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'Rapunzel' auditions

The Northville Marquis Theatre is holding auditions for their upcoming show, "Rapunzel," at 5 p.m. Sunday, June 12 for ages 8-16.

Children will be asked to sing "Do Re Mi" from "The Sound of Music" (accompanist will be provided) and to recite a poem no longer than 90 seconds. It does

not have to be memorized.

The theatre is located at 135 East Main in downtown Northville.

For more information call (248) 349-8110 or visit www.northvillamarquistheatre.com.

Jan Loeffler farewell

Calling all students, former students, and parents of Moraine's retiring kindergarten teacher Jan Loeffler: Please join in an open house from 4-5:30 p.m. Monday, June 13 in Moraine's Multi-Purpose Room with refreshments and celebrate a 36-year career during which Mrs. Loeffler has taught more than 1,200 students. A special tribute fund to benefit Moraine Elementary is being planned; for information visit honorloeffler.org.

Northville Historical Society's garage sale

The Northville Historical Society at Mill Race Village and the Girl Scouts are hosting the 12th Annual Garage Sale, starting Monday, June 13 through Saturday, June 18th, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the home of Carole Jean and Bill Stockhausen, 218 W. Dunlap (corner of High St.), Northville. If you are looking for a unique treasure or need to furnish a college student's room, this is the place to shop.

Donations (especially furniture) are still being accepted and items can be dropped off at the Stockhausens' home starting Sunday, June 12. Until then, donations can be brought to the office at Mill Race Village from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays.

Pick-ups are available by contacting Bill or Carole Jean at (248) 349-2833. They will accept donations throughout the sale, and tax slips are available. The Historical Society will use their share of the proceeds at Mill Race Historic Village, and the Scouts will be using their funds for the Mackinac Island Honor Scouts.

Budget cuts \$520 per local student

Amount could be less if 'best practices' used

BY LONNIE HUHAN
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Public Schools district was looking at \$791 less per pupil in its budget planning for next year. Now that num-

ber will probably be \$520 cut from state funding for each Northville student.

Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski gave the Northville Board Of Education the update from

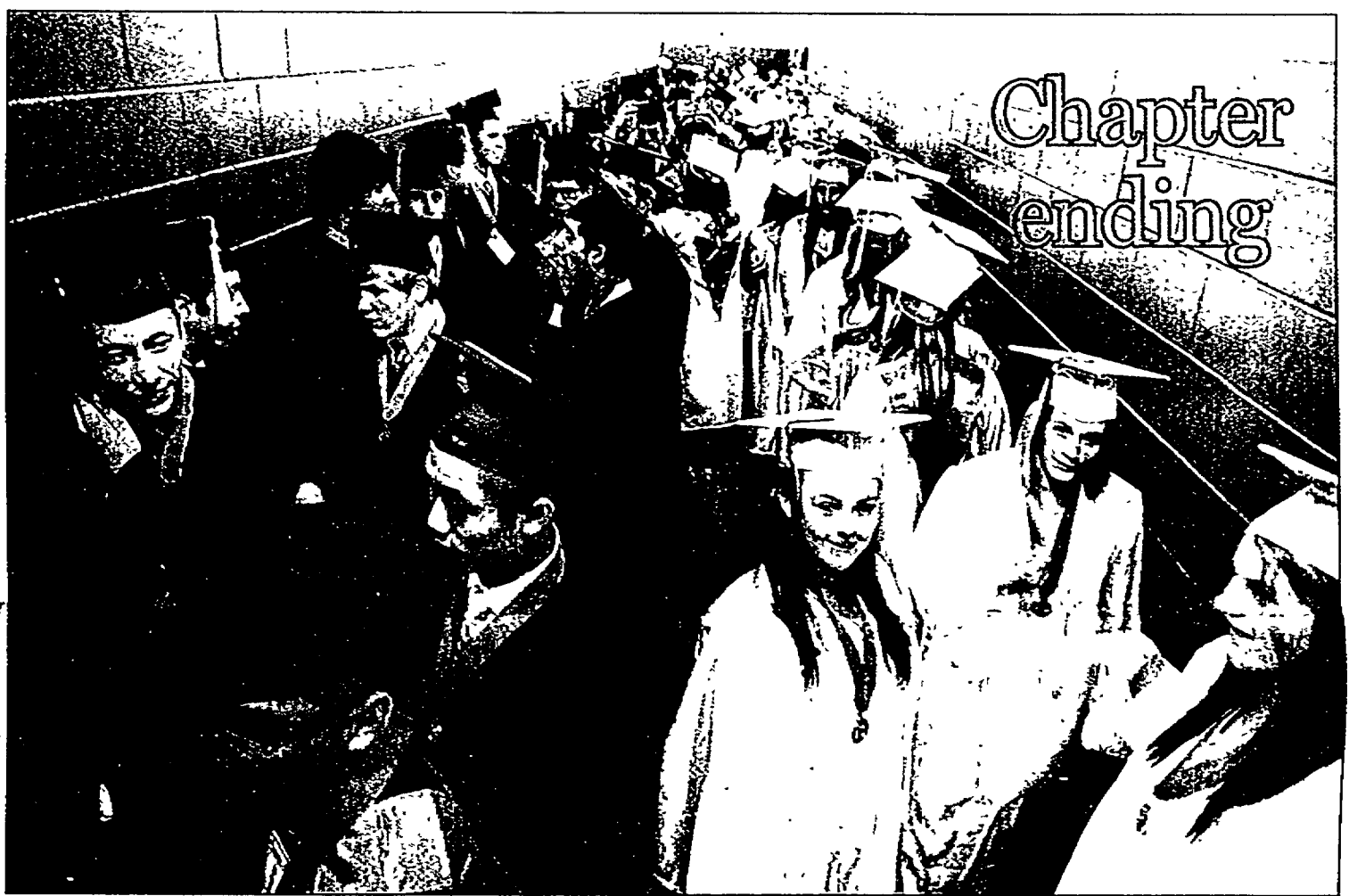
Lansing on the education budget bill. He said school districts will see that initial per pupil cut decrease to around \$100 if they adhere to a "best practices" policy and another \$100

will go toward helping with retirement costs.

The scare for the school last month was that \$470 per student for 2011-12 would be cut on top of an increase in the district's mandatory state retirement contribution equal to \$230 per student. Additionally, in 2012-13, Rezmierski said

the district will experience a loss in special education funding equal to \$91 per student. The combined impact of these actions for Northville Schools is a budget loss of \$5.8 million (or \$791 per student). Rezmierski said what

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Boys on one side; girls on the other. Northville High's Class of 2011 awaits commencement on June 5 at Compuware. See next week's special Graduation section for lots more photos.

Pam Fleming loses battle to pancreatic cancer

Northville, Novi reporter remembered for her writing, love of golf



Pam Fleming

"I've learned you can't wake up every day thinking you're going to die. You live, you fight the disease and you accept what comes."

Pam Fleming was still working when she wrote about her battle with pancreatic cancer in the October 2010 edition of

Hometown Life Woman.

Friends and family gathered Saturday to remember her love of writing, golf and friends.

The Northville Record staff writer died June 1 at home after a 2½-year battle with the disease. She had been on medical leave

since late February and was being cared for by her two sisters in her Northville home.

"Now we can begin to think of Pam the person rather than Pam the patient," said her sister, Joan. "The strength she showed in those last weeks was admirable by any-

one's standards. I'll never again think of her as my little sister; she was bigger than any of us."

The three sisters' brother, Jim, died of cancer at age 50, and was also a model of how one dies

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Twp. coping with abuse of technology

New ordinance deals with malicious use

BY LONNIE HUHAN
CORRESPONDENT

Northville Township is moving forward on implementing an updated ordinance to deal with the malicious use of modern-day technologies like cellular phones and Internet-based communications like Twitter.

The ordinance was introduced to the Northville Township Board of Trustees at the May meeting. According to Public Safety Director John Werth, it is being introduced

as an update to the previous one that dealt with telephone communications just within the township boundaries. In addition, it only classified telephone communication, not the diverse range of ways of communication people are using today.

Werth said one big difference with the new wording is that if malicious communication originates outside of the township, but it is received in the township, it could be prosecuted.

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Parkway path

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano is joined by Northville Mayor Chris Johnson, left, and Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo at a ground-breaking for the Northville Bennett Arboretum Parkway path which will begin at Seven and Sheldon Road and connect walkers to the park system to its southeast.

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Seven Mile property workshop is June 9

The public is invited to attend a Community Design Workshop for the Seven Mile Road Park Master Plan from 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m. June 9 at the Township Municipal Office, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville.

The workshop will engage participants in a series of activities to create and explore design concepts and potential park features.

Throughout the day, participants can:

- Learn more about the property's existing natural features and potential
- Explore images of park features that could be included in the new master plan
- Meet with professional planners and sketch artists to share their vision and see it translated into a graphic elements through a process called, Drawing in Dialogue

- Complete a visual preference survey and community questionnaire

The township has engaged a team from Stantec to lead the public engagement and park master planning process for the Seven Mile Road Property — the 350-acre former site of the Northville State Regional Psychiatric Hospital. The work is being overseen by township staff and the Twenty21 Green Ribbon Committee, comprised of 30 community representatives.

The township has issued two surveys to gather community input related to the future redevelopment of the property. The township has

posted both surveys on the township website at www.twp.northville.mi.us/masterplansurvey. In addition to the website, printed copies of the surveys are available at the township hall at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville.

Information gathered from a public questionnaire and a visual preference survey will be considered during the master plan development process for the 350-acre property, currently underway.

The public questionnaire explores a variety of approaches to park planning, design and operations that may be considered for the site and asks respondents to rank them according to level of desirability. The brief survey explores preferences in areas such as active recreation (e.g., courts, bicycle paths, playgrounds), passive recreation (e.g., community gardens, picnicking), cultural and entertainment venues (e.g., public art, community use buildings, food services) and strategies for park use, governance and operations.

The visual preference survey asks respondents to rate the desirability of potential park elements (facility, amenity, activity, concepts) for the Seven Mile Road property based on photographic images of the elements from parks and other facilities around the world. The photographs show potential elements as concepts only and do not show specifics of design or implementation.

The plan, design, and implementation of any elements that are selected for inclusion on the Seven Mile Road property, will be specific to that site alone, and will reflect input from throughout the master planning process.

"These surveys are just one avenue we are using to engage and involve the community in development of this wonderful, underutilized resource in our midst," said Northville Township Director of Community Development Jennifer Frey. "We encourage as many members of the community as possible to take just a few minutes to let us know what's on their minds."

ORDINANCE

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ed under this new ordinance.

"Things are moving so quickly now we have worked to word this ordinance in such a way so the variety of different forms of communication, from cell phones to Twitter, will be covered under this ordinance," Werth said.

The ordinance reading begins by stating, "It shall be unlawful for any person within the Township to maliciously use a telephone, telephone service, cable service or any electronic device, with intent to terrorize, frighten, intimidate, threaten, harass, molest, annoy or disturb the peace of any other person."

According to the ordinance, an electronic device shall include but not be limited to a computer, telephone, cellular phone, facsimile machine, satellite phone, text messaging device, e-mail, paging device, voice mail, answering machine or any device used for communication by any means.

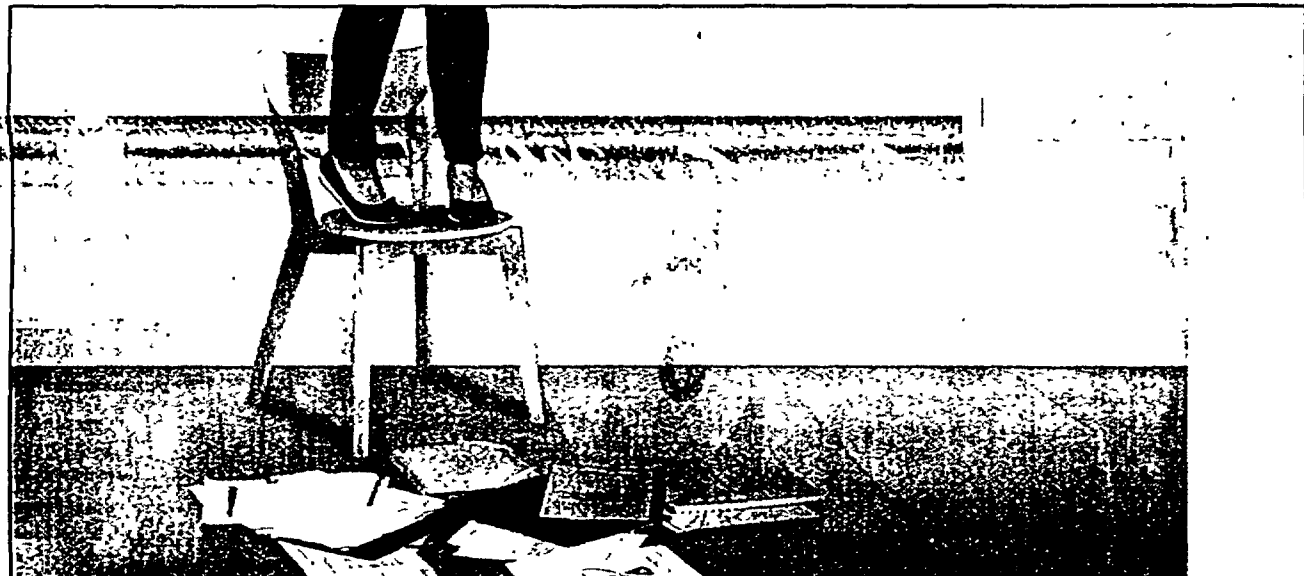
And it ends by saying, "This section prohibits the aforementioned conduct whenever such communication is commenced or received within the Township."

Received is a key word. The township police department had a case in which this happened. Werth said a person outside of the community used a phone to make threatening calls to a township resident.

At that time they had no local ordinance to move forward on any prosecution. Ultimately, they used a State of Michigan law as a basis.

After working with their prosecutor's office, the township formed the new ordinance and it had its first reading this past board meeting. Its aim is to give the public safety department the renewed ability to protect and serve. Werth said it is needed after one considers the number of ways a resident could be threatened.

The final vote will come at the June 16 Board of Trustees meeting. To get a better idea on how it reads, go to the ordinance section on the Northville Township website.



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The Belles of Belfast City — 17-year-olds Kaitlin Nelson, Shannon Kilpatrick, Maggie Donnelly, Catherine Smith, Erin Ayalp and Maggie Malaney.



PHOTO BY LONNIE HUHMAN

Six girls dance their way to Talent for the Title crown

The Belles of Belfast City wins third annual contest

BY LONNIE HUHMAN
CORRESPONDENT

Perseverance and professionalism helped lead The Belles of Belfast City to success as overall winner of Northville's Talent for the Title competition.

The third annual talent contest's final round was held last Friday evening in downtown at the Town Square. This year the weather turned out to be nearly perfect, and according to event emcee Matt Watroba, more people showed up this year to cheer on more than 20 participants. As he looked out from the stage he said attendance appeared to be doubled from last year.

Things began with The Belles, an Irish Dance group made up of 17-year-olds Kaitlin Nelson, Shannon Kilpatrick, Maggie Donnelly, Catherine Smith, Erin Ayalp and Maggie Malaney who train at Tim O'Hare School

of Irish Dance in Plymouth. A quick slip and fall started their routine, and then their musical CD accompaniment started to skip and malfunction. But, they moved forward with their dance and had the crowd cheering them on.

Before the overall winner was announced, Judge Ken Haas announced the co-chair honors that are given by the judges. He said The Belles showed "true professionalism by going on, despite the music problem." They and 19-year-old Tobias Pace won the co-chair honors.

The other winners were: overall junior category was 13-year-old Jade Kuzak, Junior Music Singer/Songwriter was 16-year-old Jason Lerner, and for music band it was a group of Northville 9-year-olds called The Awesome People Who Play Instruments.

They were definitely a highlight playing an original song called "One Good Night". It had a 1980's new wave feel to

it and their sunglasses added to the band's cool stage factor. The blue hair on bassist Christian Peck-Demitt also added to their musical style.

In the senior category, 18 and up, the music solo winner was Pace, best music singer/songwriter went to last year's overall winner, Nick Grochowicz, and the best band was local high schoolers Plug McGee. This four-piece band ended the night on a rocking performance of the song "Truck Jam". At one point, 17-year-old guitarist Ben Thomas played his guitar behind his head during a Jimmy Page-like solo.

It was well past 10 p.m. when things wrapped up. The event was a success according to organizers Laurie Jarski of Broughton Music & Arts and Mary Starring of the Starring the Gallery. Sponsorship help from downtown Northville and community-wide businesses helped to also make the night one to remember.

Northville woman named president of Detroit Media Partnership

Joyce Jenereaux of Northville was named president, the top executive position, of Detroit Media Partnership. The announcement was made Tuesday by David Hunke, president and publisher of USA Today.

"Joyce is an exceptional leader who played a significant role in the industry-leading changes we made in the Detroit market," said Hunke. "She has great instincts and the courage to pursue new directions that have resulted in building better products for our customers."

The Detroit Media Partnership manages all business functions for *The Detroit News*, *Detroit Free Press*, the *Observer & Eccentric* and *Hometown Newspapers* and the *Livingston Daily Press & Argus*.

Jenereaux most recently served as executive vice president of Detroit Media Partnership and succeeds Susie Ellwood, who recently was named executive vice president and general manager at USA TODAY.



Joyce Jenereaux

"Joyce has more than 20 years of experience leading and guiding this company, said Hunke. "She's a native Detroit and the right person for this job. Joyce played an integral role shaping strategy and outlining a plan for the future. She will no doubt continue the tradition of innovative thinking that has become the norm for Detroit."

Detroit Media Partnership reports directly to Gannett's USA TODAY, and Hunke was formerly CEO at Detroit.

Jenereaux, 57, joined Detroit Media Partnership in 1990 as a financial analyst. She has held various positions of increasing responsibility including financial reporting manager, assistant controller, controller, vice president and senior vice president of finance.

She is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University where she earned a bachelor's degree in business administration. She earned her CPA designation while a senior auditor at Deloitte & Touche. Jenereaux, a Detroit native, is active in the metro Detroit community, serving as a board member of Forgotten Harvest. She is also a three-time Gannett President's Ring winner.

