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A super career

The Northville community is invited to celebrate the retirement, the accomplishments, and the legacy of Dr. Leonard Rezmierski, Northville Public Schools superintendent, from 4-6 p.m. Friday, June 10 at Northville High School.

There will be a short program, including student performances, in the high school auditorium followed by a reception in the school cafeteria.

The district will acknowledge and celebrate Rezmierski's service with the establishment of a designated fund within the Northville Educational Foundation: The Leonard R. Rezmierski Fund for Excellence. The fund will support projects that promote excellence, innovation and leadership in academics, the arts, athletics and community service in Northville Public Schools. Contributions can be made to The Northville Educational Foundation, 501 S. Main St., Northville, MI, 48167 with a notation for the LRR Fund for Excellence in the memo line.



Rezmierski

Time to plant

Spring is here and it is time to fill your garden and yard with beautiful flowers and plants from the Northville's 24th Annual Flower Sale on Main Street downtown. Over 20 local growers and greenhouses will be selling ornamental accent plants, perennials, herbs, annuals, roses, shrubs, exotic plants, and trees. This "colorful

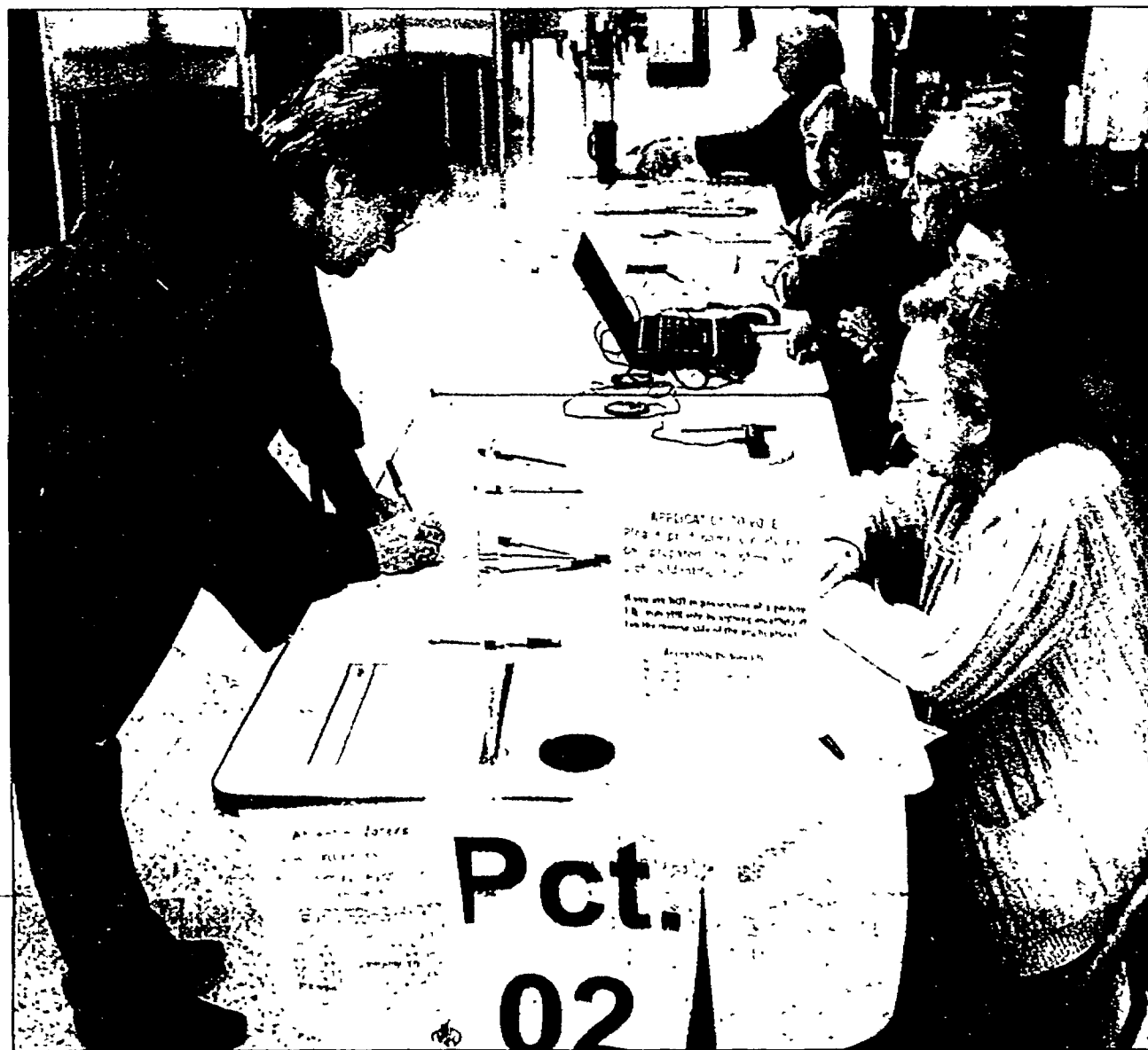


event also brings quality garden art and accessories for those final touches in your garden or for that perfect gift.

Event hours are 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday, May 27 and 9-5 Saturday, May 28. The 24th Annual Northville Flower Sale is sponsored by Toll Brothers, the City of Northville DDA, Varsity Lincoln, Hantz Financial and the Observer & Eccentric Hometown Weeklies. For more information, contact the Northville Chamber of Commerce at (248) 349-7640 or visit www.northville.org.

ELECTION COVERAGE

YES! Voters approve school millage



Precinct 2 voter Elaine Kluska prepares to vote in Tuesday's millage at Silver Springs Elementary.

BY LONNIE HURMAN
CORRESPONDENT

Northville Schools can now go ahead for the next five years and plan on using \$2.4 million annually to repair their existing school facilities. There are 11 school buildings and facilities identified for repairs. Prioritized projects include a new roof at Meads Mill Middle School and resurfacing of the parking lot at Silver Springs Elementary School. The school district's technology infrastructure will also be upgraded.

For Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski and Northville Board of Education President Joan Wadsworth, this was the result they had hoped for, and it gives them reassurance the community trusts their stewardship.

"I'm very delighted," Rezmierski said. "We have a long way to go, but this is the first major step in keeping our schools properly maintained."

Wadsworth said even in these tough economic times the community still came out to show their support.

"It feels good to get the community support. Now we can move forward and begin to utilize the funds," she said. "Setting our priorities as far as what projects will come first will be the next step."

Rezmierski said the millage vote reaffirms the goal the school district and Board of Education set out with as they went about putting this proposal before the voters. Getting the word out on the needs helped the community understand what the school district wanted to do, he said.

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Bin Laden's death brings mixed reactions

Jubilation, pride, worry after terrorist killed

BY NATHAN MUELLER
AND LONNIE HURMAN
STAFF WRITER / CORRESPONDENT

The first reaction for some in the Northville community to the news of Osama bin Laden's death was deep appreciation for the men and women in uniform, and wondering what this might mean to the immediate future.

For military service veterans like Dan Wiseley, post

commander at Northville's American Legion Post 147, the success of the mission to take down bin Laden was quite impressive.

"Job well done by those Navy Seals and Special Forces," he said of the May 1 mission to attack bin Laden's hideout inside Pakistan with a team of elite service members. "This is a huge success. It's like cutting off the head of the hydra."

This event could mark the

end of an era of terrorism, which bin Laden had promoted and led. He was behind the attacks in the '90s of the embassies in Africa and Sept. 11, 2001. But his death also has family members of those in the military wondering.

Debbie Eichholtz, a medical LRE at Northville's Silver Springs Elementary, said she thought about her son, Lance Cpl. Joseph Eichholtz, when she learned of the mission.

'This is a huge success. It's like cutting off the head of the hydra.'

DAN WISELEY, American Legion Post 147 post commander

She said as the family of a Marine currently serving in combat in Afghanistan's Helmand Province, which borders Pakistan, they are afraid.

"Bin Laden's death may very well incite the Taliban to increase their violence and further endanger our sons

and daughters," she said. "As a May offensive has already been declared, the enemy's violent outbursts are bound to increase."

It's this sacrifice that state Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-7th District, commends and added this event is a reminder that we are still at war and should remember the soldiers fighting for our defense.

"My hat goes off to those men and women sacrificing so much for us," Colbeck said.

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Farmers Market opens today

Chamber offers Michigan-grown produce and more

BY LONNIE HURMAN
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Chamber of Commerce is set to open the Farmers Market on May 5, and visitors can expect to find the continued quality from years past with produce and fruit that is strictly Michigan grown.

And there will be even more opportunities to

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DETAILS

What: Northville Farmers' Market
When: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays through Oct. 27
Location: Northville Downs parking lot, corner of Seven Mile and Sheldon roads
Web: http://www.northville.org/Events_Calendar/Content/Farmers_Market/ or call the chamber at (248) 349-7640.



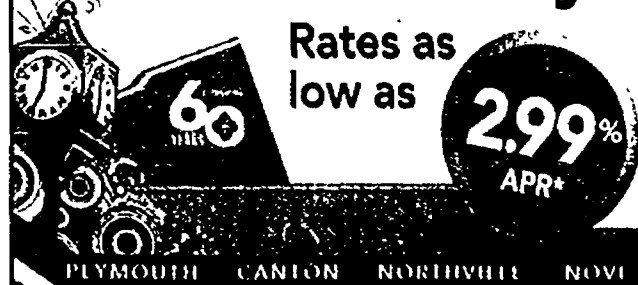
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Shadbrook residents learn about repaving project

Final approval at May 19 trustees meeting

BY LONNIE HUHMAN
CORRESPONDENT

An informational meeting regarding the impending road construction and water main installation project was held Monday at Northville Township Hall for residents who live in the Shadbrook Paving SAD project area.

It gave residents an opportunity to learn more about the overall project, said Northville Township Director of Public Services Don Weaver. The meeting described the proposed work, schedule, and latest cost estimates. Township staff, as well as the design engineer and contractor, made a presentation and answered questions.

Weaver said the final approval for the project will occur at the next Board of

Trustees meeting on May 19, after that work would be started by the project contractor.

The project information will help prepare those affected for that May 19 board meeting when a public hearing will be held concerning what it will cost each resident to have Shadbrook Street and Pinebrook Drive repaved and reconstructed. Weaver said the estimated cost for the road work is \$310,000.

According to Weaver, the township board had previously determined to acquire and construct road improvements, and to assess all of the cost thereof to a special assessment district located in the determined area. To get an idea of the district boundaries, go to the township's website at <http://www.twp.northville.mi.us/index.aspx?page=1> and look under the In the Spotlight section for Shadbrook Paving SAD.

The other part of the project is the construction of a water main along these same streets. This work will cost over \$360,000 and was approved after the board got 10 commitments from people wishing to connect to the main. It will be funded by the township's water and sewer fund.

Monday's meeting gave those committed to water hook-up an idea of the costs and how they work out, Weaver said.

This past October the last public hearing on the project was held. At the meeting interested persons were given the opportunity to be heard relative to the making of the improvements, the petitions and the special assessment district.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Meals on Wheels

Northville Allen Terrace Meals on Wheels volunteer Eileen Wallace prepares one of the 30 meals to go out to seniors in the Northville residence and about town - on April 21.

Expect delays, detours at railroad crossings

BY LONNIE HUHMAN
CORRESPONDENT

Drivers in Northville Township should expect some railroad crossing delays and detours in the upcoming weeks as CSX Transportation gets set to undertake work at the following crossings:

- Seven Mile and Northville Road crossing will be closed for major repair May 4 - 11.

- Old Baseline (near the cider mill) crossing will be closed June 1-2.

Acting on a notification from CSX, the township wants to get the word out on what to expect and when. Northville Township Police Dispatch Supervisor Kelly Pigeon said the Mill Street and Old Baseline work should not be too much of an inconvenience, but the Seven Mile and

Northville will take a bit more time.

"Drivers will be happy after this work is done, especially at Seven Mile. They will be able to go over it more smoothly," Pigeon said.

She said CSX will be doing surface work at Mill and Old Baseline. However, at Seven Mile and Northville roads workers will undertake a complete crossing replacement,

which will take at least a week.

The two things emphasized by the township's department of public safety is patience and understanding.

"We want residents to be aware of the closings so they can better prepare for the inconvenience," Pigeon said.

For more information regarding the project, call the public safety office at (248) 349-9400.

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Local firm hired to help set street improvement plan

BY LONNIE HUHAN
CORRESPONDENT

Maintaining well paved and smooth streets has been a priority for the City of Northville for many years, and they are looking to maintain those efforts by now contracting with an outside firm.

Since 1997, when city voters passed a millage dedicated only for street repairs, it has been a yearly occurrence for the Department of Public Works to go out and determine which streets are in most of the need of repairs. This work is being tweaked just a bit because now a local engineering company will help Northville set their five-year street improvement plan.

DPW Director Jim Gallogly went before the City Council to recommend the hiring of Spalding DeDecker Associates, Inc. of Rochester Hills to carry out development of a new municipal pavement management system. The council approved a contract with them for \$23,710. The city's street improvement plans for the next five years need to be updated, so a review of local streets will be required.

"The proposed plan is to gear this program at preserving pavements in good condition while systematically rehabilitating and reconstructing pavements in fair to poor condition," Gallogly stated in his recommendation.

Gallogly used the word 'objective' as one goal for hiring an outside firm to do the work that has been done by the

city for years. It is expected Spalding DeDecker's unbiased opinion will lead to more efficient planning, spending and accessibility to outside funding.

He told the council the engineering firm has both local and national experience with similar type of projects. One thing they bring is the know-how that will allow them to use a standardized scoring method used when granting funds by many road agencies. It's called the pavement surface evaluation and rating (PASER).

"There is not the lowest bid, but the dollar amount was not the only factor in this recommendation," Gallogly said as the bid numbers were discussed.

He said the primary reason is their ability to bring the city in coherence with PASER. Both Oakland and Wayne counties adhere to these standards for funding.

A budget amendment had to be made by the council to the major and local street fund for the contract to be official.

IN OTHER DECISIONS

The council approved the purchase of a new water meter reading system for under \$18,000. The city's current system is no longer in production and, therefore replacement parts are not readily available. Gallogly also said the next big project for this area in the next decade will be replacement of all city monitored meters.



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Getting crafty

Silvia Robazza, 8, works on decorating a fun, colorful bracelet during an April 19 crafts time at the Northville District Library. The library was offering a number of activities for kids that week as Northville schools were on spring break.

MARKET

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learn from guest chefs and master gardeners.

The list of offerings from the over 125 local and state growers includes flowers, herbs, vegetable plants, seasonal produce, berries, organic produce, roses, flowering shrubs, local honey, bread and bakery items.

And the list doesn't stop there; you will also find seasoning mixes, dog food, homemade pasta, jams and jellies, salsa mix, garden art, jewelry, juried artisans and crafters, furniture, and much more.

The market also offers casual lunch food service, cold drinks and shaded picnic tables.

Market manager Sher Watkins said one new service planned to be available has the market cooperating with the Northville Senior Center to provide bus transportation to the market.


"We are excited about the upcoming season," she said. "Our selection of goods coupled with events like our weekly Master Gardeners series and fresh food collection for Northville Civic Concern make our market an all-around experience."

There are other new happenings as well.

For those interested, a stall is available to nonprofit organizations who are Chamber of Commerce members to sell tickets, product or make information available.

The last new development is the establishment of the volunteer group called Friends of the Farmers Market. Watkins said interested individuals can volunteer and help out the chamber for a few Thursday mornings during the season.

"A walk through the market is a great way to enjoy and get to know our community," Watkins said.



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Northville police are dropping Nixle communication service

The Northville Township Department of Public Safety is no longer using the Nixle communication service. The decision to stop using the service was made when Nixle began charging a subscription fee for the service. The cost was determined to be prohibitive and a new e-Notifications service was implemented.

The e-Notifications service is web-based and administered by Northville Township. Simply visit the Northville Township website at www.twp.northville.mi.us/notifications. Then enter your email address and you can select which activity you want to be notified about by checking the subscription box next to an area of interest, or you can select the "subscribe to all" box.

After you sign up for e-Notifications a confirmation e-mail will be sent to verify your email address.

The notifications will be sent to the e-mail address you entered. Text messaging is not an option with e-notifications. Soon the township will begin sharing information on Facebook

and Twitter as well.

"I encourage you to sign up for e-notifications and to encourage your neighbors to sign up as well," said Officer Mike Burrough of the Northville Township Police Department.

The Northville City Police Department on April 29 lost its e-mail capabilities through Nixle.

as well as its ability to send out advisory messages, community messages, and traffic messages through text messaging. The only remaining Nixle messaging capability the city now has is the Alert text messaging, which is used for high priority notifications.

The city will be setting up its own community alert system where it can continue sending out alert messages, advisory messages, community messages, and traffic messages.

Check in on the City of Northville's web site (www.ci.northville.mi.us) for information on the new notification system and when it will be in place.

Larceny arrest

1 A 19-year-old Novi man was arrested on April 23 for attempting to steal a track hurdle from Northville High School.

While traveling on east-bound Six Mile Road the reporting police officer observed the suspect near the high school. It was around 3:30 a.m. so the officer turned around to check and that is when the man ran. He was eventually apprehended and said he was taking the hurdle as a joke, but would later return it.

After smelling the odor of intoxicants, the suspect was given a breathalyzer. The first test stated his blood-alcohol to be .148 percent.

He was arrested and later posted a \$300 bond.

Retail Fraud Arrest

2 On April 19, a 19-year-old Novi woman was arrested for attempted theft of Kohl's merchandise.

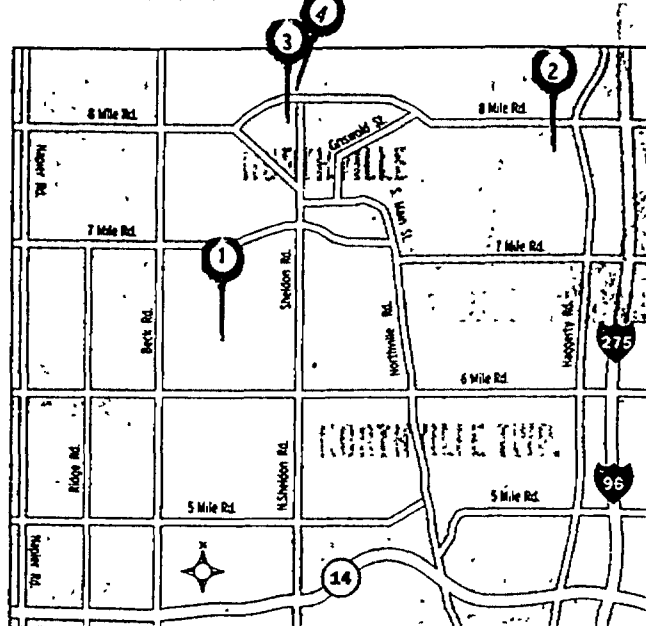
Northville Township Police responded to the store at Haggerty Road on the report that the Kohl's Loss Prevention officer had observed the suspect concealing items and walking out without paying. The female suspect said she has been going through difficult times, and admitted to the theft.

