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SHARI ALLEN

Proceeds from the sale of brick pavers will help fund training exercises like this one for the Explorer Post 1717.

BUY A BRICK: Help pave the Explorers' future

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

Purchase a piece of downtown Northville and help Explorer Post 1717 by getting some good, usable pavers.

This summer, the Explorers of the Northville City Fire Department are working with the city of Northville to sell downtown brick pavers that are being removed from sidewalks as the city continues its work on the new streetscape project. These bricks have been removed from the Center Street area.

According to Explorer Post adviser Shari Allen, the city

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Matt Zmuda and Kevin Miller stack pavers which can be purchased to help fund the Explorers.

Lights out for project

High costs
cancel sub's
lighting plan

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

The Brookstone Village subdivision street lighting project has been canceled by Northville Township due to higher than expected costs.

"We were informed by DTE Energy that they had erred in their original price quoted to the township in July of 2010 and had not included all of the materials required for the project," said Don Weaver, Northville Township's director of Public Services. "As a result, they have increased their price by double the amount of the original quote."

The original quoted project price was nearly \$30,000, but the adjusted price has been increased to almost \$60,000. Weaver said this is a significant change from the amount that was identified to solicit support for the petition to create the district.

"We do not believe the support for this project is truly represented on the present petition," Weaver said of the cancellation.

A special assessment district had been set up for the neighborhood, located off of Six Mile Road, for installing 18 new street lights. After 50 percent of the neighborhood area gave their approval, the SAD was established.

At the last township board of trustees meeting, one Brookstone neighborhood resident did voice her concerns. Shirley Clarke said she thought the num-

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Tony Bennett
sweepstakes

Our website, HometownLife.com, just started a new contest for Tony Bennett tickets at the Fox Theatre. Two lucky winners will get a pair of tickets to the Aug. 24 show. Our Facebook followers can enter once a day and invite their friends to enter the contest for extra entries. Every time a person you invite enters, you get another chance to win! Just go to HometownLife.com and click on the photo of Tony Bennett in our Don't Miss module to enter (it is located on the right side of our homepage.) The deadline to enter is midnight, Thursday, Aug. 18.

Deadline fast approaching for DDA business grants

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

The City of Northville's Business Assistance Program is now entering its sixth cycle and the Downtown Development Authority expects interest from businesses to be even greater this time around with potentially bigger improvement projects.

Lori Ward, DDA director, said during their last meeting it appears more businesses will be taking advantage of the pro-

gram. The DDA has made funding available to downtown businesses through either the technical assistance grant or commercial improvement grant. These can be used to renovate the façade of the building the business is located in or improve its technical capabilities.

"There has been a lot of interest leading up to this next cycle. And it looks like there are some potentially good and big projects," Ward said.

She said the downtown property owners and tenants interested in using the grants have been putting some work into their plans prior to the day applications were made available on

July 18. Applicants have until Aug. 22 to complete and hand the application in.

The last time around there were six projects approved for funding. Since its inception in 2007 the DDA-run program has given out more than \$142,000 in funding for commercial improvements and \$5,000 for technical assistance.

The goal of the program is to encourage economic investment within downtown, Ward said. The DDA believes that by providing incentives to spur revitalization and reinvestment in structures in the district, a more attractive downtown will be created.

The technical grant provides

a 50-50 match for those businesses wanting to develop a marketing plan, use new window display techniques or make architectural design changes. The commercial improvement grant is meant to fund physical improvements to the front and rear façades.

According to Ward, the grants are set up as matching ones, in which the business or building owner will spend \$1 and the DDA will match it with \$1 up to half of the project expenditure. Either the business or property owner can apply; however, the property owner must give consent.

Interested businesses should contact the DDA at (248) 349-0345.



Lori Ward



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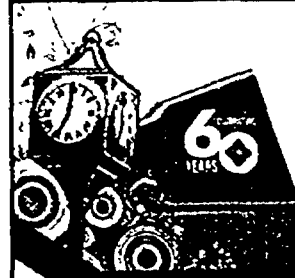
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Author visits during Second Annual Community Reads

Once every few years a novel comes along that touches readers so deeply that it changes the way they look at their own lives. This year's Community Reads book selection from The Neighborhood

Library Association (NLA) is one such novel – The Art of Racing in the Rain by award-winning author and documentary film-maker Garth Stein.

The goal of the NLA's Community Reads is to

bring community members together to read and discuss the same book, and attend related events and presentations. The NLA is comprised of Lyon Township Public Library, Northville District Library, Novi Public Library, Salem-South Lyon District Library and Wixom Public Library. Copies of the book are now available for checkout at each library. Programs to be hosted include a Pet Adoption Expo, Pet Psychic, and World of Drag Racing. Events kick off Sept. 22 and will culminate with a visit from Stein on Nov. 10. The Art of Racing in the

Rain is a heart-wrenching love story and moving tale of redemption, narrated in the opinionated and insightful voice of an extraordinary dog, Enzo. He provides a captivating look at the wonders and absurdities of human life as he tells his tale about his friendship with his best friend and owner, Denny, an aspiring race car driver.

"The Art of Racing in the Rain has everything: love, tragedy, redemption, danger, and – best of all – the canine narrator Enzo. This old soul of a dog has much to teach us about being human. I loved this book,"

EVENTS

Community Reads events include the following.

- Pet Psychic on Sept. 22; Session 1 at 5 p.m. and Session 2 at 6:15 p.m. at Wixom Public Library
- Are Pets Like People: Animal Behavior on Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. at Northville District Library
- Pet First Aid and Healthcare on Oct. 20 at 6:30 p.m. at Lyon Township Public Library
- Pet Adoption Expo: Pet Adoption 101 from noon-1 p.m. and Pet Adoption Drive from 1-5 p.m. on Oct. 22 at Salem-South Lyon District Library
- Pedal to the Medal: The World of Drag Racing on Nov. 3 at 7 pm at Novi Public Library.

Registration may be required at these events. Contact each library for details. To learn more about the book and for a schedule of Community Reads events, dates and times, please visit: <http://mynla.info>.

said Sara Gruen, author of Water for Elephants.

Stein will be available for a "Meet the Author" event at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10 at Novi Public Library. Please contact the library to register at (248) 349-0720. Book discussions


are scheduled at each library in September and October. A list of the dates and times for all events, including book discussions for adults and children can be found on mynla.info. Contact the individual library to register.

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ber of fixtures would be "excessive" for their small area of two streets, which are Abby Circle and Bexley Way. She also thought the petition should include the exact financials,

which it didn't.

At the time, Weaver said the exact costs are rarely known when SAD petitions are being circulated. The idea was brought to the township by a neighborhood group, he added.

Northville Township is now suggesting a meeting be held with the

Brookstone homeowners' association representatives and DTE Energy

to re-evaluate the project, and determine if an acceptable scope can be developed. One possibility could be reducing the total number of light fixtures, Weaver said.

A public hearing planned for Aug. 18 on

the necessity of the project has been canceled.

If neighborhood support is given to another option then the township would again conduct a public informational meeting prior to preparing another petition. This would be re-circulated to see if over half the area still wants it.

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Parmenter's seeks wine-tasting service

Cider Mill needs council approval first

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

Parmenter's Northville Cider Mill is hoping to expand operations but first must get approval from city council and try to assure nearby residents the plan will not adversely change the setting of the area off Baseline Road.

Owners Robert and Carina Nelson have made a request with the City of Northville to add a location for the purposes of wine tasting as well as three outdoor service areas. Ownership of the Cider Mill was transferred from Robert Nelson's parents over to him and his wife in 2009. Their aim is to be a full-service wine tasting bar serving wine made on the premises.

One neighbor who lives in a condominium, Steve Barth, said he loves the cider mill and looks forward to the smells it

brings in the fall. However, he also said he "is not a fan of this idea." He does not think the neighborhood is the right place for this style of plan.

Moreover, he thinks it will negatively impact the surrounding neighborhood.

"Alcohol changes everything," he said.

Robert Nelson answered Barth by saying the location has been a winery for 30 years and there has never been any negative issues or complaints. He said this would primarily be a way for them to accommodate special events.

Northville City Police Chief Gary Goss went before the city's Liquor License Review Committee Monday evening to announce the request and give its details.

He said Parmenter's is requesting to set up outdoor service areas — one would be located adjacent to the 630 Baseline



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Parmenter's Northville Cider Mill is looking to expand its operation at its Baseline Road location by offering wine tastings and adding to one of the buildings.

line Road address, which is the primary tasting room, and another would be at the 714 address. Both of these are located on the Northville Cider Mill property. Goss said a third outdoor service area would be located on the north lawn of

the property adjacent to Baseline, in between the other two.