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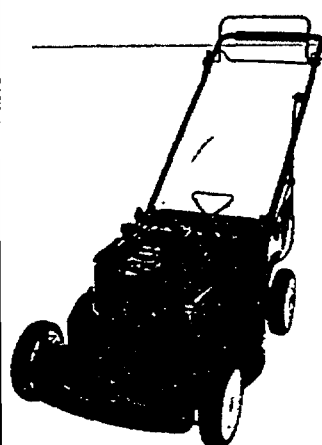
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Champion of the New Economy: Bob Paul's leadership honored

Northville resident steers Compuware

BY LONNIE HUMMAN
CORRESPONDENT

Bob Paul has taken some of the values he used to coach soccer at Northville High School to help lead Compuware to success and earn him the honor of being a Champion of the New Economy.

President and COO of the Compuware Corp. in Detroit, Paul was recently presented with this honor by Junior Achievement of Southeastern Michigan, in partnership with DBusiness magazine and News/Talk 760 WJR. These organizations selected Paul because of his leadership in getting Compuware into such growth markets as mobile devices, cloud-computing, and certain IT sectors.

Hard work, aggressive tactics and teamwork attitude are just some of the ways Paul has helped lead the tech company's operations in a new direction opening up even more areas of growth.

This is quite an honor



PHOTO BY LONNIE HUMMAN

Northville's Bob Paul has been named the new CEO of Compuware, replacing the company's co-founder, Peter Karmanos Jr.

for Paul, who grew up in Northville and has a son graduating from the high school this year, and he believes there is much more success on the horizon for Compuware.

"It feels good to be honored this way; it speaks to the fine work we have done here," he said.

Paul's parents moved to Northville from England in the mid-1970s. He was a high school soccer coach at Northville for boys and girls.

Paul said Compuware is concentrating aligning their operations with customer value goals. He added because things are moving so quickly in the world of technology,

they must be able to adapt so they can continue providing clients with what they need to succeed.

In addition to the hiring of hundreds of people and helping the economy grow, Compuware is also a big supporter of community projects and service. It performs a range of charitable services

PAUL TO SUCCEED PETER KARMANOS AS COMPUWARE CEO

It's official: Peter Karmanos Jr. is planning to step down as CEO of Compuware, the technology company he co-founded in 1973. On June 20, Robert Paul, Compuware's president and chief operating officer, will become CEO, a move that was long expected. In 2006, Paul was one of three candidates on a short list for the top job. Compuware also named Joseph Angileri as its new president and chief operating officer. Angileri has worked for 26 years at Deloitte, which provides audit, tax and other business services. He most recently served as managing partner of Deloitte's Michigan region. Karmanos, 68, will become executive chairman of Compuware's board of directors. "In Bob and Joe, I'm confident that we have identified two senior leaders who will work with the rest of our talented team to benefit our customers, shareholders and employees," Karmanos said. In May 2006, Karmanos announced plans to step down as CEO and remain as chairman. But in July 2007, Hank Jallo, the company's president and chief operating officer of products, who had also been on the short list for the CEO position, resigned after Compuware reported lower-than-expected sales and profits.

The company ended up restructuring its operations.

In January, with Compuware showing signs of regaining momentum, Karmanos told the Free Press that he might relinquish the CEO job to Paul this year.

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ranging from a multitude of fundraisers and giving to local schools.

"We have a social responsibility to the community, and we are committed to giving back," he said. "It's the right thing to do and it makes sense to help create an environment that attracts businesses and helps make our school systems stronger."

Paul has been running the day-to-day operations for the last three years now. His goals are to remain a leading technology company not only in the United States but worldwide.

Outside of work, he loves living in the Northville/Novi community and wishes he had more time to coach soccer again.

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Moraine honors retiring Loeffler on Monday

BY LONNIE HUHMANN
CORRESPONDENT

Some kids say the funniest things.

That's one thing Jan Loeffler will miss as she gets set to retire from Moraine Elementary School. The school is planning a tribute celebration for her from 4-5:30 p.m. Monday, June 13 to honor her for over 20 years of teaching kindergarten students in Northville. The open house will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room with refresh-

ments being served.

In a career that has spanned 36 years, Loeffler has taught more than an estimated 1,200 students. She said some things have changed and some things remain the same.

"Nowadays kids come in knowing more academically," she said.

Because of this, one change enacted over her tenure was the curriculum. She said she is teaching what used to be a first-grade education. However, she said the one thing remaining the same is

that they are still young kids.

"To keep them engaged you must use hands-on and movement activities," she said of her teaching methods. "Recess is also essential."

What made Loeffler so well liked by students, staff and parents is she is a great communicator.

"She listens to and talks with them very carefully," said Moraine Principal Denise Bryan. "Jan has a deep understanding of children, and we are going to miss her style of teaching."

For Loeffler, retirement is a bit scary because teaching and going to the school each day is what she knows. She said in some form or another she has been going to school nearly every day since she was 5 years old. However, she is looking forward to spending more time with her family, especially her granddaughter.

"I will probably come back whenever I want to see everyone here," she said of her future returns to Moraine. "I will be volunteering in

some capacity."

Bryan and everyone else at Moraine will miss the woman with the special touch for kids, but they wish her all the luck and happiness going forward.

"We will be feeling the loss, but she has earned this time to spend with family. So we wish her nothing but happiness," Bryan said.

A special tribute fund to benefit Moraine Elementary is also being planned; for information visit hommrsloeffler.org.

The Nguyen family reviews plans for a new playground after collecting contributions of \$15,625 from family and friends in memory of their son, Luc Nguyen. Pictured (l to r) are Art Fischer, Old Village School supervisor; Cong and Ha Nguyen; Eric Barritt, Northville Educational Foundation president; Hong Dinh (Luc's aunt); and Mary Meldrum, Cooke School supervisor.



Family raises over \$15,000 for playground at Cooke, Old Village

Facility in memory of their son for students

The Nguyen family hopes that the life of their son, Luc Nguyen, will continue to affect other children through the construction of a playground at Cooke School in Northville. The plans is to begin the first phase of building a playground at Cooke with one section dedicated in Luc's memory as Luc's Playhouse.

At nearly six years old, Luc passed away on March 12 from complications during surgery and a medical condition known as schizencephaly. Since Luc loved to watch the television show "Wheel of Fortune," plans for the playground include a large wheel similar to the one used on the game show.

To help with playground construction costs and as a special way to remember their son, Ha and Cong Nguyen recently presented a check in the amount of \$15,625, collected from family and friends in Luc's memory, to Eric Barritt, Northville Educational Foundation president.

"It is our hope that more funding can be raised soon so that the playground will be ready for a fall dedication in Luc's memory so that many special needs students can enjoy playing on the adaptive playground," said Barritt.

According to Old Village School Supervisor Art Fischer,

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A car show was recently held at Cooke School to help fund the building of an inclusive playground area at Cooke for the 200 Cooke and Old Village students currently attending Cooke. Estimated to cost \$300,000, the multi-phase plan would create a playground to serve students of varying abilities with features including wheelchair accessibility and sensory play. Those funds not designated for the playground will be split between the two schools to help with needed equipment and services, such as music therapy, and to meet other student needs.

For those interested in donating to the playground fund, contact the Northville Educational Foundation at (248) 344-8458 or NEF@NorthvilleEdFoundation.org or send check payable to the Northville Educational Foundation (with memo DVS/Cooke Fund), c/o Northville Public Schools, 501 W. Main St., Room 310 Northville, MI 48167.

the inclusive playground area will serve over 200 students currently attending Cooke School. He said the estimated cost is \$300,000 for a multi-phase plan to serve students of varying abilities with features includ-

ing wheelchair accessibility and sensory play.

"The goal is to have a playground for all ages and abilities and Luc's Playhouse area alone would cost over \$20,000," said Fischer.

Public invited to hearings for proposed sex ed changes

The Northville Public Schools Board of Education has scheduled two public hearings for school parents and community members to comment on the proposed revisions in the middle school abstinence-only health curriculum and instructional DVDs; including making one of the proposed DVD's available for use in the high school health courses as well as in middle school.

The first hearing was June 7; the second will be 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 14 at Northville Public Schools Board of Education Offices (third floor, room 302), 501 West Main Street, Northville.

If approved, the new material would be used beginning with the 2011-2012 school year.

The updated curriculum and DVDs have gone through the curriculum review process including review by the District's Health Advisory Board. The 21-member Health Advisory Board is comprised of parents of children attending Northville Public Schools, as well as educators, high school student, local clergy, and community health professionals, as required by law.

The next step in the review process is offering the opportunity for parent/community review and public hearing comment, prior to moving forward to the Board of Education for consideration.

At the two public hearings, the school board will hear comment on the proposed curriculum and DVDs.

School parents and citizens may review the proposed curriculum and instructional materials during any of the following dates/times (all except the last are in room 104b, Curriculum Resource Center):

9-11 a.m. Wednesday, May 25

2-4 p.m. Thursday, May 26

9-11 a.m. Friday, May 27

2-4 p.m. Wednesday, June 1

4:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 7

The review opportunities will take place in the room numbers noted above at the Northville Public Schools Board of Education Office, 501 West Main Street. To register for one of the review opportunities, please send an e-mail message to CommitteeMail@northville.k12.mi.us.

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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 Zuelch, 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 d1cnazarene.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



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National Trails Day

On June 4, 36 volunteers participated in National Trails Day by working at Maybury State Park. Activities included the maintenance and clearing of trails, and pulling of garlic mustard. The event was co-sponsored by REI and the Friends of Maybury State Park.

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.org

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 427-1175 or churchoftheholycross.com

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 firstpresnville.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 p.m. June 16

Details: Cards & Games Night - an evening of games, conversation, snacks are provided followed by an ice cream social.

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. June 23

Details: White Elephant Sale Night. Bring your good cleag but unwanted

treasures to be auctioned; limit of three items per person. Proceeds go to support of Single Place. Ice cream social will follow.

Time/Date: 7 p.m. June 30

Details: Fire up the grill on the front porch for a summer picnic inside the church. Musical entertainment is planned.

First United Methodist Church of Northville

Location: 777 W. 8 Mile Road at Taft Rd.

Contact: (248) 349-1144 or www.fumcnorthville.org

Sunday worship:

Times: 8:30 and 10 a.m. (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend); 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m. (Sept.-May)

Pastors: Rev. Dr. Steven J. Buck, senior pastor and Rev. Jeff Sturgeon, associate pastor

Coffee Hour: 9:30 a.m. Sunday ((Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend); 10:15 a.m. Sundays (Sept.-May)

Healing Service: 4 p.m. first

Monday of every month

Logo Youth Club: 5 p.m.

Wednesdays for fourth-12th graders (Sept.-April)

Men's Club: 8 a.m. second Saturdays

Contact: Heather J. Wallas, communications director, (248) 349-1144, Ext. 26, or e-mail hwallas@fume-northville.org

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

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BOLITHO-DANIELS, HELEN J.

6/2/11. Funeral was 6/7 at St. Aiden Church. Interment Glen Eden Cemetery. Donations to Angela Hospice. Online condolences: obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

CASSERLY, DORIS I.

Age 90 of Cape Coral, FL, formerly of Highland, MI, died May 25, 2011. Doris was born in Clifford, MI, the daughter of John and Lillian Atley, and graduated from Milford High School, and Washburn University of Topeka, Kansas. She served three years in the U.S. Marines during World War II. She was an avid golfer and a member of Cape Coral (FL) Country Club. Her husband Francis Casserly preceded her in death. She is survived by nieces, Patricia Atley (the late Rolland), Janet Stack-Miller (John), Joyce Barnett (Ronald), and many great nieces and nephews. Graveside services will be held Sunday, May 29, at 3:00 PM at Highland Cemetery. Arrangements by Dryer Funeral Home, Holly and Beyers Funeral Home, Leesburg, FL. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com

**FLEMING, PAMELA JANE**

Age 57, died at home on June 1, in Northville, Michigan after a 2½ year battle with pancreatic cancer. A 1976 graduate of the Indiana University School of Journalism, Pam was an accomplished writer and reporter for over 35 years with positions in Indiana, Missouri, Tennessee and Michigan. During the past eight years, she was a reporter for the Novi News, the Northville Record and the Insider Business Journal. Though Pam's professional life was spent writing, her true love was golf. To say that Pam was an avid golfer is an understatement. Pam won the Evansville Country Club Women's City Tournament in both 1979 and 1980 and made three holes-in-one over the years. Pam is survived by sisters, Joan Burkert (Gunter) of Burlington, Iowa, Sally Tresselt (Thomas) of West Hartford, CT and sister-in-law Anne Fleming Tannehill (Joseph) of Panama City, FL. In the addition to her family, Pam will be deeply missed by her many friends and colleagues whose lives she has touched. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48154. A memorial service was held at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Road, downtown Farmington, on Saturday, June 4 at 11:00am. A private memorial service will be held in Evansville, IN at a later date.

FULTZ, GLORIA J.

Age 68, of Westland, passed away peacefully on June 2, 2011. She was born in Detroit on May 12, 1943, daughter of Alfred and Parlee (Meadows) Northcutt. Gloria was united in marriage to Norman "Bud" Fultz on October 29, 1960; they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last October. She has been a resident of Westland for 21 years; she was previously of South Lyon and Farmington. Gloria was a very talented homemaker and an avid crafter. She enjoyed crocheting; making quilts, floral arrangements, and holiday decorations. She loved flowers and gardening. Gloria was a very special grandmother. She is survived by her beloved husband Norman "Bud" Fultz; her loving children, Norma (Brad Bedell) Schefsky, Marcella (Joe) Hayosh, Jeff (Tina) Fultz, and Michael Fultz; her stepson Norman (Cindy) Fultz; her brother James (Jean) Northcutt; her grandchildren, Nikki, Jessie, Aaron, Justin, Ashley (Joshua), Alisa, Steven (Miranda), and Jonathon; and her great-grandchildren, Amaira, Nevaeh, Savanna, Lincoln, and Faith. She was preceded in death by her parents, her infant son Raymond, and her brother Alfred R. Northcutt. A funeral service was held Monday, June 6, 2011 at the Fellowship Baptist Church in Whitmore Lake. Pastor M. Lee Taylor officiated the service. Gloria was laid to rest at South Lyon Cemetery. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to Barbara A. Karmanos Cancer Institute, 4100 John R, Detroit, MI 48201. Arrangements entrusted to: Casterline Funeral Home of South Lyon

**PYNE, RUTH**

Age 51, of Highland, May 27, 2011. She is survived by her loving husband, Bernard "Bernie"; children, Jeffrey and Julia; parents, Doreen Moore and Edward (Rita) Hock; siblings, Eddie (Annie) Hock, Susan (Mike) Showerman, Linda Jarvie, George Hock and many loving extended family members and dear friends. Funeral Service was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Saturday, June 4, 2011. Rev. Dr. Richard Alberta officiated. Burial Highland Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Ligonier Ministries. For further information call 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

**STEVENSON, DON**

A resident of Milford died June 6, 2011. He was 88 years old. Preceded in death by his beloved wife Hazelle in 2006, he is survived by his children Dorene (Ted) Grekowitz, Ron (Sheila); grandchildren, Paul (Megan) Grekowitz, Brian (Dr. Audrey Janzen) Grekowitz, Kari Stevenson, Kelli (Jimmy) Maxwell; great-grandchildren, Jenna, Bennett, Kate; sister, Joy Stevenson; dear friend Eleanor, and many loving extended family members and dear friends. Don was a WWII Navy Veteran and an active member of American Legion, Post 216 in Milford and the Huron Valley AmVets Post 2006. A Funeral Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford, Friday, June 10, 10 AM. The Rev. James Braid to officiate. Burial & Military Honors at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI. Friends may visit Thursday 3-9 PM. Memorials may be made to American Legion Post 216 & Arbor Hospice. For further information please call 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com.

KIRK, CAROLYN F.

May 31, 2011. Funeral was 6/6. Interment Glen Eden Cemetery. Donations to Salvation Army or Schoolcraft College Foundation.

Online Condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

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Bieske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. Their Livonia office is on Six Mile Road just west of I-275. Their Novi office is located on Haggerty Road just north of 12 Mile Road. Call them at 1-800-331-3530 for a free consultation if you have been denied, or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits.

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CHURCH

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9 a.m.: Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium
10:15 a.m. Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210)
Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study 8:45-10:30 a.m. (café)
Wednesday Family Night 7 p.m.: Adult elective classes; jr. and sr. high student ministries; children's programs (M-Pact Girls Club & Royal Rangers Boys Club) Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade) - contact (248) 348-

9031

Novi - Northville Center for Jewish Life
 Details: A Jewish center with events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year - children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs, community social events.
 Contact: Rabbi Avrohom & Leah Susskind at (248) 790-6075 or rabbi@novijewishcenter.com; www.novijewishcenter.com
Novi United Methodist
 Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road
 Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com
Sunday Worship
 Time: 9:45 a.m.
Healing Service and Holy Communion
 Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month
Peace Vigil

Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of every month
Location: In front of the church
Details: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.
Advent Service
 Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. Sunday
Oak Pointe Church
 Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi
 Contact: (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org
Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday
ReNew Life Group Ministries
 Time/Date: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday
Details: Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning, change from a Christian perspective.
Women's Life Groups Ministries

Time/Date: 7 p.m. every Tuesday 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday
Men's Life Groups Ministries
 Time/Date: 6 a.m. every Friday morning at various locations for both Women's and Men's Life Groups Ministries, please contact the church office.
Orchard Hills Baptist Church
 Location: 23455 Novi Road
 Contact: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665
Preschool/Kids Choir
 Time/Date: 7:15 p.m. every Wednesday
Details: For ages three to six; ongoing event; no need to pre-register; all are welcome.
Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church
 Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth
 Contact: (734) 453-0326, Ext. 221

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church
 Location: 770 Thayer, Northville
 Contact: (248) 349-2621 or olvnorthville.org
Saturday Worship
 Time: 5 p.m.
Sunday Worship
 Time: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.
Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church
 Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth
 Contact: Pastor Bill Burke at (734) 927-0891
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.
Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service
Plymouth-St. John's Episcopal Church
 Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road in Plymouth
 Contact: 734-453-0190, ext. 16, or visit www.stjohnsplymouth.org

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 • Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
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 248-374-7400
 www.wardchurch.org
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 Contemporary Worship at 9:30 & 11 a.m.
 Children's Programs available at 9:30 & 11 a.m.
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 Religious Education 349-2559
 Rev. Denis Theroux, Pastor

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 Northville, MI 48167
 Pastor Andy Whitten
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 620 General Motors Rd., Milford
 Church office: (248) 684-0895
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 Sunday School: 8:45 a.m.
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 Website: milfordbaptist.org

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 Contemporary Worship Service: Sunday 10:30 am
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Diversity

Silver Springs celebrates with festival



Janet Lu, 10, paints a henna design on the palm of an attendee of the May 19 Silver Springs International Festival.