She was arrested and later released on a bond of \$300.

Retail Fraud Arrest

3 On April 23, Northville City Police responded to a theft attempt at Hiller's Market on Center Street.

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The police took a report from employees stating they observed the suspect holding three packages of ground beef, but when he went to check out they were not with him. However, they noticed his cargo shorts pockets were "bulging." They stopped the man from leaving and ordered him to empty his pockets. This revealed the beef packages and two jars of pasta sauce.

The man fled once police were called. He was later apprehended after police received further reports of a man running toward Baseline Road matching the description of a white male in his 30's at 5'06" with dark hair.

The suspect was arrested on Retail Fraud Theft Second Degree, and a further check revealed he had a misdemeanor or warrant out of Bloomfield Township.


Skateboarding-Nuisance Ordinance

4 On April 24, two Northville teenagers were given civil infractions because they were in violation of the ordinance while skateboarding at Amerman Elementary School.

A Northville City police officer reported seeing the two 15-year-olds at the school while on patrol on Center Street. The officer made contact and asked if they knew about the ordinance. They said they had heard about it. A check revealed the two boys had been given a warning before for the same activity.

They were both issued with the infractions and their parents were informed.


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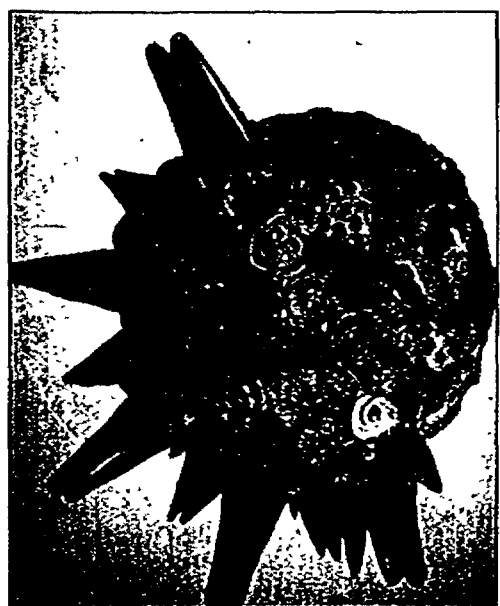
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The Northville Art House presents the annual Northville High School Senior Class Art Exhibition. As part of their Northville High School curriculum, 12th grade art students plan and present an exhibition of their work through the year. These students 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.

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BY LONNIE HUHMAN
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What is an Eagle Scout? To most, it's the highest rank for a Boy Scout of America, and this is true. But for Scouts like William Greenlee it is something more than a rank. It's a huge achievement after many hours of dedication and work.

Greenlee is a member of Boy Scout Troop 777, which is sponsored by the First United Methodist Church of Northville. He has been a Scout ever since he could become one, and now he has reached its pinnacle.

"Eagle Scout is a lot of work, so it brings a huge sense of accomplishment with it," the 17-year-old Northville senior said.

Earning Eagle Scout gains the honoree entry into a club only a small number of Scouts attain. The one big hurdle for those who are trying to gain the rank is the planning and

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EAGLE SCOUT WILLIAM GREENLEE

completion of a leadership service project.

Greenlee came up with his project idea after speaking with the Northville Historical Society. They told him one thing that needed to be done was the construction of new wooden benches along the river at Mill Race Village.

"This was definitely a learning experience," Greenlee said of building the benches, which became even more difficult because of bad weather. "But that's the big part in gaining leadership skills."

He doubled the required hourly time needed for such a project.

He devoted 200 volunteer hours to setting out the plan for building and installing the benches,

organizing his friends and family into work details, and then setting about to do it ... even in an April snowstorm.

The benches are constructed of weather-treated lumber and set in concrete along the riverside. Greenlee said the project was approved by Keith Paterson of the Northville Historical Society, which is responsible for Mill Race Village.

"The historical society, including Keith, was very helpful and I could not have completed this without their help," Greenlee said.

His future plan is to attend Alma College and be a member of their swim team. He was the winner of the Northville High School's Most Valuable Swimmer award this past month.

He also plans on maintaining his connection with the Boy Scouts by helping out with the troop in Northville.



Northville High School student and Eagle Scout William Greenlee perches atop one of the seven benches he constructed at Mill Race Village.

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Northville High School students Harleen Kaur, Jon Castonguay, Hitomi Katsumi and Annelie Herrmann have been named Michigan Youth Arts Distinguished Scholars.

Artists of Distinction: 49th Michigan Youth Arts Festival features local talent

Northville High School students Jon Castonguay, Harleen Kaur, Hitomi Katsumi and Annelie Herrmann have been named Michigan Youth Arts Distinguished Scholars and were selected as members of the 125 voice All-State Choir at the 49th annual Michigan Youth Arts Festival May 12-14 in Kalamazoo.

Nearly 1,000 high school artists involved in a wide range of artistic disciplines were invited to the Festival, having been selected from more than 250,000 students across the state. These students were selected based solely on their artistic merit, through a succession of auditions. Invitation to the Festival represents one of the most prestigious honors in the arts education community.

Jon Castonguay (senior) sings in numerous NHS choirs: Chorale, Chamber Choir, BackBeat, and a new barbershop quartet "Gold Standard." He is a member of the National Honors Society and a former member of the NHS Jazz 1 Ensemble. John has been involved with several NHS musical productions, including lead roles in "Bye Bye Birdie," "Cinderella," and most recently in "Thoroughly Modern Millie." John plans on studying business next year at Fordham University in New York, and then pursuing a career in law.

Harleen Kaur (senior) also sings and has sung in many NHS and other choirs: Varsity Choir (9th), Bel Canto (10th), Michigan Youth Ensemble's Women's Chorale and MSVMA State Honors Choir (both 11th), Chorale (11th and 12th), Chamber Choir (12th). Harleen serves as the vice president of Spanish Honors Society and as an outreach officer of Northville Health Awareness Society. She is also a member of the National Honors Society. Harleen will attend the

Hear them sing

In conjunction with the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Organizations and the Michigan School Vocal Music Association, the All-State Honors Concert will be held at Miller Auditorium at Western Michigan University 2:30-5 p.m. May 14. Tickets are free.

University of Michigan (Honors Program) in the fall, where she plans on majoring in biology and hopes to go to medical school afterwards.

Hitomi Katsumi (junior) is now in Chamber Choir. In the past, she participated in NHS Varsity Choir, Bel Canto, Freshmen Select Ensemble, and Sophomore Select Ensemble. Hitomi is involved in NHS Jazz 1 Ensemble, Rotary Interact Club, National Honors Society, and the German Honors Society. Hitomi's college major is yet undecided; however, she is leaning towards music (instrumental performance) or psychology.

This year, Annelie Herrmann (freshman) is in the NHS Freshman Select and Girls' Ensemble Choirs and she will sing in Chorale next year. She is a member of the German Honor Society and also the NHS Girls Cross Country Team. Annelie has been playing the piano since age 3. Over the years she has participated in the PTA "Reflections" competition, last year winning a National Award for her composition "Love is what Beauty Is," and this year and several previous years winning State Honors for other original compositions. Annelie isn't sure about her post-high school plans, but thinks she may like to be a surgeon who composes music for a creative outlet and stress relief.

Moraine adapts program to help students be leaders

Moraine Elementary School is implementing an innovative leadership program for students based on the classic principles in Dr. Stephen R. Covey's best-selling book, *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*.

Begun last fall, *The Leader in Me* program teaches students leadership skills through self-determination, problem-solving, communication and team work.

"Moraine students and staff are working hard to integrate these principles into our everyday lives here at school," says Denise Bryan, Moraine principal. "We have trained all the staff this school year and piloted the program in four classrooms. We plan to fully implement the program in the fall."

Moraine is one of 446 schools across the nation to be recognized as official *Leader in Me* schools. But they are striving for an even higher recognition.

"Moraine staff is working toward earning 'Lighthouse School' recognition for our students," said Bryan.

"Lighthouse School" is a prestigious designation awarded to schools that meet rigorous standards for leadership education. Currently only one school in Michigan has earned that recognition.



The 7 Habits Tree painted by Moraine parent Amy Kearis. Students from Kim Richardson-Hippler's second grade class include Troy Costew, Elise Jund, Jason Brown, Jenny Do, Aubrey Pinteric and Elizabeth Gunther.

FUND-RAISER

The community is invited to Moraine's fund-raising event for *The Leader in Me* from 7-9 p.m. Friday, May 6, 2011 at Karl's Cabin, 6005 Gotfredson Road, Plymouth.

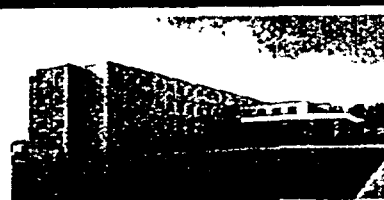
The event includes wine tasting, and a silent auction featuring items that include a Nick Lidstrom signed

hockey stick, Matthew Stafford and Lloyd Carr signed footballs, spa packages, wine and pasta baskets, and more.

Cost is \$40 per person if attendance is registered online by Friday morning, or \$50 at the door. All proceeds go to *The Leader in Me* program.

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RoboCamp is an opportunity to have fun with science and technology by learning to build and program Lego robots! The camp is hosted by the Northville High School FIRST Robotics team. Engineering fundamentals will be taught as students experiment with introductory robot designs and programming techniques. Introductory RoboCamp is designed for rising 4th through 6th graders. All new this year is

Advanced RoboCamp, a camp including more in-depth material and activities. Students will experiment with more advanced programming and robot design, beyond that of the introductory RoboCamp. Advanced RoboCamp is designed for rising 5th through 7th graders. To take Advanced RoboCamp, students must have completed at least one of the following:

- Have taken Introductory RoboCamp
- Have experience with FLL, (First Lego League),

Robofest, or Robo Rally

- Have attended other robotics camps.

Each camp is two days. This year, there are running two sessions of each camp:

Introductory RoboCamp (\$35, 1-4 p.m.)

Session 1: July 19 and 20

Session 2: July 26 and 27

Advanced RoboCamp (\$50, 1-5 p.m.)

Session 1: July 21 and 22

Session 2: July 28 and 29

For more information, email NHSRoboCamp@gmail.com or call Julie Fissette at (248)-344-8420.

NORTHVILLE ON CAMPUS

Michigan State University

At the April 15 Board of Trustees meeting, 33 students received Board of Trustees' Awards for having the highest scholastic average at the close of his or her last semester in attendance at Michigan State University. They all received a 4.0 GPA. This semester's

number of recipients is the most in the award's history, which dates back to 1921. The students will also be recognized at their spring commencements May 6-8. Two students from Northville earned a 4.0 GPA:

Rebecca Jaskot is the daughter of David and

Connie Jaskot. A member of the Honors College, Jaskot is a journalism major in the College of Communication Arts and Sciences.

Sarah Maki is the daughter of Auday Maki and Salwa Atwan. A member of the Honors College, Maki is a physiology major in Lyman Briggs College.

NORTHVILLE/NOVI CHURCH EVENTS

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

Church of the Holy Cross

Location: 40700 W 10 Mile Road, Novi
Contact: (248) 427-1175

Church of the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org
Mass Schedule
Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday Friday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 4:30 p.m. (English); 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday
Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.
Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment
Priests: Father Timothy Hogan, pastor and Father Michael Zuehl, associate pastor
Church of the Holy Family
Crosspointe Meadows Church
Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org.
Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.
Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages
Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements

resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

Destiny Worship Center

Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six Mile Road, Northville
Contact: DestinyW3C@gmail.com or visit www.DW3C.org.

First Church of the Nazarene

Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road
Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit fcnazarene.org
Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service
Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:25-11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study
Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast
Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do
Women of the Word
Time/Date: 9:25-11:15 a.m.
Details: The W.O.W. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study welcomes you to their study of the Ephesians. There is a \$15 registration fee, which includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare will be available in the morning for children through age 5.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 427-1175 or churchoftheholycross.com
Sunday Worship: 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m.
Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. Worship Service

Alzheimer's Support Group

Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month

Faith Community Presbyterian

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit fpcnorthville.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Northville

Location: 217 N. Wing
Contact: (248) 348-1020
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays
Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

First Baptist Church of

Novi-Family Integrated Church

Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org
Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.
Family Worship: 11 a.m.
Bible Study: 6 p.m.
Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month

First Presbyterian

Church of Northville

Location: 200 E. Main St.
Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpresville.org
Sunday Worship
Time: 9:30, 11 a.m.
Single Place
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. every Thursday
Location: First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main, Northville
Details: Single Place is a social organization for singles 40 and up hosted by the First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Thursday meetings feature speakers, games, or entertainment followed with an ice cream social.
Contact: For a detailed schedule of all events (dining out, weekend activities, etc.) call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org.
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
Details: Single Place Presents Bob Scanlan who will speak on open communication. If you sometimes have difficulty communicating with someone, find out how to deal with the problem. Join other singles for an ice cream social that will follow.
Listening for God Women's Retreat

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. May 14

Details: There is a 'why' and a 'how' to listening to God. If we know why to listen, but don't know how, then we won't be able to listen at all. If we know how, but don't know why, then we won't be able to make use of that knowledge. It's best to both understand the process and make use of it. Come join the Women of the First Presbyterian Church and learn what "Listening for God" is all about. Registration is \$35.00 per person. Contact E-mail registration inquiries to www.fpcnorthville.org or call the church office (248) 349-0911.

First United Methodist

Church of Northville

A Stephen Ministry Church

Location: 777 W. 8 Mile Road at Tait Rd.
Contact: (248) 349-1144 or www.funorthville.org
Sunday worship:
Times: 8:30 and 10 a.m. (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend), 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m. (Sept.-May)
Pastors: Rev. Dr. Steven J. Buck, senior pastor and Rev. Jeff Sturgeon, associate pastor
Coffee Hour: 9:30 a.m. Sunday ((Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend), 10:15 a.m. Sundays (Sept.-May)
Healing Service: 4 p.m. first Monday of every month
Logo Youth Club: 5 p.m. Wednesdays for fourth-12th graders (Sept.-April)
Men's Club: 8 a.m. second Saturdays
Contact: Heather J. Wallas, communications director, (248) 349-1144, Ext. 26, or e-mail hwallas@funorthville.org.
"Answer the Call"
Times/Dates: 5 p.m. Saturday, May 14 (church sanctuary); 3 p.m. Sunday, May 15 (outdoor performance in Northville Town Square); 9:15 and 11 a.m. Sunday, May 22 (church sanctuary)
Details: Through singing, dancing, drama, humor, and spiritual reflection, this musical will explore the concept of being called by God. Come join as youth teach how God has called people in the past and how He may be calling you today! There is no charge for admission and no tickets needed. Performances run about one hour. All are welcome.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi
Contact: (248) 349-0565
Sundays
Time: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship

Lakes Baptist Church

Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake

Livonia Church of Christ

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

Meadowbrook Congregational

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads
Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org.
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Sermon: Better Than You
Church School: 10-11 a.m.
Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.
Merry Widows Luncheon
Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month
Pilgrim Fellowship
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays
Asking Questions adult education class
Time/Date: 10 a.m. Tuesdays
Vespers
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m.
Details: This traditional-contemporary service is led by Reverend Ritter with musical accompaniment of guitar and piano.

Northville Christian Assembly

Location: 41355 Six Mile Road
Contact: (248) 348-9030
Sundays 9-10 a.m.: Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children
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AMERMAN, ARTHUR E.

Age 87, of South Lyon, formerly of Ann Arbor, passed away peacefully May 1, 2011. He was born May 6, 1923 to Kenneth and Emma Lou Amerman. He received a Bachelor of Science in Engineering from University of Michigan, where he was a member of the Glee Club. Mr. Amerman was a highly decorated Veteran. He proudly served his country as a First Lieutenant during WWII in the Army Air Corps as a B-25 Bomber Pilot. He was stationed in India from 1944 - 1946 and flew 130 missions. Following his honorable discharge he served in the Air Force Reserve. Arthur married Betty Lou Cox on April 2, 1949; and they spent 62 loving years together. He worked as an Aerospace Engineer for Bendix. Mr. Amerman was a member of Shalom Lutheran Church in Pinckney and the American Legion of South Lyon. He was musically gifted; he played the violin and enjoyed singing in the church choir and with the Men's Lyra Chorus in Ann Arbor. He liked brain teasers, crossword puzzles, and was an avid mystery novel reader. He is survived by his beloved wife Betty Lou Amerman; his children Nancy (Larry) Kidd, Douglas (Terrie) Amerman, Tom (Diane) Amerman, Katherine (John Vogel) Amerman, and Karen (Tim) Kuhn; his sister Nora Mae (John) Errante; 11 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents. Visitation will be held Thursday, May 5, 2011 from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. A funeral service will be held Friday, May 6, 2011 at 11 a.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. 59255 Ten Mile Road, South Lyon. Mr. Amerman will be laid to rest at Arbor Crest Memorial Park in Ann Arbor. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Shalom Lutheran Church, 1740 East M36, Pinckney, MI 48169

CASTIGLIONE, DELORES JUNE

Of Milford, died Saturday April 23, 2011. She was 78 years old. Service was Tues., April 26th at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford. Chaplain Joe Griebel Officiated. Memorial contributions to Friends of Oak Grove. For info: 248-684-6645



CIARAMITARO, DOMINIC J. LANCE CORPORAL

Age 19, of South Lyon, Mich., died April 23, 2011, while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. His close friend Sean, also died in the same incident. Ciaramitaro was an antitank missileman assigned to 3rd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C. He joined the Marine Corps in November 2009 and was promoted to lance corporal Jan. 1, 2011. Ciaramitaro deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in December 2010. His awards include the National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. He graduated from South Lyon High School in 2009 and worked at the South Lyon Hotel and Whitmore Lake Tavern. Dominic is survived by his mother Deborah Beaupre, his father John Ciaramitaro; sisters: Holly Ciaramitaro, Lucy Ciaramitaro, Elizabeth Peters, Grace Ciaramitaro; brother Salvatore Ciaramitaro; his grandparents Salvatore (Marie) Ciaramitaro and Susan Boston and many aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandfather Gerry Boston and his sister Megan. A private family memorial service will be held. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to MarineParents.com, PO Box 1115, Columbia, MO 65205. Those wishing to pay tribute to Dominic may line the streets of downtown South Lyon as he is escorted home on Friday, May 6th. Time is to be determined. Arrangements entrusted to Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

DOROTHY EVELYN DEROCHER

Age 82 & a long time resident of Milford, April 29, 2011. Funeral Services were held at Lynch & Sons, Milford on Tuesday, May 3rd, 2011. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

FELSTOW, WILBUR "BILL"

Age 87, passed away April 27, 2011. Visitation was held April 29th at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. Funeral Mass was conducted April 30th at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

LINK, PENNY LORRAINE

Age 58 of Brazil, IN. passed away April 29, 2011 following a lengthy illness. Penny was born March 12, 1953 in South Lyon, Michigan the daughter of Jake Jones and Betty (Zahn) Jones. As a nurse Penny spent her life caring for people with employers including the Red Cross, and The Visiting Nurse Association of the Wabash Valley. A life long love of animals caused her to spend the last years of her career pursuing that passion working with Pet Care Animal Hospital in Terre Haute. Preceded in life by her parents, Penny leaves behind her husband William Link; daughter Lorraine Link; two sons Jeremy and Scott Link; two brothers Terry and Edward Jones and her dog Jane. Beyond life itself, Penny loved her 10 grandchildren. Memorial services will be held at French Funeral Home Saturday, May 7, 2011 at 2:00pm. Preceding the service friends and family are invited, and encouraged to visit at 1:00pm. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) 424 E. 92nd St. New York, NY 10128-6804. Please visit www.frenchfuneralhome.com to light a candle in the memory of Penny.