The Nelsons are planning to have a limited food menu, which would allow patrons to sample wine or purchase it by the glass. Bottled wine would also be available for consumption off-premises.

Additionally, Goss said their plan is to provide acoustic music entertainment. They have requested an entertainment permit; however, Goss said it is not necessary for the type of entertainment listed in the plan of operation.

The LLRC has tabled the request so that it can be reviewed by the planning commission and zoning board of appeals. Once that is completed, another recommendation will be made to the LLRC and city council.

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Visitors to the Northville District Library watch as Mark Rosenthal begins his July 19 "Animal Magic" presentation. The visit, part of the library's summer reading program entertainment, included spiders, snakes and a very large owl.

Mark Rosenthal displays a large tarantula at the Northville District Library during his July 19 visit.



SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE UPDATES

Auditions for "Dracula"

The Schoolcraft College Theatre Department's fall production is "Dracula", by Hamilton Deane and John L. Balderston. Auditions will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 6-7 in the Liberal Arts Theatre on the college's main campus in Livonia, Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads. No previous theatre experience is required and the auditions are open to all students, faculty, staff, and the general public. The performances of "Dracula" will be on Friday and Saturday evenings, Oct. 28-29, and Nov. 4-5 and 11-12.

For more information about the auditions contact the Theatre Department at (734) 462-4400 ext. 5270.

Pageturners hosts "North by Northwest" as part of summer Classic Movie Series

Pageturners, Schoolcraft College's book discussion group, will present "North by Northwest" at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17 at the McDowell Center on the college's main campus in Livonia.

In this classic thriller from 1959, directed by Alfred Hitchcock, Cary Grant plays Roger Thornhill, a hapless New York advertising executive who is mistaken for a government agent by a group of foreign spies. He gets involved in a series of misadventures and is pursued across the country by both the spies and the government while being helped by a beautiful blonde (Eva Marie Saint).

For more information on these or any other Pageturners' events visit <http://sites.google.com/site/scpageturners>.

Free math workshops offered in August

The Learning Assistance Center at Schoolcraft College is offering three math preparation/refresher workshops in Aug. The workshops are free and open to anyone planning on taking a college-level math course at Schoolcraft College or any college or university.

Jump Start 1000, which will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18 and Tuesday, Aug. 23, is created for those entering Math 045* (Schoolcraft course) or similar proficiency level college course. Participants will benefit from a math study skills inventory and a review of the four fundamental operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) of whole numbers.

Jump Start 2000, which will be held

from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 22 and Thursday, Aug. 25, is created for those entering Math 047, 101 or 111* (Schoolcraft course) or similar proficiency level college course. Participants will benefit from a math study skills inventory and a review of fractions, decimal, percents, and order of operations.

Jump Start 3000, which will be held from 1-3:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 22 and Thursday, Aug. 25, is created for those entering Math 053 or 105* (Schoolcraft course) or similar proficiency level college course. Participants will benefit from a math study skills inventory and a review of basic integer operations, order of operations, expressions, and equation solving.

"We want to give math students all of the tools they need to be successful in their college courses," said Terri Lamb, mathematics learning specialist at Schoolcraft College. "For some students these workshops can serve as a timely refresher for the skills and knowledge they need just before the start of the fall semester. For other students, the Jump Start sessions will provide an extra boost of confidence walking into their next math class."

The Jump Start sessions are free and open to anyone, however registration is necessary. For more information or to register call 734-462-4436. Space is limited. The workshops will be held on the college's main campus in Livonia, Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile Roads. Jump Start is made possible through a grant from the Schoolcraft College Foundation.

New event planner certification program coming this fall

Schoolcraft College's Continuing Education and Professional Development department is launching a new Event Planning certification program this fall. The program is a 54-hour course of study designed to teach students the fundamentals of being an event planner. This program is designed to meet the needs of a variety of individuals including those interested in wedding planning, corporate events, non-profit event planning, trade show organizing and more. The first six-week session, Introduction to Event Planning, begins Tuesday, Sept. 27.

Schoolcraft College is a public two-year college, offering classes at the Livonia campus, Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads; at the Radcliff Center in Garden City; and at www.schoolcraft.edu.

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The Schoolcraft College Foundation presents its annual Culinary Extravaganza, a premier food and wine event that highlights the culinary talent of metro area restaurants, pastry shops and beverage vendors.

This year's event, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25, marks two special anniversaries — the 20th anniversary of the food and wine event and the college's 50th.

The extravaganza allows guests to sample a variety of fine food, wine, beverages and desserts in one afternoon, while at the same time support student scholarships. Proceeds from the event provide scholarships and grants for students. Individual tickets are \$50 each and available at the college or online.

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College.

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arships and our culinary arts program. Your support for one afternoon can change many lives," added Mayer, vice president and branch manager of Bank of Ann Arbor's

Plymouth Township office.

This year's event will feature more than 50 food, wine and dessert stations, a silent auction and raffle, along with a wine-tasting seminar and wholesome healthy foods demonstration by master chef Jeff Gabriel.

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In addition to food, attendees can bid on a variety of gifts cards and baskets, including a VIP wine-tasting at Chateau Chantal, a weekend stay

at the Townsend Hotel in downtown Birmingham or sports and entertainment packages.

Highlight of this year's raffle is a Hearts on Fire Diamond necklace from Orin Jewelers in Garden City and Northville valued at \$3,400. Other raffle prizes include \$500 cash, \$250 cash (two winners) and dinner for two at the American Harvest Restaurant at Schoolcraft (three winners).

Raffle tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10. In addition, each ticket has value even if you don't win a prize. Patrons can redeem the ticket for discounts at the American Harvest, Steve & Rocky's in Novi and the Ironwood Grill in Plymouth. Raffle tickets are available at the college.

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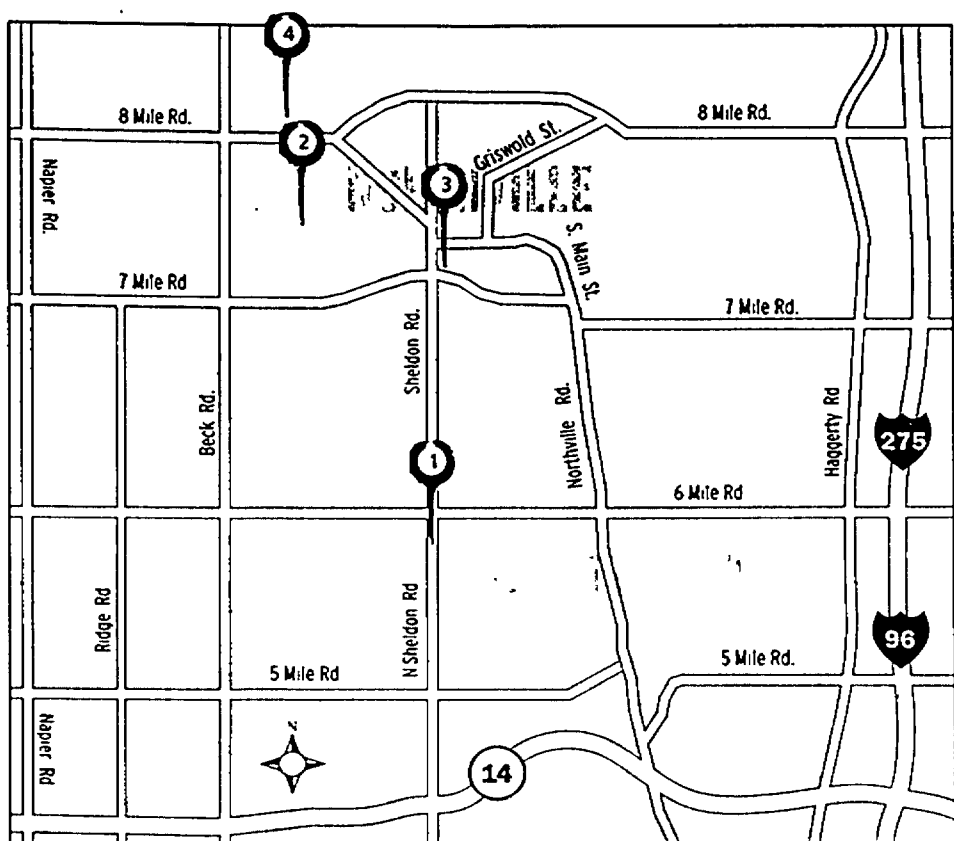
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NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

Operating while in the presence of drugs

1 A 46-year-old Westland man is arrested after Northville Township police found him passed out and slumped over in his car, which was still in the roadway.