Yukari Hirata, right, teaches Shay Finn, 8, some origami basics during the May 19 International Festival.



Jennifer Demuth attempts to teach her daughter Giulia, 6, the intricacies of chopstick use during the May 19 International Festival held at Silver Springs Elementary.



Gianluca Pesce teaches Logan Gardner, 5, how to make pasta during the International Festival.



Christa Polasek tries her hand at cricket at the International Festival.

BY LONNIE HUHMANN
CORRESPONDENT

During the annual Connecting Families, Connecting Cultures International Festival, the halls of Silver Springs Elementary School took on the smells, sounds and look of nearly 20 different countries as students, parents and staff celebrated this Northville school's diversity.

This is the fourth time Silver Springs has held this event, and each time it has grown. Principal Scott Snyder said the school staff, especially Medical LRE Debbie Eichholtz, should get much of the thanks for putting it together. Snyder also gave thanks to the parents who participated and put in so much time to make it a great event.

He said it is a celebration of cross-cultural exchange for a school that has over 20 cultures and languages represented in its classrooms.

"It's a fun way for us to increase the students' awareness of each other's cultures," Snyder said. "What's great about this is all of the senses are working. They cannot get that from a book."

The one thing needed for the event to work is family participation, Eichholtz said. There were 19 displays set up in the school's gymnasium and auditorium. Students were given a passport with the purpose of filling it up with stickers, which demonstrated they had visited a "country."

Students could start out by trying gulab jamun, an Indian dessert, at the Gupta family table. Then they could walk over to the Jaafar and Khraizat families' display and learn about Lebanese culture. The students really get into the event by wearing traditional clothing and performing on stage.

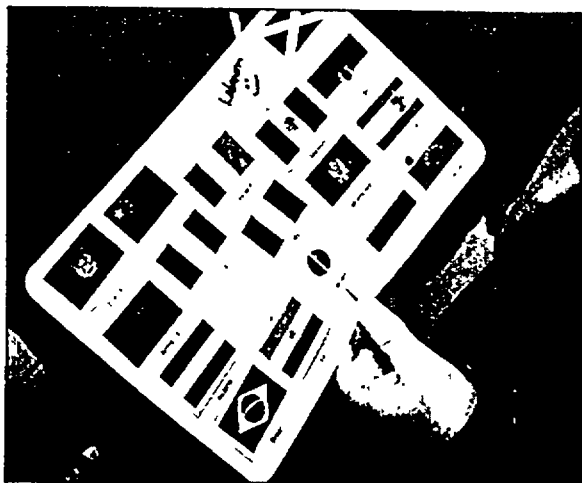
The night began with students from Northville's Center Stage Dance Company performing a troika, a Russian dance. Throughout the event others performed as well, including Arabic hand drumming by students Jenna and Julia Jaafar, and Armenian string music by family members Greg and George Nigolian. It truly was a night of world traveling without having to leave Northville.

Awareness has taken hold amongst the students and some of them, specifically a group of fourth grade girls, have taken it another step. The group of girls have been knitting scarves and selling them at lunch time for a \$1 a piece with the benefits going to Kids for Afghan Kids. The idea was brought to Eichholtz by students Sofia Gallegos-Navarro and Arianna Ramp. Last month they presented a check to the organization for \$150.

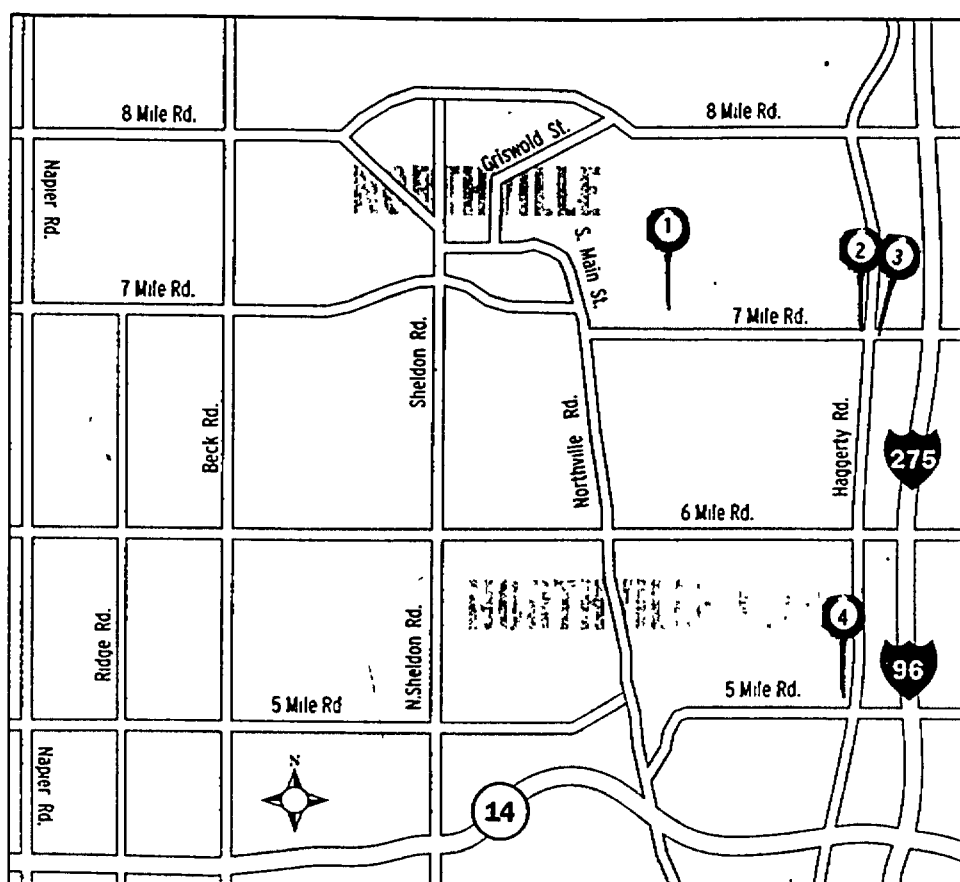
"We wanted to help the kids like us in Afghanistan," Sophia said.

Celebrating diversity at Silver Springs is not just an ordinary event; it has become a learning tool to instill respect for others.

Silver Springs' gym held booths of international fare, along with an accordion player and cricket opportunities.



As Silver Springs students visited different countries' booths, they received a flag of that country for their "passport".



Motorcycle Theft

1 A Northville man had his motorcycle stolen on May 23 or 24 despite it having its ignition and handle bar column both locked while parked at his residence on E. Harbour Village Drive.

The 55-year-old man reported to Northville Township Police the theft of his gray Harley-Davidson "Fatboy" motorcycle had occurred while he slept. On the morning of the 24th he was leaving for work when he discovered the bike was missing.

He told the police he was not behind in his payments and he possessed all of the keys. The case remains open. This is the second reported motorcycle theft this month in Northville Township.

Misdemeanor Arrest Warrant

2 A 65-year-old Redford Township woman was arrested on two bench warrants after Northville Township police ran a check of her vehicle.

On May 24, the reporting officer was traveling northbound on Haggerty and ran a validity check on the woman's Ford Windstar. The check revealed she had warrants out of Plymouth and Redford Township.

Upon making contact with her, the woman said she was the only registered owner of the vehicle and was surprised about the warrants. She was placed under arrest and later released to the Redford Township police.

Drunken Driving Crash

3 After responding to a two car crash, a 47-year-old Northville man was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

Northville Township Police went to the crash scene at Seven Mile and Haggerty Roads on the report of a crash. The arrested driver was at the wheel of a Lincoln Towncar and hit the rear end of Mercury Sable. The report stated there were no skid marks to indicate he had hit the brakes.

The man's car smelled of intoxicants, so he was put through a series of tests. A breathalyzer test revealed his blood-alcohol content to be above .20 percent. A witness reported seeing the man swerve all over the road.

He was placed under arrest and issued citations for operating a vehicle while intoxicated and property damage for the crash.

Retail Fraud

4 A 48-year-old Plymouth man was arrested for theft from Hiller's Market after saying he did it because he is unemployed.

Police responded to the report of theft at the supermarket located at Haggerty Road on May 27. The loss prevention officer stated observing the man take three items of meat and put them into his jacket pockets. He then attempted to leave the store without paying.

The prevention officer confronted the man and he tried to run, but was stopped. He was arrested for retail fraud and later posted a \$100 bond.

Compiled by correspondent Lonnie Huhman



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Township gets grant for Seven Mile Road Property cleanup

Northville Township has received a \$200,000 grant from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to assist with brownfield cleanup activities at the Seven Mile Road Property, site of the former Northville State Regional Psychiatric Hospital.

Northville Township was one of seven communities in Michigan to successfully compete for the current round of brownfields cleanup and redevelopment funding.

The grant will provide the necessary resources to begin the process of remediation and ready the site for future development and recreational use. The 350-acre property includes 20 vacant buildings and supporting infrastructure. It has been largely abandoned since 2003.

Northville Township is currently in the process of developing a master plan for redevelopment of the site as a community recreational resource. The master plan process will help fine tune the initial environmental cleanup work plan for the property.

Crafters, vendors wanted for Fourth Annual Bizarre Bazaar

Bizarre Bazaar is Saturday, Oct. 22 at the First United Methodist Church of Northville, and organizers are looking for great new crafters, vendors, and entrepreneurs to showcase their talents and products while supporting Village Banking.

Grow your business and help women in desperately poor countries start a business with a micro-loan from a Village Bank you helped create by participating in Bizarre Bazaar.

For details and to reserve a space, go to <http://fume-northville.org/#/missions-and-service>, email fumebazaar@gmail.com; visit facebook; or call (248) 446-8175.



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Silver Award Project

Over the last two years, Cadette Troop 40010 saved their QSP and Cookie earnings. The girls used this money to purchase and make items – over 50 baby blankets, 30 kid size blankets, tray covers, and 60 care bags filled with toys and cards – to donate to Children's Hospital of Michigan as part of their Silver Award Project. The Silver Award is the highest award a Cadette girl scout may earn. Girls pictured (l to r) include Olivia Collins, Lauren Sargent, Shannon Hayes, Brittany Nayh, Beatrice Nayh, Claire O'Meara, Katherine Stanley, Sarah Ptashnik, Brianna Nayh and Olivia McCutcheon.

Michigan Philharmonic cruise raffle

The Michigan Philharmonic (formerly the Plymouth Symphony) is holding the second annual cruise raffle. This year the winning ticket is for a Venetian Cruise for two including round-trip airfare for two on the beautiful Voyager of the Seas on the Royal Caribbean Line from Oct. 15-22. The cruise leaves from Venice and includes Italian and Adriatic ports of call in the Mediterranean and Adriatic.

Tickets sell for \$50 and only 300 tickets will be sold. Please call the Philharmonic office to purchase tickets at (734) 451-2112. The drawing is June 30.

Summer Reading Programs begin at Northville Library

Summer reading is a great way to help school age children and teens avoid the "summer slide". Reading for fun helps

kids maintain their reading and comprehension levels. Preschoolers can learn early literacy skills, and adults can model the joy of reading to their children.

Adults can now register and receive their reading packets. Registration for the Youth Summer Reading Program "One Word, Many Stories" and the Teen "You Are Here" program begins Friday, June 17. Stop in the library and receive reading packets complete with summer events and reading logs.

Summer Reading incentive games encourage participants to keep a reading log and earn prizes. Kids can enter a weekly prize drawing to win prizes by completing simple book reports. A variety of special programs and events are offered throughout the summer including interactive science shows for youth and teens, a Friday night lock-in for teens, and scrapbooking programs for teens and adults.

"It's very important for chil-

dren to keep reading over the summer in order to maintain the skills they've achieved in school," said Julie Herrin, library director. "We try to motivate kids to read by earning prizes, and to make reading fun. The library offers a lively, educational environment for children throughout the year, and especially in the summer."

The Youth Summer Reading Program runs through Aug. 17. Teen Summer Reading ends Aug. 19 and the adult program ends Aug. 31.

For more information, visit the library's website: www.northvillelibrary.org or call (248) 349-3020. Library hours are 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday-Saturday. The library is closed for Sundays through Labor Day.

Wanted: Gardens for walk

If your garden, or that of a friend, has been blessed with a bounty of blooms and/or a bevy of vegetables, the Gardeners of Northville & Novi Garden Club

would like to take a peak. The group will be treading down garden paths for the next few weeks in search of gardens that will be featured in the Clubs July 2012 Garden Walk.

If you are interested, please call Audrey Murphy at (248) 349-0376.

Senior Health & Fitness

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is hosting a Senior Health Day Fair from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, June 11 in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital South Lobby with free boxed lunches from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.). Join many other seniors, families and friends for a day that includes information on a variety of health topics, health screenings, speakers, exercise demonstrations, a cooking demonstration, and free prizes and giveaways. Hear from physician experts and learn from exhibitors; all activities are free.

Pre-registration for the event is preferred. Call (734) 655-2929. Visit stmarymercy.org/SeniorHealthFair.

Harley Fest June 18

Harley Fest 2011 will be held Saturday, June 18 at Northville Community Park, Five Mile and Beck roads. Sign up by June 8 and ride for \$15. Proceeds will benefit Muscular Dystrophy Association.

The ride will leave from Motor City Harley-Davidson on Grand River Avenue in Farmington. Riders can pre-register at www.wrff.com; email to kkroll@mdausa.org or call (586) 274-9000.

Volunteers are needed to help out with four-hour shifts, and they get to attend the event for free. Duties include parking attendants, ride registration, selling beer tickets, dispensing beer, and selling T-shirts and pins. All volunteers must be at least 16; 21 or older to sell beer/tickets.

Heise invites residents to office hours

State Rep. Kurt Heise is available to meet with residents every second Monday of the month, at the following times and locations:

- 10-11 a.m. at Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady Street, Northville;
- 1-2 p.m. at Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne
- 3-4 p.m. at Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth

Heise is also available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or at his Lansing office. Residents are invited to call toll free 1-855-REP-KURT or e-mail kurtheise@house.mi.gov to schedule an appointment.

Concours d'Elegance of America holding track event

The Concours d'Elegance of America at St. John's (formerly held at Meadow Brook Hall) announces the First Annual Concours Track Event at Michigan International Speedway (MIS).

Owners of classic cars from around the country are invited to bring their machines to MIS on Friday, July 29 to experience thrill of driving on a high speed raceway.

A special "100 Years of Indy" class of 33 vintage Indy cars will be on the field at the Concours at St. John's Sunday, July 31. Priority participation in the driving event will be given to the vintage Indy race cars.

Many of the pre-1964 cars that raced in the Indianapolis 500 are expected to participate as well as other vintage racers, also on display at the Concours d'Elegance of America at St. John's.

Spaces in the track event are limited, so McCarter encourages those interested to sign up as soon as possible. Registration Forms are available at the Concours website (www.concoursusa.org) or call the Concours office at (248) 643-8645 and one can be mailed or faxed.

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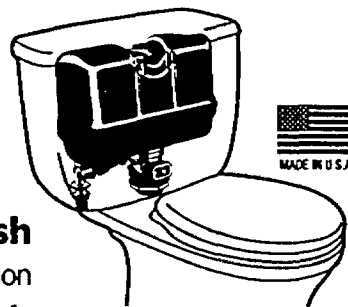
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Porterfield hits 1,000 performance at Purple Rose

Northville actor also in Lifetime movie

BY LONNIE HUHMAN
CORRESPONDENT

The first acting performance for Jim Porterfield was at Northville High School over 30 years ago, and that role led to more and more with him now reaching a huge milestone of over 1,000 performances at the acclaimed Purple Rose Theater Company in Chelsea.

May 28 marked the closing of the play "Some Couples May...". In this performance Porterfield played the father Bernie, who is struggling to put a good face on for his family while he struggles with cancer. It was obvious that Porterfield has honed his craft over the years; one only had to see how the audience responded to his dialogue. In the beginning he had them laughing at his lovable gruffness, and in the end they had their heart strings pulled by his take on a dying

man.

The entire cast of this latest play was wonderful. Each character had a personal struggle, which was at times masked by humor. Porterfield's Bernie was played as if it was second nature.

Back in 1974 Porterfield took on his first roles, really on a whim at first, acting in the plays "Hello Dolly" and "The Sound of Music". He remembers acting alongside Northville Mayor Chris Johnson at that time. His teacher, Kurt Kinde, became a mentor in his acting career, which was just beginning.

For some time Porterfield had explored the idea of establishing a career on the stage in places like Chicago, and he also thought about going to Los Angeles to do television work. The problem (well, not for him) was that his family, friends and business as an arborist were in Michigan. So he stayed in Northville and pursued acting while also continuing his tree work.

It was in 1996 that his acting talents took him one big step forward after he gained a spot at the theater company in downtown Chelsea, which is also owned by Hollywood actor/director/playwright and hometown boy Jeff Daniels. The theater has become a nationally acclaimed location for actors to grow under the direction of Daniels and others like Guy Sanville, who is the artistic director at The Purple Rose.

"I've learned a lot from Guy; he has had a big influence," Porterfield said. "And Jeff has done so much to make this a great theater. The resources and professionalism here makes it a truly off-Broadway theater, and the quality of our sets to the committed actors makes each performance memorable."

It was Sanville who brought Porterfield on for his first performance in a piece called "The Harmony Codes", a comedy about aliens. Things reached another height for him after his role in "Escanaba in da Moonlight" became a huge success and was taken to the Gem Theater in Detroit for many

more great performances.

Even more opportunities opened up for him with roles in television movies on the Lifetime Channel and appearances on shows like "Detroit 187". He has a major role in a Lifetime movie this month called "Last Man Standing". It premiered June 6 and will be repeated the next several weeks.

One scene at the end of "Some Couples May..." really highlighted how far Porterfield has come since "Hello Dolly". He is crying out to another character saying he does not want to die. As he yelled out, his voice shook slightly, giving it a realism that sent chills down one's back. Those moments make the stage more intense than movies.

The next play for him will come this fall as PRTC will be bringing back "Escanaba in da Moonlight" for another run. Porterfield really loves this role and play because "it is so uniquely Michigan."

"I'm looking forward to that, and I know it will be demanding," he said with a chuckle.

For those who have not seen him act, this may be the best opportunity to see him start his next stretch of memorable performances.



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Jim Porterfield's (center) most recent PRTC appearance, "Some Couples May...", with Alex Leydenfrost and Jan Radcliff.

