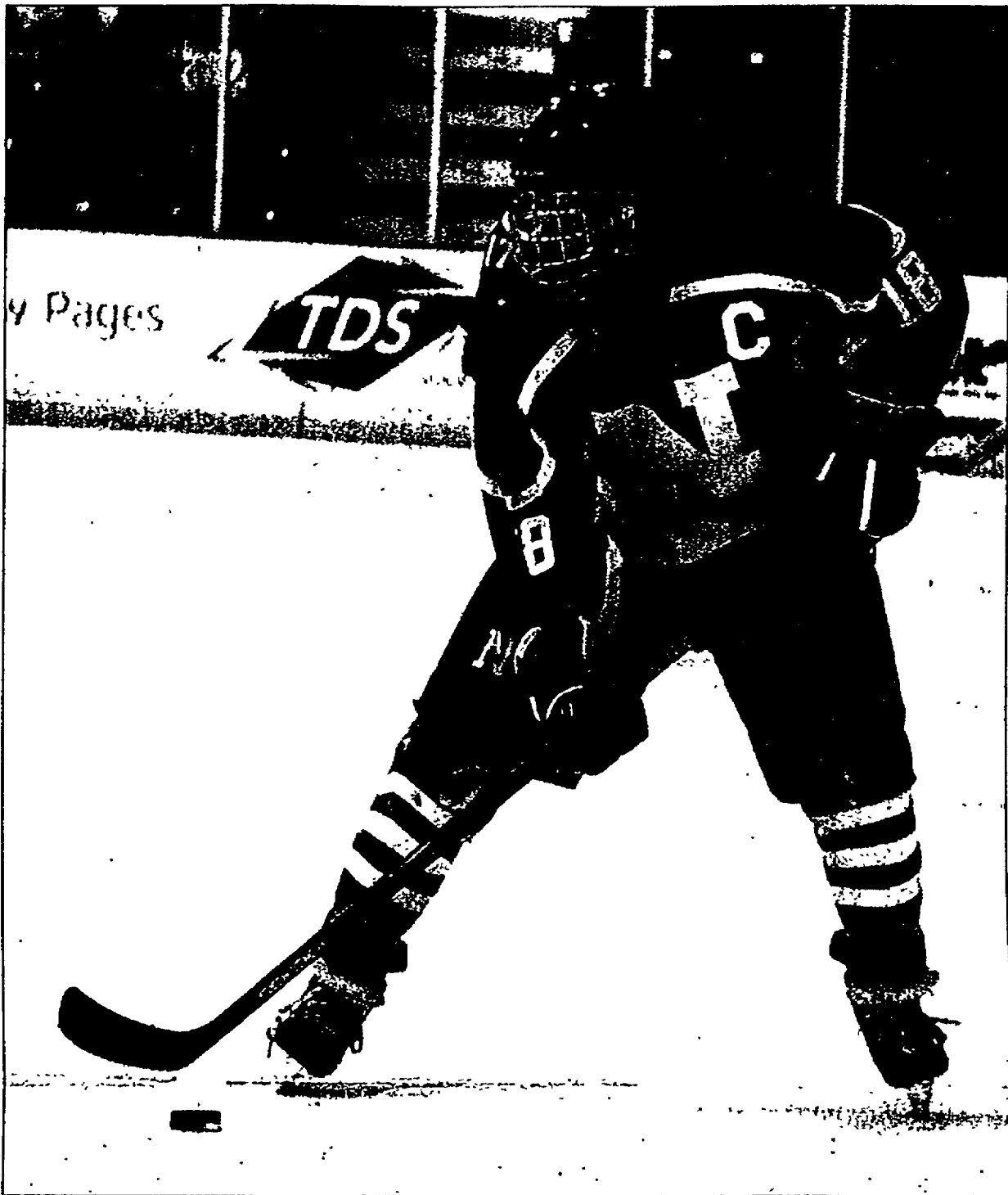
The Wildcats' state championship run would not have been possible had Pesendorfer not been able to stand on his head in front of the net for Novi. After averaging 1.96 goals against and a .920 save percentage during the regular season, "Pez" cut that down to 0.66 and .963 in the playoffs, shutting out opponents in four of six games en route to the championship and individual All-State honors.

"Michael has been a top high school goalie for the last three years," said Krygier. "He is a hard worker on ice and off, as well as in the classroom. I'm very proud of Michael as a person and a student-athlete."

Taylor Howell (Novi Sr. F)

Hitting his stride at the most important time, Howell scored 14 goals in six playoff games. Totalling 30 goals and 27 assists in 30 games, this All-State forward provided an unmatched offensive combination with his teammates.

"Taylor has been a pleasure to coach over the last three years," said Krygier. "Taylor's hard work everyday and great team first attitude paid off for him and the team when Taylor produced



CHRIS JACKETT

Novi senior Joey Ferriss, who assisted on the game-winning goal, prepares to make his move during the second overtime of the Wildcats' 4-3 triple-overtime victory March 2 against Detroit Catholic Central.

14 goals in six games during the state playoffs, in addition to the great season he had. He had tremendous hands and poise around the net, which he tactfully used to score his goals.

"The most tremendous trait about Taylor has been his willingness to set aside all personal goals to be a part of a state championship team. Not only did he accomplish that, he also led the way in goal scoring."

Ryan Keller (CC Sr. F)

Keller was the Shamrocks' go-to guy for a goal this season, scoring 15 and adding 12 assists over the course of 26 games. He earned All-State and first-

team MIHL honors as he helped CC to a 16-9-1 finish.

"He is a strong, power forward that skates very well," CC coach Todd Johnson said. "Voted by his teammates as MVP of this year's team."

Johnson added that Keller signed a tender with the NAHL's Topeka.

Charlie Green (CC So. F)
An integral part of his team's offense, Green led the Shamrocks with 29 points (12 goals, 17 assists) in 25 games while rolling to All-State and second-team MIHL honors.

"Charlie led the team in scoring and is a very good defensive forward as

well," said Johnson.

Green is property of the USHL's Cedar Rapids team.

David Ketelhut (Northville Sr. GK)

After four years with the varsity squad, Ketelhut earned All-State honorable mention while backstopping the Mustangs to a 10-13-4 finish.

"David came up big in Northville's 3-1 win over D3 state champion Grand Rapids Catholic Central and in Northville's 4-2 win over Canton in the first round of the MHSAA state hockey tournament," Northville coach Jeff

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Northville to go artificial

Anonymous donor gives \$500,000 for funding of artificial turf field

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

It looks like the 85 games held annually at the Eight Mile Stadium won't be causing so much wear and tear thanks to an anonymous donor.

Bryan Masi, the athletic director at Northville, said that the Northville Education Foundation informed him that an anonymous donor gave \$500,000 to the district specifically for the funding of an artificial turf field at the stadium.