On July 30, township police were dispatched to Aspen Ridge Drive and Sheldon Road on the report of a passed out man in a car. The engine was still running, but it was in park. The police found the man non-responsive and covered in sweat.

The man repeatedly passed back out each time the police awoke him. He was also combative and had to be secured on a gurney. A search of the man turned up a small bag containing a used glass crack stem, large syringe with no needle and a small brown glass bottle with an unknown liquid in it. The liquid reportedly emitted a

strong medicinal odor.

Larceny from a vehicle

2 A Northville woman reported to police that \$100 was taken from her van while it was parked outside her home on Clement Road.

The woman's husband said on July 28 he noticed the interior light on in the van, so he looked outside and saw an unknown suspect running from the van. The cash was taken from the unlocked van's center console.

There is no description of the suspect.

Stolen jockey statue

3 Sometime between the dates of July 24 through the 27th a jockey statue was stolen from Northville Downs.

The jockey ornament was located near the west side of the lower grandstand. It weighs 150 pounds and stands 3 feet. There are no suspects at this time.

Solicitor — no permit or license

4 A 22-year-old Utah man was arrested for trying to collect donations without a permit.

Northville city police were dispatched to the Coldspring Drive neighborhood on the report of a man going door to door seeking money. The police found him at a home on Coldspring. The Salt Lake City resident said he was collecting donations that would be going toward care packages for soldiers.

The man showed an identification that stated he was working for United Freedom Sales. However, the man said he did not have the proper permit or license for such activity in the City of Northville.

He was arrested and later released on a personal bond of \$100.

Compiled by correspondent
Lonnie Huhman

Simple tips can help avoid thefts from autos

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

Larceny from an automobile is a very common crime in the Northville community, if not almost everywhere. But it's one that can be lessened if people would follow some simple preventive measures.

During these summer months it's common to leave the window down a bit or leave the car doors unlocked if it's just parked outside the home. It's about an opportunity, and criminals seize it, literally.

Both of these are potential targets for a crime that can leave the auto owner pretty upset when he or she realizes that missing is a pricey item, like a GPS. Earlier in July, there were two larcenies from autos in Northville Township in which the suspects nabbed Garmin GPS devices. Both happened because the car was unlocked.

"That's the first thing you should do, no matter what," said Officer Michael Burrough. "Surprisingly, this is how many larcenies start -- with an unlocked door."

Another recent case in Northville involved a woman having her purse taken from her car while it was parked at Ford Field, and the likely reason was because the windows were cracked for ventilation. Understandably, but now her purse is gone.

According to Michigan State Police statistics, in 2010 there were 106 incidents of theft from an auto in Northville Township. This was the highest total in the category of crimes against property; retail

fraud was second with 102 incidents. In the City of Northville, there were 25 incidents of this kind making it the second most common crime against property for last year.

Burrough is the community liaison officer for the Northville Township Police. One aspect of his job is to give the community tips on how to protect themselves from various criminal acts. His list of tips for reducing the risk of being a victim of auto theft is simple, almost to the point of being obvious.

However, many people still don't think of these tips. Here are the tips from Burrough that sound easy enough, but still require a little work:

- Lock your car doors.
- Never leave anything in plain view inside the passenger compartment (such as shopping packages, CDs, purses, cell phones, GPS devices, etc.)
- Place valuables in the trunk while you are away from the vehicle.
- Report all suspicious activity, including unexplained noises.
- Park in well-lit areas.
- Utilize store security or management to walk you to your car. "This puts additional eyes and ears in the parking lot to prevent criminal behavior," Burrough says.

There is no unusual uptick in these crimes in Northville because actually in 2009 there were over 130 such incidents in Northville Township. So the number went down a bit. However, this crime does have a consistency that should make vehicle owners more aware.

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St. Mary Mercy tops off major expansion project

Cheers and applause erupted as a crane hoisted the 27-foot, 500 pound steel beam on Aug. 3 marking St. Mary Mercy Hospital's new \$89 million addition at the Livonia medical complex at Five Mile and Levan roads.

A crowd of more than 200 employees, hospital officials, local leaders, area residents and hospital friends cheered as the beam was hoisted atop the steel structure by Granger Construction.

A light rain started to fall as the Rev. Luke Iwuj, hospital chaplain, blessed the beam. "I don't think we will need any more water," quipped Iwuj as he quickly sprinkled some holy water on the beam just before workers hooked it to the crane.

Some 700 people — hospital employees, physicians, volunteers and guests — had signed the beam over the last four days to leave their mark in history.

Major project

The expansion, 154,000 square feet, is the largest construction project in size and investment in the hospital's history and one of the largest in the city of Livonia's history.

The new building on the hospital's southwest side of campus will include a state-of-the-art Emergency Department with 14 Senior ER rooms (specific to seniors ages 65 and older and doubling its current size) and two floors of all-private patient rooms, boasting the latest technology.

St. Mary Mercy President and CEO David Spivey described the project as "building a new hospital from the inside out," also the



Celebrating the expansion and future of St. Mary Mercy at the Wednesday event were Donna Hammar of Hearts of Livonia; Tom Celani, president of Hearts of Livonia; Sister Mary Modesta Piwowar, former president and CEO of St. Mary Hospital; Carol Cassie, co-chair of the Generations Together Philanthropy Campaign and a member of the development committee at St. Mary Mercy Hospital; Sister Mary Renetta Rumpz, former president and CEO of St. Mary Hospital; David Spivey, St. Mary Mercy President and CEO; David Parr, former chairman of the board of St. Mary Mercy and St. Joseph Health System; Norm Nickin, of Hearts of Livonia; Jack Kirksey, Livonia mayor and Louis Hallal, MD, St. Mary Mercy Chief of Staff.

theme of Wednesday's event because the project will renovate current semi-private inpatient rooms at the north end of campus to private rooms.

Guests listened as Sister Mary Renetta Rumpz, former president of St. Mary Hospital and a member of the St. Joseph Mercy Health System Board, traced the hospital's long history of service to the community and the transformation of services over the last 52 years.

Special guest Tom Celani, president of Heart of Livonia and co-chair of the philanthropy campaign for the new building, presented a check for \$50,000 — the first installment of a \$200,000 gift — for the hospital's "Generations Together" Fund Campaign. Celani's father, Ben, was a founder of the nonprofit Hearts of Livonia which raises money for local charities.

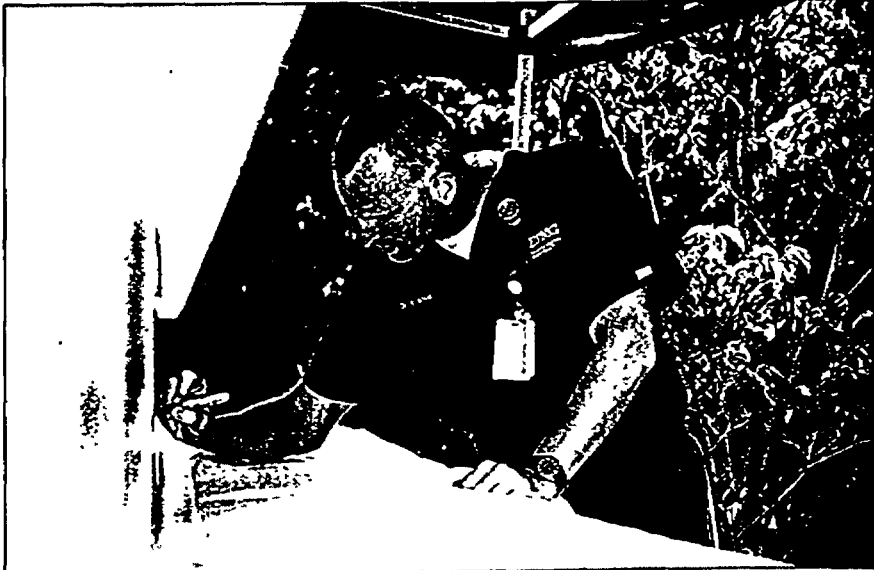
The three-story South

Pavilion is expected to open no later than early October 2012. The north-end renovation of current inpatient rooms should take another 18 months after that, according to hospital officials.