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LOCAL

Solstice Run
Date: June 25
Location: Northville Downs

Details: Northville families and staff are invited to register and participate in this ninth annual event which includes a 10-mile, 10K, 5K and a Maui Mile. Net proceeds from this event will benefit the Northville Educational Foundation, Northville Parks & Recreation, Kids Against Hunger and the Karmanos Cancer Institute. The race will start at Northville Downs, and there will be a luau party at the finish line in Ford Field (downtown Northville).
Contact: visit www.SolsticeRun.org.

Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall

Location: 108 E. Main, Northville
Contact: (248) 349-0522
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.
Friday Night Concerts
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Fridays, July 1-Aug. 26
Location: Town Square, downtown Northville
Details: Free concerts presented by Tom Holzer Ford and the Northville Downtown Development Authority. July 1 - First Presbyterian Church; July 8 - Randy Brock Group; July 15 Shawn Riley Band; July 22 - Steve King and the Ditties; July 29 - Zap Toro; Aug. 5 - Buy Michigan Now Festival; Aug. 12 - The Crutches; Aug. 19 - Gia Warner; Aug. 26 - Justine Blazer.

Barnes & Noble Booksellers
Location: 17111 Haggerty Road, Northville
Dean Bakopoulos Book Signing
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, June 6 and 2-4 p.m. Saturday, July 1
Details: The author of the award-winning novel *Please Don't Come Back From the Moon* returns with *My American Unhappiness*. In this sophomore release from Dean Bakopoulos, the book follows protégé Zeke Pappas, a borderline alcoholic widower whose project to determine why Americans are so unhappy has become almost obsessive.
Contact: (248) 348-1274 For questions regarding this event, please call Betsy Storrs, Barnes & Noble Community Relations Manager at (248) 348-1274.
Harry Dolan Book Signing
Time/Date: 2-4 p.m. Saturday, July 9
Details: Michigan resident Harry Dolan's first book, *Bad Things Happen*, climbed to the top of the bestseller list quickly with its fast-paced plot full of twists and turns. Mystery readers devoured the book, which the author placed



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After school

Hillside Middle School sixth grader Denyz Slyusao and David Chang goof around in the gym during the school's May 18 After School Activity. Kids have their choice of joining a dance in the cafeteria, playing in the gym, or enjoying some board games during the school's frequent after school activities.



in his hometown of Ann Arbor. With endorsements from writers like Stephen King and Karin Slaughter,

Dolan's sequel entitled *Very Bad Men* is sure to keep its readers up for another long night of page turning.
Hal Malchow Book Signing
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Monday, June 13

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Northville Planning Commission has scheduled a public hearing for Tuesday, June 28, 2011, at 7:30 P.M. at the Northville Township Municipal Office building located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan. In accordance with the provisions of Article 20.10(H), the Planning Commission will hear comments regarding amendments to the Woods of Northville development plan to allow conversion of the deck areas to enclosed structures. The structures will be an addition to the condominium units.

The public is invited to attend this public hearing and express their comments or ask questions. Written comments will be received by the Northville Township Planning Commission at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.

Robert Nix, Chair
Planning Commission

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NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NORTHVILLE, MICHIGAN NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Northville Public Schools is soliciting sealed bids for the following:

- Purchase and Installation of Playground, Cooke School, 21200 Taft Road, Northville, Michigan, 48167. Bids should be returned to the Operations Office at 501 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, no later than 10:00 a.m., Friday, June 24, 2011. A public bid opening will take place on Friday, June 24, 2011 at 10:05 a.m., 501 West Main Street, Northville, Lower Level, Operations Department.

Sealed bids should be submitted to the Northville Public Schools "Operations Department" at 501 West Main Street, Northville, MI 48167. Please contact Chris Kearns at (248) 344-8445 if you have any questions.

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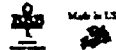
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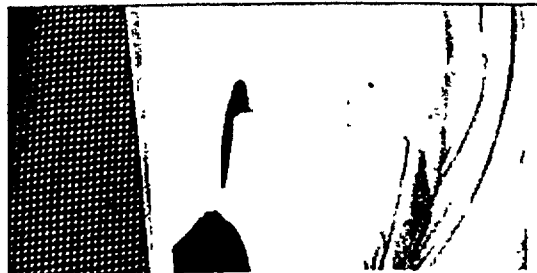
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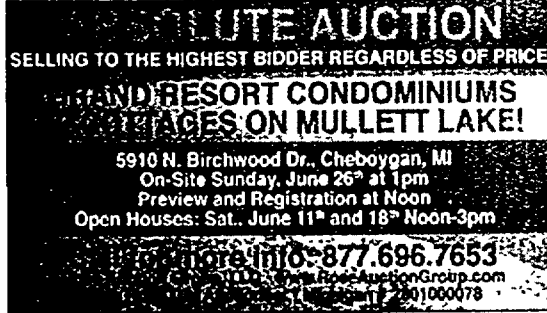
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PAM FLEMING

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gracefully, said sister Sally.

"Pam never complained. She was so courageous to go through those final sets of chemo treatments. These were designed only to test the dosage levels that would work for patients without serious side effects. These treatments were never going to help her, but could be of research benefit for other pancreatic patients. She was so brave to go through this."

Pam, 57, joined editor Cal Stone on the *Novi News* staff about nine years ago. The two also worked together at the *Insider Business Journal*, which closed in 2002. When he transferred to the *Northville Record* as editor, Pam followed him as staff writer. She covered a variety of beats, writing about the city, township, business, education, police/fire and features.

"She was one of the finest reporters I've ever worked with," said Stone, "and you'd be hard pressed to find a nicer person. Pam had a little Indiana accent that I know put anybody she was talking to at ease."

A 1976 graduate of the Indiana University School of Journalism, Pam was

an accomplished writer and reporter for over 35 years with positions in Indiana, Missouri, Tennessee and Michigan.

"Her modesty was something we didn't even realize," said Joan. "We were all so impressed with her journalistic endeavors during her years in Michigan. Much of what she was doing, including her personal cancer story, we only heard of in theory."

Though Pam's professional life was spent writing, her true love was golf. To say that she was an avid golfer is an understatement, said friends and colleagues. Pam won the Evansville Country Club Women's City Tournament in both 1979 and 1980 and made three holes-in-one over the years.

"Pam was a better golfer than all of her friends," said friend Carol Poenisch. "She was humble about it and always was encouraging to others. She often quoted her dad, who once said, 'At the end of every round you always have a score.' Pam had a running commentary on her game as she played. If you listened, there was often some words of wisdom in her analysis."

A framed picture on Pam's wall read: "To play golf or not to play golf? That's a stupid question."

Mark Abbo, Northville Township supervisor, also reflected on Pam's love of

golf and more.

"I've had the honor of playing some golf with Pam several times over the years. When she was on her game, she was unbeatable," he said. "In addition to competing, what I learned of Pam was she loved her work, her friends, and her community. She was a tribute to her profession, and will surely be missed by anyone who knew her. Only once did I see her break down after she learned she had cancer. She was never afraid to talk about it, and until the end, she never gave up hope she could beat it."

Pam is survived by sisters Joan Burkert (Gunther) of Burlington, Iowa, Sally Tresselt (Thomas) of West Hartford, Conn. and sister-in-law Anne Fleming Tannehill (Joseph) of Panama City, Fla. In the addition to her family, Pam will be deeply missed by her many friends and colleagues whose lives she has touched. Memorial contributions can be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh, Livonia, MI 48154.

During Pam's funeral service Saturday at Heeney-Sundquist in Farmington, sister Sally read this quote from the end of Pam's journal: "Your creativity is part of who you are. It comes from your very soul, your being. After I am gone, I've done what I came to do, and that's enough!"

BUDGET

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worries him about these two new budget incentives is they may only be for one year, and what happens long term to pupil funding will be important.

To gain the incentive offered by the best practices clause districts would have to comply with:

- requiring employees to pay 10 percent of health insurance premiums;
- share services with other districts;
- name themselves the policy holders on employee insurance plans;
- seek competitive bidding for the non-instructional services valued at more than \$50,000;
- and create a dashboard to track district finances and performance.

This is something Northville is looking into to see how they

would qualify. But again, Rezmierski said the state has not said whether or not these things would be extended past one budget year; schools and state could be right back here next year dealing with the same budget questions.

He said the budget forecast is still dire and the cut is being put out as minimal. But for Northville it is not minimal because they just announced layoffs for around 60 staff members. Rezmierski said these decisions were very uncomfortable ones.

He added ongoing negotiations with the teachers may prove to produce some new results for the district before the next school year.

"Time will tell on all fronts," he said.

The next Board of Education meeting was scheduled for Wednesday with school finances to be discussed at that time.

City of Northville City Election Nomination Petition Information

Candidate Packets containing nominating petitions, signature requirements, affidavits, and other information pertaining to the November 8, 2011 City Election are available at the City Clerk's Office, City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 248-349-1300, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm. for the following offices:

Mayor - Two year term (one seat)
Councilmember - Four year term - (two seats)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the sections in the Code of Ordinances and City Charter pertaining to the filing of nomination petitions for the regular annual city election is superseded by Michigan Election Law MCL 168.644e as amended under PA 44 of 2010. The candidate nomination petition filing deadline is 4:00 p.m., 12th Tuesday prior to odd-year November election.

The deadline for filing candidate nomination petitions for the November 8, 2011 City regular election is 4:00 p.m. August 16, 2011.

MCL 168.737a requires all write-in candidates who seek election to a city office to file a Declaration of Intent with the City Clerk no later than 4:00 p.m. on the second Friday immediately preceding the election.

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OUR VIEWS



COURTESY

Northville Record/Novi News staff writer Pam Fleming died June 1 after a 2½-year battle with pancreatic cancer.

Relay for Life

This weekend is your opportunity to get active in worthwhile event

On Saturday, hundreds of people from all walks of life will converge upon Fuerst Park (southeast corner of 10 Mile and Taft roads) and come together to fight one of the true scourges of humanity — cancer.

For all of us at the *Novi News* and *Northville Record*, this year's event holds special significance because on June 1, we lost one of our own to this horrible disease, staff writer Pam Fleming.

The annual Relay for Life event in Novi, like hundreds of other Relay events around the nation, is truly an eye-opening experience — one that the participants will always cherish and never forget. It is a 24-hour event, in which the participants camp out in tents and walk around the track to honor those who have been afflicted with cancer. Some of the participants have gone through cancer themselves, while many others have lost loved ones to the deadly disease.

The goal, of course, is to raise money to help the American Cancer Society in its efforts to not only find cures for the many forms of cancer but also to bolster its programs that help those already afflicted.

According to the website www.relayforlife.org, there are already well over 300 participants and 30 teams signed up for this year's Relay in Novi with over \$28,000 already pledged.

That is a pretty good start. Raising the money, however, is only half of the story of Relay for Life. It truly is a community event, where people make lifelong friends and are deeply touched by other participants. Nothing brings people together like a common foe. And cancer certainly is an enemy we can all despise. Celebrate, remember and fight back are themes that link the Novi Relay for Life with relay events around the world. The Relay for Life is chance for people to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease. It also is the American Cancer Society's signature event, dedicated to increasing awareness and raising funds to fight cancer.

Participants celebrate with the Survivors Lap, an inspirational time when survivors are invited to circle the track together and celebrate the victories achieved over cancer. The Luminaria Ceremony after dark honors people who have been touched by cancer and remember loved ones lost to the disease. And at the Fight Back Ceremony, participants make a personal commitment to save lives by taking up the fight against cancer.

The statistics are really staggering if you think about it. According to the ACS, one of every four deaths in the U.S. is a direct result of cancer. Roughly 569,490 people will die because of cancer this year — that's about 1,500 every day. So, so many people have been touched by cancer — either they have gotten it themselves or someone close to them. Nobody is immune. In fact, the ACS estimates half of all men and one-third of all women in the U.S. will develop cancer during their lifetimes.

This is why Relay for Life has become such an inspirational event all over the country. It gives people a common purpose, and makes them feel like they can fight back. With their help, researchers have begun making strides in the fight, and there are now literally millions of people who have beaten cancer thanks to the advances of science.

If you want to be part of this epic battle — and we recommend that you do get involved — log on to www.relayforlife.org/novimi and learn how you can become a warrior in the battle against cancer. You won't be disappointed. People also can stop by to encourage the teams through their 24-hour journey. It's a worthwhile effort that brings comfort to those affected by cancer. And who knows, this year, this Relay could be the turning point in beating cancer.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What do you think of downtown Northville's sidewalk improvements?



"It will make getting around and walking in downtown more comfortable."

Steve Claramunt
Northville



"I was surprised that they tore up the brick — which I miss seeing — and I miss some of the old trees they took out."

Rich Millgard
Northville



"I think it's well worth the delay, and it makes Northville a more desirable place to visit."

Bob Sasena
Northville



"I think it's great. And the way they've made more space on the sidewalk, it's safer to move around."

Marlene Chlabazza
Northville

LETTERS

NHS baseball's grand slam: Armed Forces Day

Fourteen hundred pounds of donated snacks and toiletries will soon be shipped to U.S. armed forces in Iraq and Afghanistan, thanks to the Northville community. Businesses, families, schools and NHS's three baseball teams honored America's military on Saturday, May 21. Thanks to our generous partners, spectators had plenty of free food and drinks as they cheered the varsity Mustangs on to two decisive victories. And thanks to the giving spirit of our community, hundreds of dollars and thousands of donations were received; all to bring a taste of home to our troops. We proudly thank: VFW — Northville; Meijer, Inc.; BP/Mobile — Northville; McNaughton McKay Electric; Precision Baseball; OSOT, Inc.; West Point Parents Club of Michigan; Northville Area High School; Rama — Brighton; Rusty Bucket — Northville; Domino's Pizza; Better Made Potato Chips; George's Senate Coney Island; Stonehouse Coffee — Northville; Midwest Golf & Turf; Hydro-cam Engineering, Inc.; Jimmy John's — Plymouth; SFC. Chris Ploucha — Michigan Army National Guard; Meadowbrook Country Club; The March Family; CVS — Plymouth; Coca-Cola; Northville Football Parents' Association; Hayes Lemmerz International; the Gerley family; Staples — Novi; Northville Baseball Softball Association; and John Ripper. We also thank Northville's six elementary schools (Amerman, Moraine, Ridge Wood, Silver Springs, Thornton Creek and Winchester) and Meads Mill Middle School.

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Beyond pranks

I'm writing you now to make you aware of an awful experience we had with my car on my property in Novi the night of Wednesday, May 25-Thursday, May 26. My 2011 Lincoln MKS was parked outside my garage for the night. At 6:30 a.m. Thursday morning, I went out to my car to drive my sophomore daughter to Northville High School. I was shocked to see my car had been vandalized. When we opened the doors my daughter and I observed potato chips, corn flakes and silly string scattered throughout the car. There were eggs taped to the floor board by the gas and brake pedals with black duct tape. Unfortunately, that was the good part. Twinkies were jammed onto the steering column, the windshield wipers and the handles of the doors on the inside. The perpetrators poured syrup all over the piles on the seats, dashboard,

console and floor. And if that wasn't enough damage, it appears that they urinated inside the car or poured animal urine of some type on the seats and carpet. The smell was unbearable.

On the seat was a printed note that said, "you have been punked by Novi Class of 2011." The stench was unbearable and the Novi police, tow truck driver, car dealer and my insurance claims examiner all agreed, this was the worst prank vandalism they had seen.

The car is sitting at Varsity Lincoln while the body shop and insurance company determine what it will take to restore it to original form. The seats, console and carpet are out of the car, and estimates of total damage are anywhere from \$2,500 to \$15,000.

My daughters and wife feel so incredibly violated that they are uneasy in and around the house especially at night. To think that someone was 10 feet from my car and just before our daughter's eyes, makes me uncomfortable to the extent that our security system will need to be upgraded. We have lived in our home for 17 years with the attitude and security that the community and people in it are not malicious. This changed last week. Pranks are pranks. This kind of vandalism is just short of violence. All in all, this is a very bad experience for my family.

I hope no other families will experience this type of "prank." Having said that, I am offering a \$500 reward for anyone who identifies the perpetrator(s). You will remain anonymous. Contact me at dand@chameleonpower.com. If the culprits come forward on their own, we will do our best to work with them and the police.

Dan Dempsey
Northville

Arrest the school rhetoric, try to focus on what matters most

BY TOM WATKINS
GUEST COLUMNIST

The superintendent of Ithaca Public Schools gave educators across the state and nation a good chuckle recently with his open letter to Michigan's Gov. Rick Snyder, proposing to make his school a prison.

The local superintendent points out, "prisoners get three square meals a day, access to free health care, Internet, cable television, access to a library, a weight room, computer lab ... everything we just listed we do not provide to our school children."



Tom Watkins

Michigan's educators are feeling put upon of late as the decade old economic decline has not enabled the governor and the Legislature to provide the education establishment with the unfettered budget increases that they have grown accustomed to.

At a recent State Board of Education public hearing, one teacher said, "we feel like the gum on the bottom of a shoe."

This is not to say education has been deprived. Public education in Michigan is a nearly \$20 billion dollar enterprise and has seen increases even during our state's darkest economic hour.

The federal government provided a one-time bonus of economic stimulus money last year that was used as a lubricant to protect the status quo.

The Ithaca superintendent writes, "... Michigan is hurting right now

financially, but why aren't we protecting schools? Schools are the one place on Earth that people look to 'fix' what is wrong with society by educating our youth and preparing them to take on the issues that society has created."

What I missed in his tongue-in-cheek op-ed open letter is the fact that he and other educational leaders know that the first half of a billion ... yes, that's with a B, of new money the governor and Legislature invest in schools, or \$300 per student times 1.7 million students only covers the rising cost of pensions and health care.

This means our schools require one half billion of new funding annually just to stay even.

As I pointed out in my 2004 report: Structural Funding Issues Facing Michigan Schools in the 21st Century (http://www.michigan.gov/documents/michiganschoolfunding_110803_7.pdf) to then-Gov. Jennifer Granholm, the State Board of Education and the Michigan Legislature — these costs are unsustainable. Time has proven me right.

These rising costs must be addressed if we are going to prepare our children for the hyper-competitive, disruptive, knowledge global economy where ideas and jobs can and do move around the globe effortlessly.

The 2004 report foreshadows what is playing out in schools today.

I have watched educators march on Lansing and hold press conferences demanding more money "for the kids."

The truth is — new resources are at best propping up the status quo. We need transformational change in our schools. The status quo will not pre-

pare our students, state or nation for the future.

If there were a truth in advertising law, the Michigan Department of Education and our local schools would be forced to change their names to "The Department of Health Care and Pensions." This is where any new money that is given to schools has been and will continue to go unless the state steps up and institutes the new 3 R's — Restructure, Reform and Reinvent our schools.