"The biggest thing the turf will help us with is the amount of use we will be able to get out of our fields," said Masi. "With the increase of opportunities we have provided students over the past few years (adding boys and girls lacrosse and adding the Stallions youth football program), we have increased the usage of our field."

Over the past few seasons, Northville has hosted an average of 85 games a year on the field, which currently is constructed of natural grass. Grass fields, however, traditionally do not stand up well to constant use, while artificial turf can. According to studies of artificial turf, approximately 3,000 hours of use per year can be handled with no additional maintenance required. Grass, however, can only withstand about 1,000 hours, and requires maintenance, watering and fertilization—all of which cost money that will automatically be saved by the school district.

"Because the turf will be a donation, the district will experience immediate savings," said Masi. "This savings can be put back into the classroom."

Artificial turf has also been rated as a safer playing environment, offering level and consistent playing surfaces as well as traction, rotation and slip resistance.

The athletics department has been vying for artificial turf for years, but has not been able to fund the project due to the economic crunch that has had an impact on nearly every public school.

"We are very thankful the anonymous donors saw the need and benefits for synthetic turf," Masi said.

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

CC edges Oakland Hills Tournament competition

Shamrocks win by one stroke over both Brother Rice and Pinckney

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks golf team is considered to be one of the best in the state again this year, and playing under pressure and through the ele-

ments like they did this week shows why.

The team, coached by Bill Hayes, had to suffer through the Oakland Hills Tournament in pouring rain but made the best of it by taking first place. The Shamrocks collected a 303 in

the tournament, which boasted a field of 24 teams, while Brother Rice and Pinckney were tied for second place just a stroke behind with 304.

The Shamrocks benefited from outstanding play by Charlie Green, who shot a 71 despite the onslaught of

weather. Patrick Luther carded a 76 in the victory, while Owen Franks collected a 77 and Connor Sexton shot a 79 to help his team to the win.

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

ON TAP

The Catholic Central golf team will be back in action when they play Brother Rice today at 3:30 p.m. before participating in the Pinckney Golf Invitational Saturday. The team will then play in the Seaholm Invite on Monday.

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A taste of home will be on its way to Michigan service men and women, thanks to Northville High School baseball and students of Northville Public Schools. In its second year, the entire NHS baseball program will celebrate Armed Forces Day at the varsity baseball field. In addition to military displays/presentations, food, activities and a double-header, Saturday, May 21 will be the culmination of an ambitious effort by Northville students to collect hygiene and snack items, earmarked for military personnel serving abroad.

Participating Northville schools are collecting items May 16-20. Donations, which are tax deductible, will also be accepted at NHS' Armed Forces Day celebration.

The West Point Parents' Club (WPPC) of Michigan, based in southeast Michigan, in conjunction with the national non-profit organization Operation Support Our Troops, Inc. (OSOT), will pack and ship all appropriate donations. Thirty-five-pound boxes will be shipped to Michigan's

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- Single serve packets of powdered drink mix to flavor water (no lemon* lime)

troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"For nine years, we've brought a touch of home to our Michigan military people," said Sandy Petroskey of the WPPC of Michigan and the Michigan contact for OSOT.

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- Donors are encouraged to include brief non* political notes of thanks and support, along with updates on sports, current events and news makers.

Their son Kyle, a Black Hawk pilot, grew up in Plymouth, graduated from West Point in 2001 and is currently in the Experimental Test Pilot Program. In the nine years they've been doing this, they've developed exacting strategies on how to most efficiently pack and ship donations.

In a complementary effort, athletes and families of the Northville Baseball-Softball

Association (NBSA) are encouraged to step up to the plate. NBSA donation opportunities are currently being developed.

"Our coaching staff was inspired by the San Diego Padres' support of their region's military population," said NHS Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach Bill Flohr, who is also organizing the effort. "We want our ball players to know the importance of giving back to the community. Supporting America's troops, with donations as basic as toothpaste or snacks, is a tangible way we can express our gratitude for the tremendous sacrifices they make every day. We're counting on Northville's support."

NHS baseball players, staff and parents, Head Varsity Baseball Coach John Kostzewa, the WPPC of Michigan and OSOT are confident Northville's caring spirit will bring a welcomed taste of home to Michigan's sons and daughters, serving so far away.

For more information, contact Bill Flohr at (248) 761-9694 or info@precisionbaseballone.com.

HOCKEY

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Hatley said. "David was a great leader for our team and always battled for his teammates in the net."

Although his senior hockey season is over, Ketelhut won't get much time out from between the pipes, as he is also Northville's lacrosse goal-keeper.

Second team

Sean Gaffney (CC Sr. F) After starting the season on the sideline with a broken hand, Gaffney played the final 22 games and racked up 12 goals and 14 assists in the process. In addition to All-State and MIHL honors, Gaffney is tendered with the NAHL's Topeka, alongside Keller.

Michael Downing (CC So. D) With seven goals and 15 assists during 26 games on the defensive end of the Shamrocks' lineup, Downing earned All-State and MIHL honors. He was also the first high school player from Michigan to be invited to the prestigious 40-man camp in March for the U.S. National Team Development Program.

Jordan Blanzky (Lakeland Sr. F) The move from defense to forward was definitely productive for Blanzky, who averaged 23 goals and 15 assists over the course of 25 games. The Eagles' top point earner and MVP, Blanzky's +32 rating helped him toward an All-Conference honor. He also earned All-Academic honors behind his 3.43 grade point average.

Nolan Gluchowski (CC Jr. D) The physical defensive pres-

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Jared Vincek, South Lyon
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Northville - Robbie Thornburg (Sr. F), Brady Marotta (Sr. D), Stephen Champagne (Sr. F), Logan Hill (Sr.)
Novi - Brock Krygier (Jr. D), Zach Mohr (Sr. F)
South Lyon Unified - Luke Dmytro (Sr. F), Jake Taiariol (Jr. F), Colin Tittle (Jr. D), Ryan Betz (Jr. D)

ence Gluchowski provided the Shamrocks kept his team in many games throughout the season. With four goals and 14 assists in 26 games, Gluchowski earned All-State and MIHL honors. He is property of USHL's Fargo franchise.

Jared Vincek (South Lyon Jr. F)

In one of the state's toughest divisions, Vincek managed to earn All-Conference honors behind 12 goals and 20 assists. He was captain and MVP for the South Lyon Unified program and holds a lot of promise for his squad next season.

Kyle Zurich (Lakeland Sr. F)

The reach and stickhandling of the Eagles' captain went a long way toward his +28 All-Conference season. Zurich had 14 goals and 20 assists in 25 games while also earning both All-Academic honors with a 3.22 grade point average and Lakeland's Team Impact Player of the Year award.