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BABY HARPER GRACE

Passed away April 23, 2011. She is survived by her parents Leah Houghtaling and Damon Noffsinger; her siblings Addilyn Noffsinger, Trevor and Harmony Noffsinger, her grandparents: Clare Noffsinger, Karla Houghtaling, Gregory Houghtaling; Dale Noffsinger, Dale Nielsen; and her aunts, uncles, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her grandfather Gregory Houghtaling. A private family service will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

PLENNERT, IRENE R.

Age 83, passed away, April 27, 2011. Visitation was held on April 29th at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. Funeral Mass was held on April 30 at St. Joseph Catholic Church

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



ROYAL, RICHARD C.

April 11, 2011, age 82 in Glen Ellyn, IL, formerly of Novi, Michigan. Predeceased by his beloved wife Dreama (nee Estep), survived by his loving daughters Martha Cooper (John) of Rochester Hills, MI and Nancy Crouch (David) of Glen Ellyn. Dick will be truly missed by his grandchildren Liam and Kieran Cooper, and Alexander, Catherine and Jack Crouch. He graduated with an MFA in industrial design from Cranbrook Academy of Art and worked for Chevrolet Creative Services for 32 years in the realization of auto show displays nationwide. Dick often exhibited his paintings. After his retirement, he and his wife were accomplished textile artists. Memorial service will take place 16 May at 10 am at Dick and Dreama's long time church community, All Saints Episcopal, 171 W. Pike Street, Pontiac, MI. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at http://act.alz.org/goto/Richard.royal.

WEISS, CURTIS J.

Age 23, passed away April 24, 2011. He was born on June 9, 1987, in Superior Township, son of Jack and Nora Bowers. He is survived by his beloved wife Heather, his son Gabriel, his parents Jack and Nora Bowers, his brother Jason, his sister Amanda, his grandparents Margaret and Dexter Treat and many other family members and loving friends. A memorial service was held Sunday, May 1st at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online Guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com



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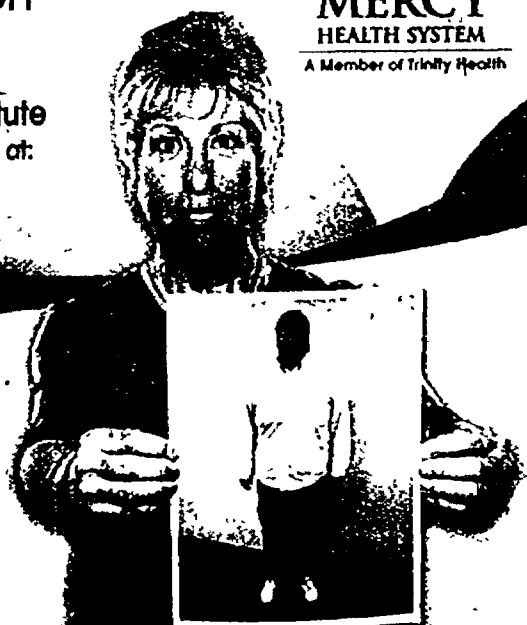
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Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road

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Sunday Worship

Time: 9:45 a.m.

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Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month

Location: In front of the church

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Advent Service

Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. Sunday

Oak Pointe Church

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi

Contact: (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org

Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

Sunday

ReNew Life Group Ministries

Time/Date: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday

Details: Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning, change from a Christian perspective.

Women's Life Groups Ministries

Time/Date: 7 p.m. every Tuesday 9:30 a.m. every

Wednesday

Men's Life Groups Ministries

Time/Date: 6 a.m. every Friday morning at various locations For both Women's and Men's Life Groups Ministries, please contact the church office.

Orchard Hills Baptist Church

Location: 23455 Novi Road

Contact: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665

Preschool/Kids Choir

Time/Date: 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday

Details: For ages three to six; ongoing event; no need to pre-register; all are welcome.

Our Lady of Good

Counsel Catholic Church

Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth

Contact: (734) 453-0326, Ext. 221

Our Lady of Victory

Catholic Church

Location: 770 Thayer, Northville

Contact: (248) 349-2621 or olvnorthville.org

Saturday Worship

Time: 5 p.m.

Sunday Worship

Time: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

Our Shepherd

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Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth

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Northville

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NORTHVILLE ETC.

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MEETINGS

Northville Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

City of Northville
CITY COUNCIL

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

DOWNTOWN Development
AUTHORITY MEETING

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

Date: First and third Tuesday of month
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: City Hall
HOUSING COMMISSION
Date: Second Wednesday of every month
Time: 3 p.m.
Location: Allen Terrace, 401 High St.



Garlic mustard control

Annual efforts have begun at the park to control the invasive species, garlic mustard. Left unchecked garlic mustard will smother native wildflowers and even maple and birch seedlings which are the predominate trees in the park. On April 9, the Friends of Maybury were supported by Cub Scout Pack 760 Wolf Den 1 from All Saints Church in Canton for the initial pull of the season. Pictured (l to r, front) are Joe Nolan, Charlie Kalkofen, Joshua Webber, Gabriel Barker and Grant Reising; (back) George McCarthy, Scott Kalkofen, George Anderson, Lisa Nolan, Dal Vernon Reising and Becky Reising. To learn how you can help, please call George McCarthy at (248) 347-0899 or visit the Friends website, www.friendsofmaybury.org.

MILLAGE

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The projects will be divided up into four areas: high priority replacement, facility/system replacements and improvements, and technological infrastructure updates.

High priority projects will include work that gets facilities up to code, specifically with the Americans with Disabilities Act and local building standards. Work like repaving of uneven concrete or replacement of elevators could come first.

Half of the buildings and facilities in Northville are over 30 years old. Many repairs have been delayed in the last six years because of cuts in state funding. The schools have had to use the available funding on maintaining student learning.

But late last year the Board of Education convened a study group to explore placing the proposal on the May ballot. This was the first time a capital improvement millage proposal was asked for, and Rezmierski said with its passing the work will begin to get underway this summer.

"While approval of the millage won't solve the district's current budget crisis, it does do two important things — it helps to alleviate some of the pressure on the district's general operating fund and enables the district to keep its buildings in good operating condition for students and staff," he said.

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Attorney Bieske has represented only Social Security Disability clients for over 27 years. That is the only type of law he practices. And, he personally meets with all clients and appears himself at all court hearings.



call him to determine if you may be eligible for these benefits. He offers a free phone or office consultation. If Bieske represents you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

In a recent radio interview attorney Bieske explained that many people are not even aware that they are eligible for Social Security Disability

benefits. You may be eligible even if you have retired and are receiving a pension. If you have an illness or injury (whether or not related to your work), are under 65 and unable to work full-time you may be eligible. Social Security Disability benefits are based on your work record or your deceased spouse's work record (Widow's/ Widower's benefits).

Call attorney J.B. Bieske at 1-800-331-3530 for a FREE consultation if you are considering applying for Social Security Disability Benefits or if you have been denied. His Livonia office is located on Six Mile Road just West of I-275 and his Novi office is on Haggerty just North of 12 Mile Road.

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Musician appearing with the BeckRidge Chorale May 14-15

"Mark Hayes is like a diamond cutter. He sees the beauty in music, makes all the right cuts to expose the brilliance," said Michael Gross, artistic director of the BeckRidge Chorale, about the composer, arranger and pianist. Hayes will be the special guest of the BeckRidge Chorale at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 14 and 4 p.m. Sunday, May 15 at Northville High School in Northville, Michigan.



Hayes

"We have been performing Mark's music for over 30 years," said Gross. "He has such a unique and beautiful gift. We were thrilled when he accepted our invitation to lead the chorale and orchestra through some of his work." Hayes is known for his "American Sound." From jazz and gospel to more traditional settings, Hayes is comfortable in nearly every genre of music. Hayes is a Dove Award winning composer. Audiences will not only experience Hayes at the podium, he is equally as impressive at the piano.

"We have rented two seven-foot Yamaha grand pianos for Mark's appearance," said Gross. "I asked him to play one of his original compositions, 'Air in F Major', with cello and his piano duet, 'Improvisation on Ode to Joy'." Nancy Whitecar, accompanist and assistant director of the chorale will play the second piano in the duet. The program will include sacred and secular compositions. From arrangements of "Over the Rainbow" and "Summertime", Hayes will also demonstrate his love of gospel music with settings of "O Happy Day" and "Swingin' With the Saints". Tickets for An Evening with Mark Hayes are available at www.beckridgechorale.org or by calling (888) 459-4887 (press #1).

Mill Race Village implements new policy on photos

The Northville Historical Society has implemented a new Professional Photographer and Videographer Policy. It requires that professional photographers and videographers who wish to take photos or videos on the grounds of Mill Race Village obtain a permit and pay a yearly fee. This new policy went into effect May 1, and will be enforced. This policy applies to all professional photographers. It does not apply to amateur photographers or news media. The Village will continue to be closed to the public during weddings held at Mill Race. Photographers and videographers hired by wedding parties who have rented the Village for their wedding ceremony are exempt from the new policy. In addition, professional photographers and videographers will no longer be allowed to visit the Village

grounds on Sundays, between 1-4 p.m. when the Village is open to the public, or during any other Historical Society special event. Professional photographers who obtain a permit will be issued a badge to be worn and displayed whenever they are on the grounds taking photographs. They will also receive an electronic calendar listing all the weddings and special events that close the Village for the current year. In addition, their contact information will be provided to parties renting the Village for weddings or special events. Information on the new policy can be obtained by contacting the Northville Historical Society at (248) 348-1845 or by email at mriv1845@yahoo.com. Submitted by Tillie Van Sickle, Northville Historical Society. She can be reached at tvans@wowway.com or (734) 595-7806.

Walks to kick off NEW ME program

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Ladywood High School students took a walk inside their school Wednesday. The students kicked off their participation in the Wayne County NEW ME program and will be forming a walking club. The new county initiative, which stands for Nutrition, Exercise, Weight Management Effort, is designed to combat obesity through proper nutrition and exercise. The program kicked off April 1 to encourage residents to form walking clubs throughout Wayne County's 43 communities and walk a collective 100,000 miles by July.

FICANO: OBESITY IS A PROBLEM

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano asked the students how many of them wanted a healthy diet and wanted to exercise more, which was greeted with a plethora of hands. Ficano told the stu-

dents that obesity is a problem in Wayne County, and that it can lead to chronic conditions such as high blood pressure and diabetes. Ficano said he stayed in shape while growing up in Livonia by playing sports at Stevenson High School. Today, Ficano runs four miles a day and lifts weights at the gym. "At a young age, I was fortunate to participate in sports," Ficano said. "I was always looking for ways to exercise." Ficano encouraged the students to exercise and promote a healthy lifestyle through nutrition, and encourage their parents to do the same. Drew Coker, a nutritionist from Oakwood Hospital, told the students that they should exercise for at least 60 minutes a day or 90 minutes if they wished to lose weight. Coker went through the recommended amounts of food per day: 2½ to 3 cups of vegetables, 2 cups of fruit (five to nine servings a day), grains and fiber through whole wheat flour, oatmeal, spaghetti and tortillas.

BURNING CALORIES

Coker highlighted some "portion distortion" with foods. Today's bagel is larger than the ones served 20 years ago and has about 210 more calories. That requires 50 minutes of raking leaves to burn off that extra 210 calories, Coker said. He also used a student to demonstrate how much walking it takes to burn off the calorie difference between the same amounts of broccoli and Oreo cookies. The student walked around the gym more than six minutes. Coker encouraged the students to make more healthy choices from the food pyramid at myfoodpyramid.org. "Watch your portion sizes," Coker said. "Stay active and burn extra calories." Balance and moderation are keys to preventing obesity and keeping healthy lifestyles, Coker said. Sandra Peppers, deputy director of Wayne County Health and Human Services, said one-third of Wayne

County residents are overweight or obese. That amounts to \$2.9 billion in health care costs due to health issues related to weight. "We're not going to let that continue, and we're starting with walking clubs," Peppers said. Peppers encouraged the students to become more active by learning healthier lifestyles through cooking classes and planting vegetables. "We also want to start moving more and walking more often," Peppers said. She encouraged those who wish to participate in the program to visit www.healthynewme.org for information. AWARDS AVAILABLE Participants who walk six to eight weeks can be eligible for a Presidential Active Lifestyle Award in July. First lady Michelle Obama was invited to attend the Wayne County Multicultural Conference July 13 at Ford Field. Walking groups will be recognized for their miles and activities logged at that conference.

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Gleaners fund-raiser

Rose Glenn (left), of Northville, and Ann Nicholson, of Grosse Pointe, at the Women's Power Breakfast. It's been 18 years since the event was founded by community activist and Gleaners Advisory Board Member Dulcie Rosenfeld of Bloomfield Hills. This was the second year that the early-morning breakfast was held at the Somerset Collection. Over 450 women attended, raising \$190,000 for Gleaners Backpack Program.



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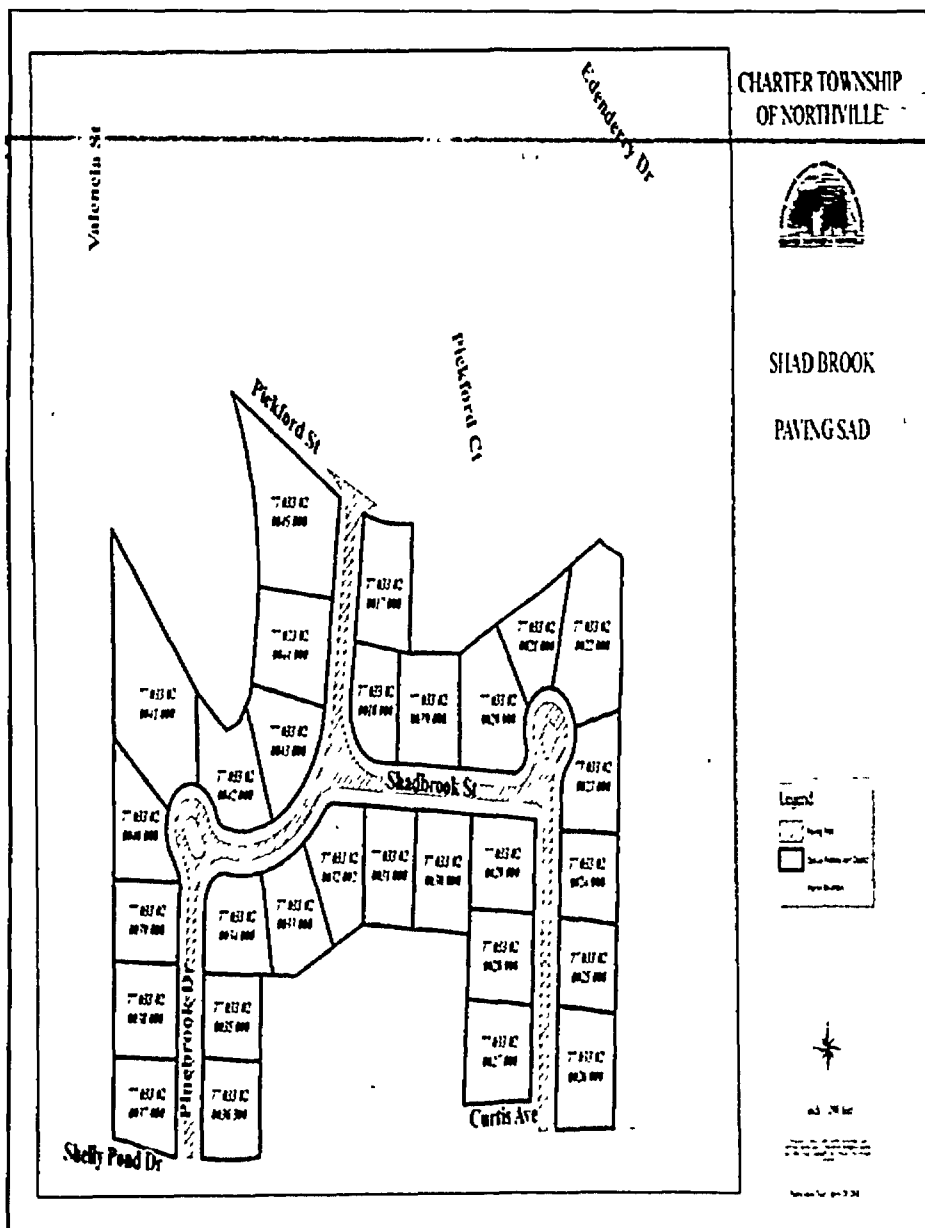
NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

NOTICE OF HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR SHADBROOK SUBDIVISION ROAD RECONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENTS SAD#28/P#6

The Township Board of the Charter Township of Northville has previously determined to acquire and construct road improvements in the Charter Township of Northville and to assess all of the cost thereof to a special assessment district consisting of the following described lands:

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The Shadbrook Subdivision Road Reconstruction Improvements Special Assessment District SAD#28/P#6 shall consist of reconstruction of portions of Shadbrook Street and Pinebrook Drive, as shown on the attached map.



A public hearing was held on October 21, 2010, at which time all interested persons were given the opportunity to be heard relative to the making of the improvements, the petitions and the special assessment district therefor.