Gov. Snyder has begun the process to transform our schools.

The governor's budget, with legislative tweaks, is realistic and demands that districts adopt "best practices" while he and the legislature provide additional resources to address rising pension costs.

If you have a hole in your roof, pretending to fix it does not keep the rain out. When it comes to school funding in Michigan, we have been pretending and spending for far too long.

The governor is asking the right questions when it comes to educational funding and accountability. The issue is not the amount we are putting in, it is what we are getting out.

It is time we arrest the rhetoric, address the unsustainable costs, and begin transforming public education in Michigan.

If not, we will all be in debtors' prison and our kids and state will continue to suffer.

Tom Watkins served as Michigan's state superintendent of schools, 2001-05. He is a business and educational consultant in the U.S. and China. He can be reached at: tdwatkins88@gmail.com.

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BY LONNIE HUHAN
CORRESPONDENT

Kyle Thompson's journey to becoming an Eagle Scout began with the tradition of his grandfather's Eagle Scout stories, and it ended with synergizing the two things that mean a lot to him.

He will be given this rank at his Court of Honor at 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 13 at the First Presbyterian Church in Northville. Kyle is a scout in Northville's Troop 755 and a local resident. He will be a junior next year at Catholic Central High School.

The idea for his Eagle Scout project came to him while thinking about how it could work in conjunction with church mission trips. He has been doing mission trips to Detroit during the summer with the youth group from his church, Oak Pointe of Novi.

"Incorporating the project with our mission trip was the goal," he said. "And that thinking went into the planning."

And that's what he did by organizing and executing a toiletry drive to serve the residents of Detroit. According to Troop 755 Secretary Carol Peterson, the drive required over 200 hours of collective effort from Troop 755 scouts and leaders, friends and family. He said he had in total organized 50 people into helping



Kyle Thompson's Eagle Scout Court of Honor will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday at First Presbyterian Church in Northville.

him pull off the project.

Together they were able to collect and assemble 260 bags of full sized toiletries.

These bags were distributed by the church's senior high youth group, 707, during a mission trip to Detroit in July of 2010.

It was received well by the people of Detroit. "They loved it," he said.

Kyle still has some time before making any big decisions regarding the future, so it gives him more time to enjoy what he loves most about the scouts -- the outdoors.

"The adventure is what

I like," he said. "My High Adventure trip stands out. We went to New Mexico on a two-week camping trip. That was a great experience."

NORTHVILLE NEWSMAKERS

Botsford's chief academic officer receives award

Vance D. Powell, Jr., D.O., a physician on Botsford Hospital's medical

staff, is this year's recipient of the Michael Opipari, D.O. Distinguished Service Award from the Michigan State University's College of Osteopathic Medicine (MSUCOM) Statewide Campus System (SCS). The SCS is the postdoctoral training institution affiliated with MSUCOM. Dr. Powell accepted the award at the annual SCS membership meeting earlier this month.

Among award criteria is outstanding service to the SCS. Powell chaired SCS for six years; led the Implementation Ad Hoc Committee helping to form SCS; served as internship inspector for the American Osteopathic Association for more than 20 years;

and presided over the Association of Osteopathic Directors of Medical Education. He continues to serve Botsford Hospital as its director of medical education, a position he has held for more than 30 years. This practicing obstetrician-gynecologist additionally leads the hospital's Obstetrics/Gynecology and Gynecologic Surgery Residency Program.

"Vance has been instrumental in developing Botsford into a nationally recognized teaching hospital for osteopathic physicians," said David P. Walters, D.O., Botsford's vice-president and chief medical officer. "We join the SCS in honoring his long commitment to the furtherance of post-doc medical education not only here at Botsford, but also at the state and national levels. His tireless efforts have lead to better-trained physicians and better care for patients."

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MEETINGS

Northville Public Schools

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Date: Second and fourth Tuesday of the month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Old Village School

City of Northville

CITY COUNCIL

Date: First and third Monday of the month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: City Hall, 215 W. Main St.

DOWNTOWN Development AUTHORITY MEETING

Date: Third Tuesday of each month

Time: 8 a.m.

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

Contact: downtownnorthville.com

PLANNING COMMISSION

Date: First and third Tuesday of month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: City Hall

HOUSING COMMISSION

Date: Second Wednesday of every month

Time: 3 p.m.

Location: Allen Terrace, 401 High St.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Date: Third Wednesday of month

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: City Hall

ARTS COMMISSION

Date: Second Wednesday of every month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Date: First Monday of every month

Time: 8 a.m.

Details: Individuals and organizations invited to attend.

Location: Northville City Hall, Meeting Room B

Northville Township

PLANNING COMMISSION

Date: Last Tuesday of month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Township Hall, 44405 West Six Mile

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date: Third Thursday of month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Township Hall

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Date: Third Wednesday of month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Township Hall

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Date: Third Monday of month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Township Hall

YOUTH ASSISTANCE

Date: Second Tuesday of every month

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Scholarship recipients

Northville Garden Club Scholarship Chair Ardis McLeod (left) presents Northville High School students Beth Hadley and Lucy Zhao with Northville Garden Club scholarships of \$1,000 each. Chosen out of 26 applicants, their selection by scholarship committee was based on academic performance, involvement in community service, athletics, and work experience. Applicants can be male or female and do not have to plan on horticultural related studies.



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SENIOR EVENTS

Senior Community Center
 Location: 303 W. Main St.
 Contact: (248) 349-4140
THURSDAY
 9 a.m.: TOPS; Massage by appt.
 10:30 a.m.: Yoga
 11 a.m.: Cribbage
 Noon: Walking Club
 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle
FRIDAY
 11 a.m.: Poker
 11:30 a.m.: Walking Club
 Noon: Walking Club
 1 p.m.: Movie
MONDAY
 8 a.m.: Walking Club
 9:30 a.m.: Mah Jongg
 10 a.m.: Beginning Line Dance: Oxyrise
 11 a.m.: Adv. Line Dance
 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle/Euchre
TUESDAY
 8 a.m.: Walking Club
 10:30 a.m.: Yoga
 11:30 a.m.: Walking Club
 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle
WEDNESDAY
 8 a.m.: Walking Club
 9 a.m.: Foot Reflexology by appt.
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 11 a.m.: Strength Training
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 7 p.m.: Bridge
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 Date: Monday-Friday
 Time: 8-10 a.m.
 Location: Senior Community Center,
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 Time/Date: 6 p.m. each Tuesday
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 Time/Date: 12:30 p.m. second
 Thursday of each month
 Details: Call Senior Community Center
 24 hours in advance to register; \$1 per
 person.
FRIDAY FLICKS
 Time: 1 p.m. every Friday
 Details: Cost is \$1.

LIBRARY LINES

Northville District Library
 Location: 212 W. Cady St., near
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 Time/Day: 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-

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 lelibrary.org for information regarding
 programs and library materials.
**One World, Many Stories Youth
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 Date/Time: June 17-Aug. 20
 Details: Experience a world of fun
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 weekly prize drawings and more!
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 gram activity guide starting Friday,
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 reading t-shirt during the first three
 days of registration. Sign-up continues
 through the summer.
**Teen Summer Reading Program: You
 Are Here!**
 Date/Time: June 17-Aug. 19
 Details: Teens in 6th through 12th
 grade can register to receive their sum-
 mer reading packet. Record your read-
 ing and stop in periodically for prizes.
 Enter our grand prize drawing.
Adult Book Discussion
 Date/Time: 7 p.m.; Monday, June 13
 Details: Enjoy a discussion of Alan
 Brenner's "Moloka'i". Snacks provided.
 No registration needed.

GOLF OUTINGS

**St. Mary Mercy Hospital 16th Annual
 Golf Classic**
 Date: Monday, June 20
 Location: Meadowbrook Country Club,
 40941 W. Eight Mile Road in Northville
 Details: Mark your calendars and save
 the date for the 16th Annual St. Mary
 Mercy Hospital "Tee It Up" Golf Classic.
 Proceeds from the event will support
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patient rooms to private rooms. The
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 7:30 a.m. and an afternoon round at
 1:30 p.m. on Meadowbrook's exclusive
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 Mary Hospital Development Office,
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Golf Outing
**Huddleston Hole-In-One Charity/
 Celebrity Golf Outing**
 Time/Date: 1 p.m. Saturday, June 25
 Location: The Links of Novi, 50395 Ten
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**Ennis Center for Children's 18th
 Annual "Scramble for Kids" Golf
 Outing**
 Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Friday, June 17
 shotgun start
 Location: Moose Ridge Golf Course,
 11801 Doane Road, South Lyon
 Details: Proceeds benefit the abused
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Fun run

Moraine Elementary School kids take off on its annual Fun Run on May 26. Organized by physical education teacher Kurt Bartell, seen at right, the run around the school's neighborhood is the culmination of a month of lessons encouraging students to stay active and eat healthfully.



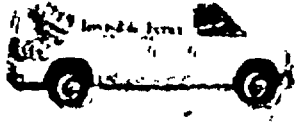

The shadows of a few Thornton Creek Elementary School students are projected onto the sidewalk as they jog at the start of the school's June 6 Fun Run. The run around the school's neighborhood had numerous stops where the students and staff were encouraged to do jumping jacks, jump rope or other physical activities.








Thornton Creek students Drew Atkinson, left, and Patrick Walker take off at the start of the school's June 6 Fun Run.

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 11:50, 2:10, 4:45, 7:10, 9:30
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 0 PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: ON STRANGER
 TIDES (PG-13) 12:00, 3:00, 6:15, 9:15
 BRIDESMAIDS (R)
 11:10, 1:45, 4:20, 7:00, 9:45



Northville School District Superintendent Dr. Leonard Rezmierski talks about the future of its schools on the eve of his retirement.

Leonard's Legacy

Rezmierski looks back on 35 years of service in Northville

Cooke School student Meranda Persinger enjoys a laugh with Dr. Rezmierski.



Dr. Leonard Rezmierski is stepping down as superintendent of schools, wrapping up a 35-year career in Northville. He sat down with correspondent Lonnie Huhman last week to take a look back.

What are some of your favorite memories?

One of the biggest is how engaging the community was and has been regarding special education programs. It's a tribute to the staff for bringing about such programs like the ones at Cooke and Old Village. These programs became trendsetters and are a part of the district's fabric.

Another is seeing the success of staff introduced programming. Seeing a program like Kids for Afghan Kids grow and succeed was tremendous. And our work

with Japanese schools and the recent teacher trip to Haiti. There are things the staff is doing to explore new vistas of need and in turn help them enhance their skill levels that are just wonderful. I'm proud of all of our staff.

Also the work I did in assisting with the establishment of the Galileo Leadership Training Program for teachers and administrators. This was done through the partnership of five LEAs, two intermediate school districts and two community colleges. It has grown and is working for many districts.

The implemented restructured district school improvement process involving all buildings and programs is another memory. Each school has a team and we



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In admiration of his years of service to the Northville School District, Dr. Leonard Rezmierski was given a varsity jacket from the athletic department during half time of the Mustangs game on Oct. 29, 2010.

CELEBRATE TOMORROW

School families, students and community members are invited to a community reception celebrating the retirement of Northville Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Leonard R. Rezmierski on from 4-6 p.m. Friday, June 10 at Northville High School. A part of the Northville Public Schools family for 35 years, Rezmierski has served as superintendent for the last 20 years.

The community celebration will include a short program beginning at about 4:15 p.m. featuring musical performances, artwork and other special presentations by Northville elementary, middle, high school and special education center, program students. A reception where attendees can visit with Rezmierski and enjoy hors d'oeuvres and beverages will follow the program.

"It comes as no surprise that Dr. Rezmierski would want a celebration of his legacy to showcase the accomplishments of our students," said Northville Board of Education President Joan Wadsworth. "This community reception is a wonderful opportunity for the entire Northville community to honor what Dr. Rezmierski has nurtured over the past 20 years - Northville's exceptional student achievement in academics, the arts, athletics and community service."

Admission to the community reception is free and no RSVP is needed. Northville High School is located at 45700 Six Mile Road (between Sheldon and Beck roads).



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Leonard Rezmierski joins members of the Northville Board of Education at the groundbreaking ceremony for the district's new Ridge Elementary School in 2002. Rezmierski stated that constructing new schools for the district at Ridge Wood, Thornton Creek and the new high school are some of best things that Northville did for its future student body. From left are Joan Wadsworth, Greg Pelc, Judy Wollack, Judy Handley, Rezmierski, Karen Paciorek, Ken Roth and Tom Gudritz.

all work as larger team for the betterment of the students and district. It has been great to see the growth of each school.

What achievements stand out to you?

Our early intervention support teams stand out to me. This has become a district-wide program to catch any challenges at an early age and then help them learn in ways that are useful. It's a priceless gift to help someone overcome their disability to learn and watch them progress. This program has been implemented at the secondary level as well. The best way to gauge its success is by looking at such things as our MEAP and ACT scores and our graduation rates.

I have a lot to be proud of because of the help I have received from the staff and community. The partnership

with the board of education, parent groups and the entire Northville community is an area of pride. Providing a great learning environment for the students has always been the goal. This has led to the development of the Northville Educational Foundation. The amount of fundraising they have done has been marvelous. There are a lot of talented people involved in making things work even in the face of district financial decline.

What makes Northville Schools special?

The kids are number one. The passing of the capital improvement proposal is an example of the support the community gives the school district. Throughout the years we have been able to fund new buildings and renovate

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Best Wishes, Len!

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the ones we have. The high school, Thornton Creek and Ridgewood came about because the community knew they were needed. Northville chooses not to be mediocre and the community fights for what is needed. Our school improvement teams and various district committees have school staff, parents and others working together toward the same educational goals.

What will you miss most?

The people. I look forward to the events, meeting the kids and seeing programs at work. There is an excitement in the buildings I will miss. Seeing the students, staff and parents and speaking with them on a daily basis is what I will miss the most. There is nothing like seeing a school at work first-hand.

What were some of the challenges you faced in the past?

Working with such a diverse group of people and trying to encompass a collective vision. On a monthly basis I would meet with community leaders to work on creating and nurturing the vision the community had for the school district.

Growth was another challenge. Forecasting it, planning for it and getting support to accommodate the increase in students were always challenges. I had help from some great people, like Dave Bolitho and others, to help make Northville schools the best they could be.



Dr. Rezmierski speaks with students during the annual Victorian Festival in downtown Northville.



A man of many talents, Dr. Leonard Rezmierski, superintendent of Northville Public Schools.

What are the challenges looking ahead?

How to adjust to the "new normal" in the years to come. It will be tough sledding, but I have faith the right people are in place to make the

tough decisions. Northville will get through this (budget challenges.) We have seen these challenges before in the 70's and into the 80's, so remaining consistent with our educational goals will be important. Public education has a huge responsibility to provide so students can become well-rounded individuals.

What are your plans for retirement?

Spending time with my family and friends. We will stay in the area, especially since my wife, Virginia, is still at the University of Michigan. I have been offered various positions, and I will consider them. But I will be working with school districts in some form to share with them the many experiences I have. Another plan is to do more mission work for our church (First Presbyterian). I have had much good fortune, so giving back will be a priority.

Superintendent's impact felt by many in community

Colleagues, friends, community members reflect on a true leader

BY LONNIE HUNMAN
CORRESPONDENT

As Dr. Leonard Rezmierski gets ready to leave his superintendent office, many in the Northville community are looking back to the memories they shared with him and also at the significant impact he made throughout the years upon the school district and its students.

His career spans over 40 years; it was in 1976 when he first came to Northville to be the district's executive director of Special Education. At that time, Northville Mayor Chris Johnson was serving on the board of education and was struck by the advocacy leadership of Rezmierski.

"He cares and has concern for students of all types," Johnson said. "At that time, Northville was embarking on a process to provide education to the institutionalized students at the Plymouth Center for Human Development. He was the ideal person to direct the process. This was a huge undertaking, but an important one because these students were basically left by themselves and had no chance to improve."

Johnson said through Rezmierski's advocacy Northville has become a shining example of making special education a priority. He said the work Rezmierski put into this accomplishment was not just a job, but is also a part of his life's beliefs.

It was in 1991 that he was promoted to superintendent. This was the same year that Dave Bolitho became assistant superintendent after serving for years in such positions as Northville High School principal. Bolitho had known of Rezmierski's professionalism prior when they had worked together on developing the special education department for the high school.

"He has always been committed to the students," Bolitho said. "This is demonstrated in so many ways. One big way is that he goes to every activity or event he can to show his sup-

port. This has impressed everyone, from the students to the parents and entire community."

Forming partnerships for the good of the students is another area Johnson and Bolitho point to when looking back at Rezmierski's career.

"Leonard was a big part of the successful partnership formed between the city, township and school district," Johnson said. "This has been a real partnership that has helped save money by utilizing multiple resources for multiple reasons. He has been there throughout."

Bolitho said Rezmierski has also been a partner with the other school districts, and his philosophy has always been to help out those in need, including other districts in distress.

"It would not matter if it was a school in Detroit. He believed if a school was struggling then we were all struggling. He believed in pulling together and working as a team," Bolitho added.

Northville Board of Education President Joan Wadsworth is another person who can testify to his team work attitude. She said one part of his legacy will be the successful work he put in to encouraging collaboration across the board.

"His hallmark approach has been to keep the focus on the kids," she said. "It's always been: What's in the best interest of the students and their learning? That's a motto he has helped cultivate district wide."

As he begins packing his office away, there are also the little things that some will miss, especially his executive secretary of 15 years, Gale Jelics. She said he has been a wonderful mentor and great leader. However, it is his sense of humor she might miss the most.

"He has this way of saying my name. Miiissss Jelics. It's a really funny way of saying it, so now others have picked up on it and refer to me in the same way," she said laughing. "His easy-going demeanor will definitely be missed."