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Nick Diegel headed to Ohio State University

Former Northville lacrosse standout earns place with Buckeyes

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

Nick Diegel knew during his junior year of high school that he was destined to become Northville's first ever Division I men's lacrosse player—but then his ankle snapped.

Universities were coming to watch him and were in talks about what they could offer him in order to get him to play lacrosse for their teams. But when his ankle broke, those talks and those scholarship offers went away.

The standout didn't throw a fit or toss his stick and pads into the garbage and walk away from the sport for good. Instead, he pushed his way back from the injury.

"I never gave up and I knew I could always play DI ... I was very determined and worked very hard and, thankfully, all my hard work paid off."

NICK DIEGEL, lacrosse player

"I never gave up and I knew I could always play DI and continued to talk to my parents about it," said Diegel. "I was very determined and worked very hard and, thankfully, all my hard work paid off."

Diegel, who went on from high school to attend Central Michigan University and play for their club team, got his career back on track. He worked through the injury, get-

ting training from a strength and conditioning coach.

Recently, he was offered a position on the Ohio State University lacrosse team.

"I started back up serious talks with OSU last Thanksgiving and they invited me to a tryout and evaluation on January 16 after watching a video of my highlights," Diegel said. "A few days after the tryout, I was offered a scholarship and spot on the team."

Diegel had the option to leave Central Michigan and begin playing with the Buckeyes as early as March 4 once the NCAA confirmed his classes would transfer. But, with a 17-credit-hour work load and being in the middle of his club season, Diegel

decided to wait until summer to join up with OSU. So far this season, he is averaging over three points a game with the Chippewa club team, an improvement over last year when he had an average of two points per contest. Diegel has started every game since joining up with the Chips.

Diegel, who will be playing midfield at the Big 10 school and will be the only Michigan player on a roster dominated by East Coast talent, will continue working toward a bachelor's degree in education with a health minor before pursuing his master's degree.

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



Nick Diegel with Ohio State lacrosse coach Nick Myers inside the Woody Hayes Athletic Center.

CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Northville Planning Commission will consider a request for the rezoning of property located at the northeast corner of Rayson Street and North Center Street (lots 649, 650, 651, and 652a of Assessor's Plat No. 7) from Planned Unit Development (PUD) to Central Business District (CBD). The proposed rezoning would allow for a variety of land uses, including retail, restaurant, or office uses.

The proposed rezoning will be considered by the Planning Commission at a public hearing on May 17, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comment on the rezoning application. The rezoning application submitted by Rayson Group LLC (Jim Delano - Pizza Cutter), 43442 Serenity, Northville, Michigan, 48167, is available for review at the City of Northville Building Department during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, local prevailing time. Written comments pertaining to the proposed rezoning will also be received at the above address.

Jim Penn, Building Official
Dianne Massa, City Clerk

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Shamrocks on fire in track and field

Team dominates Elk Relays, defeats U-D

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks made short work of the track and field competition during the Elk Relays last week.

The squad, coached by Tony Magni, took first place with 70 points while Ferndale was second with 36 and Canton was third with 34 points.

The team took several first-place finishes throughout the day, including a top spot in the shot put and the shot-put 4x100 relay race. The team consisted of George Darany, Mark Becker, David Houle and Matt Godin.

In addition, the trio of Godin, Darany and Stone Monarch took first in the discus relay, throwing a total of 411-feet-8-inches.

Also taking a first was the long jump team of Joshua Carolin, Ryan Majsak and Steve Wyatt, while the high hurdles team of Joshua Gandy, Tyler Brown, Evan Moran and Jack Malinowski took the top spot in their respective relay.

It came as no surprise when the Shamrocks dominated the three distance events. The team of Andrew Garcia-Garrison, Jonathan Malone, Austin Zebrowski and Jean-Paul Zebrowski won the 6,400-meter relay while

ON TAP

The Shamrocks will be back on the track when they run in the Jackson Invitational tomorrow at 3 p.m. before visiting Divine Child May 3 at 4 p.m.

Joshua Carol, Malinowski, Ryan Boyd and Mackenzie Boyd won the distance medley. The 3,200-meter relay was won by the Zebrowski brothers, Malone and Garcia-Garrison.

Taking a second place was the 400-meter relay team of Michael Shields, Majsak, Michael Schultz and Jake Spuller, as did the same four athletes when they ran in the 800-meter relay.

The high jump team of

Michael Sharon, Malinowski and Dylan Roney took third, while the intermediate hurdles team of Gandy, Brown, Moran and Malinowski took fifth.

The Shamrocks also defeated University of Detroit-Jesuit High School last week, 92-36.

The team had first-place finishes from Monarch (discus), Darany (shot), Gandy (high hurdles), Shields (100 dash), Garcia-Garrison (1,600), Spuller (400 and 200), Carolin (800) and John-Paul Zebrowski (3,200). The Shamrocks also won the 4x100 relay, the 4x200 relay and the 4x800 relay.

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Shamrocks don't let spring break spoil the fun

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

Is there possibly a better way to spend spring break than with your teammates, getting wins?

For most athletes, the answer would be a resounding "no." That is the case at Detroit Catholic Central, too, where the lacrosse team went 2-0 over break with wins against Brighton and DeLaSalle.

Against DeLaSalle, the

Shamrocks punched out a 15-5 victory—though the score isn't nearly indicative of the intensity of the contest.

The weather was cold and raining, a factor that wasn't working in Detroit Catholic Central's favor as they fought to a 4-4 tie with just minutes remaining in the first half. The squad wouldn't quit, however, scoring two more goals before heading into halftime for a 6-4 advantage.

The second half was a different story, however.

"I changed our ride to apply more pressure in the second half, and we got a few turnovers which led to goals," said coach Dave Wilson. "Everyone but two of our guys got in (out of 34), which always makes me pleased."

The Shamrocks were led by senior captain Tim Urso, who had five goals and one assist in the victory. Senior midfielder Nick Guerriero had two goals. Against Brighton, the Shamrocks earned a 9-6 victory in a game that couldn't

find any rhythm thanks to penalties.

The Shamrocks and the Bulldogs combined for 24 calls from the officials throughout the game, which was also hampered by a wet and sloppy Brighton field.

Catholic Central followed Tommy Orr, who scored three goals, while Guerriero added two in the victory.