A special assessment roll assessing all of the cost of said improvements in the sum of \$310,000 to the aforesaid special assessment district has been prepared and filed in the office of the Township Clerk.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held on May 19, 2011, at the Township Hall located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan, at 7:30 p.m., at which time any interested person will be given the opportunity to object to the special assessment roll as prepared by the Township Supervisor. A person objecting to the special assessment roll shall file the objection in writing with the Township Clerk before the close of the hearing or within such further time as the Township Board may grant.

Appearance and protest of the special assessment at the hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner of or party in interest in property to be assessed, or his or her agent, may appear in person to protest the special assessment, or may protest the special assessment by letter filed with the Township Clerk at or prior to the time of the hearing, in which case appearance in person is not required. If the special assessment is protested as provided above, the owner or any party having an interest in the real property may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the Michigan Tax Tribunal or other court of competent jurisdiction within 30 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll.

The plans and cost estimate of the improvements are on file with the Township Clerk for public inspection.

SUE A. HILLEBRAND, Clerk
Charter Township of Northville

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NORTHVILLE NEWSMAKERS

Statewide management appointments at Lutheran Social Services

Lutheran Social Services of Michigan has appointed Josie Ciccone of Northville as director, Employee Relations and Compensation.

Ciccone comes to Lutheran Social Services of Michigan from Planned Parenthood of Mid and South Michigan, where she was human resources and employee relations manager. She previously worked for the Nonprofit Personnel Network and for HAVEN, Inc., a nonprofit organization providing shelter and counseling for abused women.

Ciccone holds a degree in business management from Northwood University in Midland, Mich.



Ciccone

National Charity to award Gaidicas with Star Awareness Volunteer recognition

The American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association will award WDIV-TV's Director of Meteorology Chuck Gaidica and his family with a volunteer recognition for their ten years of combined efforts in support of AARDA through activities in advocacy and awareness on behalf of the organization.

Chuck and his wife, Susan, will accept this recognition on behalf of their family at the charity's 11th Annual Victorian Tea Luncheon and Auction,

an event which Chuck has hosted for 10 years and will do so again this year. The event will take place the Saturday before Mother's Day, May 7 from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at The Dearborn Inn, A Marriott Hotel, 20301 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn.

"We are so pleased to be able to recognize the Gaidica family for their work with AARDA," said Virginia T. Ladd, president and executive director, AARDA. "Chuck and Susan, their son Charlie, and their entire family have been longtime friends of our organization. They have always gone above and beyond to support our mission of increasing awareness of autoimmune disease in the hopes of eradicating these 100+ diseases that are autoimmune."

The Gaidicas had long known that autoimmune diseases ran in their own respective families; however, they were still caught off guard when their son, Charlie, while in high school developed a mystery illness which stumped his physicians. As Charlie put it, he saw "lots of doctors who thought I could have lots of different things."

Eventually the illness was diagnosed as autoimmune hepatitis, a chronic inflammatory autoimmune disease of the liver. More than 10 years after having received his diagnosis, Charlie's disease is under control and he has been off medication for more than four years.

Tickets are still available to the public to attend the luncheon; visit the AARDA website at www.aarda.org or call (586) 776-3900.



Gaidica

NORTHVILLE ENGAGEMENT

VanStedum & Risher


Julie Ann VanStedum, of Livonia, and Jeremy Alan Risher, of Northville, are engaged to be married Aug. 20 in Joliet, Ill.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Paul and Laura VanStedum, of Orland Park, Ill. She is a 2005 graduate of Chicago Christian High School, a 2009 graduate of Calvin College, and she is a Spanish teacher at Detroit Community High School in Detroit.

The groom-elect is the son of Ron and Mindy Risher, of Northville. He is a 2005 graduate Northville High School, a 2009 graduate of Calvin College, and he is a staff accountant with Instar Services in Troy.



Julie VanStedum and Jeremy Risher



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BY DEBBIE EICHHOLTZ
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Every morning the alarm rings and WWJ News Radio starts my day -- 950 AM determines what I'll wear to school, where I know not to drive and what Detroit politicians we are laughing at. On this day there is a new sound bite. A Michigan Marine has been killed in Southern Afghanistan. It's news, just like weather, the price of Ford stock, or an accident on I-275 at Michigan Avenue.

That means somewhere, a family is going to hear a knock at their door. Two uniformed officers will be waiting to tell them "The United States regrets to inform you..."

Lance Cpl. Dominic Ciaramitaro, 19, of South Lyon, was Killed in Action (KIA) on Saturday, April 23. Families of the members of our US Armed Forces, the entire world over, live in terror of just such a visit. Lance Corporal Joseph Eichholtz is my son. This news hurts.

The incident took place, according to the United Press International, in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan, south of Khandahar. This is the geographic location of Camp Leatherneck, the base where the Marines had decided Dominic and my son should serve, roughly 6,800 miles from home.

When such a tragedy takes place, the names of the deceased are not immediately released, pending notification of the next of kin. So the world worries. I know it's most likely not my son, however, it's still someone's son, someone's grandson, someone's nephew... perhaps someone's husband, fiancé or father. Website www.icasualties.org reports that 1,563 US Armed Forces personnel have died since the U.S. invaded Afghanistan in 2001. The highest number of fatalities, 721, took place in 2010. This hurts my soul.

April has been a very deadly month in the Middle East. The UPI news report tells us Pentagon officials said, "An investigation is under way into the 'friendly fire' death of two U.S. soldiers. The officials told Tuesday's Los Angeles Times a Predator drone fired the missile that killed a Marine and a medic last week. Marine Staff Sgt. Jeremy D. Smith, 26,

of Arlington, Texas, and Seaman Benjamin D. Rast, 23, of Niles, Mich., were apparently mistaken for insurgents moving to attack another group of Marines in the area."

"FRIENDLY FIRE!" Honestly? This hurts my consciousness.

What can I do? I can't drive over and check on Joe. I can't call. Facebook. Once again, I'm drawn to FB. "My Dearest Joe, I'm just checking in, I hope everything's o.k. Please know how much I love you. Be Safe & God Bless, Mom." This hurts my sleep.

His father knows what to do, Dads always know what to do. Make beef jerky! Kevin Eichholtz's beef jerky is legendary in the Wrestling Room at Northville High School, where Joe graduated in 2007. Hushed tones tell hallowed stories of the glory of that Ziplock bag, as it appeared at every Saturday Tournament for the last seven years. A father's love is a big, burly, handshake, not hugs. It's beef jerky. Joe craves it like a pregnant woman wants ice cream and pickles. It's what we can do to help. The meat has to be perfect -- not too lean, never too marbled. While we select the beef, the Ciaramitaro, Smith and Rast families were making funeral arrangements. As the magical mixture of Cabela's seasoning meets Worcestershire and soy sauce, three families are listening to "Taps". As we shrink wrap the final delicacy, off in the distance, 21-gun salutes are echoing through the air. This hurts my heart.

What can we do? Pray, as a family, as a community, as a nation that every one of our Armed Forces heroes comes home soon. So, you hug your children, while we mail our 12" square flat rate boxes, filled with love and covered with X's and O's. This helps with the hurting.

Say a prayer for the Ciaramitaro, Smith and Rast families, and all of our Armed Forces personnel and their loved ones. Kevin will keep making beef jerky and I'll keep mailing packages. Perhaps, together, we can make the world a better place.

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

Cookie Gala

(Left) Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan (GSSEM) Board member Monica Martinez of Dearborn and former GSSEM Board member Robyn Marcotte of Northville attended the recent Cookie Gala in Detroit, which raised over \$82,000 for the 40,000-plus girls and adults participating in Girl Scouts throughout Southeastern Michigan.



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Dear Friend,

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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.

You should know that the chiropractor is me, Dr. Tina Maruszewski and I don't heal anyone of anything. What I do is perform specific and gentle spinal adjustments to remove nerve pressure and the body responds by healing itself. We get tremendous results. It's simple as that!

Our promise to any patient is if we cannot help you we will not accept you as a patient. I am very realistic in my recommendations and have been in this community long enough to have built a solid reputation. I have seen thousands of patients...yes I look young, but I've been in practice eleven plus years and have had the pleasure of treating many "young" and "vibrant" elderly patients.

Let's be honest, when you feel good, you look good! These ARE and SHOULD be the golden years. Life is short and now is the time to enjoy it!

My assistant is Linda and she is a really great person. Our office is both friendly and warm and we try our best to make you feel at home. We offer a wonderful service. Our office is called Lakepointe Family Chiropractic and it is at 42875 Five Mile Rd. (next to the BP gas station). Our phone number is 734-420-1004. Call Linda or me today for an appointment. We can help you. Thank You!

- Tina Maruszewski, D.C.

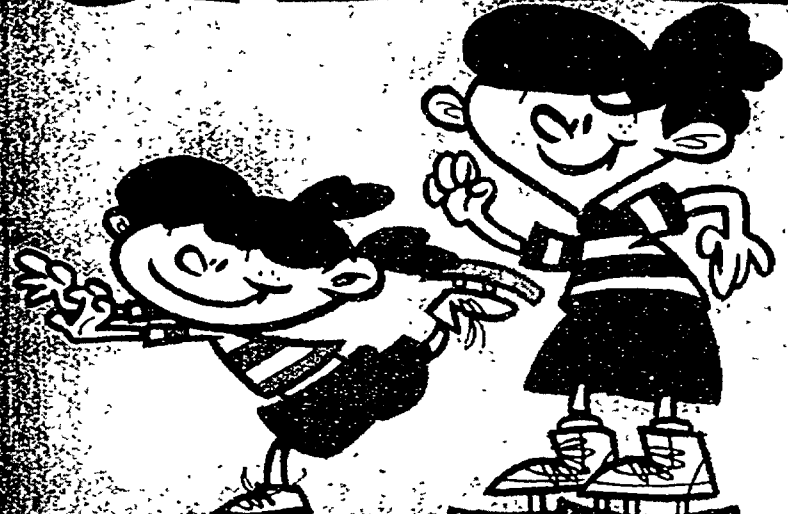
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OUR VIEWS

Tenure reform

Addressing the bad teacher problem

There are more than 450 teachers in the Northville school district, and judging from MEAP scores and graduation rates, they're some of the best in the state.

But, regardless of what district you attended school, just about everyone can remember a bad teacher. The one who was never prepared, who couldn't control the classroom or who even acted inappropriately with students.

Many of these teachers, it seemed, somehow remained on the job. Many believe that tenure — a job-protection measure originally intended to ensure academic freedom for educators — is the culprit.

After years of mostly ineffective and half-hearted complaining, politicians — mostly, but not exclusively Republicans — are now taking action. Across the country, there are movements to reform tenure in public school systems. The energy is so high that even the nation's two largest teachers unions have agreed that some change is necessary.

In Michigan, state Rep. Bill Rogers, R-Genoa Township, has introduced a bill that would eliminate tenure in Michigan. He argues that teachers are granted tenure too easily. After that, the expense, time and difficulty of tenure procedures discourages districts from weeding out bad teachers.

The results to students, he continues, are significant. He refers to research from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville that claims students who have just one bad teacher have lower test scores two years later compared to students with good teachers.

"The rights of our students to learn should always trump a bad teacher's right to a job," Rogers said.

Teachers unions have long argued that tenure laws aren't the problem. A bad teacher, they say, can be removed if the district puts the effort into building a good case with effective evaluations and documentation. In the past, unions have suggested that tenure is used as a scapegoat for ineffective administration.

That position appears to be softening. Nationally, the American Federation of Teachers, one of the two largest teachers unions in the country, has stated it favors tenure reform.

A representative for the Michigan Education Association also says that reform rather than outright repeal is the better path. The MEA, which represents the majority of Michigan teachers and public school teachers in Oakland County, favors streamlining the appeals process.

That would be a good step. Some school officials say the tenure process can take up to two years and be quite expensive. After that, they say, they are likely to lose the case because the process favors the teacher.

While reform is needed, it's important to remember that tenure was created because teachers at one time had little recourse for unfair firings and preferential treatment. Today, with union contracts and modern personnel laws, the likelihood of such abuses is greatly decreased.

It shouldn't take two years to deal with a bad teacher. But tossing out tenure is hardly a panacea. The union is right to question the effectiveness of evaluations. Teachers don't receive tenure until after four years on the job. During that time, they are supposed to receive formal evaluations annually. If districts fail to do a good job during that time period, why would anyone expect them to improve the process in later years?

Further, after a teacher gets tenure, he or she may only be evaluated every three years — if that much. That hardly seems adequate.

Administrators and lawmakers could make a point for meaningful reform by working with teachers unions. A first step would be for districts to compile a list of those teachers who shouldn't be in the classroom. After all, if the Knoxvill study is to be believed, then it suggests that districts already have a way to identify poor teachers.

If the districts can't produce such a list because of inadequate oversight, then tenure isn't the problem.

It would be nice to see the MEA and district administrators work together to find a suitable solution, because having inadequate teachers in the classroom doesn't help anyone — it makes the teachers union look bad, it hurts individual schools (and districts), and is frankly an insult to the students and their families.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What's your all-time favorite book?



"I like 'Geronimo Stilton' books. I think they're interesting and that the characters go on trips. I think I've read all of them."

Marcella Simoncini, 9
Northville



"My all-time favorite's the 'Emily Windsnap' books. I like it because the girl in them goes on adventures and she's a mermaid and a person."

Silvia Robazza, 8
Northville



"I don't know - I like so many books. But I'd say the 'Percy Jackson' books. I like them because of the Greek mythology involved."

Steven Brylinski, 10
Livonia



"I like the 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' books. I like that they give you a fun personality to read about and that it tells you about how middle school will be."

Alex Moyski, 10
Northville

LETTERS

Nonmillage options

After the school district makes all of the overdue cuts they have been avoiding, then, and only then, will I vote for a millage increase.

Lets start with cutting Superintendent Rezmierski's salary down to a reasonable level. His current salary, \$250,000.00, is very steep. If I am not mistaken he is the highest, or one of the highest paid superintendents in the state, yet he runs one of the smallest school districts.

In addition, we can need to cut the ridiculous amount of sick days teachers get every year. Fifteen sick days, three weeks, for each teacher is absolutely insane for folks who work less than eight months a year. Add in the cost of substitute teachers every time these employees take off for a Tiger game, and we are talking huge amounts of cash. Just that cut alone would cover the upcoming millage and then some.

What if we actually found some uses for all of the buildings we leave empty every summer? I am sure that could bring in some cash. I have heard that we can't do that because we need to clean all those buildings during the summer. I wonder what employers who use buildings year round do?

Next, what about employee benefits? NPS employees seem to think that \$20 co-pays for prescriptions are in some way draconian. I wish I had a \$20 co-pay.

Increasing insurance deductibles would also be helpful in order to balance the budget. My deductible is \$2,200 a year, yet employees at NPS think I should pay more in taxes to spare them cuts that are negligible in comparison to the cuts I have had to take. What was the last employee pay cut, 2 percent? That

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is miles away from private sector cuts. Did I mention that NPS Teachers are the highest paid in the U.S. That is correct, they are in the top 3 percent of the country.

Here is another cost-saving idea, let's do teacher training during the summer months so we don't have to pay double for both a teacher and a sub.

Yes, there are lots of ways NPS could be saving money but they refuse to do it. They are aware that these cuts are needed, yet they pretend they are impossible. They would rather just go back to the well and get more money from taxpayers. They are playing chicken with our kids, using them to scare parents into handing over more in taxes to maintain

their own well heeled life styles. Don't do it!

Parents have options, more than ever before. Did you know that Michigan has a FREE on line accredited school that kids can use to learn at home with certified teachers. It is the Michigan Virtual High School online. Schools probably don't want you to know about that because they get less money if you sign your kids up for that. My point is this, if they want to play games and overcrowd the classrooms, or lay off teachers instead of making common sense cuts, then you have choices, lots of them.

I would say that if all of the cuts above were implemented the NPS could maybe come out the red for a millage increase. As long as they want to play games with parents and hide behind the kids to do it, then my answer is NO. I have choices, you see — and so do you.

Cecilia Bruck
Northville

A thought for NOMI

I applaud the City Council's objection to renew the liquor license for Bambar L.L.C. While promising to pay the \$15,000 in delinquent personal property taxes they may also consider paying the many employees that were left out to dry when they closed. My daughter for one is still owed \$384 for her work there and she is but one of many. Maybe Rachael Stern should also consider her former employees at the same time.

Robert Van Hamme
Novi

Don't shorten foreclosure time frame

BY NEETA DELANEY
GUEST COLUMNIST

First, the worst recession since the Great Depression brought Michigan homeowners to their knees. Then, federal foreclosure prevention programs overpromised but underperformed together while a horde of foreclosure rescue scammers kicked them while they were down. Now,



Neeta Delaney

just as the economy is improving and they're getting back on their feet, the Michigan State House Banking & Financial Services Committee has introduced pending legislation, that if passed, will knock the legs out from under Michigan homeowners once again.

House Bill 4542-4544 will extend Michigan's 90-day pre-foreclosure negotiation law but disproportionately and permanently shorten Michigan's post-foreclosure redemption period from six to three months — cutting in half the time Michigan homeowners have to redeem, sell or move from their homes.

A recent survey of Michigan's HUD and MSHDA-certified foreclosure counselors and legal service attorneys found that the primary reason Michigan's at-risk homeowners are denied permanent loan modifications is

job loss or a reduction in income. With early signs that unemployment and job creation are turning around, we should be helping homeowners weather the storm, instead of making it harder.

During this Great Recession, the redemption period has allowed homeowners to sell their homes or transition to other housing. As the economy continues to recover, more homeowners will once again use this time to successfully redeem their homes.

Meanwhile, Michigan's current six-month redemption period helps maintain the home's value, prevents stripping and other vandalism, and minimizes the economic damage to the surrounding properties by keeping the homeowner in the home.

Backers of the bills argue it's fair to reduce the postforeclosure redemption period by 90 days since the proposed temporary extension of 90-day pre-foreclosure law gives them 90 days on the front end. However, under the proposed law, the shortened redemption period doesn't sunset with the extension of the 90-day pre-foreclosure law. It's a permanent reduction. After next year, homeowners will not have the benefit of either the 90-day pre-foreclosure law or a six-month post-foreclosure redemption period. Additionally, during the one-year extension of the 90-day law, the reduced redemption period will apply to all homeowners, not just those who opt into the 90-day pre-foreclosure process.

Lenders who back the bill claim they

want to move people out of their homes sooner so they can put the homes back on the market more quickly.