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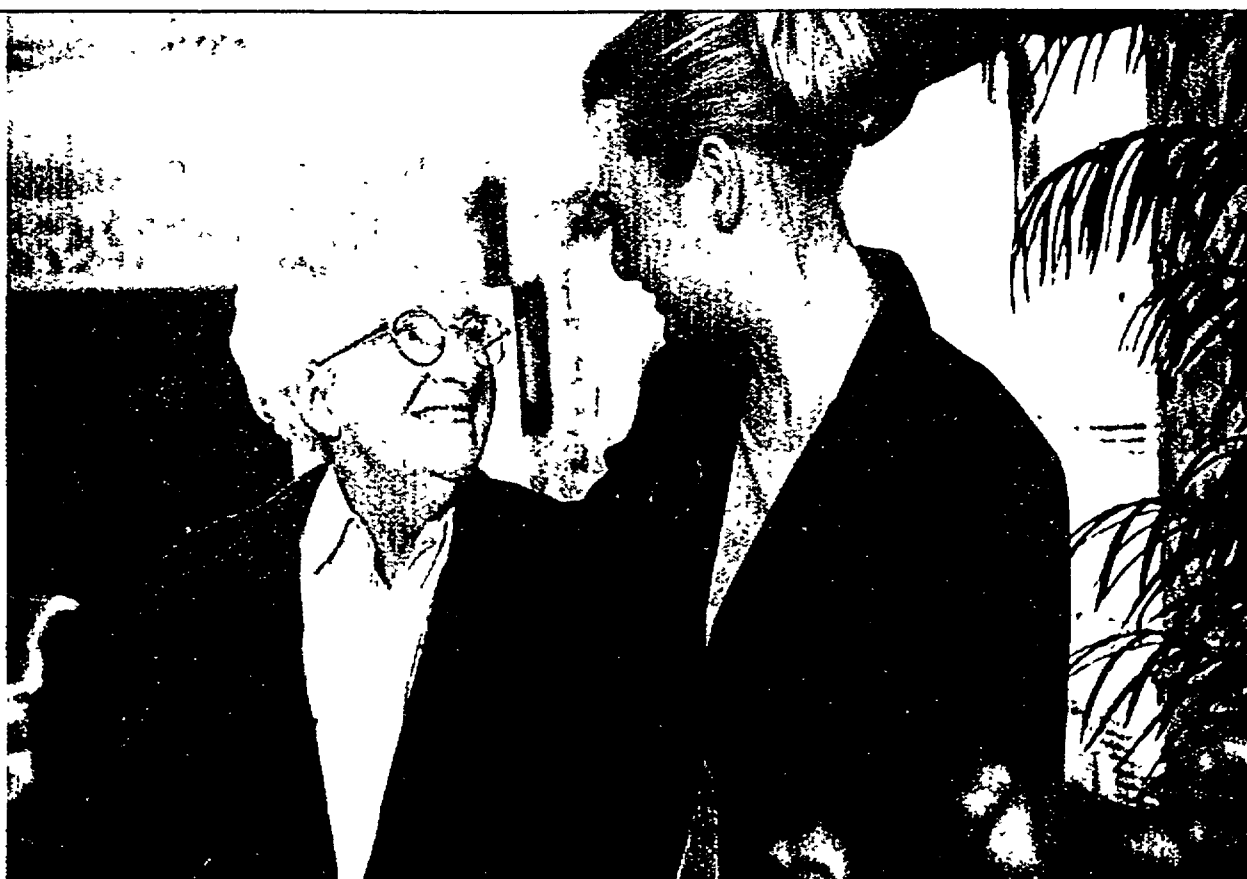
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Mustang catcher Allie Chapekis, left, awaits a throw as a Walled Lake Northern runner scores at home.

Mustangs bow out of softball tourney

Northville on wrong end of heartbreaking loss to North Farmington

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs had to wonder on their way home last week after their loss in the district tournament if they could have done something different.

Thoughts like that tend to enter a player's mind after taking a tough loss, especially a 5-4 decision to a state-ranked team like North Farmington — and especially after leading by two runs heading into the final inning of play.

Truth be told, the Northville Mustangs played some of their best softball last week. Sometimes, you just get the wrong end of the outcome.

The Mustangs led, 4-2, heading into the seventh inning against the North Farmington squad, which is ranked fifth in the state. The Raiders, however, weren't considered one of Michigan's best teams for no reason, and they rallied to earn the victory off a walk-off finale and advance in the playoffs.

Northville's loss dropped them to 17-15 for a final record on the year. They still have a remaining make-up game for the KLAA championship, which was played Wednesday after the Northville Record sports section went to print.

The loss to North Farmington was heartbreaking — a term often clichéd in

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Katie Fenech takes a swing against Walled Lake Northern on June 1.

Mustangs finish sixth at state finals

Girls tennis squad achieves goal of placing among the top 10

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

Sandy Woolfall said that if her team could stay in the top 10 at the state finals, they'd have met their goal for the season.

The girls did just that, finishing in sixth with 13 points and just one-point shy of fifth place. Taking first was Clarkston, which had 27 points, while Ann Arbor Pioneer finished in second with 25 and Midland Dow was third with 21. Novi finished 11th in the state, picking up nine points.

"All in all, a great weekend," said

Woolfall.

The highlight of the tournament was no doubt the play of Northville's second and third doubles teams.

At No. 2 doubles, Ally Weaver and Jackie Kjolhede advanced to the semi-finals for the second year in a row, having achieved the same feat at No. 3 doubles last season.

The duo won their first match against Rochester, 6-1, 6-2.

"I think this easy win gave the girls the confidence they needed in their match against the No. 2 seeded team from Troy," said Woolfall.

The duo fought with Troy for over two hours in very humid conditions before finally prevailing in the match, 4-6, 6-1, 7-5.

"I think this was the best match they've played in the two years as a team," said Woolfall.

The girls bowed out in the semi-final match, falling to the eventual state champion team from Grosse Pointe South.

At No. 3 doubles, Christy Snyder and Elizabeth Sakorafis also advanced to the state finals. They played well in

Please see **TENNIS, B2**

Clifton, Myers earn All-State status

Northville's only boys track qualifiers make best of state finals

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

Edward Clifton had two years of MHSAA state track and field finals already under his belt when he lined up at the starting line in Rockford last week.

That explained why he wasn't nervous lining up against the state's best 800-meter runners. It also explained why he not only earned his personal best time in the event, but also finished sixth and earned All-State honors.

"I have been looking forward to the state finals and the competition," said Clifton during a phone interview. "My division and my region didn't have the level of competition I needed. I knew the state finals would be waiting for this kind of competition."

Clifton, a junior, turned in a time of 1:55.05 to take sixth place — less than three seconds behind the first-place time of 1:52.91, which was turned in by Temperance Bedford's Nick Kaiser.

"I'm happy with my time — for now," said Clifton. "I'm hoping to go lower next season."

Clifton will be back with the Mustangs next year

when he runs in his senior season. Northville's other state finals competitor, Al Myers, will not. The senior high jumper ended his career as a Mustang in style, however, taking eighth place with a leap of 6 feet, 5 inches — tying his personal best.

"Both boys did a tremendous job preparing themselves for this meet," said Northville track coach Gordie McIntosh. "It was two weeks ago that the regionals were held and these two had to train virtually by themselves to get ready for the state finals. This meet has the best competitors from around the state and to place in the top eight is a tremendous feat. They will remember their accomplishments for the rest of their lives."

Myers will move on to continue his education at Western Michigan University while Clifton prepares himself for the fall cross country season. He will then compete in indoor track and field with the Dearborn Track Club before rejoining the Mustangs in the spring of 2012 for track.

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Alex Moynes earns All-State honors

Junior high jumper takes fifth place at state championship meet

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

Alex Moynes sure has a lot to be proud of this season. Not only did the junior help lead her team in each and every track and field meet the Northville Mustangs competed in, but she went on and earned herself an All-State honor, too.

Moynes earned fifth place at the finals, which were held in Rockford last week, with a leap of 5 feet, 4 inches.

"She had a great meet and as a junior has one more season to bring the title home," said Northville girls track and field coach Vince Tyle. "Her hard work and patience paid off."

Tyle noted that he couldn't take credit for Moynes' performance, either, instead giving credit to Anthony Abbott.

"Without him, none of these great athletic showings would be possible," Tyle said. "His hard work and unconditional love for high jump has transformed

"She had a great meet and as a junior has one more season to bring the title home. Her hard work and patience paid off."

THE TITLE Northville girls track coach, speaking of Alex Moynes

Moynes into the athlete she is now and the one she will become."

The Mustangs also had the 4x800 relay team in the state finals, but Tyle said they could not keep up with the competition or the heat of the sweltering weather.

Beth Roach, a senior, led the relay team.

"She has paved the way for Northville girls track and field to the state meet," Tyle noted. "She will run for MSU next fall."

Hallie Tybuski, Erin Zimmer and Taleen Shahrigan were the other runners on the relay team.

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The mission of the camp, which is open for players from fourth to ninth grade, is to teach the fundamental skills of basketball in a fun and competitive environment. The staff will help players create a solid foundation on which to build their skills.

Athletes at the camp will receive instruction from the varsity coaching staff as well as varsity players.

All athletes must have gym shoes and appropriate basketball clothing. The camp will run daily from 9 a.m. until noon and the cost is \$110 per player.

For more information about the camp, or to register, contact BoysBB@NorthvilleBasketball.com.

Girls summer lacrosse camp offered

Northville's varsity girls lacrosse players will be hosting a camp for all skill levels of girls, grades third through ninth, interested in playing the sport.

The camp will run from 9 a.m. to noon on June 20-22 at Meads Mill Middle School.

The purpose of the camp is to teach beginners stick skills as well as advanced player skills and strategies.

For more information or to print a registration form, go to the team website at www.eteamz.com/nhswwomenslax or e-mail Beth Donovan at b69hebe@yahoo.com.

Summer basketball camps offered

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For more information about the camps or to register, contact Pat Schluter at coachpats@hotmail.com or (248) 388-6514.

Northville girls alumni soccer game needs players

The Northville girls soccer team will be hosting a Breast Cancer Awareness Alumni vs Alumni soccer game June 25 at 1 p.m.

The game will be played at Northville High School. Any former varsity alumni players are eligible to play. Players are asked to donate \$20 to participate with a portion of the money being used to pay for the pink and white jerseys and the balance of the money going to Breast Cancer Research.

If you are unable to attend, you can still donate to the cause. Parents and friends are encouraged to attend.

You can find information on the event on Facebook at www.facebook.com/#!/event.php?id=153443404706193.

If you are interested, please contact Pam Brucker via the Facebook event page or Eric Brucker at thewalrus13@yahoo.com.

Mustangs hosting girls basketball camp

The Northville Mustangs will be hosting a girls basketball camp June 20-23 that will focus on the fundamentals and strategies of the game. Northville girls coach Todd Gudith will be running the camp, which will go from 9 a.m. to noon daily.

Cost to attend the camp is \$110 and registration forms can be found at www.northvillebasketball.com/girls.

- By Sam Eggleston

Northville girls soccer bows out of tourney

Tough loss to Chiefs leaves team packing for home

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

You can't win them all, which is why the Northville Mustangs took two lumps in the regular season with hopes of marching deep into the MHSAA playoffs this year.

Unfortunately, that plan didn't work out and the Mustangs bowed out in a tough game on a beautiful day to the Canton Chiefs, 2-1.

"I feel sorry for my seniors who's high school career ended so abruptly," said Northville coach Eric Brucker. "This team was young and inexperienced early but they took that on as challenge throughout the season. It will take some time to get over this loss but I'm optimistic looking toward the future of this program."

Northville had several opportunities in the first half of the game, but couldn't seem to find the back of the net to take control of the situation. Their best opportunity came at the 12-minute mark when a long cross was played by Jenni Cheslik to an on-rushing Jenni Borawski. The shot from just eight-yards out was right on

target, but an athletic play by Canton goalie Kayla Bridges found the ball being deflected wide.

Four minutes later, Northville had another prime opportunity when a foul was called on Canton just 18 yards from the net. Mallory Weber fired the ball dead on net, but it bounced off the wall of defenders and clear.

Canton, on the other hand, capitalized on the few chances the stout Northville defense gave them. They earned a free kick from 25 yards out that led to Canton's Rachel Winters playing a lofted ball toward the back post, which found the feet of Gabbie Malec and was fired into the back of the net for the 1-0 lead.

Canton scored again with 1:31 left in the first half to seal the game when Ally Krause managed to sneak a shot over Northville goalie Kiki Hilmer to score and take the 2-0 advantage.

Northville lone goal came 3:30 into the second half when junior Sasha Gardner played a sinking corner kick from the right side. The ball caught the wind, floated slightly and

slipped beneath the crossbar and into Canton's net for the score.

Northville was not able to score again in the game, which was fraught with three injuries and two bloodied noses.

"It is truly a helpless feeling on the sidelines as you watch those final seconds of your season tick off and know that the season has ended," said Brucker. "My team really competed hard today but Canton took advantage of the few chances they had to get a ball on our target."

Northville finished their season with a 15-3-2 record.

The Mustangs did, however, defeat Livonia Churchill, 3-0, to open the playoffs. They scored their first goal 19 minutes in off the foot of Sam Jarrett before notching two more in the second half from sophomore Emily Bush, who scored off a kick and off a penalty kick.

Hilmer registered two saves in the second half and recorded the shutout.

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TENNIS

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their opening match, beating Midland Dow, 6-3, 6-3. Unfortunately, Sakorafis suffered an ankle injury in that contest, but played through it with a wrap and several ice treatments.

"She was able to continue to play in the quarterfinal round against the fourth-seeded team from Ann Arbor Huron," said Woolfall. "They had lost to this team during the (regular) season and they wanted to even the score."

The duo did just that, winning 6-3, 7-6 (7-1).

Friday night, Elizabeth's ankle injury proved a little more serious that we had originally thought, and we were unsure if she would play on Saturday," Woolfall said. "She's a real fighter and wouldn't consider not playing."

Sakorafis and Snyder put up a good fight in the semi-final but fell to eventual state champion Grosse Pointe South, 6-3, 6-3.

Other highlights from the state tournament included a win by Erin Doud at No. 2 singles against Utica Eisenhower, 6-1, 6-3. She fell to eventual state champion Clarkston in

the next round, taking just her second loss of the season.

Mackenzie Powers also earned a win in the first round, beating Grosse Pointe South, 6-1, 6-0, before falling to the eventual state champion from Clarkston.

Alex Jeannotte wasn't intimidated despite being a freshman in the No. 4 singles flight. She won her first match against Grosse Pointe South, 6-0, 6-0, before falling to a tough, experienced senior from Ann Arbor Pioneer. Her only loss this season was to the same player during the regular season.

The No. 1 doubles team of Christy Murphy and Danielle Romano won their opening match against a very competitive team from Hudsonville, 6-2, 6-3. The duo fell in the next round to top-seeded Grosse Pointe South.

At No. 1 singles, Joanne Weber played outstanding, but couldn't get the points to go her way and fell in the first round. She put up a tough fight against Utica Eisenhower, however, falling in three sets, 7-5, 3-6, 6-1.

"Joanne, one of our senior captains, has been on the varsity team for four years," said Woolfall. "She has not had one lucky draw at the state tournament in those four years."

When you're playing No. 1 singles, you're never going to have an easy match."

Weber will continue her career on the tennis court when she attends John Carroll University in the fall.

"I know her game will continue to get better," said Woolfall.

Also falling in the first round was the No. 4 doubles team of Emily Toupin and Lauren Starr, who dropped a 6-2, 7-5 decision to Hudsonville.

"It's been quite a run," reflected Woolfall. "I knew at the beginning of the season we had some big shoes to fill in the

doubles line-up from last year and the girls certainly proved they were up to the task. We've collected a lot of hardware. We have trophies for division win, conference win, regional win, association win and wins at both the Grosse Pointe South tournament and Okemos — and, of course, lots of individual medals along the way. We had another year in the top 10 in the state, with two flights in the semi-finals (at the state championship). I'd say that we certainly met all our pre-season goals."

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Northville prep hockey finishes with four straight victories

It's always good to finish the season with a win. In the case of the Northville prep hockey team, it was especially good as the Mustangs capped the spring schedule with four straight victories. Those wins enabled the Mustangs to finish with a 7-4-1 record. Here's how Northville closed out the spring slate of games:

SOUTH LYON COUGARS 3, NORTHVILLE 0

After scoring 13 goals in its first four games of the season, Northville came up empty in a 3-0 loss to the South Lyon Cougars on May 2. The Mustangs were outshot 32-17, including 13-2 in the first period. Kellan Flayer had the best scoring opportunity in the third period when his five-foot shot was smothered by the Cougars' goalie.

NORTHVILLE 6, HARTLAND B 4

The younger members of the Mustangs helped Northville rebound on May 4 with a 6-4 win over Hartland's B team. Northville's Alec Morgan scored the lone goal of the first period at 8:34. Cameron Layne broke a 1-1 tie at 8:58 of the second period when he poked in a rebound of Kyle Zwarych's shot. Just 19 seconds later, Zwarych set up Layne's tally. Alex Ridener picked up the third goal of the period with 7:43 left with assists to Tim Eis and Nick Stegmeyer. Both Stegmeyer and Eis added unassisted goals in the third period to seal the win.

PINCKNEY 5, NORTHVILLE 0

In a matchup of youth vs. experience, the more-experienced and undefeated Pinckney Pirates sped off with a 5-0 victory over Northville on May 12. Pinckney controlled the game from start to finish and didn't allow any good scoring chances. The Pirates outshot the Mustangs 35-15.

BRIGHTON 10, NORTHVILLE 1

For the second time in less than four days, Northville ran into a more experienced team in Brighton and was defeated 10-1. The Bulldogs showed why they won the regular season Great Lakes Prep Hockey League title, scoring five goals in the first period and four more in the second. Andrew Brow netted the Mustangs' lone goal at 8:50 of the third period on a 20-foot slap shot. The score was set up by nifty passes from Flayer and Layne. Nick Zalewski faced 56 shots in goal and made several impressive saves.

NORTHVILLE 3, SOUTH LYON COUGARS 2

In a rematch with the South Lyon Cougars on May 14, the second time was a charm for

Northville as the Mustangs beat the Cougars 3-2. Tyler Marcotte flipped in a rebound of Eis' short-range shot at 1:51 of the first period to give Northville the 1-0 lead. Stegmeyer also assisted on the goal. Drake Eaton snapped a 1-1 tie at 5:32 of the third period with assists again to Eis and Stegmeyer. Eis gave the Mustangs a two-goal cushion with 2:45 left when he converted passes from Marcotte and Sean O'Malley. After the Cougars tallied with 52 seconds remaining, goalie Jeremy Onofrio turned away four close-range shots to secure the win.

NORTHVILLE 4, MILFORD 1

The Stegmeyer-Eis combination helped the Mustangs complete a sweep of Milford on May 15 with a 4-1 victory. Stegmeyer took a pass from KC Chaudoin and fed the puck to Eis at 4:10 of the first period for a 1-0 Northville lead. Christopher Tripi broke a 1-1 tie at 9:15 of the second period and scored the game-winner off a 25-foot shot from just inside the left faceoff circle. Chaudoin and Brow both registered assists, Eis added his second goal off a pass from Stegmeyer with 1:29 left in the game and Stegmeyer got an empty-netter with 39 seconds to play.