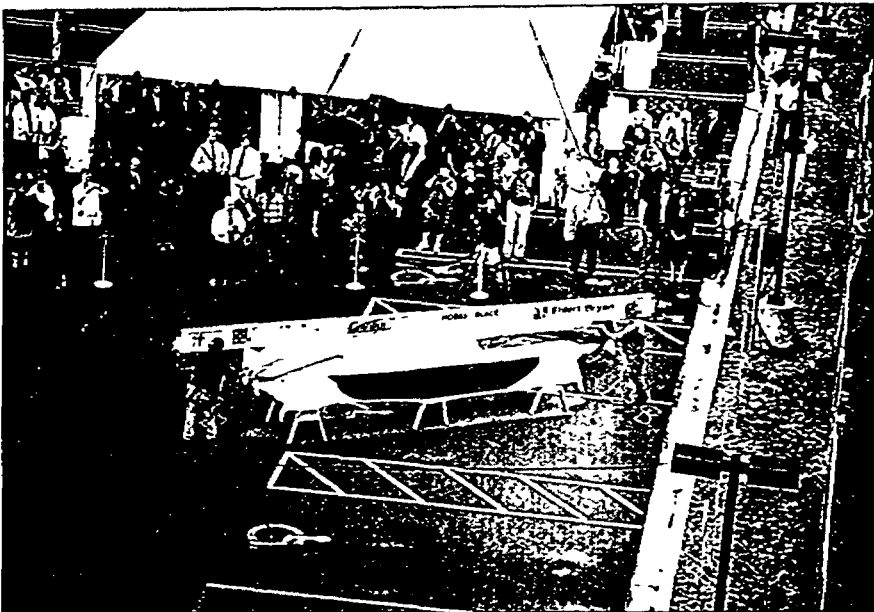
"This new design will not only promote patient and family-centered care, but will also address present-day needs and technology trends of the future," said Jennifer Kennedy, director of marketing and public relations at St. Mary Mercy. "This will allow us to better serve the body, mind and spirit of our patients, enhancing the patient care experience."

Expansion highlights

The first floor will be a 45,000-square-foot Emergency Center consisting of 55 treatment rooms, more than doubling the space of the current EC.



Emergency Medicine Program Director Bruce St. Amour, DO, Graduate Medical Education, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, signs the beam. Nearly 700 names of employees, physicians, volunteers and community partners adorned the beam.



The crowd watches as workers from Granger Construction attach the beam to the crane.

Also include are:

- Two triage rooms for initial assessment
- Four trauma bays for care of the critically ill or injured
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- Six fast track bays for care of minor injuries
- Fourteen general treatment rooms
- Seven behavioral medicine treatment rooms

- Two radiology rooms and a CT scanner
 - A spacious visitor waiting area
 - A meditation room.
- The first floor will also contain classrooms for the hospital's Graduate Medical Education program.

The second and third floors of the new addition will include spacious private medical, surgical inpatient rooms. Each floor is 33,000 square feet.

The north-end portion

of the project — current inpatient rooms on the third, fourth and fifth floors — will be redesigned and renovated into private rooms.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital, a 304-bed acute-care hospital, is part of the Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, a newly expanded health care organization serving southeast Michigan and a member of TrinityHealth, the nation's fourth largest Catholic health care organization.

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DUNNABECK, LILLIAN ELIZABETH

Age 91, a longtime resident of Northville, former resident of Naples, Florida, passed away on August 5, 2011 in Jacksonville, Florida. Born in Hamtramck, Michigan on August 24, 1919 to Daniel L. and Lousia H. (Bowers) Minock. Lillian grew up in Hamtramck and Holly, Michigan, where she learned to garden, swim, and fish. She graduated from Girls' Catholic Central High School in Detroit in 1938, graduated with her R.N. from Mercy School of Nursing in Detroit in 1941, then continued specialized training at Mt. Carmel Mercy Hospital in Detroit, graduating in the first class of their Nurse Anesthetist program as a CRNA. Lillian worked as a nurse anesthetist for over 25 years in several southeast Michigan hospitals, among them Mt. Carmel and Mt. Sinai in Detroit, St. Mary's in Livonia, and the Michigan Psychiatric Hospital in Northville. In the early 1970s Lillian began to concentrate on geriatric nursing. She was appointed the first Nursing Director of Burcham Hills Retirement Home in East Lansing. Lillian is survived by her husband Joseph F. Dunnabeck, Sr., whom she married on November 7, 1975; her daughters, Lillian (Michael Mroz) Krezel, Diane (Sidney) Spoehr, and Barbara (Kevin) McCarthy; her step-children, Joseph (Karen) Dunnabeck, Jr., Mary Jo (John) Hooker, and Nancy White, 16 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren; and 1 great-great grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents, 3 sisters, 2 brothers, her stepson Thomas Dunnabeck, and her granddaughter Kris Hooker. A funeral mass was held last Wednesday at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Northville. She was laid to rest at St. Thomas Cemetery in Ann Arbor. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Community Hospice Foundation, 4266 Sunbeam Road, Jacksonville, FL 32257 or to St. Paul of the Cross, 23333 Schoolcraft, Detroit, MI 48223. Arrangements by Casterline Funeral Home.

GILLAN, WILLIAM

Age 86, passed away August 1, 2011. He was born on March 15, 1925, to the late John and Charlotte (Balmor) Gillan. William is survived by his beloved wife of 56 years Ellen, his daughter Margaret (David) Dush, and his siblings John, Janet, Charlotte Gillan. He was preceded in death by his brother James and sister Jemina. Visitation was held on Aug. 3, Wednesday. A funeral service was held on Aug. 4, Thursday, at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

HINMAN, CHARLES J.

of Milford, August 5, 2011. A Memorial Service and Military Honors will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home Milford, on Friday, August 12, at 1PM. Memorials may be made in his name to the Alzheimer's Association or to Christ Lutheran Church, Milford. For further information please phone 248-684-6645

HOARD, GARY R.

Age 71, passed away July 29, 2011. He was born on January 1, 1940, in South Lyon, son of the late Clarence and Doris Hoard. Gary was a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather and was known for his great sense of humor. He loved golfing, hunting and fishing with family and friends. The most important thing in his life was his family and his beloved late wife Norma. He is survived by his children: Shan (Timothy) Falk, Kristine Ballard and Cindy (Jeff) Ballard. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Forrest, Frank and Keegan, and two brothers and one sister. He was preceded in death by his wife Norma in 2007. Visitation was held on Thursday, August 4, from 3pm-8pm. A funeral service was held on Friday, August 5, at 10am at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook at: www.phillipsfuneral.com

KIELIAN, STEPHEN J.

Age 91 of Milford and Southfield, died at home, 8/5/2011. Funeral mass was held, St. Mary's Church, 8/9/2011. For further info please call Lynch & Sons, 248-684-6645

KREBAUM, BARBARA ELIZABETH

Died August 2, 2011 at age 86. Formerly of Detroit and South Lyon, MI, recently a resident at Masonic Pathways in Alma, MI. Barb was preceded in death by her dear husband of 62 years, William J. Krebaum. Barb is survived by her loving children, Katherine Hattner of Mill Valley, CA, Louise (Ronald) Hoge of South Lyon, and William B. Krebaum of Ann Arbor; grandchildren: Marika Hattner of Mill Valley, CA, Thomas Hoge of Chicago, Brian (Gina) Hoge of Grand Rapids, and Kari Hattner (Julian Mehlfeld) of Redwood City, CA; and great-grandson: Max Hoge. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. A family gathering will be planned at a later date. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. On-line guestbook at: phillipsfuneral.com.

MCINTOSH-SEARS, FRANCES I.

Age 81, passed away, July 30, 2011. She was born on October 13, 1929 in Detroit, daughter of the late Peter and Olivia Wootton. She was a retired service representative for Michigan Bell Telephone Co. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in South Lyon and the South Lyon VFW post 2502 Ladies Auxiliary. She is survived by her daughters: Mary (Rodney) Lincoln and Sandra (Bradley) Mullins, one brother, Joseph Wootton, nine grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husbands: Clifton McIntosh and Russell Sears; one son, John McIntosh and one sister, Mary Katbeck. Graveside service was held in Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook at: www.phillipsfuneral.com

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Madelyn Osgood, 8, gets the necklace she's just crafted tied around her neck by Ward Presbyterian Church camp counselor Lynn Bartkowiak during their July 15 vacation bible camp.



Jason Thayer, 4, works on an art project at Northville Township's Ward Presbyterian Church on July 15. The church has had a number of summer vacation bible camps and Thayer was part of their "Science Detective Camp" program.

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Northville, MI 48167
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Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
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Youth at 6:30 p.m.
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The new Main Street Bank at 126 W. Main Street in downtown Northville specializes in residential loans.

New Main Street Bank will specialize in home mortgages

Bingham Farms-based Main Street Bank (www.mainstreetbankmi.com) announced the opening of its third location in July, a residential loan center in downtown Northville at 126 W. Main Street. Jeffrey I. Kopelman, president and CEO of Main Street Bank, made the announcement.