The same survey cited above found that most lenders wait several months after a default before sending the 90-day pre-foreclosure notice. To shorten the time homeowners remain in a home after a default, they should instead reach out to borrowers by sending these notices earlier. Early outreach to borrowers will improve the chances that borrowers can tackle their default arrearages.

While several local Michigan community banks and credit unions have done an exemplary job of this, their loans represent only a fraction of Michigan's home mortgages. The vast majority is owned and/or serviced by national banks whose track record in maintaining properties and getting them back on the market is far worse than that of defaulting homeowners.

Since the inception of the foreclosure crisis, no state has even considered shortening its foreclosure time frame. This is the wrong response at the wrong time and it will hurt Michigan. Contact your state legislators and speak out against House Bill 4542-4544.

Neeta Delaney is co-director of The Michigan Foreclosure Task Force. The task force is supported by the Michigan State Housing Development Authority, Bank of America, the Kresge Foundation, CEDAM and others. For more information, go to www.cedam.info/foreclosure.

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.

Letters to the Editor: Support school millage

Northville like most school districts in this state has too many administrators, too much support staff all of which are overpaid. Reorganize, increase productivity, and cut salaries and benefits to a sustainable level. No more revenue is needed. We need to do more with less money.

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NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Cox sponsors annual park clean-up day

Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox (R-Livonia) is calling on Western Wayne County residents to pitch in for the Seventh Annual Park Clean Up at Bennett Arboretum in Northville.

The event will take place Saturday, May 7. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. at Cass Benton Pavilion and the work day will run from 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers will remove invasive species and collect debris.

The first 50 volunteers to register will receive a free pair of tickets to attend a Detroit Tigers game at Comerica Park.

For more information and to register, contact Cox's office at (313) 224-0946.

Children's book published locally

Northville Publishing & Marketing has published Liam's Luck and Finnegan's Fortune, written by Timothy Kiernan. In achieving one's goals and dreams, luck is not a substitute for hard work. Is a four-leaf clover really lucky? That's what Finnegan tells Liam, and boy—does his luck start to change. First, Liam catches more fish than ever before, and then he makes an unbelievable discovery. What Finnegan doesn't know is that someone important knows about his new lucky clover and wants Finnegan to help him discover why the forest is changing. Can Liam's luck and Finnegan's fortune help save the forest and all of its creatures? Kiernan lives in southeast Michigan with his wife, Kim, and son,

Brendan. His inspiration for writing Liam's Luck and Finnegan's Fortune came in part through his son's fascination with flying insects (especially bees), as well as his rich Irish heritage.

He enjoys spending time with his family and friends, being outdoors, reading, listening to music, and is an avid sports fan. Visit his website, www.timothykiernanbooks.com.

Blood drives

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

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

Tuesday, May 10; Novi Woods 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.

For all drives, call Diane Risko to set up an appointment at (313) 549-7052.

All donors will be entered into a summer raffle for a \$3,000 gasoline card.

Now 16-year-olds can donate blood with a signed parental consent form available at the blood drive. Proof of birth date and picture ID are needed.



Food drive

Northville/Novi Keller Williams Realty held a food drive at the downtown Northville Hillers Market on April 14. The agency promotes community service and outreach to the neighborhoods the agents work in. "We would like to thank the Northville area residents for donating two van loads of groceries to the Civic Concern Food Bank. We would also like to thank Hillers Market for providing us with the space to set up our collection," said Donna Hawrot. Shown (l to r, front) are Debbie Ronayne, Ellen Frink, Donna Hawrot, Sarah Alexander; (back) David Frink, Jim Hawrot and Jim Willis.

BIN LADEN

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Wiseley is also wondering if this marks a seminal moment in the war on terrorism.

"This could be a turning point in the war. Hopefully, it is," he said.

'FINALLY'

The first word uttered by both state Rep. Hugh Crawford and Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America Executive Director Mike Harris when they heard the news that bin Laden had been killed: "finally."

The 10-plus-year hunt for the man deemed to be uncatchable was over and his body was buried at sea within 24 hours.

"Like most Americans, I had given up hope so it was quite a shock last night when I saw the news," said Harris, who served in the Marines from 1975-79 and leads the MPVA chapter based in Novi. "The beauty of it is we didn't quit until we found

what we were after.

"I was definitely moved and happy."

President Barack Obama addressed America around 11 p.m. Sunday night, and news cameras showed crowds of people celebrating outside the White House and at Ground Zero in New York City, where al-Qaida hijacked jets destroyed the twin towers of the World Trade Center.

Obama said bin Laden has been plotting attacks on America for "over two decades," and his death "marks the most significant achievement to date in our nation's efforts to defeat al-Qaida."

Crawford, a Novi resident and Marine from 1960-64, said it gives him a sense of pride to know the U.S. was able to kill bin Laden.

"I thought it was quite an accomplishment," he said. "It's something we've been trying to put closure to, and while it cannot give closure to the loss of human life, it will put a dent in

some of the worldwide terrorism because he was someone a lot of people looked up to."

Crawford and Harris both agree that his death does not mean the end of terrorism, but does give a morale boost to those serving.

"It doesn't stop the threat," Harris said. "Unfortunately, it is still out there and we have to be vigilant because it is something we will have to deal with the rest of our lives."

State Sen. Mike Kowall also weighed in, echoing the president's sentiment saying, "justice has been done."

"I applaud the men and women of our military and intelligence services," Kowall said in a press release. "This is a great victory for the American people. And I pray that it brings some semblance of comfort to the families who lost loved ones on 9/11, as well as those who lost loved ones during the subsequent 10-year war on terror."

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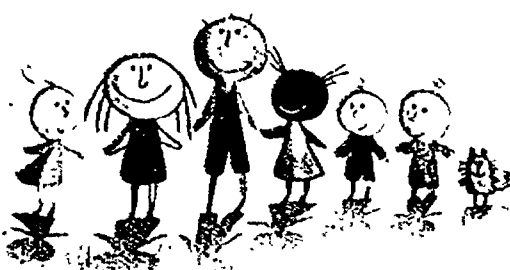
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LANSING CONNECTION

Colbeck offers solutions to State's education funding struggles

State Senator Patrick Colbeck (R-Canton) is calling on his colleagues in the Senate to put aside partisan politics and support education reform proposals expected to come before the Senate this week. The Senate is poised to take up the FY 2011-12 budget bills that were voted out of the Senate Appropriations Committee last week. During the debate on the Department of Education Appropriations bill, Colbeck,



Colbeck

who sits on the Appropriations Committee, put forward a number of proposals designed to look at the spending side of the equation rather than the revenue side. These proposals have the potential to save several thousand dollars per pupil in spending. The first set of proposals offered by Senator Colbeck could possibly put over \$400 per pupil back into the classroom by consolidating human resources, information technology and accounting support services at the Intermediate School District (ISD) or State level. These proposals passed without any support from the Democrat senators who have

expressed public outrage that we are not putting enough money into the classrooms. Another proposal to consolidate school districts with fewer than 1500 students offers the potential of putting significantly higher funding back into the classroom on the order of \$1700 per pupil. Unfortunately, this proposal was voted down; once again by the folks who have been very vocal about wanting more money spent on education. In the interest of getting a sufficient number of votes to pass the proposals out of committee, Colbeck merely requested that the above proposals be "investigated." The

reports are due March 1, 2012, allowing for sufficient time to implement any recommendations via appropriate legislation for the FY12-13 budget. "Even with this 'watered down' approach to the legislation, several of the more vocal senators clamoring for increased funding to the schools voted 'No' on these amendments," Colbeck said. "I'm happy to say that with the support of my Republican colleagues, all but one of my amendments passed. "Any one of the options could have virtually eliminated or significantly dented the Governor's proposed \$470 per pupil reduction. Which begs

the question, 'Why don't some legislators want to investigate proposals that could put more money into the classrooms?' "I am calling on my Democrat colleagues in the Senate to stop their attempts to block meaningful reform in education spending. End the partisan attacks and scare tactics and join with Republicans in looking at how we are spending the money that we have. Consider all viable options with regard to spending reform. "While many school boards and superintendents are proposing teacher layoffs and other solutions that impact the classroom, I would prefer

to investigate solutions that represent 'new school' thinking that puts the interest of students first. "New school' solutions feature consolidation of support services, consolidation of smaller school districts, and pursuing benefit parity between public employees (including legislators) and private employees. It's time to shift the focus of the education funding debate from spending more to spending smarter," Colbeck concluded. Patrick Colbeck (R-Canton) is Michigan State Senator for the 7th District. He can be reached at sen-pcolbeck@senate.michigan.gov.

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LOCAL

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

Daughters of the American Revolution

Time/Date: 6 p.m., May 16

Location: Plymouth District Library, 222 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: Committee includes Mary Black, Barbara Miller and Donna Busch; program is "The President's Guard" with speaker William George Vette, SAR (in uniform)

Contact: (734) 453-0750

Genetti's Hole-in-the-Wall

Location: 108 E. Main, Northville

Contact: (248) 349-0522

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 Pomaroli & 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



Dems Gala

Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville was packed Saturday evening with almost 250 attendees roaring support for Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano and U.S. Representative Gary Peters as they addressed the numerous Republican attacks on Democratic institutions and the middle class at Spring Gala '11, sponsored by the four Democratic clubs of Northville, Livonia, Plymouth and Community (Canton and environs). The addition of the Steve King and The Dittillies band and a bountiful dinner buffet masterfully prepared added to the outstanding success of this second year for the event, according to Northville co-chairs Lisa DiRado and Susan Nichols. "We are seeing much more co-ordination of effort by local Democratic clubs, working together and supporting one another in our efforts to educate, motivate, recruit and elect qualified Democratic candidates," said Nichols. Pictured (l to r) are Northville Dems President Scott Craig, DiRado, Nichols and Peters.

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 Iraq 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@precisionbaseballone.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.

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Green Street Fair

Recycle, build a 'canjo,' and take in free music

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Singer-songwriter Crystal Bowersox, the runner-up last May during the ninth season of *American Idol*, will be the headline performer at downtown Plymouth's 2011 Green Street Fair, which opens on Friday and runs through Sunday, May 8.

Bowersox, who plays in a variety of styles, including rock, folk and gospel, released her debut album, *Farmer's Daughter*, in December.

Her free concert will be 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at the Eco-Beats Stage, at Union and Penniman. The free fair, in its fourth year, brings together a variety of companies, exhibitions and organizations that promote ecology-conscious products and practices and healthy living.

"We're very excited to have somebody of her caliber join us," said Raychel Rork, the Green Street Fair organizer, said of Bowersox's appearance. "It's going to be a great lineup, really, all three days."

This year's fair, the fourth, begins at noon Friday in Kellogg Park and nearby streets and continues through 5 p.m. Sunday. There are more than 240 participating exhibitors — businesses, individuals and organizations — making this year's fair the largest yet, said Rork.

"We're really proud of how far it's grown in only four years," she said, adding that 100,000 people are expected to attend over the course of the weekend. "It's going to be big."

The lineup will include many returning exhibitions as well as some new ones, and some exhibitors are traveling long distances to attend, Rork said.

"This is becoming a very enticing event for them," she said. "It's free to the public. It's direct to the consumers."

Crafters who use repurposed raw materials will be on hand with, for example, jewelry, or purses made from burlap coffee sacks. There will be organic cotton clothing, easy-on-the-energy transportation, and demonstrations of organic cooking.

The food offerings will include organic chocolate truffles, organic vegan cupcakes and organic kettle corn. "Organic doesn't mean it has

to taste like cardboard," Rork joked.

Other highlights of the Green Street Fair will include a Mother's Day parade at noon on Sunday, a Mother's Day craft activity for kids, organic cooking demonstrations, sponsored by Meijer and the Art Institute of Michigan, and the opportunity to recycle electronic waste — everything from computers to car batteries and vacuum cleaners — on Saturday and Sunday at Penniman and Harvey.

Proceeds from the resale of electronic waste will benefit the scholarship fund for

pediatric speech and language disorders at Beaumont Children's Hospital.

The popular Fort Box, in which children decorate repurposed corrugated boxes to build a kid-sized cityscape, will also return to Kellogg Park. This year's Fort Box will include replicas of some of the world's landmark bridges, built with recycled materials by students at New Morning School. Other Fort Box sponsors are *The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* and IKEA.

IKEA will also host an exhibit, Green Living, featuring home displays and the

chance to win a mountain bicycle or a \$500 IKEA gift card, at The Gathering on Penniman.

Other entertainment during the Green Street Fair will include:

- Abigail Stauffer, an Ann Arbor singer-songwriter, 1:15-2:30 p.m. Friday.
- The Sugar People, rock, pop and soul, 3:15-4:15 p.m. Friday.
- In Custody, a rock cover band, 4:45-6:30 p.m. Friday.
- The Mister Laurence Experience, fun rock for kids, 10:30-11:15 a.m. Saturday.
- The Deep Fried Pickle Project, a "junk band" that

plays bluegrass, metal and honky-tonk, noon-1 p.m. Saturday and 12:30-1:30 p.m. Sunday.

- Timothy Monger State Park, folk rock, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Saturday.
 - Sista Otis, rock and gospel, 3-4:15 p.m. Saturday.
 - Gemini, a duo playing acoustic music for children and families, 2-3 p.m. Sunday.
 - Tracy Kash Thomas, a jazz performer, 3:15-4:15 p.m. Sunday.
- All concerts will take place at the Eco-Beats Stage at Union and Penniman. The Deep Fried Pickle

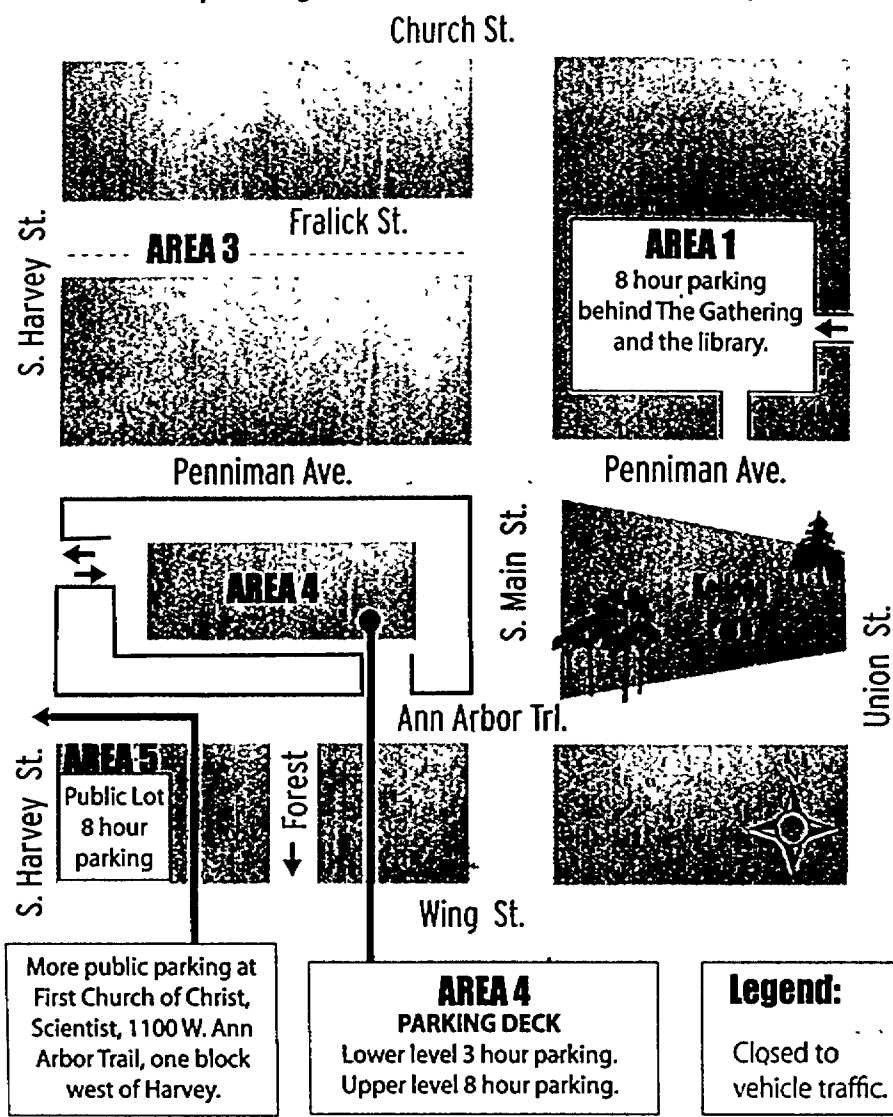
Project will also host an instrument-making workshop — visitors can build a "canjo," a kazoo or maracas — from 10-11:45 a.m. Sunday in Kellogg Park. The workshop is just ahead of the Mother's Day parade, and participants will be encouraged to join the parade with their new home-made instrument.

The Green Street Fair hours are noon-7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, visit the fair's website, www.greenstreetfair.com.