NORTHVILLE 9, SOUTH LYON #2 3

Northville ran its winning streak to three games with a convincing 9-3 win over the South Lyon #2 team on May 18. Tripi started off the scoring at 7:10 of the first period when he jammed in a rebound of Ridener's shot. Eis upped the margin to 2-0 just 61 seconds later off a pass from Stegmeyer. Ethan Resetar and Flayer then set up Morgan at 5:05 of the period as Northville went ahead 3-0. Resetar and Flayer added goals in the second period while in the third period Eis netted two more along with single tallies by Stegmeyer and Eaton.

NORTHVILLE 4, HARTLAND B 2

The Mustangs wrapped up the spring season with a convincing 4-2 triumph over Hartland's B team on May 22. Stegmeyer tied the game at 4:23 of the first period when he took a pass from Eaton and slid the puck behind Hartland's goalie. In a nearly identical play, Eis passed to Stegmeyer who set up Chaudoin's goal just 22 seconds later. Flayer followed a goal four minutes into the second period to raise the margin to 3-1. Morgan and Nick Strom each had assists on the score. Northville registered its last goal when Resetar scored while shorthanded with 8:56 left.

- Submitted by Bob Tripi



Rumble Tourney

Northville Mustangs 10-U were runners up in the Ann Arbor Rumble Baseball Tournament. They defeated the Ann Arbor A's 15-8, tied the Motor City Giants 13-13, beat the Michigan Red Sox 8-7 and lost to Brighton Black in the final. Pictured (front, from left) are Ian Danaher, Andrew Lack, Alec Stathakis, Brian Politi; (middle, from left) Nick Bogenhagen, Willie Howe, Christian Aulepp, Evan Carson, Kevin Townsend, Erik Sparschu, Aaron Moore, Sean Richard; and (back, from left) Assistant Coach Jim Carson, Manager Larry Danaher, Assistant Coach Bill Howe, Assistant Coach Joe Lack.

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Chung cuts through pool of competition to Swimmer of Year honor

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

Few local swimmers have been as dominant as Novi senior Joon Chung during their high school tenure. At the March 12 state finals, Chung wrapped up his career as a Wildcat by finishing second in both the 200-yard individual medley (1:52.27) and 100-yard breaststroke (56.47 seconds). He also led the 200-yard medley relay (1:38.14) to a sixth-place All-State finish and anchored the 400-yard freestyle relay (3:14.80) to a ninth-place finish.

He earned All-State and All-American honors in both individual events. Chung earned 34 individual points at the state meet and contributed to 44 more points in relay events. His total of 78 points – a large contribution toward the Wildcats' 100-point 11th-place finish in Division I – is nearly double anyone else in the area.

First team

William Greenlee (Northville Sr.)
No one was consistently stronger for the Mustangs throughout the season than senior William Greenlee. He earned individual All-State honors in the 100 butterfly by finishing eighth in 53.16 seconds. He just missed the All-State cut as a member of both the 200 free relay and 400 free relay, which finished ninth in 1:28.66 and 10th in 3:14.80, respectively.

Greenlee's efforts in the three events combined for 43 of Northville's 75 points at the state meet, which landed the team 12th in Division I.

Jongmin Kim (Novi Jr.)

As a key member of Novi's sixth-place 200 medley relay team (1:38.14), Wildcat junior Jongmin Kim was also strong in the individual events. Kim finished ninth in the 100 breaststroke (1:00.23) and 14th in the 200 IM (2:00.38). As a member of the All-State 200 medley relay team, he swam the breaststroke portion of the relay.

Eugene Song (Novi Jr.)

Novi senior Eugene Song was a force as a member of both the sixth-place 200 medley relay team (1:38.14) and 12th-place 200 free relay (1:29.40) team at the Division I state meet.

Evan Bischoff (South Lyon Sr.)

As the South Lyon Unified squad's lone state tri-finalist, senior Evan Bischoff was a freestyle specialist. He finished sixth in the 100 free (47.91 seconds), 11th in the 200 free (1:44.90) and helped the 200 free relay finish 15th in 1:29.67. Bischoff had a hand in 22.5 of South Lyon's 29.5 points at the Division I meet.

Ryan Winkler (Northville Sr.)

Senior leadership helped Ryan Winkler guide the Mustang's 200 free relay team to a ninth-place finish in 1:28.66 and the 400 free relay to a 10th-place finish in 3:15.52.

Spencer Miller (Northville Jr.)

Alongside Winkler, junior Spencer Miller was a part of Northville's ninth-place finish in the 200 free relay (1:28.66) and 10th-place finish in the 400 free relay (3:15.52). He'll get a chance to provide the senior leadership next winter.

Travis Vincent (Novi Sr.)

The Wildcats had a vicious free relay squad. The 400 free relay included Chung and the 200 free relay had Kim, but both would be

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incomplete without senior Travis Vincent. He helped propel the 400 free relay to finish ninth (3:14.80) at the state meet and the 200 free relay to finish 12th (1:29.40).

Andrew Ao (Novi So.)

Despite his youth, sophomore Andrew Ao was right there with Vincent, Chung and Kim as a vital contributor to Novi's freestyle relays, which finished ninth in the 400 free relay (3:14.80) and 12th in the 200 free relay (1:29.40).

Matt Wright (Novi Sr.)

Although his name didn't stand out on scoresheets as an underclassmen, Matt Wright shined in his senior campaign, helping the 400 free relay to finish ninth (3:14.80) and the 200 free relay to finish 12th (1:29.40) in the state.

Joe Brinkman (CC Sr.)

When the Shamrocks needed consistency, they looked to senior Joe Brinkman. He finished his high school swimming career with a sixth-place result in the 200 IM (1:56.01) and then helped his 200 free relay team finish 16th (1:30.31) in Division I.

Tiger Bourque (Novi Sr.)

The Wildcats got 26 points from a strong 200 medley relay team after finishing sixth at the state meet in 1:38.14 and couldn't have done it without senior Tiger Bourque, who teamed with Chung, Kim and Song for the feat.

Daniel Burton (CC Sr.)

A senior Shamrock, Daniel Burton helped the 200 medley relay finish ninth in 1:38.94 before taking 14th in the 100 backstroke in 54.78 seconds.

Second team

Dan Szuba (CC Jr.)

A big part of Detroit Catholic Central's relay squads, junior Dan Szuba helped the Shamrocks' 200 medley relay team finish ninth (1:38.94) at the state meet and the 200 free relay team to finish 16th (1:30.31).

Will Price (Northville Jr.)

Northville junior Will Price was the area's top 1-meter diver, finishing fifth at the state meet with 414.65 points.

Ryan Newman (CC So.)

Sophomore Ryan Newman was right alongside Szuba in helping the 200 medley relay squad finish ninth in 1:38.94 at the state meet.

Nick Baldus (CC Sr.)

Together with Burton, Szuba and Newman, senior Nick Baldus was a part of the 200 medley relay team's ninth-place finish (1:38.94) at the state meet.

Kevin Bain (Northville Sr.)

The Mustangs' strong diving team not only produced Price, but senior Kevin Bain also finished strong at the Division I state meet, taking seventh in 1-meter diving with 398.25 points.

Scott Jessup (Milford Jr.)

Junior Scott Jessup earned all 13 of Milford's points at the Division II state meet after finishing sixth in the 1-meter diving event with 385.3 points.

Dawson Laabs (Northville Jr.)

Mustang junior Dawson Laabs came out strong at the Division I state meet, finishing ninth in the 200 free relay in 1:28.66.

Chris Kim (Northville Jr.)

With a 10th-place finish in the 400

free relay (3:15.52), Northville junior Chris Kim earned 14 points toward the Mustangs' 75-point, 12th-place finish.

Colin Brinkman (CC Fr.)

The Shamrocks likely have several good years ahead with freshman Colin Brinkman in their program. The youngest All-Area team member teamed with Joe Brinkman, Szuba and senior Sean Ryan to finish 16th in the 200 free relay (1:30.31). The freshman also took 15th in the grueling 500 freestyle in 4:51.16 at the Division I meet.

Dan Gironza (South Lyon Jr.)

Behind 363.90 points, South Lyon junior Dan Gironza finished a solid 10th-place in 1-meter diving at the state meet.

Bofang Zhang (Northville Sr.)

Northville senior Bofang Zhang finished 11th in the 200 individual medley in 1:59.69, earning six points toward his team's 12th-place finish.

Tony Cipponeri (Lakeland Sr.)

In 22.03, White Lake Lakeland senior Tony Cipponeri finished 13th in a very tough 50-yard freestyle class.

Honorable mention

Catholic Central – Sean Ryan (Sr.)

Milford – Marshal Rittenger (Jr.)

South Lyon Unified – Nathan

Wagner (Sr.), Eric Weiss (Jr.), Spencer Ruggiero (So.), John Dunnuck (Jr.), Travis Burgess (Jr.), Brendan O'Shea (Jr.), Cameron Sawyer (Sr.), Alex Canadi (So.), Max Wilkinson (Fr.), Adam Stone (So.), Levi Oxner (Fr.), Mark Cogo (Jr.), Patrick Brodesser (Jr.)

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Mustang Nicole Thibodeau rears back and pitches against Walled Lake Northern on June 1.



Mustang Allie Chapekis at the plate on June 1.



Mustang baserunner Meredith Williams, left, was called safe on this play as the Walled Lake Northern shortstop missed the tag between the bases on June 1.

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sports but, in this instance, true.

Northville fell behind in the first inning off a solo home run that blasted off of Raiders' pitcher Katy Severson's bat before coming back in the third to tie it off a RBI groundout by Jennifer Buckingham that scored Meredith Williams. In the bottom of the inning, however, the Raiders regained control, scoring on a two-out single that found Nikki Wald coming across home plate for the 2-1 advantage.

The Mustangs bided their time, however, and rushed forward with full force in the fifth inning, scoring three runs with Williams scoring on a Buckingham sacrifice Fly. Karly Fisher, who got on base with a bunt single, scored on a sharp hit to center field by freshman catcher Allie Chapekis, who went 2-for-3 on the day. Northville's final run came when Katie Fenech, 2-for-3, slapped a single to left center to score Chapekis.

It wasn't until the bottom of the seventh when the Raiders, who held a record of 27-3 entering the contest, came back to win it off a lead-off double, a pop-out and two bunts that loaded the bases. With two outs



Mustang Rachel Deacon rounds second on June 1 against Walled Lake Northern.

and a full count, Mackenzie Coulter hit a single to center to score the tying runs before Karleigh Creighton hit the next pitch for the game winner on a single to right field.

Northville pitcher Laura

Pond took the loss while allowing just two earned runs and collecting five strikeouts.

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Mustangs, Shamrocks square off on diamond

CC gets best of determined Northville

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

It was the kind of game that just came down to the bare fundamentals and, unfortunately for Northville, one side made just a few too many mistakes.

The Northville Mustangs and the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks faced off last week in the District Tournament, a game only one team could advance from. That team was the Shamrocks, who earned a 5-3 victory over their cross-town foes.

The game started with the Shamrocks jumping to a 1-0 lead in the first half of the opening inning, only to watch as Northville ran away with three-straight runs for a 3-1 advantage to enter the second inning of play. Unfortunately for the Mustangs, that was all the scoring they would do.

"After being tied for much of the game at three, CC went ahead in the top of the sev-

enth and we didn't respond in the bottom half to tie it up," noted Northville coach John Kostrzewa. "Unfortunately, we made a few fundamental mistakes that cost us the game. Give CC credit, when they had to get a clutch hit or make a big play, they did, and we did not."

Jake Hansen pitched for the Mustangs and took the loss. Matt Stojkov, Trey Slominski and Brandon Patrone each had a hit in the losing effort.

Northville finished 16-13 for the season, including a 5-1 victory over North Farmington in the pre-district contest. Jeff Gertley earned the victory from the mound in that contest.

Northville also earned three All-Conference nods this season with Stojkov, Brett Macdonald and Hansen all getting top honors.

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Northville physicals

Physicals will be offered at 5 p.m. Thursday, June 9 in the Northville High School gymnasium. Physicals are good for the 2011-2012 school year. Cost is \$25.00 per physical. Middle School and High School students welcomed. Forms available at school, NHS website: northville.k12.mi.us/nhs or at the site and must be

signed by a parent or guardian.

Northville's Franceschi competing in Meijer games

Northville native Eric Franceschi has registered to compete in the Track & Field division of the 2011 Meijer State Games at Houseman Field (corner of Diamond and Fountain streets) on Friday, June 24

and East Kentwood High School Stadium (6230 Kalamazoo Avenue) in Kentwood on Saturday, June 25.

The 6-foot-2 Franceschi competed at the University of Oregon as a collegiate athlete in track and field, specializing in decathlon events.

Franceschi suffers from anxiety disorders, which made his track and field career in Oregon difficult for him.

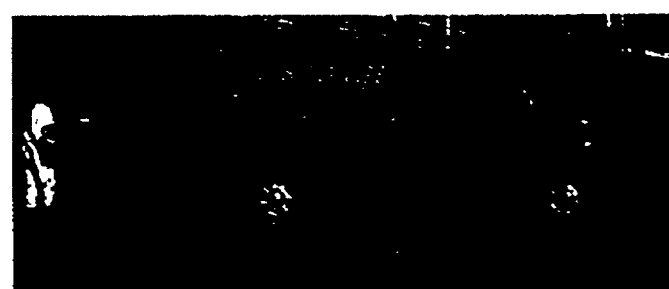
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he says. Most leaks can be fixed in a matter of hours. For do-it-yourselfers, Mr. Sponge now is offering its patented TRX Compressed Swell Plug, which is available online.



Mr. Sponge Waterproofing specializes in high-injection waterproofing to fix basement leaks - a method that repairs 90% of leaks quickly and more cost-efficiently than the drain tile methods many companies offer, say the owners.

Delivering Quality Service

Though they easily could have expanded, Teaster says remaining an owner-operated business with no additional employees - he and business partner Keith Potts do all on-site jobs while Shelley Kunz handles office and administrative duties - is a means of having complete control over the quality of services delivered. "When we do a repair for a private home-owner, we have to warranty it for a 20-year period," Teaster says. "Doing it ourselves gives us self-assurance that everything is done correctly."

Because many customers begin with phone or online consultations, Teaster says it's important to use experience and care to develop rapport with them.

"It takes many years of education in the business to know how to explain things," he says. "You need to be warm, friendly, have expertise, and take the time to explain the problem properly."

Staying Vital

Teaster says the company has stayed vital by developing new products and embracing the latest technology in an effort to make life easy for the customer. Some of

Teaster's insights on good customer service include:

- If a solution doesn't exist, invent it. Mr. Sponge offers its patented TRX Compressed Swell Plug to homeowners who want to fix rod-hole leaks themselves. "The new TRX delivers a quick, user-friendly, cost-effective solution and gives the homeowner the best state-of-the-art waterproof product available for this rod-hole leak problem," Teaster says.

- Make it easy. Mr. Sponge operators offer over-the-phone consultations and online inspections, requiring the customer to do nothing more than submit photos to its website. If a customer has further questions, Kunz, who handles these inquiries, can call the other owners out in the field.

- Sell solutions in addition to services. "You have to go above and beyond the norm of today's service industry in order to set yourself apart," Teaster says. "You have to provide a solution. It's outside the scope of your company, then refer them to the appropriate contractor. Be honest, and give the customer not only value for their dollar, but save them money where possible."

Catholic Central adds win to record

BY SAM EGGLESTON
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The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks added yet another win to their record this year with a victory over the Saline Hornets on a very wet field.

The Shamrocks, led by Dave Wilson, collected a 17-4 victory over their foes despite conditions that had players slipping and sliding all over the place. The victory moves the Shamrocks to 12-5 on the year.

Leading the way in the victory over Saline was Doug Mullen, who stepped up with five goals and three assists. Mitch Burgin added two goals and two assists in the win,

while Tim Urso had four goals and an assist.

The Shamrocks have just five losses this year, with two coming to rival Brother Rice and the other three coming from Ohio-based Western Reserve and Culver Academy and St. Joe's of South Bend, Ind.

The play of the team this year has earned them plenty of notice from other coaches, and it showed this year with Burgin and Urso joining face-off specialist Ian O'Brien as Catholic Central representatives on the All-Catholic High School League team. Mike Birney, Tommy Orr and goalie Bernie Eisbrenner all earned All-League honors this year.

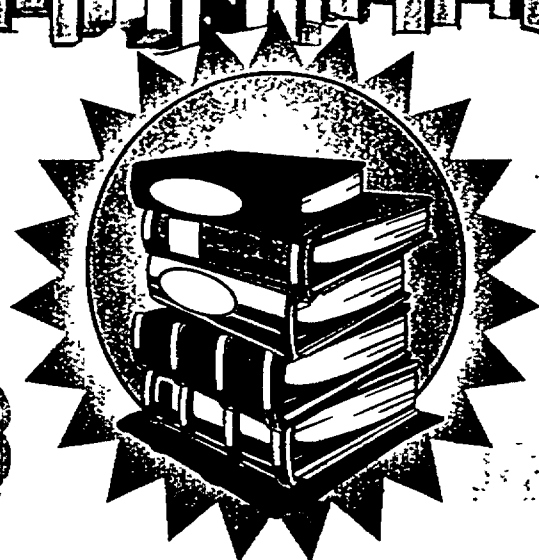
Things To Know

- Mr. Sponge Waterproofing, based in Novi, is an owner-operated company that serves all of southeastern Michigan.
- The Company offers a patented TRX Compressed Swell Plug for do-it-yourselfers with rod-hole leaks. The product and tutorial videos are available at www.trxplug.com.
- For more information, visit www.mrsponge.com or call 800-491-4686.

"This makes us unique because we don't try to offer every type of repair," Teaster says. "We offer repairs for the most common leak situations in poured foundation walls." The company developed SP-3, its own unique water-activated polyurethane, in 1996.

"Our specialty is stopping all types of poured wall leaks from cracks, rod holes [holes left after the concrete-forming mechanism is removed by the foundation contractor] and honeycombs [formed pockets of excessive aggregate]. This is where 90 percent of basement leaks occur,"

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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

Getting married? Utopia can make your day special

Tell us about your business, including types of services and/or products you feature.

We are a full-service salon and spa offering facials, massage, foot treatments, nails, hair and make-up. We specialize in keratin treatments along with up styles and hair extensions. For those who like to shop we have a great beauty bar where you can purchase gifts, accessories, clothes, skin care products and more.

How did you first decide to open your business?