The office, with four loan officers and support staff, will join Main Street's other two locations in Bingham Farms and Clinton Township. Main Street Bank offers a variety of home financing products including FHA- and VA-loans.

"Our new Northville branch specializes in all aspects of home mortgages, from working with first time purchasers to existing homeowners looking to refinance," said Kopelman.

"Our mortgage experts work closely with local real estate agents, attorneys, sellers, appraisers, and inspectors ... all of the key players integral to the home buying process. Our reputation for service, educating clients and advising them throughout the entire transaction - and beyond - means that we're the lender of choice for

countless real estate professionals in metro Detroit," he said.

Founded in 2005, Main Street Bank, with current assets totaling more than \$85 million and more than 60 employees, serves small- to medium-sized business and individual accounts with an emphasis on personalized service, a broad spectrum of products, and operating standards that emphasize and support the region. Its headquarters and customer banking office are located at 31780 Telegraph Road, north of 13 Mile, in Bingham Farms.

NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

St. Mary Mercy Hospital receives accreditation

St. Mary Mercy Hospital's cancer program has again been awarded the honor of accreditation with commendation from the Commission on Cancer (CoC) of the American College of Surgeons (ACoS). Located in Livonia, St. Mary Mercy is the only hospital in western Wayne County with this significant distinction.

Accreditation of a cancer center is granted only to those facilities that have voluntarily committed to providing the highest level of quality cancer care and that undergo a rigorous evaluation process and review of their performance. To maintain accreditation, facilities with CoC-accredited cancer programs must undergo an on-site review every three years.

"Our accreditation by the CoC is a way for our patients and our referring doctors to know without any doubt that St. Mary Mercy is committed to providing outstanding cancer care," said Walter M. Sahijdak, MD, medical director of Radiation Oncology and 2010 Cancer Committee chairman at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. "The physicians and the staff here are extremely proud to have earned this recognition."

The American Cancer Society estimates more than 1.5 million cases of cancer will be diagnosed in 2011. Only 25 percent of U.S. hospitals with a cancer program are accredited, and more than 71 percent of patients who are newly diagnosed with cancer are treated in these facilities.

Receiving care at a CoC-accredited cancer program ensures that a patient will have access to:

- Comprehensive care, including a range of state-of-the-art services and equipment
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 - Information about ongoing clinical trials and new treatment options
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 - A cancer registry that collects data on type and stage of cancers and treatment results and offers lifelong patient follow-up
 - Ongoing monitoring and improvement of care
 - Quality of care close to home
- St. Mary Mercy Hospital is a 304-bed hospital providing acute-care medical and health services to the community by board-certified doctors and registered nurses. For more information, visit www.stmarymercy.org.

OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

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

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

[oakgov.com/peds/calendar](http://www.oakgov.com/peds/calendar) or call (248) 858-0783.

Fundamentals of starting a business

This seminar is for anyone thinking about going into business. This course helps aspiring entrepreneurs assess their abilities to lead and manage a company as well as evaluate market and sales potential for their products. The basics of business ownership are introduced, along with resources available to help launch new ventures in Michigan. Thursday, Aug. 11, 6-9 p.m. Fee: \$30.

Professional advancement is all about lifting up, not pushing down

By Lee Meadows
Guest Columnist

It is no secret that a great deal of corporate success hinges on the nature of the relationship between managers and employees. Managers serve a primary role of coordinating the flow of work and directing employee activities toward measurable outcomes. In that capacity, they are authorized through their organizational position to achieve goals using the best resources at their disposal. But, there is an even greater responsibility for the appropriate use of that authority.

Last week, I spent some time listening to a colleague as she worked through the shock of being on the receiving end of the well-known and often-practiced 'it is four o'clock on Friday and do you know who we're letting go?' Between the anger, tears and vile threats, what was particularly interesting was the context in which it occurred. She had spent exactly 88 days working in a company recognized as one of the best to work for in Michigan, having brought excellent credentials and a good work history to what should have been a match made in heaven. There were a number of questions I asked as a way of helping her deeply probe what went wrong, but it also triggered a series of observations I'd made in recent months that had to do with a reporting relationship gone awry and the mishaps brought on by a slanted understanding of authority.

Yelling at and berating an employee in front of others violates the most basic of human dignity and a common form of abuse.

It is increasingly difficult to find closed space given our cubed work environments, but a competent manager strives to keep the ups and downs of a work relationship by seeking places where privacy can be maintained. The

issue is between you and your employee and not the rest of the cubicle. The line that separates a demanding manager from an abusive one is as clear as the voice being heard down the hall.

Unstated expectations are a catalyst for confusion and wasted time on activities that may provide comfort to the employee, but bring little value to the organization. Managers are expected to be clear about what they want and how it ties into what the organization is trying to accomplish. Many an employee has been left to wander the organizational corridors with little direction as to what is important. The result is typically high turnover within the 30-90 day timeframe.

Insecurity brought on by a comparison of skills, knowledge, credentials and work habits is often the fuel that ignites an unhealthy working relationship. Managers are expected to draw out and build upon the talents that individuals bring to their positions. We go to work with the hope of using our skills and with the belief that we can help and be helped by an insightful manager. Professional advancement has more to do with who you lift up as opposed to who you push down.

Personal agendas aren't all bad as long as they don't move you to treat employees in ways that you would personally find demeaning. Constant criticism does little facilitate a good working relationship, especially if the attacks are petty. Feedback is supposed to eliminate incompetence and build competence.

Given the amount of restructuring and the overflow plates of responsibility, the likelihood of choosing your boss decreases to something just short of impossible. We can only hope that the person in that key position understands the basics of 'development', 'coaching' and 'stretch targets' enough to help you build the foundation for an active career.

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Lee Meadows

SOCIAL SECURITY

Many people are wrongly rejected when they apply for Social Security Disability benefits. Money was taken out of their paychecks for Social Security taxes to ensure that they would receive disability benefits if they could no longer work full-time. Sadly, the government denies approximately 60% of those who apply for disability benefits.

Attorneys J.B. Bieske and Jennifer Alfonsi have 42 years combined experience representing only Social Security disability clients. And they personally meet with all clients and appear personally at all court hearings. Many large firms assign inexperienced attorneys to your case. And some of these firms are located thousands of miles away and only fly the attorney in the day of the court hearing. Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi have vast experience before local Michigan judges.



Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi can often make a winning difference at the application stage. And, if an appeal is necessary they have won several hundred cases before a court date is even set.

Those denied can appeal on their own but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage yet.

In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law attorney Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the

subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bieske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups.

Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi offer free phone or office consultation. If they represent you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

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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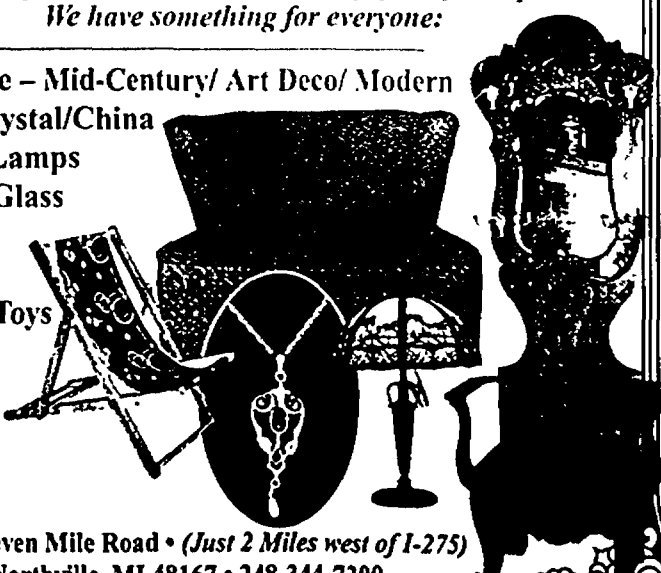
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NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Model T's in Northville

Don't miss this opportunity to see historic Ford Model T's in Northville from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14 at Mill Race Village (215 Griswold, Northville). Casual T's, a Model T Chapter that serves primarily the southeastern part of Michigan, will be displaying their historic Model T's on the green.

The Model T is considered the most successful car in automotive history. It transformed the auto industry and American culture. When Henry Ford's Model T (fondly known as the Tin Lizzy) was introduced in 1909, they were assembled by hand at the Piquette Plant in Detroit and production was small. Only 11 cars were built there during the first full month of production. More and more machines were being used in the assembly process but Ford couldn't keep up with demand for the Model T. In 1910 Henry Ford moved the company to the new Highland Park complex, where he introduced the assembly line which allowed them to be produced in higher volumes at lower cost. They came off the line in three-minute intervals, taking only 93 minutes to assemble. The Model T sold millions of vehicles and put ownership within reach for most Americans for the first time.