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GREEN STREET FAIR HIGHLIGHTS

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SATURDAY, MAY 7

The Mister Laurence Experience 10:30-11:15 a.m.
Deep Fried Pickle Project noon to 1 p.m.
Timothy Monger State Park 1:30-2:30 p.m.
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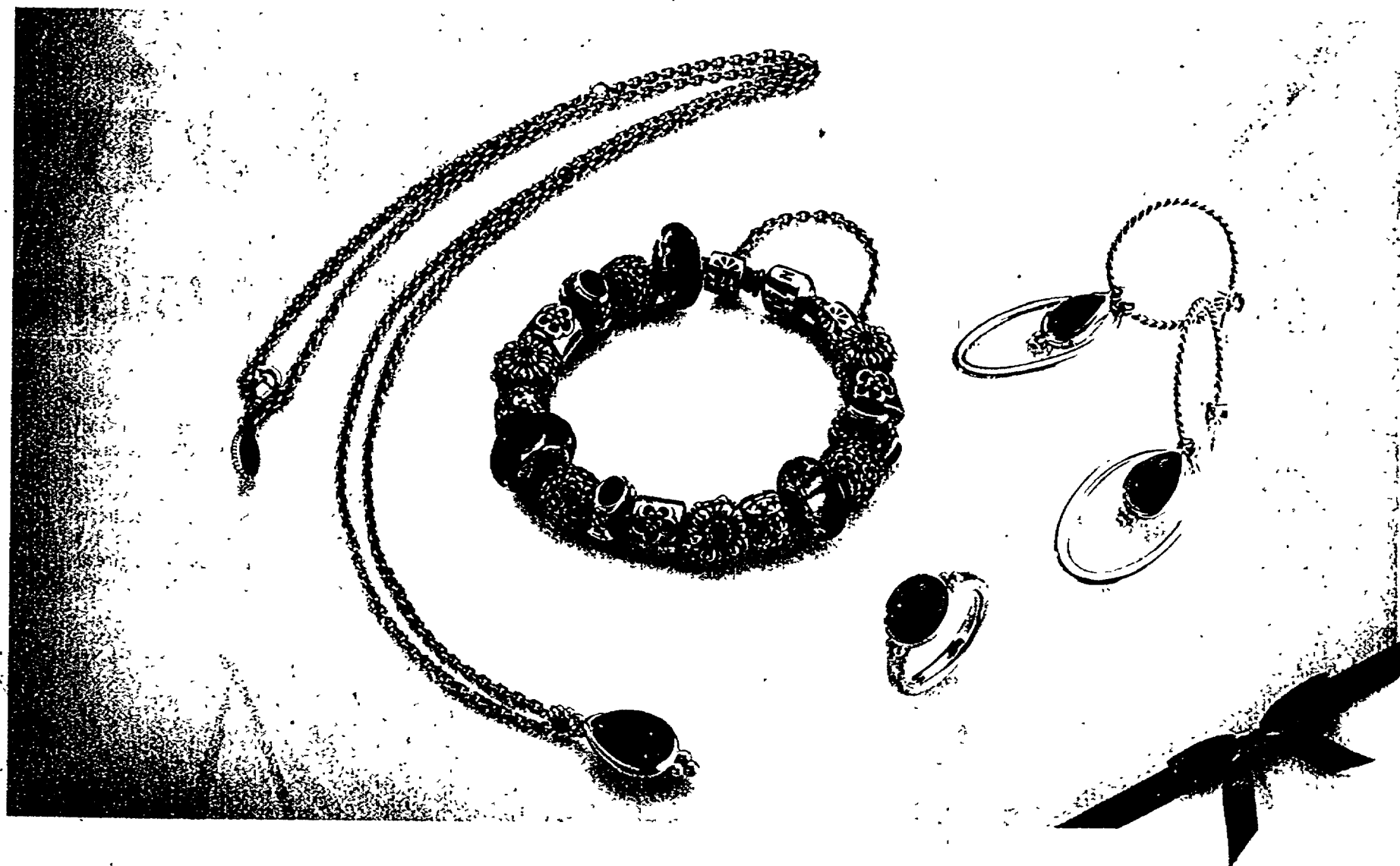
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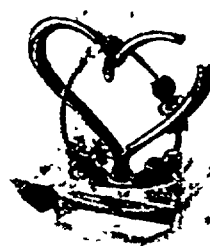


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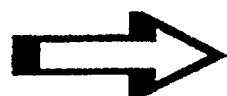
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Partially-obscured Mustang netminder Kiki Hilmer, center, makes a diving save of a shot by South Lyon East on April 26. The ball subsequently got loose from the goalie and the Cougars scored a goal about 15 minutes into the game.

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Northville captures two soccer wins

Mustang kickers defeat both Saline and Salem

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

There are two more big-time victories the Northville Mustangs get to add to their season thanks to some tough play and determination.

The squad, coached by Eric Brucker, notched a 2-1 win over Salem on Monday to keep pace with Novi in the hunt for the KLAA Central Division title. Just days before, the team collected a 3-1 victory over the always-tough Saline Hornets.

"Overall it was one of our best team performances this year," said Brucker of the Saline win. "Good communication; execution on scoring opportunities; better transition through the middle.

ON TAP

The Mustangs will be back on the pitch when they take on Novi at home today before hosting South Lyon next Tuesday and visiting South Lyon East next Thursday. All games are slated for 7 p.m. starts.

(Kaitlin) Girbach did a great job in net for her first start of the year.

The Mustangs kept the game as a shutout until the final minutes, when Saline took advantage of a miscue and found the back of the net.

The physicality of the game was intense, noted Brucker, who said his girls were definitely but-matched in that sense.

"It's good for these girls to get knocked around a little bit, and Saline was happy to deliver," he said. "Sometimes the girls forget that this is a contact sport. I hope that we can take our aggressiveness into this coming week."

There was plenty of energy in the game, which had 14 fouls called in the first half alone. But Northville pushed past the physical aspect of the game, and the penalties, and played a strong game. The team found the net with 14 minutes to play in the first half. Megan Buckingham played a nice lead pass to Mallory Weber, who was checking back to the ball. On the turn, Weber faced up against her defender and beat her

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Mallory Weber, right, battles for the ball with a South Lyon East player.

Northville earns baseball win over Brighton

Squad splits doubleheader against non-league foe

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

It's been a tough season for the young Northville Mustangs baseball team, but they've shown every step of the way that they aren't going to give up.

That's why it's so refreshing when the team gets a well-deserved win, like they did in the nightcap of a doubleheader against Brighton, 10-4. The opening game went against them, 7-4, as did their game against Wayne Memorial last week, which they lost, 6-5.

"It was nice to break out a little on Saturday, offensively," said Northville coach John Kostrzewa. "We had been struggling up to that point having quality at-bats and leaving many runners in scoring position. Fundamentally, overall, we have not been consistent enough to string together some wins."

The fundamentals were again a problem in last Saturday's double header against Brighton. The Mustangs put up a tough fight in the first game, falling 7-4, and had some big highlights, but it was the little things that led to the loss.

Jeff Gertley went 2-for-4 in that contest with a double while sophomore Brandon Patrone went 2-for-3 with two runs scored and a walk.

"We squandered many early opportunities to score runs," said Kostrzewa. "The bats did begin showing some life after struggling offensively most of the season. Unfortunately we made too many fundamental defensive mistakes that ultimately cost us the game."

In the second game of the twin bill, the Mustangs rallied to win, 10-4. Anthony Peraino pitched a complete game, four-hitter to earn the win on the mound.

The game was close in the fifth inning when junior Trevor Maresh had a game-tying pinch hit single to knot it at 3-3. Peraino's pitching kept the Bulldogs off the board in the sixth and gave the Mustangs a chance to break it open with a seven-run showing in the sixth, which was keyed by Levi Perry's grand-slam home run.

"Levi had a great game," said Kostrzewa of his 3-for-4 performance, including a double, single and grand slam — just a triple away from hitting for the cycle. Peraino helped his own cause, scoring two runs and going 1-for-3 with a walk while Patrone went 3-for-3 with a walk and two runs scored.

Against Wayne, Northville's bats just couldn't find the ball enough to earn the win and they lost, 6-5.

Matt Stojkov, a junior, scored two runs and had two walks while sophomore Evan Schriener had a RBI double and senior Trey Slominski and junior Maresh each had RBI singles.

"Overall, we struggled offensively all game long and made some fundamental mistakes on defense that cost us the game in the end," said Kostrzewa. "We had the lead in the 7th, but couldn't hold it."

Northville is currently 2-7 on the season and 1-4 in KLAA play.

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

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs baseball team will be back in action Friday when they host Plymouth before visiting Franklin on Monday and hosting South Lyon East next Wednesday. All games start at 4 p.m.

Mustangs have roller coaster week of softball

Squad loses a few games, but posts some wins, as well

ON TAP

Northville will play again when they take on Plymouth tomorrow at home before visiting Franklin Monday. Both games start at 4 p.m.

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

You can't win them all, especially if you're playing the kind of opponents the Northville Mustangs softball team takes on each week.

The squad, coached by Kary Couchman, earned two wins over the Wayne Memorial Zebras last week before

going 1-2 in the Saline Tournament and then losing to Canton.

Against the Zebras, Northville won the doubleheader games, 10-0 and 15-0.

In the first game, Laura Pond and Nikki Thibodeau combined on a four-hit shutout with Pond collecting two strikeouts and Thibodeau earning five.

The Mustangs offense was led by Meredith Williams (single, double and

two RBIs), Allie Chapekis (single, double and one RBI) and Jennifer Buckingham (two hits and two runs scored). Senior shortstop Karly Fisher added a RBI single and senior first baseman Katie Fenech, Rachel Deacon and junior right fielder Carly Oosten each had one hit.

In the second game, Thibodeau threw a

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Northville boys golfers start season strong

Mustangs get pair of KLAA wins right away

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs golf team is young and inexperienced — that's something that has been noted since the spring season began. But they definitely aren't letting that get in their way so far this year.

The team, currently being coached by interim helmsman Jeff Balagna, earned victories over both Salem and South Lyon East last week — each of them a KLAA contest.

"It's always nice to start the KLAA season with a win," said Balagna. "I didn't really know what to expect from some of our younger players, but I was very pleased with our performance as a team. Our goal at the beginning of the year was to finish undefeated and win the division, so this is a step in the right direction."

Against Salem, the Mustangs earned a 159-161 victory. Leading the way was Nick Zanotti, who shot a 36 for the medalist position, while Matt Evasic shot a 40, Blake Bonatz carded a 41, Todd Goebel shot a 42 and sophomore Kevin Collareno and junior Alec Latta each recorded a 43.

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs golf team is scheduled to be back on the links today when they visit Novi before playing in the Wayne County Championship tomorrow. The team will then host South Lyon next Monday and Salem next Wednesday with 4 p.m. start times for both contests.

"Nick continued to wow the coaches," said Balagna. "His off-season work has really started to show. If he can continue to play like this, along with Blake starting to get going, we could have a very solid one and two."

The next match the Mustangs won was against South Lyon East, 162-184. Leading the way was the trip of Bonatz, Zanotti and Evasic, who tied for medalist with 41 each. Collareno shot a 42 in the win, while Goebel carded a 43 and senior Max Harrison shot a 44.

"It's a good problem to have when your top three players shoot 41 and it's a bad round," noted Balagna. "Blake, Nick and Matt all played really well. They all had one or two holes

where they lost a few strokes, especially on the green."

The squad also played in the East Lansing Invitational at Walnut Hills Country Club on April 25, where they took seventh out of a field of 17 teams. Zanotti shot a 79 on the 18-hole course, which was good for a tie for 10th overall, while Bonatz shot an 82 and Brady Marotta, Evasic and Goebel each carded an 86.

The tournament, which was hampered by cold and wet conditions, included the defending Division II and III state champion teams in DeWitt and Jackson Lumen Christi.

"I am very pleased with the way the team battled today, considering the field and playing conditions," said Balagna. "The conditions were not ideal for golf, the course was extremely wet and unplayable in some spots but they played hard and had a nice finish. I couldn't be more pleased with the way Nick Zanotti has started the year. This is his first year on the varsity team and he has been our low man in both tournaments thus far."

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



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Mustang Emily Bush, right, takes a point-blank shot on a South Lyon East goalkeeper April 26.

SOCCER

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to the outside. Two touches later, she shot the ball passed the Hornet keeper to take a 1-0 lead.

Late in the first half, a Saline defender tripped up Mustang attacker to provide Northville a dead-ball opportunity. Junior Claire McHugh did not miss her chance, lacing a shot from 24 yards out off the Saline wall, past the keeper and into the net. Northville would go into halftime with a 2-0 lead.

Saline came out strong in the second half trying to build some momentum but the heavy pressure would cost them. Three minutes in to the second half, Jamie Cheslik and Weber both got behind the Hornet defense for a two-on-one breakaway. Cheslik delivered a nice pass to Weber, who chipped the keeper for the final Northville goal of the game.

Against Salem, Northville earned a 2-1 victory after coming out of the gates with a ton of energy and offensive pressure.

The Rocks found themselves being the victim of an offensive onslaught from the start with Northville peppering them with nine shots on net



Megan Buckingham, right, is congratulated by her teammates after scoring Northville's first goal on April 26.

and being awarded five corner kicks in the first half alone.

The hard work up top paid off with the first goal ten minutes into the match. McHugh played a ball out wide to Cheslik, who quickly beat the last defender and dribbled to the near post and forced the Salem keeper to commit. From there, she confidently placed the ball in the far side netting to take the early 1-0 lead.

Northville didn't score again until the second half when Cheslik taking the ball at mid-

field, racing to the right-side corner and forcing the defense out of the middle. She lofted a soft cross inside to Weber, who headed it back to the near post and past the keeper for the eventual game winner.

Kiki Hilmer played the entire game in net for Northville.

Northville is now 8-0-2 on the season.

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



Northville Mustangs, including Tess Bradley, center, cheer on their teammates during their April 26 match.

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NORTHVILLE SPORTS ROUNDUP



Northville's junior varsity tennis team won their quad tournament, held at Troy High School, against Troy Athens, Troy and Traverse City Central. The Northville girls not only won the tournament, but took five first-place medals and two second-place medals.

Mustangs beat South Lyon East

The Northville Mustangs boys track and field team earned a win over the young South Lyon East Cougars last week.

"We finally had warmer temperatures, however, there were extremely strong winds," said Northville coach Gordie McIndosh.

Highlights for the meet included Sean Wagner winning the pole vault, Joe Chou winning the long jump and Jonathan Wines winning the shot put. The 4x800 and 4x400 teams also took first. Runners taking firsts included Edward Clifton in the 800-meter run, Dan Park in the 400, Aswin Easow in the 1,600-meter event and Chad Cini in the grueling two-mile.

It wasn't all peaches and cream for the Mustangs last week, however, as the team competed in the West Bloomfield Invitational and did not fare as well as they had expected.

The only points came from Al Myers, who tied for second in the high jump with a 6-foot-3-inch leap, and from the 4x800 team of Easow, Nesmith, Dan Sims and Clifton which finished in sixth place.

Northville's junior varsity tennis team has strong showing

Even though the weather on Saturday — cloudy and gray — didn't dampen the spirits of the Northville girls junior varsity tennis team as they successfully competed and won their quad tournament, held at the Troy High School.

Schools competing in the tournament were Troy Athens, Troy, Traverse City Central and Northville.

The Northville girls not only won the tournament but took five first-place medals and two second-place medals.

"This is the most talented team I have coached in my four years with the school," said Linda Jones, the team's coach. "The girls were

awesome today."

Taking first-place medals were Libby Quinn and Abby Henning, Ali Kozerski and Katelynn Ritchie, Chloe Page and Juliana Lim, Nicole Khamis and Izzy Cauffiel and Airi Kimura and Caroline Werther. Taking second-place medals were Lauren Petty and Kayla Hagan and Jinny Huang and Parul Gupta.

The team is currently undefeated with a 6-0 record. The victory on Saturday was preceded with a 5-3 victory Friday night over rival Novi.

Boys lacrosse defeats South Lyon

In their first game back from Spring Break, the Northville Mustangs boys lacrosse team earned a convincing 14-3 victory over South Lyon Unified.

The team, coached by Greg Durham, is now 6-1 overall, 3-0 in the division play and ranked eighth in the state for Division 1 teams.

The Mustangs were led by Dylan Gelven, who just signed his letter of intent to attend Seton Hill University in New Jersey. Gelven had three goals and six assists in the win while Nick Melucci had three goals and two assists, followed by Jakob Kippola's three goals and one assist. Joe Chase added three goals in the win, while Andrew Accardo had one goal and an assist and Mark Bucurew had one goal. Defensemen Mike Comben and Kevin Piwowar each had an assist during fast breaks.

"It was a solid win and another confidence booster," said Durham. "South Lyon is a good team. They battled the entire game."

"The team is really starting to believe in themselves, especially since we lost to (Catholic Central) a few weeks ago. To dominate this game like we did, it really shows that the boys are very motivated to play their best every game."

Northville's Paul Soyster played in goal and made 10 saves on 13 shots.

— By Sam Eggleston

Netters reach first season goal

Squad earns 5-0 dual meet record in division play

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

Coming into the season, Northville girls tennis coach Sandy Woolfall said that the first team goal was to earn a 5-0 dual meet record in their division play. With a victory over Novi last Friday, they've done just that.

"We lost only two matches," said Woolfall. "One at one singles and the other at one doubles."

And both of those matches were close, with Joanne Weber starting off her No. 1 singles play with a 6-4 win in the opening set before dropping the final two sets. At No. 1 doubles, Christy Murphy and Danielle Romano also won their first set, 6-2, but couldn't with their final two and took a loss.

But the Mustangs earned

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs tennis team will be back in action when they compete in the KLAA cross over today before visiting Okemos Saturday and then hosting Ann Arbor Greenhills Monday. The team will then compete in the KLAA Association cross over again Tuesday.

seven other points from their other flights, with Erin Doud dominating at No. 2 singles with 6-0, 6-0 victories while Mackenzie Powers took home a 6-1, 6-3 victory at three singles. Alex Jeanotte had a closer match at four singles, but earned a 6-3, 7-5 victory to help her team along.

Northville's No. 2 doubles team of Ally Weaver and Jackie Kjolhede, the No. 3

team of Elizabeth Sakorafis and Christy Snyder and the No. 4 team of Lauren Starr and Emily Toupin all won in straight sets while the No. 5 doubles team of Ria Barad and Kelly Turner had a longer day but won out in the end, 6-1, 6-7(5) and 6-1.

Northville also played in the Ann Arbor Pioneer Invitational last week.

"We had another very cold and windy day to play," noted Woolfall. "The conditions worsened as the day went on. Arriving to play at 7:30 a.m. and finishing up at 5:45 in these conditions is difficult for everyone."

The team finished second behind Pioneer, followed by Rochester and Grand Blanc.

Northville had second-place finishes from all of their doubles teams, as well as from the two singles and four singles flights.

SOFTBALL

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complete game, one-hit shut-out, striking out three Wayne hitters, to pick up her first varsity win.

The Northville scoring was led by Fenech (RBI double), and Chapekis, who had a single and two RBIs. Buckingham and Williams also added hits for Northville. Thibodeau also had a RBI for the Mustangs and Williams, Fenech, Ellie Asher, Caitlin Childers, Deacon and Chapekis each scored two runs.

In the Saline Tournament, the Mustangs went 1-2 with a win over Dundee, 6-5, and losses to Saline, 2-1, and Riverview, 4-2.

The Saline game found Pond taking the loss over a 10-inning game, allowing six hits with one walk. The contest was tied, 0-0, after eight

inning before the two teams tied 1-1 by the bottom of the ninth. Saline scored the game winner in the 10th on a two-out hit.

Against Riverview, Northville jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first inning but couldn't muster a score after that and fell. Thibodeau took the loss with a complete game. Buckingham went 3-for-4 in the game while Fenech and Chapekis had a single each.

In the final game of the day, Northville defeated state-ranked Dundee, 6-5. The offense had 11 hits while Thibodeau earned the win with freshman Jessica Jones coming in for relief. Fenech ended the game with four RBIs.

Against Canton, the Mustangs couldn't get the best of the defending league champions as they fell, 6-4.