We left another salon and our client base was already in the Novi and Northville area. Tita lived in Northville and saw the long building going up; we thought it was a quaint and beautiful small town.

Why did you choose this area for your business?

We thought it was a city that was growing besides that it was such a beautiful town and we serviced most of the clients in the area.

What makes your business unique?

It's a place where you can get your hair and make-up done to pick up something to wear for a night out.

How has it changed since you opened?

We have doubled our space since we first opened. We do hair on the second floor of the new building we are in which



Stylist Brittany Tokoph at downtown Northville's Utopia Salon works on a client's hair on June 6.

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gives it that New York feel.

Do you have a funny tidbit or story about your experience as a small business owner to share with our readers?

Never have a salon pet!!!! We got a fish for our grand opening party as a gift and everyone had to help take care of the fish. One day we noticed the fish missing, and it turned out that one of our coworkers had taken it home. She told us she had the fish for a month. Poor little fish

would have never lasted. We couldn't believe it took us a month to notice him gone.

How has the recent economy affected your business?

Just like everyone else we were also affected by the economy. In the salon industry it was said to be the worst in 50 years.

We had to make adjustments to make it through the harder times. We have seen increases in 2011; things are getting a lot better.

Any advice for business owners?

Finding the right employees and location. It's all about the staff, place, customer service and cleanliness.

What's in store for the future of your business?

We want to provide a stable career path for our employees. We would like to thank all the clients of Utopia, in appreciation please join us for our 10-year anniversary party June 11 7:30 p.m. at Utopia.



Northville's Utopia Salon on Main Street carries women's apparel as well as cosmetics and hair care supplies.

DETAILS

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

New pet store downtown Northville

Celebrity Pets at 124 N. Center, downtown Northville, will be hosting a sneak peak event from 6-9 p.m. Friday, July 8 and a grand opening event at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 9. They will be showcasing their new organic foods and treats for pets.

This will be the second location in metro Detroit for Celebrity Pets Co.; the other is Laurel Park in Livonia. A pet boutique with hard to find items for both dogs and cats, Celebrity Pets Co. has everything from organic treats to dog cooling beds. There is a Membership Rewards program: When you sign up at either the Northville or Laurel Park location for the membership, you will receive an email coupon for a 10-percent discount on your first purchase and news about new arrivals. As you become a more frequent customer with Celebrity Pets, you will receive up to 20 percent extra discount on special purchase items in the store.

Appetizers and drinks will be offered the evening of the sneak peak event; the grand opening will include a ribbon cutting, food and drinks and door prizes.

Community Financial's Summer of Sharing

In celebration of their 60th anniversary, Community Financial Credit Union is launching its first ever "Summer of Sharing" campaign on June 13.

"For the past 60 years, the credit union has been enhancing the lives of our members and our communities, devoting both time and money to the communities where we do business," said Bill Lawton, Community Financial CEO. "In honor of our 60th anniversary, we want to give others the chance to help as well," added Lawton.

The public is invited to visit www.SummerOfSharing.org and nominate a local charity, community or school group that could benefit from a \$1,060 donation. They will be asked to share their story of "What GOOD could you do with \$1,060?" Then, starting June 13, Community Financial will award \$1,060 each day, Monday-Friday, for the next 60 days.

Community Financial Marketing Manager Sarah Cousineau said, "We know tough economic times can impact groups who rely on donations to keep programs running," said Sarah Cousineau, marketing manager.

"Community Financial has remained a strong financial choice for our members, and the Summer of Sharing is our way of saying thank you to our communities for their faith in us."

Headquartered in Plymouth, membership in Community Financial Credit Union is open to anyone who lives, works, worships, volunteers, or attends school in the Michigan cities, townships or counties of Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi, Alpena, Otsego and Montmorency.

Downtown Northville Streetscape Enhancement Project update

The contractor for the downtown Northville Streetscape Enhancement Project has placed almost all the sidewalk on south Main from Center to Hutton except a small section adjacent to Center Street. A portion of that walk has to be removed due to quality issues and will be replaced early next week.

The contractor is expected to complete the remaining portion of sidewalk just east of Center early next week and then move to south Main west of Center.

The contractor will begin work on the south side of Main Street between Center and Wing street midweek next week. Sidewalk removal and utility construction will take place from midweek thru the end of the week. Traffic control allowing westbound only will be set up midweek on Main from Center to Wing Street.

Temporary pedestrian access will be provided for businesses from Center to Wing. During the placement of sidewalk there will be temporary interruption to business entrances. All businesses will be notified in advance and work will be coordinated to minimize disruption.

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

You are invited to an informal coffee gathering each Monday at 9 a.m. to discuss the upcoming week's progress at Great Harvest Bread Company on E. Main Street.

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Name: Caroline Loder
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Satellite TV has become the new TV carrier - particularly useful if you live in a rural area, where broadcast TV has difficulties delivering a good signal, and cable TV is nowhere to be found. So what is satellite TV, and how does it work?

I suggest we ask an expert. Jim Winegarden owner of DigiComm Electronics, Inc. who's shop is located in South Lyon MI and can answer most of those questions. I say most because there is always that one unexpected question or the technology changed or improved so quickly that the proper answer needs to be researched. Winegarden has been in the business for more than 22 years, he started when a dish was the size of a compact car, C-Band for those of you who remember those days. He prides himself on the knowledge he has accumulated over the years and continues to nurture.

Getting back to the question of how it works, the simple explanation is that all TV systems have three essential components: the broadcast center, where the TV signal is broadcast from; a carrier, that is some way of moving the TV signal from the broadcast center to the receiver; and the receiver - that is your TV.

Winegarden is the man that can get the signal not only to your home but, with today's technology literally right into your hands no matter where you are in the world. DigiComm is an authorized Dish Network retailer. Dish Network now offers 4 great introductory packages for the first 12 months and the price is guaranteed through January 2013.

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Jim Winegarden of DigiComm Electronics, Inc. is ready to assist consumers who want to know more about Dish Network.

area and enjoys reviewing them with his customers making sure they get exactly what's needed. The following four packages are the most popular with Dish customers.

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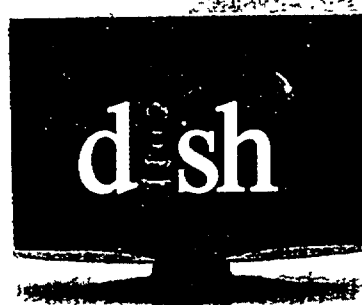
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truly enticing package, with all of America's Top 200 channels, plus National Geographic Channel, Style, DIY, & Versus this package is available for \$49.99 per month. (for 12 months w/ agreement, Reg. \$69.99/mo).

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Passed Over For The Job? How To Ask Why ... And How To Take It

Beth Braccio Hering,
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Let's face it: Getting rejected is an unpleasant experience. But job seekers who can muster the courage to ask the people they interviewed with why they didn't get the offer may reap benefits that can bolster their job search. Here, a few tips to make the exchange more comfortable for all involved.

Act quickly

Don't give the appearance that you've been sitting around brooding. Talk to the appropriate interviewer, recruiter or human resources www.careerbuilder.com representative while your candidacy is still fresh in the person's mind.

"If you decide to ask why you weren't selected, you should do it as soon as you are notified that you were not the winning candidate," says John Scanlan, assistant director www.careerbuilder.com of the career services center at Cleveland State University in Cleveland, Ohio www.careerbuilder.com. "If you do not receive notification, you can call the company a day or so after the date they said they would have a decision and ask them."

Terry Henley, director of compensation www.careerbuilder.com services at Employers Resource Association (a nonprofit www.careerbuilder.com serving small and medium businesses in Ohio www.careerbuilder.com, Kentucky

www.careerbuilder.com and Indiana www.careerbuilder.com, notes that promptly requesting feedback can have advantages. "It signals that there was genuine interest in the position/company, and should the initial hire back out or fail some type of screening, there might be an immediate opportunity for reconsideration of employment." Even if that doesn't happen, the interviewer might be impressed enough by your action to keep your résumé at his fingertips for future reference.

How to ask

Puzzled by what to say? Henley suggests this "nonthreatening, minimally awkward" approach: "While I am disappointed in not being chosen for this position because of (pick one)

- (a) the reputation of your company,
- (b) the obvious challenges and opportunities of the position,
- (c) how well this position fits into my desired career path,
- (d) the opportunity to learn (fill in blank) from a person with the experience of (fill in blank),

I really would appreciate any feedback regarding why I was not selected because that might give me valuable insight into what I need to do to prepare myself better for such an opportunity in the future."

Scanlan recommends thanking the person for the opportunity to be interviewed and talking about the

organization's merits. Then, you can say something like, "I want to be ready for the next opportunity that comes up, whether at your company or somewhere else, so I was wondering if you could tell me why I was not selected?" or "Can you tell me about your decision to hire a different candidate? Did you see something that I might be able to work on for the next opportunity?"

Some interviewers are uncomfortable talking about hiring decisions for fear of litigation. If you sense trepidation, another route to try is asking what you did well, such as what the person liked about your interview, your style or your answers. "It will be easier for the interviewer to talk about these things since they are positive aspects of your presentation. From the responses, you'll learn what behaviors to repeat during other interviews moving forward," Scanlan says.

Dealing with feedback

While asking may seem hard enough, dealing with what comes next can be even more challenging.

"You must prepare yourself to hear some unflattering or difficult things," Scanlan says. "It's important to be open to what the employer has to say and avoid a defensive mindset. Never argue a point with the person. The decision has already been made, so you're not going to change anyone's mind. Also, if you try to dispute what

is said, you may convince the company not to consider you for another opportunity down the road."

According to Henley, those who keep an open mind can receive valuable information. "If the applicants truly want to learn about how they can better themselves, there might be some real 'nuggets' in the feedback. This might help them refocus their training, education www.careerbuilder.com and/or their interviewing skills."

Some things the interviewer might point out include:

- Lack of experience in an area the employer deems crucial
- Insufficient education
- Not showing enough enthusiasm or assertiveness in the interview
- Not asking enough questions about the job or company
- Lack of thorough preparation for the interview

It takes thick skin to handle criticism, and you might feel a little deflated. A successful job seeker, however, doesn't treat the comments as a personal affront. Instead, he considers how to strengthen his candidacy in the future based on these observations and may even reevaluate the types of positions for which he applies. In the end, when a great new job is yours, you'll be glad you had the courage to ask.

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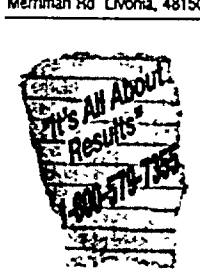
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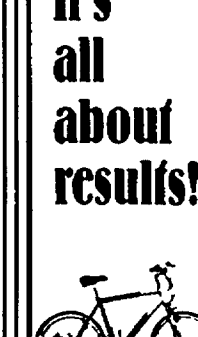
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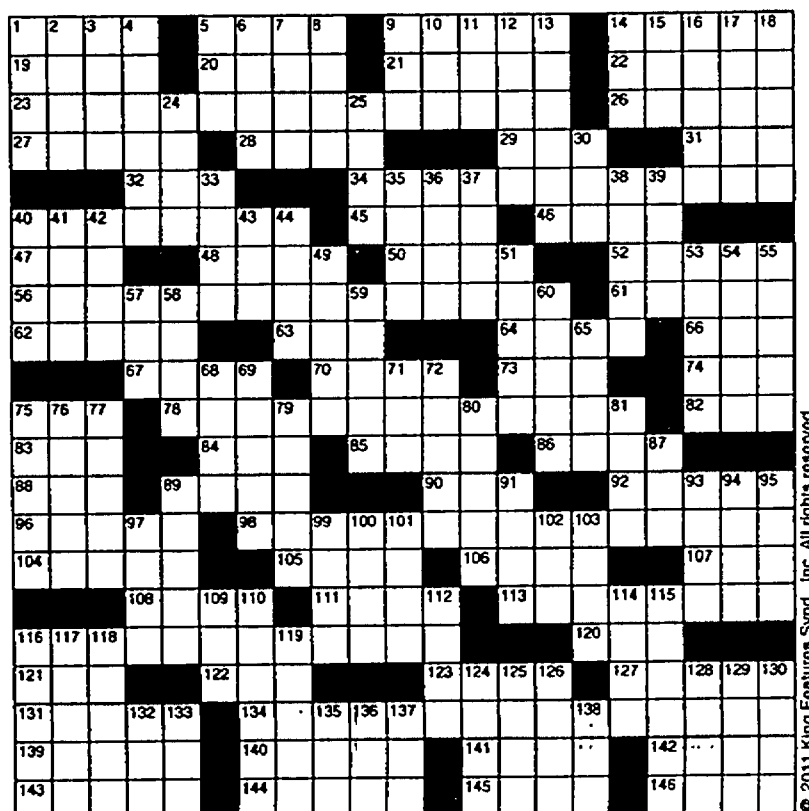
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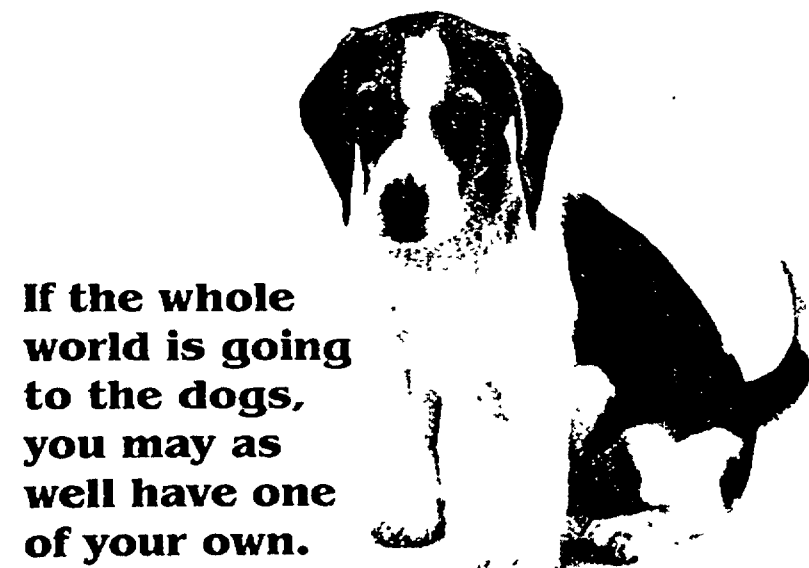
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PRESIDENT OBAMA VISITS THE CHRYSLER TOLEDO ASSEMBLY PLANT

Advertising Feature



By Dale Buss

President Obama's visit to the Toledo, Ohio, manufacturing operations of Chrysler on Friday boosted not only the aura of the automotive company and the Jeep brand that is produced there, but also of the nation's Economist in Chief.

As Sergio Marchionne told Barack Obama about the new Jeep Liberty and showed him the Jeep Wrangler at Chrysler's manufacturing complex there, however, Chrysler may have had as much on the line as Obama.

The third generation of the Liberty model "has to be perfect," Fiat CEO Marchionne said earlier this year, as the Jeep brand tries to regain its place in the middle of the SUV segment on a Fiat-derived platform that makes some brand enthusiasts skeptical. The Toledo "summit" also celebrated the fact that Fiat just announced an agreement to buy the federal government's remaining 6-percent stake in Chrysler, bringing U.S.-taxpayer involvement in the company to an end more quickly than anticipated.

And Marchionne certainly took the chance to tout Chrysler's forward sales momentum and raft of other new products, both recently introduced and yet to come. In May, in fact, Chrysler reported a 10-percent increase in sales over a year earlier, and it sneaked back into the traditional domestic Big Three for the month as Toyota struggled with supply problems. It was the first time

Chrysler had been an actual part of the three top sellers for a month since 2006.

The American company did have some legitimate reasons to crow about its return. Chrysler continued a comeback fueled by new products and effective marketing - and marked its best May results since 2008, before its sales and financial woes led to its bailout by the federal government and Fiat.

Chrysler retail sales were up 27 percent in May over a year earlier. Chrysler executives noted that the company's all-new or significantly refreshed 2011 models are driving monthly sales gains, including the Chrysler 200, the Dodge Durango, the Jeep Grand Cherokee and Jeep Compass, and the 2012 Fiat 500. Chrysler 200 sales were up 154 percent in May over the Sebring that it replaced. All Jeep-brand models posted year-over-year sales gains in May, led by the Grand Cherokee's 192 percent, and Compass with 92 percent.

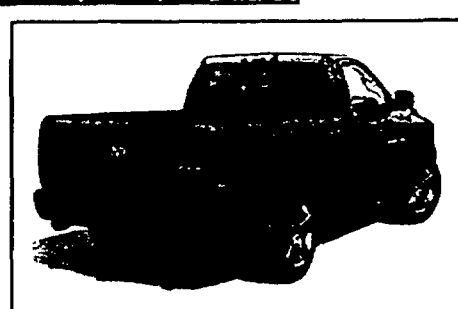
Dodge brand sales were down 5 percent in May compared with a year earlier, possibly restrained by concerns about fuel economy for its performance-oriented models. Sales of Avenger, Charger and Challenger sporty sedans all fell by double-digit percentages, although the new Durango SUV posted more than 4,000 sales in an indication of a revival of the once-moribund nameplate.



President Obama visits the Toledo North assembly complex where Jeep Wranglers are built.



The Liberty, built at Toledo, is part of a Jeep brand driving Chrysler's recovery.



Ram is building sales momentum behind its new 1500 Express model.

The Chrysler brand didn't offer much good news to Chrysler, either, with Town & Country minivan sales off a remarkable 50 percent even though minivans are relatively good fuel-efficiency performers for their size. Sales of 300 were down by 28 percent as the brand awaits the new model. Fiat sold 1,789 500 models through a selected group of Chrysler dealers as the model just started to work its way onto American shores.

But the reason Chrysler could take advantage of the opportunity to unseat Toyota in the top three OEMs, temporarily at least, was robust truck sales. Ram-brand sales were up 13 percent for the month even while GM and Ford reported pickup-sales declines.

It was Ram's 13th consecutive month of year-over-year sales gains.

"Regardless of gas prices," said Jessica Caldwell, head of U.S. industry analysis for Edmunds.com, "Chrysler continues to sell with a high penetration of trucks in the market - about 70 percent of its sales in May" were trucks and SUVs.

"It has a lot to do with all the new models they've introduced into the marketplace," said Fred Diaz, CEO of the Ram brand. He said that Ram is marketing "not only the great capabilities of our trucks but also that you get all of that outstanding capacity and a V-8 engine that still gives you 20mpg with the cylinder-deactivation feature. It's a big push that we're undertaking as the Ram truck brand."

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