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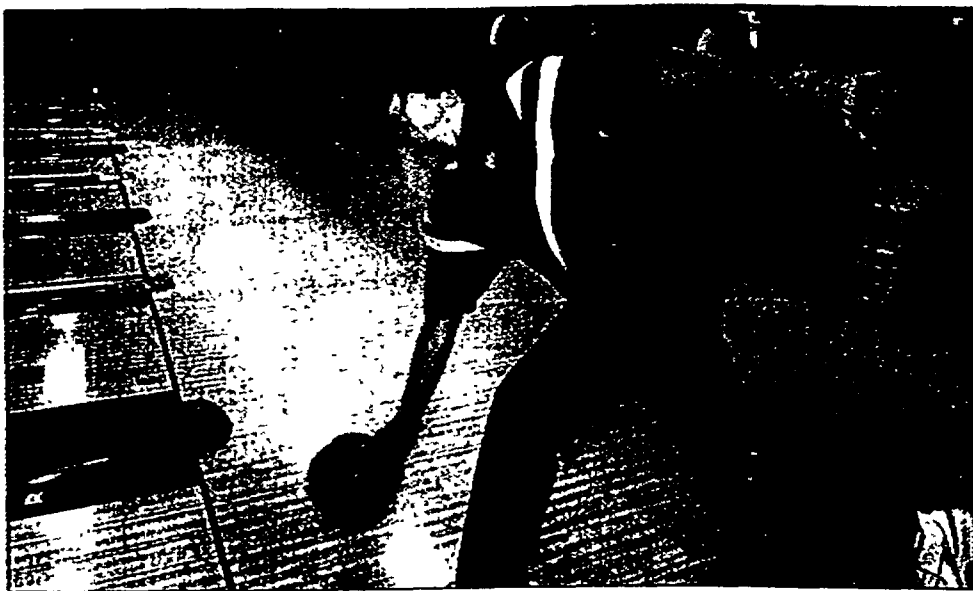
SL's Galorneau strikes top bowling spot

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

It's on thing to be the top bowler on a team. It's a whole different animal to be the man on the State Championship team.

South Lyon's Gordon Galorneau did just that for the Division 2 title-winning Lions. The senior carried a whopping 217 average, landing a spot on the Division 2 All-State First Team. He also punched a spot to the individual state finals but did not place. "Gordon is a high-energy bowler and a student of the game, always trying to learn the game and better himself," said coach Fred Ringrose. For the girls, Lakeland's Jessica McNabb's season-long 208 average puts her tops on the list. The junior had a high game of 256 with 13 games in the 200s this year. Her high two-game series was 489.

Boys first team
Eric Pavlov, CC
The CC junior held a 214 average for 52 games as the anchor for the Shamrocks. The three-year starter was selected First Team All-Conference with a 222 average in the Catholic League. He helped CC roll to a fourth-place finish at the State Finals. Pavlov finished fourth individually at regionals out of 82 bowlers



South Lyon's Gordon Galorneau helped lead the Lions to the Division 2 State Title and lands the top spot on the All-Area Bowling Team.

and finished fifth in the state in the singles competition. His high game was a perfect 300. Tom Zahari, CC
The senior provided a strong 1-2 punch with Pavlov, finishing with a 196 average for 46 games. He was a three-year starter and a co-captain. He carried a Catholic League average of 207. He finished second at regionals to qualify for the individual State Finals. His high game was 276. Jon Bandy, South Lyon
The senior was another

rock on a loaded squad. He managed a 2-3 average and was voted Team MVP for the Division 2 champion Lions. He earned Division 2 Third Team All-State honors. "Jon is even tempered all year and does whatever was asked and needed to better the team," said Ringrose. Andrew Stanny, SL East
The Cougar junior finished the season with a 208 average. His high game came early in the year with a 278 and a 502 series. He helped East

tie South Lyon for the KLAA West Division title with identical 10-2 records. Jake Pelc, Lakeland
The Eagle co-captain finished with a massive 214 average. His high game was 257, and he rolled 22 games in the 200s. Pelc showed his talents at regionals, where he finished in first place to qualify for the State Finals. "He's a quiet leader, leads by example," said Kehoe. "Great work ethic. The best bowler I coached in the five years (with Lakeland). He was always the last one off the lanes."

Girls first team
Alycia Holmyard, Lakeland
The Lakeland junior provided a perfect 1-2 punch with McNabb. She finished the year with a 202 average. She had a high game of 237 with eight games in the 200s. She had a high series of 447. "You never really see her emotions if something don't go her way," said Kehoe. "That's a great attribute to have. When you can not bring your teammates down, that goes very far as a co-captain." Elizabeth Ringholz, SL East
The junior finished with a

172 average for the Cougars. Ringholz qualified out of regionals to reach the State Finals. She finished 19th in qualifying. Kristen Muzzillo, Northville
The senior Mustang rolled a high game of 278, finishing with 11 strikes in a row. She had a high series of 470. She finished with a 171 average. "She was good at finding her adjustments and being a positive influence to her team," said coach Jerry Harris. "She always brought her smile and good spirit to the team." Brittany Browsers, Northville
The junior finished with a team-high 174 average for the Mustangs. She made a run to the individual State Finals, finishing 51st in qualifying. "Brittany is a three-year team member that has showed a remarkable work ethic in preparing for her state competition, willing to work extra hard to prepare," said Harris. "She always bring a fun attitude to lighten up the team in tense situations. Looking forward to a repeat performance and trip to state tournament next season with her goal to bring her team with her." Theresa Bashara, Milford
She carried a 179 average for the Mavericks.

Second team
Ryan Benoit, Northville
The senior Mustang finished with a 195 average with a high series of 425 at the KLAA Mixed Doubles tourney. He was the captain for Northville. Andrew Thorwall, Novi
The junior Wildcat carried a 195 average for 47 games bowled. He had a high game of 245 with 19 games over 200. Max Alestra, SL East
The junior Cougar averaged 201 in the anchor spot. He had a high game of 268 and a two-game series of 498. Matt Nugent, CC
The Shamrock senior finished with a 195 average for 40 games. He's a three-year varsity bowler. He finished sixth

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Brittany Browsers, Northville
Elizabeth Ringholz, SL East
Theresa Bashara, Milford
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South Lyon: Toni Cadena (Jr), Kasie Allen (So), Morgan Hatton (Fr)
Northville: Haley Ferrario (Sr)
East: Kallynn Pakkala (Jr)
Novi: Callie Wright (Jr)
Milford: Kaylin Viazanko

overall at regionals and 10th at the individual State Finals. He rolled a high game of 267. Scott Kujawa, CC
The senior carried a 198 average for 50 games. He is a four-year varsity bowler and was a co-captain this year. He had a high game of 268. Jared Choiniere, South Lyon
The senior averaged 198 for the Division 2 team champs. He earned Division 2 Third Team All-State honors.

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IT'S YOUR NORTHVILLE BUSINESS

Change vehicle oil no more

Local Petrosaver product picked up by city of Northville

BY LONNIE HUHAN
CORRESPONDENT

There is a new alternative technology in Northville claiming to eliminate the need for oil changes.

All Green Distributors, a Northville-based company started by resident Tom Charboneau, wants to get the word out on their product called the Petrosaver Engine Oil Refiner. They say the benefits are numerous. And even though they are primarily directing their efforts at organizations with fleets of vehicles, the attachable energy-saving device can work on any type of vehicle.