Northville opened the scoring in the top of the first inning on singles by Buckingham and Williams,

a RBI single by Fenech and a sacrifice fly by Asher. After Canton took a 6-2 lead, the Mustangs rallied in the top of the seventh with Buckingham (3-for-4 on the day) leading off with a double over the Center fielder's head. Fenech (3-for-4 and 2 RBIs) followed with an infield single to score Buckingham. Asher (2-for-3) followed with a single to center and Deacon singled to load the bases. Stewart added a RBI single to score Fenech, but the game ended 6-4.

The Mustangs finished the game with 13 hits, including singles by Fisher and Chapekis. Pond pitched a complete game against the tough Canton lineup, allowing only three earned runs.

Northville is now 10-6 on the year, including a 1-1 mark in the Central Division and 5-2 in the KLAA.

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

Northville girls track gets big win over South Lyon East

Squad follows Gina McNamara's three first-place finishes

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

It's been a season of rough patches for the Northville Mustangs girls track team, but they are definitely learning how to win as they go.

The squad, coached by Vinnie Tyle in his first year at the helm, earned a big win over a young South Lyon East squad, 103.5-33.5.

Northville followed the lead of Gina McNamara, who earned a first-place finish in the 300-meter hurdles and the 800-meter dash in back-to-

ON TAP

Northville will be back when they visit Saline tomorrow before traveling to Adrian Saturday for a 9 a.m. meet. The team will then visit Salem next Tuesday.

back performances. She also was key in the first-place finish by the 4x400 team.

Alex Moynes also had a strong day, winning the high jump with her best leap of the year with a 5-foot-2-inch jump. She also took second in the discus and third in the

shot put.

Victoria Clay matched her season's best performance on the pole vault, winning the event with a 7-6 showing.

Mary Kay Brzezinski won the long jump with a leap of 16-3, the best she's done so far this season, while Nicole Mosteller Erin Zimmer and Erin Dunne swept the 3,200-meter run with first-, second-, and third-place showings, respectively.

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Shamrock track takes second

Squad runs against tough competition at Jackson Invite

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks track and field team knew going into the Jackson Invitational last week that they would be facing some top-notch teams.

When the smoke cleared and the Shamrocks found themselves in second place with 110 points while East Kentwood

took first with 156, there was plenty to be proud of. The field of nine teams also included East Lansing, Saline, Grand Blanc, Portage Northern, Jackson, Kalamazoo Central and Ypsilanti Lincoln.

Leading the Shamrocks was George Darany, who scored 10 points with a first-place finish in the shot put, throwing it 50-feet-1-inch. Also taking a first-place finish was the 3,200

relay team of Josh Carolin, Andrew Garcia-Garrison, John-Paul Zebrowski and Austin Zebrowski with a time of 8:02.9.

Earning second-place finishes were Michael Shearon with his 6-1 high jump, while Michael Shields, Billy Riga, Dominic Salinas and Jake Spuller took second in the 800-meter relay with a 1:30.7. Also taking a second was John-Paul Zebrowski, who ran a 4:26.1 in the mile, followed by his brother Austin, who ran to fifth in 4:29.1. Notching a second-place finish was Spuller, who ran a 21.6-second 200 dash.

Taking a third was Carolin in the 800 run as he finished in 2:00.2, also taking a third-place finish was Garcia-Garrison in the two-mile run as he ran a 9:42.9. Not far behind was Mackenzie Boyd, who ran to fifth in 9:42.2.

The team of Shields, Riga, Jackson Elliott and Spuller ran to fifth in the 400 relay, while Ryan Majsak ran to fifth in the 400 dash with a 52.4-second showing.

Taking third in the discus was Darany, who threw a 138-06, while Stone Monarch took fourth with a 138-3 and Matthew Godin was sixth with 133-11. Taking a fifth in the shot was Mark Becker, who threw 45-10, while David Holue was sixth with a 45-1 throw.

The team of Majsak, Carolin, Ryan Hayes and Riga combined to finish the day with a sixth-place finish. The team ran a 3:33.5 in the 1,600-meter relay.

This year marks the third straight that the Shamrocks finished second in the invitational. They finished first in 1990 and 1993.



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Red Cross cagers

The annual Meads Mill Middle School staff (top) vs. students (bottom) basketball game capped off a fund-raising effort to benefit the American Red Cross. The project was organized by teacher Sarah Deben and raised \$975. Staff dominated the game for a final score of 57-46.



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, May 18, 2011, at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The ZBA will consider two variance requests: Cantoro Market, 15550 Haggerty Road, (setback requirements for non-residential districts and greenbelts) and Infinity Construction Services, 19200 Gallant Fox Lane in Saddle Ridge (front and rear setback requirements). Written comments regarding these requests will be received by the ZBA at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M.

Paul Slatin, Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals

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City of Northville NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2011-12 PROPOSED ANNUAL CITY BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Monday, May 16, 2011, at 7:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers of the Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main Street, for the purpose of receiving testimony and discussing the proposed 2011-12 Annual City Budget.

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

PROPOSED 2011 MILLAGE RATES The following statements are provided, as required by State statute, concerning the 2011 proposed millage levies for the City of Northville.

The 2011 tax levy for the City Operating Millage is proposed to be 13.4289 mills, compared to 13.30 mills in 2010, reflecting a slight increase of 0.1289 mill, or 0.97%. The City Council has authority under the City Charter to set the Operating Millage rate within the maximum allowed rate of 14.1824 mills, as adjusted by the Headlee roll-back formula.

The 2011 levy for the Improvement Program for Streets, Drainage and Sidewalks, approved by the voters on March 4, 1997, is proposed to be 1.7670 mills, compared to 1.7670 mills in 2010, resulting in no change.

The 2011 levy for the 2000 Public Safety Debt, which involves a bond issue approved by the voters in 2000 is proposed to be 0.1575 mill, compared to 0.1626 mills in 2010, resulting in an decrease of 3.14%.

The total City millage for operating, debt, and improvements is proposed to be 15.3534 mills in 2011. Compared to the 15.2296 mills levied in 2010, the increase is 0.1238 mills, or 0.81%.

ANTICIPATED EQUALIZATION FACTORS The 2011 equalization factors for both Wayne and Oakland County are expected to be 1.00 for all classes of property.

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SYNOPSIS APRIL 21, 2011 - REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, April 21, 2011

TIME: 7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting

PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Abbo called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: at 7:30 p.m.

1. **Agendas:** A. Approve the Consent and Regular Agendas and add resolution 2011-45 and 2011-46 - approved

2. **Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:**

A. Parkinson's Awareness Month - Resolution 2011-42 - approved

B. Guy Balok - Resolution - approved

3. **Public Hearings:**

A. Tax Abatement Application - TSC - open 7:43 p.m. and closed 7:52 p.m.

B. Decision on Tax Abatement - to approve the personal property tax abatement for TSC Michigan Inc.

C. Set Public Hearing for Shadbrook Subdivision Special Assessment District for May 19, 2011 - approved

4. **Brief Public Comments:** Resident spoke on behalf of the committee working to support the May 3rd Election for the sinking Fund Millage for the Northville Public School District.

5. **New Business:**

A. Northville Bennett Arboretum Pathway - Engineering services addendum - approved

B. Alliance of Rouge Communities Assessment - approved

C. Friends of Thayer's Corner Proposal - approved

6. **Unfinished Business:** None

7. **Ordinances:**

A. Introduction and Adoption - Amendment to Chapter 170 Zoning Ordinance, Article 3 and Article 15 - TABLED

8. **Bills Payable:** A. Bills payable in the amount of \$1,511,703.95 - approved

9. **Board Communication & Reports:** Reports were given by Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Richard Henningsen, Marjorie Banner, Christopher Roosen, Chip Snider

10. **Any other business or public comment for the Board of Trustees:**

A resident requested the Board to attend a homeowner's annual mtg. Resident questioned the Board on the accounts payable procedures.

11. **ADJOURN** The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 p.m. An unapproved draft of the minutes will be available in the Clerk's office after May 4, 2011.

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

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CC golfers beat Brother Rice

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks golf team had a strong showing at Cattails last week, defeating rival Brother Rice, 153-160.

Leading the way was Patrick Luther, who carded a 37 on the day, while Connor Sexton shot a 39, followed by Owen Franks and Charlie Green, who each had 40.

The team then went on to play in the Orchard Lake Country Club tournament on Monday, tying for second with Pinckney with a total of 310. Jackson Lumen Christi won the even with a 304.

Leading the Shamrocks was Green, who shot a 76 over 18 holes, while Sexton

carded a 77, Luther recorded a 78 and Nico Colluci shot a 79.

Catholic Central gets two wins

Shamrocks senior goalie Bernie Eisbrenner better be careful - after leading his team onto the field playing "Scotland the Brave" on his bagpipes and then onto a 10-7 victory over defending Division II state champion Forest Hills Central, he may find himself as part of a new game-time ritual.

The team Followed Tommy Orr's five goals to victory, but it was a close game throughout with a 2-2 tie at the end of the first half.

Catholic Central broke loose in the third quarter, making it 6-4, before putting the

game away win the fourth.

The team also defeated U-of-D last week, 18-7. Tim Urso had five goals and four assists in the victory while Mitch Burgin added three goals and two assists.

Catholic Central is now 9-3 overall, 9-0 against Michigan teams and 3-0 in their league.

Shamrocks drop two to OLSM

It wasn't the double header the Shamrocks hoped they would have when they took on rival Orchard Lake St. Mary's last week as the team dropped both baseball games.

The squad fell 4-3 in the first game and 10-0 in the night cap.

- By Sam Eggleston

City of Northville NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF BUDGET

FY 2012 CITY BUDGET The budget for the various Funds of the City of Northville are proposed for the year ended June 30, 2012 as follows:

Revenues		Revenues		Expenditures
GENERAL		STREET, DRAINAGE, AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT FUND		
Property Taxes	\$4,196,516	Property Taxes	\$520,404	\$528,384
Licenses, Fees and Permits	243,700	Other	7,980	
Grants	5,500	Major Street Fund Total	<u>\$528,384</u>	<u>\$528,384</u>
Racetrack Breakage/Police & Fire Service	38,165	MAJOR STREET FUND		
State Shared Revenue	459,262	Gas and Weight Taxes	\$222,619	\$1,150,557
Sales and Services	334,586	Local Contributions	927,938	
Fines and Forfeitures	32,100	Major Street Fund Total	<u>\$1,150,557</u>	<u>\$1,150,557</u>
Other Revenues	459,639	LOCAL STREET FUND		
Interfund Transfers	87,229	Gas and Weight Taxes	\$96,030	\$312,584
General Fund Total	<u>\$5,856,697</u>	Local Contributions	216,554	
		Local Street Fund Total	<u>\$312,584</u>	<u>\$312,584</u>
		OTHER FUNDS		
Administration	1,079,824	PARKING FUND	\$460,119	\$460,119
Buildings and Grounds	357,575	BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION FUND	\$4,475	\$4,475
Police Department	2,346,453	ARTS COMMISSION FUND	\$100,140	\$100,140
Fire Department	633,223	DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	\$2,565,676	\$2,565,676
Technology	154,165	DDA DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$205,592	\$205,592
Department of Public Works	535,580	PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$116,775	\$116,775
Planning, Zoning and Inspection Services	203,235	DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT CONSTRUCTION FUND	\$929,263	\$929,263
Shared Services	220,895	FIRE EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND	\$123,968	\$123,968
Contributions to Other Funds	116,160	POLICE EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND	\$91,268	\$91,268
Debt Service	46,400	HOUSING COMMISSION FUND	\$876,573	\$876,573
Insurance, Central Supplies and Unallocated Reserve	163,187	GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT RETIREMENT FUND	\$103,843	\$103,843
	<u>\$5,856,697</u>			

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TRANSFERS BETWEEN APPROPRIATIONS As provided in State statute, the general appropriations resolution is proposed to allow the City Manager to transfer up to ten percent (10%) of each appropriation to any other appropriation within each fund and up to ten percent (10%) of the total salary and fringe appropriations for distributed Public Works Labor and Equipment Rental between the General, Major Street, Local Street, Equipment, Refuse and Recycling and Water and Sewer Funds. All other interfund transfers require approval of the City Council.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN The six year capital improvement plan has been prepared and is a part of the annual 2011-12 City budget document.

COPIES OF PROPOSED BUDGET AVAILABLE A complete copy of the 2011-12 Annual City Budget document will be available for public inspection beginning May 5, 2011 at the City Clerk's office during regular business hours and on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us. In addition, a limited number of copies are available to be signed out for review by the City residents at home.

Dianne Massa
City Clerk

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NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

MI Fest, Buy Michigan Now team up

MI Fest, the new outdoor music and camping festival taking place on the grounds of Michigan International Speedway on Sept. 17, has joined forces with the Buy Michigan Now campaign. TGIF Entertainment Group, in Farmington Hills, the festival's organizer, aims to make the event truly Michigan-centric, encouraging participation of local musicians, artists and merchants.

Buy Michigan Now is a campaign aimed at revitalizing Michigan's economy by promoting Michigan-based businesses and Michigan-made products. The initiative includes more than 2,700 businesses. At MI Fest, being held in the Irish Hills in Brooklyn, Mich., Buy Michigan Now will be collaborating with event organizers to recruit and shine a spotlight on local vendors and artists.

"We are delighted to work with a campaign that supports the awareness of Michigan products and services," said George Gikas, president of TGIF Entertainment Group. "Buy Michigan Now has a set of standard criteria for what makes a company, business or group a Michigan concern, and we really respect those criteria and want to embrace them at MI Fest."

Lisa Diggs, who founded Buy Michigan Now in 2007, said her campaign is about revitalizing the state's economy. She explained that if people made informed choices about their purchases, actively seeking out Michigan products, this could drastically help employment levels in Michigan.

"We are collaborating with MI Fest to involve as many Michigan businesses as possible so that it becomes a celebration of Michigan as well as a great music event," said Diggs, who will also be promoting MI Fest at her own

Buy Michigan Now festival in Northville from Aug. 5-7.

MI Fest tickets will go on sale and a full artist lineup will be announced in late spring. For more information or for corporate partnership or vendor opportunities, visit MI-Fest.com.

Update on the Streetscape Enhancement Project in downtown Northville

Sidewalk placement delayed by weather

Substantial rainfall last week caused a delay in the placement of sidewalk between Center Street and Town Square. However, the area is prepped and ready for sidewalk placement to begin early next week. Work in the area between Town Square and Hutton Street progressed last week.

Once the sidewalk is placed from Center Street to Town Square, all concrete work in that section will be complete. Storm sewer, electrical and irrigation work from Town Square to Hutton Street is expected to be complete by midweek. Sidewalk replacement in that section is expected to begin later in the week.

Traffic control eastbound only from Center to Hutton will be maintained. Temporary pedestrian access will be provided for businesses from Center to Hutton. We will coordinate with all the businesses closely as the contractor begins to place concrete sidewalk in front of business entrances.

Throughout the project, the contractor and the City's Department of Public Works will make every effort to keep the area clean and traffic moving smoothly. Despite months of careful planning, however, situations may arise that were not expected. For this reason, an AEW on-site inspector, Mike Smith, is available by mobile phone (586-709-



Credit union scholarships

The 2011 Community Financial Margaret Dunning & George Lawton \$1,000 Scholarship Winners were announced recently. They are (l to r) Conner Waldo of Northville, Anne McDonald of Novi, and Canton residents Thomas Halewicz, Christine Hadjinian and Ashley Cade. Also receiving scholarships but not able to attend the reception were William Riga of Plymouth, Robert Hsu and Travis Vincent of Novi and Lewiston residents Brent Dandy, Michelle May and Travis Vincent. To date, the credit union has awarded over \$120,000. A special reception to honor the scholarship recipients was held at the credit union's Plymouth headquarters in April.

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By Northville Downtown Development Authority, 215 W. Main Street Northville; (248) 349-0345

Gas prices, weather hit retail sales

Michigan retailers are worried about rising gasoline prices. Sharply higher pump prices, together with cool weather and

a late Easter, drove down March sales and future sales projections, according to the latest Michigan Retail Index survey conducted by Michigan Retailers Association (MRA) and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

The retail industry's March sales performance dipped to its lowest level since last July and its optimism slipped to the lowest since last September.

"With gasoline prices more than \$1 per gallon higher than last year, it should come as no surprise that retailers are concerned," said James P. Hallan, MRA president and chief executive officer. "In fact, rising

prices at the pump did cut into March sales."

MRA members' comments from the survey included: "Gasoline prices are hitting that uncomfortable mark [again]," and, "The high price of gas and diesel is putting brakes on this recovery."

Other comments ranged from, "The weather so far has not been too cooperative," to "Weather really hurt, and late Easter also hurt March sales."

The Michigan Retail Index for March found that 32 percent of retailers increased sales over the same month last year, while 39 percent recorded declines

and 29 percent saw no change.

The results create a seasonally adjusted performance index of 42.9, down from 55.2 in February and 53.3 in January.

Index values below 50 generally indicate a decrease in overall retail activity.

Looking forward, 54 percent of retailers expect sales during the 2nd Quarter to increase over the same period last year, while 14 percent project a decrease and 32 percent no change.

That puts the seasonally adjusted outlook index at 63.8, down from 72.3 in both February and January.

COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars in May offered by the Oakland County Business Center. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months.

Unless otherwise noted, all programs take place at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford. For pre-registration and location specifics, visit oakgov.com/peds/calendar or call (248) 858-0783.

Working for Yourself: The Ins & Outs of Becoming a Consultant, a Contractor or Service Provider

Are you an experienced professional with valuable-defined skill sets, looking for a new career avenue? Think about taking your expertise and becoming an independent consultant, a contractor or a service provider. Explore the steps to form your business (LLC or other), market yourself and your services, create an action-oriented business plan and define your client engagement. Take away from your experience, a 1-2 page action-business plan to help you start, build and sustain a successful service-oriented business.

Tuesday, May 10, 9 a.m.-noon. The fee is \$40. No refunds.

SBA Forum on Small Business Lending

Before you apply for a business loan, you should attend the SBA forum on small business lending. This is a free loan orientation conducted by a business banker, a business consultant from the SBA's network of Small Business Development Centers and an SBA representative. During the roundtable, presenters debunk the myths and demystify the process of small business financing. You'll learn how the lending process works and what is expected of you and you'll understand how the SBA can assist with our SBA Guaranteed Loan Program.

This session is best suited to those who have good credit, a solid business idea and some money to invest in their business. Because the SBA does not provide loan guarantees to real estate investment firms, including purchasing and rehabbing houses for sale, this type of financing is not discussed at the roundtables. Presented by Small Business Administration (SBA) Representative, Michigan Small Business & Technology Development Center (MI-SBTDC) Consultant and Business Banker.

Wednesday, May 11, 9 a.m.-noon. This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required.