For more information, call (248) 348-1845 or visit www.millracenorthville.org.

Dancing, swimming for teens

Northville Swim Club invites area teens to enjoy two evenings of fun at the coolest summer spot in town from 7-10 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 16. Splash in the pool, dance to the DJ, or play a round of beach volleyball with your friends. Teens DO NOT need to belong to the club to attend.

Cost is \$7 per person for both members and nonmembers, which includes snacks, pizza and pop. The event is for teens, so please only students entering or currently attending middle schools and older.

Northville Swim Club is located at 646 Baseline Road, behind Hillside Middle School. Call (248) 349-6670 with any questions. If you are interested in joining Northville Swim Club, visit our web site at northvilleswimclub.com.



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Clare Ramston, 12, plays with a zombie doll in her zombie-like makeup as she enjoys the Northville District Library's July 18 "Zombie Zaniness" teen time. Teens interested in all-things zombie enjoyed putting on zombie makeup, zombie target practice with soft darts, dining on zombie brains (molded gelatin), and making a few of the ragdolls.



Zombie fun

Maddy Tan, 11, shoots soft darts at targets of zombies at the July 18 "Zombie Zaniness" day for kids at the Northville District Library.

Kilimanjaro presentation

Veteran mountain climber and hiker Steve Jochmans will present his Mt. Kilimanjaro climbing adventures at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 6, at the Northville District Library. Jochmans has climbed and hiked in several U.S. National Parks, Canadian Rockies, New Zealand, and the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu in Peru. The Northville resident and avid outdoorsman, marathoner and triathlete plans to hike in the Alps and the Nepal Himalayan Trek.

His presentation, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is free. However, reservations should be made by calling the library at (248) 349-3020 due to limited seating. The Northville District Library is located at 212 W. Cady Street.

For further information,

contact James Morche, (248) 380-4358; jmorche@wowway.com.

'Rapunzel' live

The Marquis Theatre will present the live musical "Rapunzel", the classic story of the girl with the long hair who lived in an ivory tower.

Show times 10:30 a.m. weekdays and 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, through Aug. 27. Tickets for all public performances are \$8.50; group rates and reserved seating for 20 or more are available. Please, no children under the age of 3.

The Marquis is located at 135 Main Street in downtown Northville. For more information, contact (248) 349-8110

or northvillemarquis.theatre.com.

Library FUN-draiser

The Friends of Northville District Library are sponsoring a wine tasting and silent auction from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17 at Rocky's of Northville.

Enjoy light hors d'oeuvres and sample wines (courtesy of Northville Market).

A limited number of tickets are on sale at the library's Circulation Desk or the Friends of the Library Gift Store for \$35 (\$40 at the door). Attire is black and white or "read" all over! All proceeds benefit the library; all are welcome - come and bring a friend.

MY FAVORITE CAR GALLERY

A photo of your favorite car could win you free gas!

The countdown has begun to this year's Woodward Dream Cruise - the world's largest one-day celebration of all things car and car-related. This is car country and we know that many of you have that special photo of your favorite car. Take this opportunity to share it with the hometownlife.com audience and you could win free gas.

Post a photo of you and your favorite car (by the end of Aug.) at My Favorite Car Gallery on hometownlife.com homepage and you will be entered into a random drawing to win one of three \$25 gas cards. The photo can be of your current classic car or one that you drove as a teenager. Be sure to include your name, community where you live,

and a one-line description of the car and why it is (or was) your favorite. Then "cruise" into the "My Favorite Car" gallery on hometownlife.com on Friday.

Share a photo of your special muscle car, street rod, custom car, collector vehicle or other car with readers. Then get ready for this year's Woodward Dream Cruise on Saturday, Aug. 20 and more than one million visitors and 40,000 cars cruising along Woodward Avenue.

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF ENACTMENT ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 07-18-11Zb
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northville City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 07-18-11Zb amending the Zoning Map of the City of Northville to rezone lots 649, 650, 651, and 652a of Assessors Plat No. 7, located at the northeast corner of Rayson Street and North Center Street, from Planned Unit Development (PUD) to Central Business District (Conditional Zoning).
The City Council adopted said Ordinance on August 1, 2011 with an effective date of August 19, 2011. The complete text of the ordinance map amendment is available for public review at the City of Northville Municipal Building, Office of the City Clerk or the Building Department, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
JIM PENN, BUILDING OFFICIAL
DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK
Publish: August 11, 2011

CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF ENACTMENT ZONING ORDINANCE #07-18-11Za
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northville City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 07-18-11Za for the purpose of amending Article 18 General Provisions pertaining to fences and special storage permits, and Article 20 Planned Unit Development. The amendments to Article 18 modify section 18.09 of the zoning ordinance as it pertains to front yard fences and modify sections 18.12.9 and 18.12.10 pertaining to special storage permit fees. The amendment to Article 20 pertains to expired planned unit developments.
The ordinance was introduced for first reading on July 18, 2011 and was adopted by the City Council on August 1, 2011. The ordinance shall become effective on August 19, 2011. The complete text of the ordinance amendment is available for public review at the City of Northville Municipal Building, Office of the City Clerk or the Building Department, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us.
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Changing elected office mid-term no benefit for residents

Political life is series of short-term jobs. Elected officials run for various offices, each with a predefined term of service.

County commissioner? Two years. Township board? Four years.

Candidates can seek re-election, unless term limits, like those placed on state senators and representatives, prevent continued service in a single public office.

When voters head to the polls, they are selecting who will represent them in office for the next several years. When they vote, they expect the person they endorse will take the job and serve it for the full length.

That's not always the case, though.

Take Michigan Secretary of State John Johnson, R-Groveland Township. In November 2008, she was elected Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds. She served in that capacity for two years before she was elected Michigan's Secretary of State. A nice promotion for her political career.

The problem is she left the county position two years before her term was set to expire. Voters thought they were selecting someone who would be there for four years.

To replace Johnson, circuit court judges picked in December Bill Bullard, R-Highland, to fill the remainder of her term.

The only problem with that is a month earlier voters re-elected Bullard to represent District 2 on the Oakland County Board of Commissioners. Bullard vacated his commission seat before he ever took office.

That prompted a pair of special elections to replace him. For Highland Township, that meant \$30,000 in expenses it otherwise could have saved or used elsewhere.

With U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, setting his sights on the White House in 2012, that potentially opens his congressional seat to newcomers. Enter state Sen. Mike Kowall. Kowall, R-White Lake, has plenty of political experience. He served as a state representative and White Lake Township supervisor, winning multiple elections for each position.

Kowall announced last month his plans to run for McCotter's seat, wanting to take his talents to Washington, D.C.

If he does, he'll be leaving his state Senate seat halfway through that term. He won that position in last November's election. If he wins, he'll be vacating his seat mid-way through. And if that happens, it wouldn't be the first time. When Kowall was elected a senator, he vacated his township position, leaving the remaining elected officials in White Lake to battle for months over who would replace him.

To make matters worse, a special election would be held to replace Kowall in the senate. With 15 communities in southwest Oakland County comprising District 15, local communities would be forced to shell out as much as a half million dollars to replace Kowall.

That's a lot of money for communities that have struggled to make budget ends meet without big cuts to service and personnel.

We can't fully blame elected officials like these three for wanting to advance. Secretary of State is far more appealing than simply a county clerk, which is much more enticing than serving as a county commissioner. And why be an elected official at the state level when you could do the same on the federal level?

And it's perfectly legal. As Kowall said after announcing his plans for a congressional seat: "This is America. You have the ability to run for any office if you so choose."

But just because you can doesn't mean you should.

Johnson, Bullard and Kowall all do a decent enough job in their elected positions. That's why they've received support to move on to bigger offices. It seems only fair that those who ask the public for their vote hold up their end of the bargain and serve the full term of office that they said they would. And that hasn't always been the case of late.

COMMUNITY VOICE

When people visit you from out of town, where do you like to take them locally?



We take them to downtown Northville. It's just such a quaint and beautiful area, even in a downturned economy.

Kirsten Ryan
Novi



The downtown (Northville) area; there are lots of new places to eat at and check out.

Mike Marnocha
Northville



We go out to dinner at Northville's Deadwood restaurant. It's pretty uniquely Northville: casual, good prices.

Cliff Thomas
Northville



We go to downtown Northville and Plymouth. I don't like having to go all the way to Dearborn to the Henry Ford."