One of All Green's first customers was the City of Northville. Since 2009, the Department of Public Works has had two trucks outfitted with them.

The Petrosaver was invented by former NASA scientist Ralph LeBlanc.

"Considering the state of finances for many school and municipalities, finding creative ways to cut costs is a priority. We believe we have a simple way they can do this," Charboneau said. "The Petrosaver is a device that can eliminate the costly price and down time of oil changes, which are frequent when maintaining a fleet of



Northville resident Tom Charboneau points out his pickup truck's All Green Distributors' oil filtration system — seen at far right of the engine compartment. The canister features a filter that needs replacement every 20,000 miles, but the car's oil never needs replacement once the system is in place.

buses or police vehicles."

It works by cleaning and recycling the existing oil. Charboneau said as the oil flows through the engine and filters through the combustion process, it picks up un-burnt fuel, solid particles, water, soot and carbon. These are combined with the unwanted elements produced by the heat of the engine.

The result is the oil's

breakdown and loss of viscosity. All Green states their energy efficiencies and, in turn, money-saving claims, are supported by the Environmental Protection Agency.

The standard is most vehicles must be changed with new oil every 3,000 to 5,000 miles. It takes time and money to keep a fleet of vehicles going efficiently.



All Green Distributors' Tom Charboneau shows off the dipstick of his pickup truck fitted with the company's oil filtration system — to show how clear and clean the oil comes out — as it's constantly cleaned.



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All Green Distributors employees Margot Spera, left, and Tom Charboneau pose near a pickup truck at Charboneau's Northville Township home that's been fitted with the company's oil filtration system.

"It just makes sense that organizations should look at the savings possibilities," said Senior Vice President Margot Spera.

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TAKIN' CARE OF BUSINESS

Use consensus as a tool in your business

BY LEE MEADOWS
GUEST COLUMNIST

The recovery indicators keep pointing to a hard, but steady, climb up a sloping economic slope, pushing a boulder that is crumbling around the edges. When we ascend to the top of that precipice, it will be a sweat-fought, sweat-drenched victory that will require that we analyze the panoramic view of our missteps and find the lessons that will prevent a tumble back down, an already, torturous mountainside. There can be no return to the glorious days of yesteryear in which every early 20th century assumption was shattered by late 20th century realities. Who knew that placing a cookie on your plate and placing a cookie on your computer would have two completely different meanings? The abundance of lessons learned are overwhelming, thus making it easy to find one that makes sense for moving forward.

One of the easily repeatable missteps can take place within an organization's culture when there is no recognition of the disconnect between what is desired and what has emerged. Toward the latter part of the 20th century, management concepts such as teamwork, collaboration, consensus and empowerment were used similarly, and often interchangeable, to describe an important competitive theme. While the terms were banded about in order to give focus to a new cultural way of getting things done, the desired process, being consensus, bumped heads with the emergent process, being confusion. Upon reflective examination, it has become clear that consensus, as an end, was a misuse of that concept. Consensus should have been seen as a tool to achieve a desired end. When the historical, organizational truth is folded into the process, consensus was never a part of the cultural agreement and it was only the appearance of it that contributed, as one factor, to the eventual storm-drenched mudslide that reformed the organizational landscape. While it was a hard lesson to learn, it is one in which the consensus tool can craft a future.

Consensus is a process in which juries, upon instructions by a judge, are duty-bound to make sometimes life-and-death decisions. Thus, there

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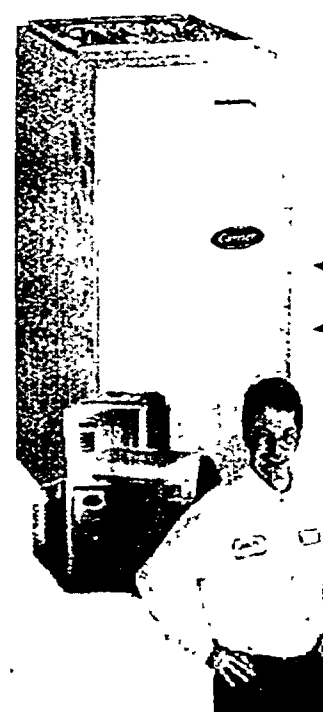
cannot be a low consensus decision or a high consensus decision. There can only be consensus. Its meaning is absolute. We are ALL in agreement about a decision being made. Juries are afforded the luxury of time in which to reach a consensus, while most business organizations can ill afford to invest so much energy in trying to hit a target that moves, globally, in real time. At some level, it is recognized that consensus has its benefits. Individual, unique perspectives drive much of what we do in everyday life and we bring that into an organizational environment. The strength of the consensus process is those unique perspectives. However, the real managerial trick is in knowing how to introduce a high-consensus process into a low-consensus environment. The history of organizational missteps points to this as a major, yet subtle, factor in trying to build and maintain a competitive environment. It's not enough that a few people, in their low-consensus way, agree on what needs to be done. The remnants of that process are, profoundly, intact and in danger of becoming the process of choice due to its misleading familiarity. More importantly, a high-consensus of agreement does more than state the commitment of a decision, but, also, to the amount of commitment to implementing the decision. The infusion of consensus, as a tool, requires a total break from the half-hearted efforts designed to garner the appearance of commitment. The panoramic view from the first precipice indicates that path to economic stability and sustainability is rooted in bringing perspectives together in a timely manner and engaging those perspectives in a consensus-seeking forum in which responsibility is shared and commitment is primary to achieving competitive results.

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Buyer beware: Building Industry Association warns against unlicensed contractors

There are a few things you can count on when spring arrives: daylight-saving time, warmer temperatures, rain and the urge to spruce up your home or begin looking for a new home.

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) reminds you that under Michigan law, all contractors offering to do work which totals \$600 or more in labor and materials must be licensed by the Department of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth (DELEG). A Residential Builder's license allows a contractor to build a complete structure and do maintenance or alteration (remodeling) work. A Maintenance & Alteration license indicates that the holder has met requirements for one or more of 14 different trades.

The trades in which a contractor is qualified to practice are listed on the license.

"Consumers should be wary of builders or remodelers who offer an unreasonably low price or claim they have materials left over from another job they can use on their project," said Michael Stoskopf, CEO of BIA. "Legitimate builders and remodelers do not over-buy materials for a job. Consumers are also warned to be cautious about any builder who asks to be paid in cash or requires total payment up front."

Hiring unlicensed contractors exposes the consumer to potential liability issues that could be very costly.

Consumers that contract with an unlicensed contractor can be held liable for on-the-job injuries sustained by that unlicensed person and their employees. This exposes the consumer to liability, including having to pay medical bills and lost wages. Licensed contractors must carry workers compensation insurance to cover injuries to their employees and generally carry an appropriate amount of liability insurance, as well.