Fundamentals of Starting a Business

This seminar is for anyone thinking about

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- June 8: 5 Keys to Achieving Fiscal Fitness
- June 8: Social Media Marketing Part 3 (PM)
- June 9: Fundamentals of Starting a Business (PM)
- June 16: Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan (PM)
- June 21: Small Business Loan Workshop (AM)
- June 23: QuickBooks Essentials Part I & II
- July 7: Pre-Business Research Workshop (AM)
- July 13: CEED Microloan Orientation (AM)
- July 14: Fundamentals of Starting a Business (AM)
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- July 20: Social Media Marketing Part 3 (AM)
- July 21: Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan (AM)
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going into business. Participants examine their entrepreneurial skills, learn how to implement their ideas and receive a list of pitfalls to avoid when starting a business.

Thursday, May 12, 9 a.m.-noon. The fee is \$30. No refunds.

Social Media Marketing Part 2

Establish your footprint and get your customers talking. Learn the core strategies and tactics businesses are using to get customers talking through social media.

You'll also learn how to respond ethically and effectively to brand supporters and detractors. Topics include creating your social media strategy and integrating word-of-mouth marketing and social media into your overall marketing campaign. Part two of three.

Tuesday, May 17, 9 a.m.-noon. The fee is \$40. No refunds.

Women's Business Certification (WBE) Orientation

Learn about the benefits and process of becoming a Women's Business Enterprise. Benefits include certification to private sector WBEs and access to procurement opportunities with major national companies.

For additional information visit miced.org. Presented by the Michigan Women's Business Council.

Wednesday, May 18, 9-11 a.m. The fee is \$25 (Please make checks payable to WBEC-GL). No refunds.



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Walkable communities and downtowns are home selling pluses

BY JULIE BROWN
O&E STAFF WRITER

It turns out many of us would rather work closer to home, given the choice. We like walkable communities where we can get to shops, restaurants and other amenities without driving — at least not too far.

Americans favor walkable, mixed-use neighborhoods, with 56 percent of respondents preferring smart growth neighborhoods over neighborhoods that require more driving between home, work and recreation. That's according to a recent study, the Community Preference Survey, by the National Association of Realtors.

Walkable communities are defined as those where shops, restaurants, and local businesses are within walking distance from homes. According to the survey, when considering a home purchase, 77 percent of respondents said they would look for neighborhoods with abundant sidewalks and other pedestrian-friendly features, and 50 percent would like to see improvements to existing public transportation rather than initiatives to build new roads and developments.

Tony Bruscatto, director of operations for the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, said, "I think communities with downtowns are finding a bit of a resurgence. People like that walkability."

Bruscatto finds Plymouth residents and visitors enjoy the downtown restaurants and shopping. "In the case of Plymouth we have Kellogg Park which is certainly the center for a number of activities," he said.

Other nearby communities have had a number of homes in foreclosure. "Plymouth wasn't sheltered from that, but I don't think we had as many." More people remained employed, Bruscatto said, and the appeal of a walkable downtown helped to boost home sales.

Bruscatto lives in Canton, but often visits downtown Plymouth. "I've hung out for a dozen years or more. You get to know the people, you get to know the fun spots," he said. Such communities are more

close-knit, he finds.

"They don't have to go very far to enjoy family activities." The DDA and Plymouth community in general have a lot of family-friendly acts, like Art in the Park, various concerts in Kellogg Park and the Plymouth Fall Festival.

"The fact that you don't have to go far to get to them to enjoy them with your family and friends is a plus," Bruscatto said.

"My commute's 10 feet into my basement so it's pretty close," said Scott Lorenz of Plymouth, who lives about two blocks from downtown Plymouth and owns the Westwind Communications public relations firm. His family had owned the former Mayflower Hotel in downtown Plymouth.

"Where I am is not really important, it's what I do," said Lorenz, who finds he's more productive by not commuting. "You cannot beat being able to work for yourself in your own home office."

He likes to go to the Plymouth farmers market. "We have a dozen restaurants we can go to in downtown Plymouth from our house. We're very happy that we live so close to the community, to the downtown, but it's not by accident."

When the couple's kids were younger, they'd ride bicycles into town for ice cream. "And now of course I pedal my bike downtown to Panera Bread every morning and have coffee," Lorenz said. He hears people talking about commutes to Troy and Southfield in snow.

"It's hard to be productive when you're sitting in a car," Lorenz said. He likes working in his home and having an attractive downtown. "No question it's a nice lifestyle. We like it very much."

Downtowns like Northville and Farmington are also walkable, a selling point for potential buyers. Farmington Downtown Development Authority Executive Director Annette Knowles said, "We do hear quite frequently why many people choose to live close to a downtown is so they will have walkable access."

"There are a lot of neighborhoods that surround our downtown," she said. "Our downtown really starts as a neighborhood gathering place.



People like to meet their friends downtown for a cup of coffee." A lot make a decision to support downtown merchants, she said, and can walk or ride a bike to and through downtown.

She lives in Farmington, and can ride her bike in the summer. "In the winter, it's just a little too far to go" without a car, she said with a chuckle.

"I really think there is a new way of thinking among people to come back to support their local community. What better way to do that than to support your local businesses downtown?" Knowles said. "There is really just a way of thinking that 'We want to support the merchants that are here.'"

The Sundquist Pavilion in Farmington's Riley Park hosts concerts, the farmers market, and a number of other events. "The intent is to showcase the downtown as a regional destination," she said. "Hopefully they make the decision at some point later to come back." The number of events appeal to people as does variety, the Rhythms concert series, Art on the Grand, Founders Festival, Harvest Moon and Holly Days.

"The calendar of events is very, very active," she said.

Uniqueness and charm of the downtown becomes an asset "where they do have walkable streets." Knowles said outdoor seating and window shopping add appeal. "There is a segment of the population that I think does look for that," she said of the "hometown" feel.

Two years ago, Farmington began a new streetscape with brick paver sidewalks and plantings. "We are as a community continually taking steps to improve the walkability

in our downtown," said Knowles. (Plymouth is also working on public downtown improvements.)

The NAR survey also revealed that while space is important to homebuyers, many are willing to sacrifice square footage for less driving. Eighty percent of those surveyed would prefer to live in a single-family, detached home as long as it didn't require a longer commute, but nearly three out of five of those surveyed — 59 percent — would choose a smaller home if it meant a commute time of 20 minutes or less.

NAR leaders added the survey showed people nationwide share that desire for a walkable community. "Realtors care about improving communities through smart growth initiatives," said NAR President Ron Phipps, broker-president of Phipps Realty in Warwick, R.I. "Our members don't just sell homes, they sell neighborhoods. Realtors understand that different homebuyers are looking for all kinds of neighborhood settings and that many home buyers want walkable, transit-accessible communities."

The survey also found that community characteristics are very important to most people. When considering a home purchase, 88 percent of respondents placed more value on the quality of the neighborhood than the size of the home, and 77 percent of those surveyed want communities with high-quality schools.

The survey of 2,071 adult Americans was conducted by Belden, Russonello and Stewart from Feb. 15-24, 2011.

The NAR website contributed to this report.

Naples has seen declines in value

Q: Do you have any information on the resale market of the high end side of single family homes in Naples, Fla., as we are wondering if this is the time to buy.

A: In speaking with a number of real estate agents in February 2011, it appears that the properties

in excess of \$1.5 million have not depreciated significantly because of the downturn nor have the properties selling for less than \$300,000.

Rather, it is properties in the range of \$300,000 to \$1.5 mil that have suffered 20 to 40 percent declines but that in all price ranges, the market is beginning to rebound. Of course, location is always a key factor in determining price valuations and waterfront property is still at a premium.

Q: We live in a condominium and are thinking about putting in an invisible fence outside of our unit. Our units are detached and I am wondering what problems I might have with the association.

A: It depends on your condominium documents. If you are putting in an invisible fence with the electrical system within the confines of your unit, you may have an absolute right to do so unless it in any way infringes upon the common elements. On the other hand, if you have to place any electrical or other systems on the common elements, the association presumably has a right to approve same although it, of course, depends upon your condominium documents. You are best advised to call an experienced condominium attorney to review your documents and assist you in your application, if necessary, to the condominium association for approval.

Q: What is your attitude towards the development of a mixed use project?

A: The ideas and reality of mixed use as a preferred urban form are still in their relative infancy. The driving forces behind the attraction to the mixed use model include current trends and attitudes toward a more urban lifestyle, changing demographics and psychographics, the sustainable design trends and codification of the mixed use form in our development ordinances. Yet the current economic environment may provide even more significant challenges to planning and implementing successful mixed use projects that require a complex matrix of skill sets and collaborations between design professionals, developers, leasing agents, tenants, municipal planners, land use and community association attorneys, local government and communities. In short, there are opportunities and constraints to mixed use development that should be considered with a team of consultants before engaging in the project.

Robert M. Weisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operations: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$995 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. 25-28, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton	
1465 Crowndale Ln	\$247,000
47231 Glenhurst Dr	\$220,000
48166 Inverrary Dr	\$478,000
42809 Liberty Pointe Dr	\$571,000
6437 N Beck Rd	\$360,000

2941 River Meadow Cir	\$213,000
380 Tyler Ln	\$173,000
Garden City	
32933 Florence St	\$75,000
27616 Windsor St	\$25,000
Livonia	
29156 Broadmoor St	\$183,000
19391 Inkster Rd	\$14,000
29929 Wintyre St	\$300,000
33647 Michele St	\$107,000
33903 Pondview Cir	\$19,000
Northville	
44407 Broadmoor Blvd	\$307,000
44421 Broadmoor Blvd	\$333,000
17893 Cranbrook Ct	\$655,000

46706 Crystal Downs W	\$465,000
16769 Lyonhurst Cir	\$227,000
44013 Medina Ct	\$100,000
44045 Medina Ct	\$100,000
Plymouth	
11655 Brownell Ave	\$151,000
12075 N Beck Rd	\$335,000
576 S Evergreen St	\$380,000
9355 Saddlebrook Ct	\$387,000
11703 Sycamore Dr	\$80,000
Redford	
14878 Aubrey	\$30,000
18860 Beech Daly Rd	\$75,000
11362 Centralia	\$64,000
8842 Dale	\$27,000

13042 Hemingway	\$78,000
9660 Sioux	\$69,000
26686 Southwestern Hwy	\$32,000
Westland	
36539 Fairchild St	\$54,000
30605 Geraldine Dr	\$55,000
28016 Mackenzie Dr	\$75,000
38485 Monmouth St	\$76,000
6166 N Harvey St	\$32,000
1891 Sockmeyer Blvd	\$86,000
2019 Wimer St	\$60,000

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 18-21, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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1859 Bowers St	\$135,000
1927 E Lincoln St	\$321,000
1098 Fairfax St	\$640,000
2152 Manchester Rd	\$209,000

638 Pleasant St	\$360,000
1407 Ruffner Ave	\$80,000
Commerce Township	
3881 Cove Cir	\$487,000
3058 Edgewood Park Ct	\$145,000
252 Phoenix St	\$136,000
4583 Racewood Dr	\$245,000
5000 White Lake Ct	\$30,000
Farmington	
23149 Farmington Rd	\$71,000
Farmington Hills	
29467 Breezewood	\$107,000
31186 Country Way	\$45,000
31454 Orchard Crk	\$38,000

30253 Ravenscroft St	\$165,000
Franklin	
30875 Woodside Dr	\$318,000
Lathrup Village	
17590 Lincoln Dr	\$99,000
999 Bishop St	\$59,000
637 Dorchester Way	\$203,000
Novi	
22574 Bertram Dr	\$310,000
4635 Blair Dr	\$70,000
28330 Carrington Way Dr	\$126,000
43508 Castlewood	\$232,000
30835 Golden Rdg	\$156,000

25599 Hildale Dr	\$500,000
41645 Terra Ln	\$124,000
South Lyon	
54812 Grenelle Cir W	\$305,000
21835 N Lyon Trl	\$234,000
Southfield	
21425 Brixton Pl	\$47,000
29130 E Chanticleer Dr	\$78,000
29782 Everett St	\$16,000
23120 Valley Crest Ln	\$130,000
White Lake	
1078 Lake Lane Dr	\$180,000
8991 Tackles Dr	\$180,000
1275 Union Lake Rd	\$150,000

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Do Out-of-the-box Tactics Really Work?

Hiring managers weigh in

Rachel Zupek,
CareerBuilder.com writer

From résumés accompanied by shoes to get candidates "feet in the door," to candidates sending cakes designed as business cards, hiring managers have seen it all when it comes to memorable job-seeker tactics.

Facing the most difficult job market in decades, job seekers are often advised to stand out among the competition by using creative and unconventional tactics to grab an employer's attention. While that advice is sound and good, it raises the question of whether or not these avant-garde approaches actually work.

Well -- it depends.

"I personally like those candidates that think outside of the box. As an HR professional, nothing makes me happier than knowing a candidate for a marketing position has, for example, created a brochure that is actually his or her résumé," says Vani Colombo, HR director for VIP desk, a customer and concierge service. "I'm always amazed when candidates break the rules with class to stand out. It shows they are resourceful and willing to go the extra mile."

Tactics that worked

Vinh Nguyen, 30, is a great example of someone who didn't want to fall prey to the same fate as other unsuccessful applicants -- but who stood out in a good way. Career Tiger, a service that helps people find a job through unique and unconventional methods, helped Nguyen come up with this tactic:

When asked a question during an interview with a health-care IT company, he surprised his interviewers by pulling out a whiteboard, writing down his thought process and taking control of the interview.

"Differentiating yourself from your competition makes sense. The idea is to show that you are a thought leader in your area and that your knowledge is valuable," Nguyen says. "It was awkward at first, but breaking away

from the norm will pay off as long as you put in the work beforehand researching."

He got the job, and he is still working at the company as a project manager.

Dave Bowman, founder and chairman of TTG Consultants, a consulting firm, recalls a client who was a designer and really wanted to make an impression in an upcoming interview.

"As the interview began, he would wheel in a model of a previous theme-park exhibit he'd designed. He'd bring in with him three clowns who would be playing musical instruments. They would walk around the room for a minute or so, playing a song, and then exit, leaving the model for the interviewer to view in more detail," Bowman says. "The idea worked. His out-of-the-box tactics got him the job offer and at more money than he'd expected."

While both of these unconventional methods worked in these instances, many hiring managers say that alternative tactics often walk a fine line between admirable and creative and just plain inappropriate.

"I would consider a candidate who used a tactic if it was ethical and demonstrated a behavior that would be relevant to the job they were interested in," says Kim Lockhart, regional vice president for Spherion Corp., a recruiting and staffing provider. "For example, if someone was trying to get their name in consideration for a sales position and was using techniques to obtain an interview similar to the way they would approach securing a sale, I would consider it."

Tactics that didn't

Though many job seekers have successfully used creative job-search tactics, there seem to be an equal number of unsuccessful applicants, according to some hiring managers.

A few months ago, Carolyn Turner, a business coach in Portland, Ore., was helping a client hire an office manager.

"We had one applicant arrive unannounced at the office with a cherry pie

she had baked that morning. She explained that she wanted to stand out from all the other applicants -- which she did, but just in a scary, stalkerish kind of way," Turner says. "I got a call from the business owner that day wondering what to do; no one wanted to eat the pie, but she left it in her own pie plate, which meant they had to get it back to her somehow. It was all just very awkward."

Turner says that having gone through hundreds of résumés for that position, it became clear that good candidates stand out just by how they present themselves in their cover letters and résumés.

"There's really no need to go over the

top to get noticed," she says. "For the majority of businesses and positions, a really well-written cover letter is more than enough. You'd be surprised at how many badly written cover letters and résumés there are."

Don't try this at home

Christine Bolzan, CEO of Graduate Career Coaching, agrees with Turner and strongly advises against

extreme tactics in the job search. She says many applicants who use these methods end up with a permanent "Do Not Hire" label in their company file.

Bolzan recalls two examples of what not to try in your job-search efforts, one of which includes gift giving.

"I've received flowers, wine, perfume and the most memorable of all -- a pair of Ferragamo shoes, which was a generous attempt at a ping following our brief conversation of great things to buy at Heathrow Duty Free," Bolzan says. "This is never appropriate. In fact, many companies have a policy against accepting gifts of any sort."

Another job search no-no? Stalking the interviewer, which Bolzan says she's encountered on several different levels, including people who have waited in career fair parking lots and others who've waited outside the office building.

"The worst of all stalkers I've

encountered followed me into the pool at my hotel at 10 p.m. when I was trying to get a break from a long day at a large-scale recruiting event," Bolzan says. "The same event where I found over 100 different résumés secured by the wipers on my rental car windshield, and woke in the morning to even more résumés slipped under my hotel room door."

Remember the rules

Barring stalker behavior and lavish gifts, out-of-the-box tactics can work if you play your cards right. Greg Masiewicz, manager of marketing and online communications for IQ Partners Inc., offers these tips:

1. Make it relevant

"Whatever tactic you choose to use, make sure it's relevant to the position you're applying for," Masiewicz says. "If you choose a tactic that you think will grab a hiring manager's attention but doesn't tie into the job, the industry, or what you're about, then it can come off as just seeming strange and weird instead of creative and clever."

2. Don't go too far

"It's important to walk that fine line between different, yet not going too far with trying to stand out. If you do something that's too overly crazy, you can come off seeming a little creepy and weird instead of like a star applicant with a sense of determination," Masiewicz says. "Remember, you want to grab their attention, not become a joke in the office."

3. A good idea can get you an interview, but not a job

"Remember that no matter the tactic you use to try and gain the attention of a hiring manager, at the end of the day they're still going to hire the person who they feel can do the job best," Masiewicz says. "An out-of-the-box tactic might get you an interview, but it's still up to you to show you're not only determined, but also the best person for the job."

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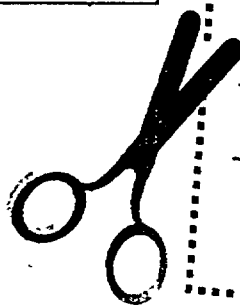
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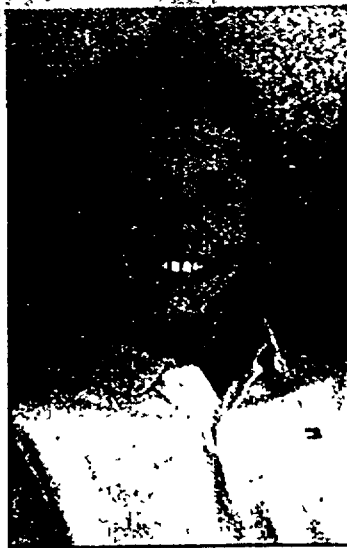
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