Denyse Peterson
Northville

LETTERS

A Job Creator

The debt-ceiling crisis ended when Congress negotiated a settlement (7/30/2011). Politicians warned that failure to increase the debt limit would have been catastrophic.

Rejoicing over the debt-ceiling settlement, Asian stocks jumped 1.3 percent and the Dow Jones futures rose 1.5 percent in overnight pre-market trading (8/1/2011).

However, within minutes of the U.S. stock market opening, stocks began to fall. By week's end, stocks plunged 6.26 percent.

If the stock market crash was not enough, our economy still remains gloomy.

Since President Obama took office, our debt as a percentage of GDP increased by 75 percent. The unemployment rate now stands at 9.1 percent, 3.4 percent more than 30 months ago. And the GDP annual growth rate is 1.3 percent - a GDP growth rate of at least 3 percent is needed to create new jobs.

Despite the dismal numbers, there are positives to note. Corporate earnings have been rising. Over the first quarter of 2011, corporations averaged 19.1 percent in earnings growth, and second-quarter 2011 earnings grew 17.6 percent. Most significant is the steady and sizable double-digit earnings.

Furthermore, 2011 first-quarter exports increased by 7.9 percent, and exports rose again in the second quarter by another 6.0 percent.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Exports added 50 percent to GDP growth over the year. Also, manufacturing added 24,000 jobs last month.

In a recent U.S. Chamber of Commerce survey, small-businesses said that they were not hiring. And a smaller but significant percentage were expecting to layoff workers. It's unfortunate because 70 percent of net new jobs are from small businesses.

In my June letter (6/23/2011 - "Where Have All the Real Jobs Gone?"), I described how corporate taxation "CONTRIBUTES" to unemployment. When a U.S. corporation makes a profit in China, it pays China's 25 percent tax rate. Investing that profit into America, a U.S. corporation must pay an additional 10 percent to make up the 35-percent U.S. tax rate. Knowing this, U.S. corporations keep their investments out of America, keeping Chinese employment high and U.S. employment low.

Evidenced by healthy growth in corporate earnings, exports, and manufacturing, there is demand for our goods, services, innovation and know-how. By reducing tax rates and by eliminating tax loopholes on all categories and on all taxpayers, businesses can invest in America and create U.S. jobs. Corporations will then need goods and services themselves.

Small businesses will meet the increased demand. As the creator of 70 percent of net new

jobs, small businesses will be hiring again.

We desperately need this transformational job creation.

Ed Lee
Novi

Typical Republicans

Well much to the dislike of the Tea Party and others of the Republican right, the debt ceiling has been raised, saving our country from economic disaster.

This was accomplished by compromise and majority vote, two things those on the right do not like. They just seem to hate democracy.

This frees Republicans to return to their jobs agenda as they showed by adjourning and going home for a month's vacation leaving the FAA unfunded. This has resulted in layoffs of 70,000 construction workers at airports around the country and the loss of over \$100 million in tax revenue in just the first week.

The Republican jobs plan consists of trying to take Obama's job from him, adding to their ranks by blaming the president for the bad economy they caused and refusing any changes resulting in revenue increases further delaying an economic recovery.

When the Republicans said they were all about jobs, jobs, jobs, I hope no one thought they meant for the unemployed.

Chuck Tindall
Novi

GUEST COLUMN

New bike path opens up a world of possibilities

By Tom Watkins
Guest Columnist

Township residents meet the city folks. The Bennett Arboretum Pathway Project is a non-motorized pedestrian route connecting city and township between Six and Seven Mile roads. The anticipation of the Nov. 1 opening is palpable.

The last half mile of a bike/walking path along Sheldon Road is under construction. It looks absolutely stunning!

Tom Watkins

Designer Spaulding D. Debecker of Rochester and the general contractor Pro Life Asphalt, under the watchful eye of Don Weaver, director of Public Service for Northville Township along with his colleagues in the City of Northville and Wayne County, are to be commended as they did an outstanding job working with the natural environment and elevation to develop a beautiful walking/bike path. The new path makes it safe and enjoyable to get from one side of town to the other — without getting in your car.

This project is wonderful to see and the possibilities it creates are endless.

Imagine:

• Beginning your day by having breakfast at Rebecca's Rifles, Gandy Dander, Joe's Coney

Island and jumping on your bike cruising down Center Street, across Seven Mile and up the bike path to Five Mile, make a left and a glide down the widening hill to connect with Hines Drive

• The Northville Track Team having a much safer time running on the path rather than on the skinny shoulder along Sheldon.

• Neighbors to the south having a safe walk or bike ride down the path and over to the Custard Time for a soft serve or Fred's Ice Cream for hand dipped ice cream on a hot summer night.

• Communing with nature as the path opens up some beautiful old woods to enjoy.

• Friday or Saturday night and downtown Northville is rocking (OK, so I am getting a bit carried away; perhaps alive) and rather than driving into town and searching for the elusive parking space, walk or ride your bike. Have dinner at Table 5 or Le George.

• A brisk walk or bike ride from downtown to a Friday night football game at Northville High School is now possible. Go Mustangs!

• A walk to Vine-2-Wine along Northville Road from your subdivision — make your own wine — sampling as you go and stop by Northville Downs for a small wager on your swagger home.

• Exercise! Walk to town to meet your friends at Tuscan Cafe, Starbucks, or The Last Chapter Book Store and Bistro.

• Nothing better than watching

a football game on a fall Saturday or Sunday afternoon at Buckminsters, Sports Den or Starting Gate Saloon after a brisk walk through the woods on the way to town.

• Check out D&D or Town & Country Bike Shop in town and have your old bike spruced up or get a new one for you and the kids. This new connection completes a safe bike loop that can be fun for the entire family.

• Empty-nesters? Get a new bike for you and your partner or take a romantic walk and rediscover each other walking arm-in-arm over the hills and through the woods enjoying the Rouge River Watershed and Hines Park.

Well, you get the idea. The Bennett Arboretum Pathway Project is a great addition to our beautiful community of Northville. It can build new connections in so many different ways.

It is also commendable to see the collaborative efforts of County Executive Robert Ficano and County Commissioner Laura Cox work with local officials to secure nearly a million dollars in grants to underwrite this project benefiting the people of Northville.

Now, take the time to commune with nature and enjoy all we have to offer in this wonderful community we share.

The path to connectivity begins Nov. 1.

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Paddling to victory



Daniel Klinkhamer, of Northville, Scott Nelson, of Howell and Anita Lamour, of South Lyon took top honors at Kensington Metropark's first Canoe and Kayak Race on Sunday, July 31. Klinkhamer's time of 55 minutes earned first place in the Experienced paddlers/Long boats category. The winners of the 7.5-mile contest each won a \$50 REI gift certificate. The event, sponsored by Kensington Metropark, Heavner Canoe Rental and REI, hosted 18 racers in 16 boats. Racers and their boats competed in experienced paddlers/long boat or novice/short boat categories.

NORTHVILLE NEWSMAKERS

John Kish

John A. Kish, Jr., a Financial Advisor with Ameriprise Financial, qualified for and attended the 2011 Circle of Success conference that was held in Montreal, Canada.

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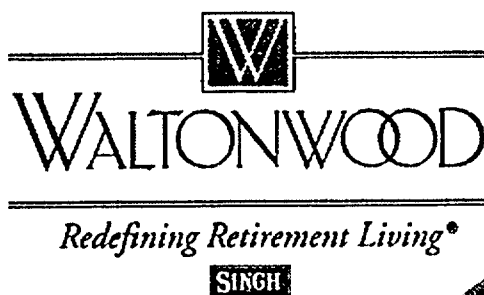
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EXPLORERS

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estimates there are more than 50,000 bricks available to the community. Bricks are being sold at \$25 each.

Money from the group's brick sales fundraiser is meant to be used for such costs as food and transportation, as well as for other things it will need to cover during upcoming training events. It is hoping to participate in events meant to give members leadership and crucial life-saving skills.

This group, made up of men and women ranging in age from 14-20, is primarily interested in pursuing a career in firefighting and emergency medical assistance. Allen says the group gives youths the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in a field they wish to pursue.

Each year the explorers go to training events, but because they are a non-funded group, fundraising is necessary. The brick sales will be a big help. Past experiences for the explorers include firefighter training at the University of Illinois and a mock disaster simulation in Monroe. They are hoping to make a trip to Ohio for more firefighter training later this month.

This group has played a big part for many young people in Northville. It has helped spur interest in the work being done by emergency responders and filled positions

at area departments, including the city of Northville.