Unlicensed contractors do not. Licensed contractors offer consumers several benefits, including:

- The contractor knows his/her trade and has been tested and approved, including a credit check by the State of Michigan;
- They are required to show continuing competency in their profession to keep their license. They know and



build to the Michigan Residential Code;

- Liability for on-the-job injuries will rest with the licensed contractor, not with the consumer.

All licensed contractors carry a pocket license card, which consumers should ask to see. If they cannot show their license, consumers should call the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth's (DELEG) Builder's Unit at (517) 241-9254 or visit the DELEG website at www.michigan.gov/builders, to confirm that an individual or company has a license.

Consumers are encouraged to file complaints against unlicensed contractors. By doing so, consumers not

only assist in legal crackdowns, but also will help friends and neighbors from being ripped off. Complaints against unlicensed contractors must be in writing and signed. Necessary forms may be obtained at http://www.michigan.gov/documents/dleg/builders_complaint_forms_320691_7.pdf, or a consumer may request a form and information by telephone at (517) 241-9202. Consumers filing complaints are urged not include any information such as your Social Security number, that you do not want to be released to the respondent.

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Headquartered in West Bloomfield, Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and Apartment Association of Michigan are trade associations representing nearly 600 builders, remodelers, multifamily property owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and multifamily residential construction industry. BIA is affiliated with the Michigan Association of Home Builders in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C. Membership nationwide includes more than 175,000 individuals and companies.

Security issue for pool camera

BY ROBERT MEISNER
GUEST COLUMNIST

Q: We are thinking about installing a surveillance camera around our pool, but we are concerned about whether in fact it creates any additional exposure



Robert Meisner

on the association. Do you have any comments?
A: It always depends upon the facts of each situation,

but in a recent Ohio Appeals Court, it was held that a condominium association's installation of surveillance cameras did not constitute an assumption of duty to protect residents from the dangers using the condominium's swimming pool. This is important because the issue in a condominium, as it relates to security, is whether or not there is a foreseeable danger and/or whether the association has assumed additional responsibilities because of the fact that it has some sort of gate house or other surveillance type equipment. You are best advised, however, to get a written legal opinion from your community association attorney.

Q: I am a board member in a condominium which is suing a developer for construction defects and we are close to settlement but the attorney for the developer asked our attorney to put in a confidentiality clause in the settlement agreement and our attorney is seriously considering it. Isn't there a problem with that?

A: There certainly is based upon my extensive experience in negotiating settlements in construction defect litigation. The co-owners under the condominium statute, the nonprofit corporation act and your bylaws no doubt have the right to review the books, records and contracts of the association and I do not see how a developer can impose confidentiality on an association and consequently its members from knowing and/or disseminating the terms and conditions of any settlement. The developer is obviously interested in covering up its deficiencies but should be held accountable for them in a public forum. You may wish to get a second opinion from another attorney.

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

HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 17-21, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton		Livonia		Northville		Plymouth		Westland	
1243 Aziz Dr	\$210,000	28626 Bock St	\$65,000	16944 Bradner Rd	\$170,000	15805 Winding Creek Ct	\$400,000	9147 Seminole	\$70,000
2065 Brookline St	\$118,000	30930 Dover St	\$50,000	44646 Broadmoor Cir N	\$385,000	16928 Yellowstone Dr	\$118,000	14984 Seneca	\$55,000
4216 Coronel Ave	\$141,000	30994 Dover St	\$53,000	93376 Cardene Way	\$152,000	41630 Lindsay Dr	\$150,000	15786 Wornor	\$42,000
446 Country Club Ln	\$300,000	29883 Elmwood St	\$30,000	32709 Norfolk St	\$119,000	40358 Newport Dr	\$58,000	33254 Barrington St	\$77,000
39620 Dorchester Cir	\$200,000	30549 Florence St	\$78,000	33563 Pondview Cir	\$33,000	9415 Oakview St	\$57,000	356 Brookfield Dr	\$73,000
42296 Edenbrooke Dr	\$80,000	6457 Hawthorne St	\$75,000	33753 Pondview Cir	\$18,000	13966 Orchard Ct	\$325,000	35675 Canyon Dr	\$83,000
46742 Grand Oak Ct	\$300,000	28499 James St	\$80,000	19015 Shadyside St	\$85,000	14155 Terrace Ct	\$155,000	7624 Manor Cir	\$27,000
7399 Green Meadow Ln	\$115,000	32164 James St	\$30,000	37722 Southampton St	\$229,000	9374 Village Manor Dr	\$239,000	7258 N Hawthorne St	\$90,000
43148 Lombardy Dr	\$130,000	32632 Marquette St	\$90,000	36441 Sunnydale St	\$145,000	9375 Village Manor Dr	\$255,000	7312 N Hawthorne St	\$85,000
47300 Maben Rd	\$333,000			28915 Terrace St	\$46,000	9387 Village Manor Dr	\$326,000	34730 Nancy St	\$76,000
48921 Manhattan Cir	\$285,000					9236 Westbury Ave	\$131,000	2541 Nichols Ct	\$122,000
271 Meadowlake Rd	\$158,000							34625 Parkgrove Dr	\$91,000
45466 Marfield Dr	\$299,000							749 Rahn St	\$70,000
1580 Peninsula Ct	\$178,000							2036 S Harvey St	\$45,000
								110 S Newburgh Rd	\$90,000
								1608 S Parent St	\$34,000
								38046 Sherwood St	\$21,000
								1344 Shoemaker Dr	\$45,000
								1678 Shoemaker Dr	\$35,000
								34719 University St	\$66,000
								8365 Vista Ln	\$30,000
								27622 Warren Rd	\$62,000

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of January 10-14, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Beverly Hills		Franklin		Livonia		Northville		Plymouth		Westland	
31820 Allerton Dr	\$206,000	32679 Brookwood Ln	\$725,000	29486 Bentley St	\$91,000	16944 Bradner Rd	\$170,000	15805 Winding Creek Ct	\$400,000	9147 Seminole	\$70,000
16249 Elizabeth St	\$90,000	30616 N Greenbriar Rd	\$331,000	14311 Bernick St	\$139,000	44646 Broadmoor Cir N	\$385,000	16928 Yellowstone Dr	\$118,000	14984 Seneca	\$55,000
		26365 Normandy Rd	\$863,000	11036 Blackburn St	\$150,000	93376 Cardene Way	\$152,000	41630 Lindsay Dr	\$150,000	15786 Wornor	\$42,000
				11036 Blackburn St	\$150,000	32709 Norfolk St	\$119,000	40358 Newport Dr	\$58,000	33254 Barrington St	\$77,000
				11036 Blackburn St	\$150,000	33563 Pondview Cir	\$33,000	9415 Oakview St	\$57,000	356 Brookfield Dr	\$73,000
				11036 Blackburn St	\$150,000	33753 Pondview Cir	\$18,000	13966 Orchard Ct	\$325,000	35675 Canyon Dr	\$83,000
				11036 Blackburn St	\$150,000	19015 Shadyside St	\$85,000	14155 Terrace Ct	\$155,000	7624 Manor Cir	\$27,000
				11036 Blackburn St	\$150,000	37722 Southampton St	\$229,000	9374 Village Manor Dr	\$239,000	7258 N Hawthorne St	\$90,000
				11036 Blackburn St	\$150,000	36441 Sunnydale St	\$145,000	9375 Village Manor Dr	\$255,000	7312 N Hawthorne St	\$85,000
				11036 Blackburn St	\$150,000	28915 Terrace St	\$46,000	9387 Village Manor Dr	\$326,000	34730 Nancy St	\$76,000
				11036 Blackburn St	\$150,000			9236 Westbury Ave	\$131,000	2541 Nichols Ct	\$122,000
				11036 Blackburn St	\$150,000					34625 Parkgrove Dr	\$91,000
				11036 Blackburn St	\$150,000					749 Rahn St	\$70,000
				11036 Blackburn St	\$150,000					2036 S Harvey St	\$45,000
				11036 Blackburn St	\$150,000					110 S Newburgh Rd	\$90,000
				11036 Blackburn St	\$150,000					1608 S Parent St	\$34,000
				11036 Blackburn St	\$150,000					38046 Sherwood St	\$21,000
				11036 Blackburn St	\$150,000					1344 Shoemaker Dr	\$45,000
				11036 Blackburn St	\$150,000					1678 Shoemaker Dr	\$35,000
				11036 Blackburn St	\$150,000					34719 University St	\$66,000
				11036 Blackburn St	\$150,000					8365 Vista Ln	\$30,000
				11036 Blackburn St	\$150,000					27622 Warren Rd	\$62,000

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Investors

The Real Estate Investor Association of Wayne County holds monthly meetings the first Tuesday of each month at the Holiday Inn, 17201 Northline Road, Southgate. Entrance fee is \$20 for non-members to be applied to annual membership. At 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 3, the group will have assorted local investors ready to answer your questions and update you on the current market.

For information, call (313) 819-0919 or visit www.reiawaynecounty.org.

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A free Reverse Mortgage Seminar is 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road, Livonia. No obligation. Learn about reverse mortgages. RSVP with Larry Brady at (800) 260-5484, Ext. 33.

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Crossword Puzzle

Sounds Tough!

ACROSS

1 Big —
4 Slip, sailor
9 James of "Mystery"
13 Swash-buckling novelist
18 Grand —
19 Address
20 Mournful music
21 "F Troop" corporal
22 Start
24 Mid-size band
25 "Andrea —"
27 "Family Feud" host
29 Division word
31 Aschen article
32 Basilica feature
34 Part 2 of remark
38 TVs
42 Like some sheep
43 Part of HOMES
44 Inclined
45 Senator

DOWN

47 Waking —
49 Wire serving
52 Composer
54 Circus performer
57 Put on a pedestal
61 Soft issue
63 Tangle
64 Damage
65 Address
66 Baseball's
68 Enchanted
70 "Trinity" author
72 Neighbor of
73 Obeys the
77 Part 3 of
78 "Joe Joe"
80 Crank's
81 Skater
82 Noun suffix
84 Sundown
85 Actor Arkin
87 Sea
88 "Love Train"
91 Thick of
93 Rock's
95 Denizen

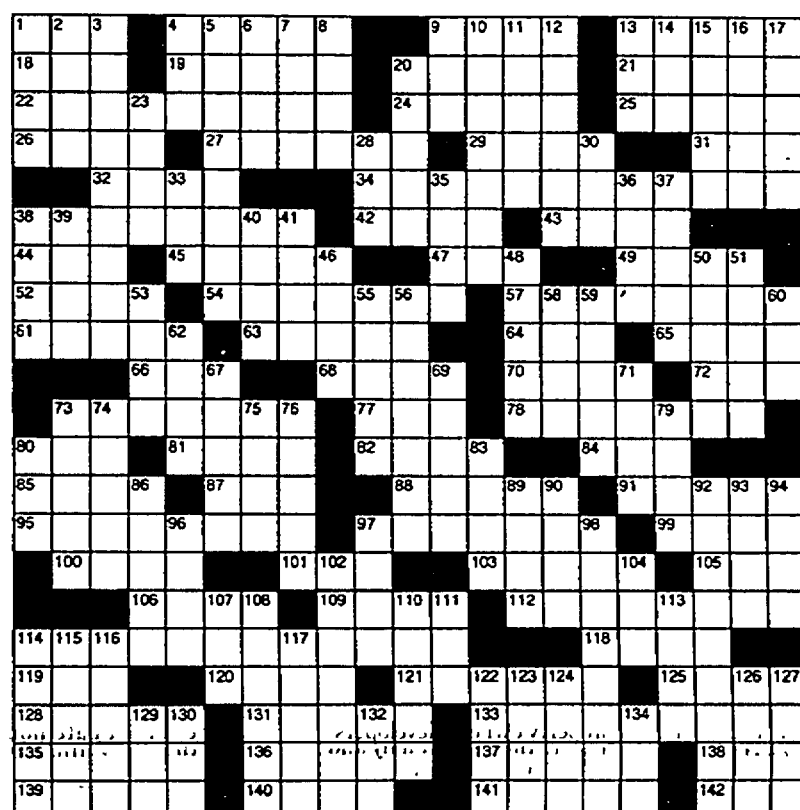
ACROSS

101 Comic
102 Carve
103 — old party
105 Priest's robe
106 With 87
108 Across, type of liquor
109 Merit
112 — blanket
114 Part 4 of
118 Well-informed
119 "So that's your game!"
120 Nonflowering plant
121 The Addams Family
125 Does Little work
126 Croc's kin
131 Chateau valley
133 End of remark
135 Wear away
136 Computer key
137 "The Lady" (79 film)
138 Child welfare org.
139 Rock's
140 Stocking stuffers
141 Toast start
142 "The Belts" monogram

DOWN

1 Physicist
2 "The Time Machine"
3 English port
4 Smile center
5 Feud
6 Novelist
7 Pack
8 Homeric characters
9 Pres.
10 Performer
11 Actor's actor?
12 Intake
13 Fagotello, to
14 Actor
15 — Gras
16 Sharon of Israel
17 Trap
20 "Tiny Bubbles" singer
23 Comics
24 "Andy —"
28 He gives a
30 — the fields we go...
33 Slangy sib

35 Am't right?
36 Extensive
37 Toast start
38 Grapefruit serving
39 October birthstone
40 Curved lines
41 Forsaken
46 Ditch under a draw-bridge
48 Object
50 Change for the better
51 Brawl
53 Sonia
54 Henie's birthplace
55 Acts like an ass?
56 Spirits
58 Amritsar
59 Nonsense
60 Smidgen
62 Throw a party
67 Custom
69 Message board?
71 Goblet part
73 Lost luster
74 — aspo
75 Gray or Moran
76 — Domingo
79 "What's for me?"
80 Cynical
83 Spotted
86 Belarusian city
89 Puppy
90 Withered
92 Downspout
93 Bank deposit?
94 "Twelfth Night" role
96 Spanish surrealist
97 Equipment
98 Happened again
102 Heal a rift
104 Even the evening
107 Right — the bat
108 A hole near the sole
110 Allude (to)
111 Dundee
113 Loud laugh
114 Bet
115 "Pal Joey" author
116 Boca —, FL
122 Willow
123 Baseball's Martinez
124 Spanish river
126 "I could — horse!"
127 Break suddenly
129 Eccentric
130 Cynical
132 Musical syllables
134 Patches



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Answer to Last Week's Puzzle

ACROSS

1 BIG
4 SLIP
9 JAMES
13 SCOTT
18 GRAND
19 ADDRESS
20 MOURNFUL
21 "F TROOP"
22 START
24 MID-SIZE
25 "ANDREA"
27 "FAMILY FEUD"
29 DIVISION
31 ASCHEN
32 BASILICA
34 PART 2
38 TV
42 LIKE
43 PART
44 INCLINED
45 SENATOR

DOWN

47 WAKING
49 WIRE
52 COMPOSER
54 CIRCUS
57 PUT
61 SOFT
63 TANGLE
64 DAMAGE
65 ADDRESS
66 BASEBALL
68 ENCHANTED
70 "TRINITY"
72 NEIGHBOR
73 OBEYS
77 PART 3
78 "JOE JOE"
80 CRANK
81 SKATER
82 NOUN
84 SUNDOWN
85 ACTOR
87 SEA
88 "LOVE TRAIN"
91 THICK
93 ROCK
95 DENIZEN

ACROSS

101 COMIC
102 CARVE
103 OLD
105 PRIEST
106 WITH
108 ACROSS
109 MERIT
112 BLANKET
114 PART 4
118 WELL
119 "SO THAT'S YOUR GAME!"
120 NONFLOWERING
121 THE
125 DOES
126 CROC
131 CHATEAU
133 END
135 WEAR
136 COMPUTER
137 "THE LADY"
138 CHILD
139 ROCK
140 STOCKING
141 TOAST
142 "THE BELTS"

DOWN

1 PHYSICIST
2 "THE TIME MACHINE"
3 ENGLISH
4 SMILE
5 FEUD
6 NOVELIST
7 PACK
8 HOMERIC
9 PRES.
10 PERFORMER
11 ACTOR
12 INTAKE
13 FAGOTELLO
14 ACTOR
15 GRASS
16 SHARON
17 TRAP
20 "TINY BUBBLES"
23 COMICS
24 "ANDY"
28 HE
30 THE
33 SLANGY
35 AM'T
36 EXTENSIVE
37 TOAST
38 GRAPEFRUIT
39 OCTOBER
40 CURVED
41 FORSAKEN
46 DITCH
48 OBJECT
50 CHANGE
51 BRAWL
53 SONIA
54 HENIE
55 ACTS
56 SPIRITS
58 AMRITSAR
59 NONSENSE
60 SMIDGEN
62 THROW
67 CUSTOM
69 MESSAGE
71 GOBLET
73 LOST
74 ASPHALT
75 GRAY
76 MORAN
77 DOMINGO
79 "WHAT'S
80 CYNICAL
83 SPOTTED
86 BELARUSIAN
89 PUPPY
90 WITHERED
92 DOWNSPOUT
93 BANK
94 DEPOSIT
95 TWELFTH
96 SPANISH
97 EQUIPMENT
98 HAPPENED
102 HEAL
104 EVENING
107 RIGHT
108 A
110 ALLUDE
111 DUNDEE
113 LOUD
114 BET
115 "PAL JOEY"
116 BOCA RATON
122 WILLOW
123 BASEBALL
124 SPANISH
126 HORSE
127 BREAK
129 ECCENTRIC
130 CYNICAL
132 MUSICAL
134 PATCHES

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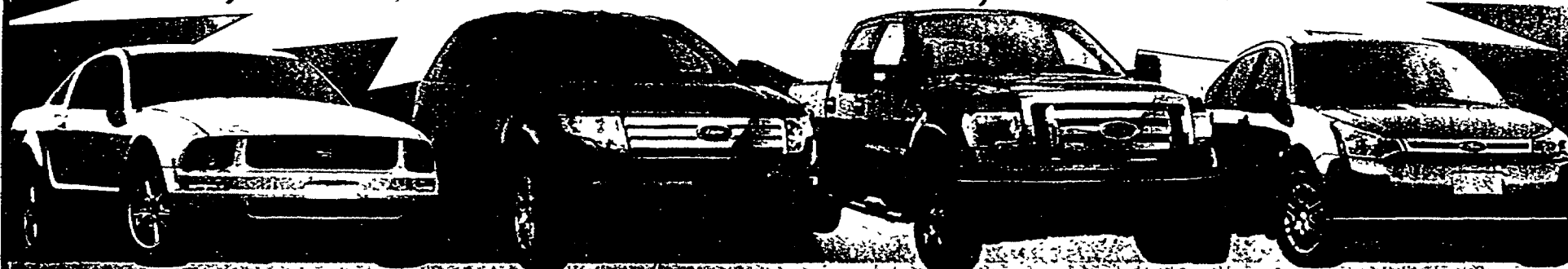
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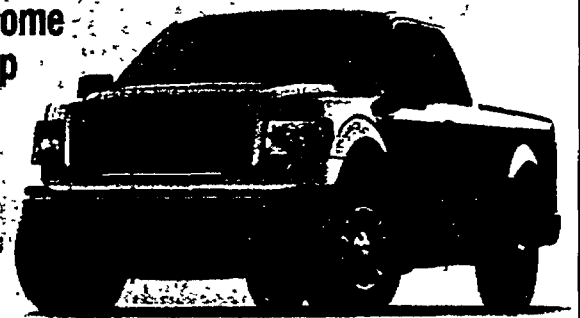
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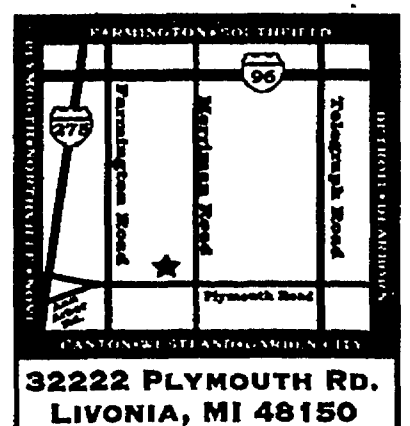
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