The explorers are chartered through the Learning-for-Life's Explorer program (a division of Boy Scouts of America) and members of the National Volunteer Fire Council's National Junior Firefighter program and Fire Corps.

Meetings are held twice a month. The explorers are involved with such things as planning and implementing training. They are often assisted by firefighters from surrounding communities to get a broader range of training.

"A large percentage of the post's former members have gone on to positions in the emergency field (fire and medical)," Allen said.

She has been with the group since its inception in 1994 and said she has always been interested in working with youth. When her father, Fire Chief Jim Allen, approached her about working with the group as a female adviser, she jumped at it and has been active ever since.

Allen loves the work and sees the importance of it.

"It's a head start for them," she said of the explorers, "so it is important they get to experience these cool opportunities."

Allen said the bricks are in good shape, and the profits from them are going toward a worthy cause. To find out how to make a purchase, call her at (248) 449-9902.



Blackbird by Kathie Briggs

The Northville Art House is presenting "13 Ways to View a Blackbird and Other Thoughts in Thread," an art quilt show featuring two groups of work by artists from across the Midwest, Aug. 5-27. Inspired by the Wallace Stevens' poem with the same name, the exhibit is a vibrant and thought-provoking collection by the Fiber Artists Coalition, a group of professional artists from the upper midwestern United States. "Thoughts in Thread" includes equally dynamic and diverse work by the local guild, Paradigm Quilters. Opening reception at the Northville Art House, sponsored by Ameriprise Financial, is from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5 during Northville's First Friday Art Walk. The exhibit will continue through Aug. 27 during Art House Gallery hours, 1-5 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays. For additional information, call 248-344-0497 or visit www.northvillearts.org. The Art House is located at 215 W. Cady Street and is a facility of the Northville Arts Commission. Admission to Art House exhibits is always free and open to the public.

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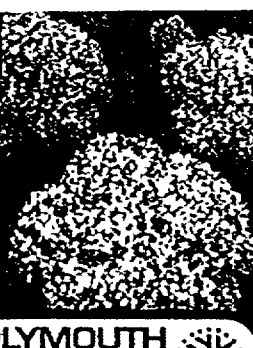


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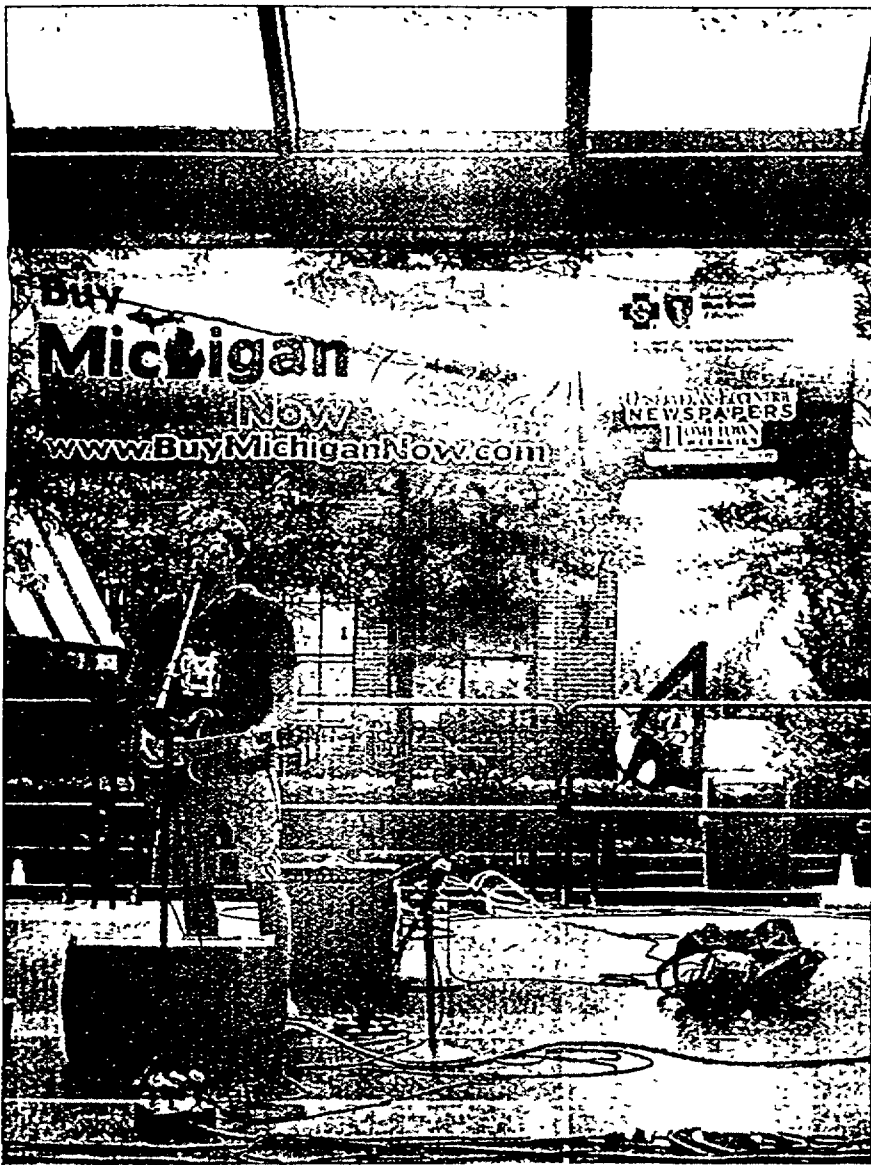
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Janice Hamer (left) of Fenton and Jaunita Vradenburg of Northville look at some of the clothes on the sidewalk at The Moon and Me, a baby and toddler boutique in downtown Northville.

Northville's Buy Michigan Festival



Shawn Byrva performs some original music with shades of blues and rock Friday afternoon at the Buy Michigan festival in Northville.



Joy Pollard of Novi looks through some of the jewelry at the Orin Jewelers booth outside its store on Friday during the Buy Michigan festival.



Steady crowds worked their way through the vendor booths Friday afternoon to check out some of the state's businesses during the third annual Buy Michigan Festival in downtown Northville.



Haley Bright, 5, of Redford gives Scoop the Newshound a hug at the Buy Michigan Festival. Haley was visiting her grandma in Novi, and the family decided to visit the weekend festival.

Clay crafts



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Maria Farris works on a clay project with her daughter Lauren, 4, on July 26 at the Northville District Library. The library has quite a few more craft projects for kids of all ages - before summer ends. For more information, go online to <http://northville.lib.mi.us/>.



The meeting room at the Northville District Library is packed with creative types on July 26 as kids and their parents work together on a clay project offered by the library.

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NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

LOCAL

FRIDAY NIGHT CONCERTS

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Fridays through Aug. 26

Location: Town Square, downtown Northville

Details: Free concerts presented by Tom Holzer Ford and the Northville Downtown Development Authority. Aug. 5 - Buy Michigan Now Festival; Aug. 12 - The Crutches; Aug. 19 - Gia Warner; Aug. 26 - Justine Blazer.

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Girls Taking Over the World Author Tour

Time/Date: 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7

Details: Five authors - Lara Ziehl, Rhonda Stapleton, Christine Johnson, Sandra Mitchell, and Airnee Carter - of young adult novels are taking a girl empowerment message on the road this summer with the Girls Taking Over the World book tour. The authors will be visiting libraries and bookstores around the Great Lakes this summer to highlight their girl-centric novels and to

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talk to young women about celebrating their strength and making their own choices.

Contact: (248) 348-1274

KIDZ KAMP

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Aug. 18-19

Location: Mill Race Village, Northville

Details: New Hope Center for Grief Support, a Christian-based bereavement outreach center, is offering its second annual two-day camp for grieving children. The camp will offer many fun activities for children of all faiths between the ages of 4 and 12 including music, crafts, artwork, a scavenger hunt and memorial activities. Lunch will be provided both days. Because of the generous support from the Hitachi Foundation, the camp is free, but space is limited.

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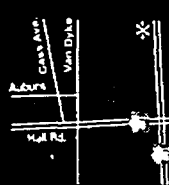
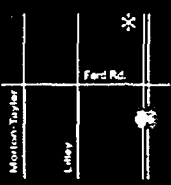
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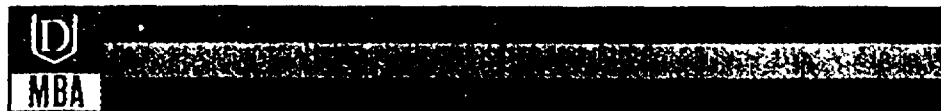
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NABF World Series ends in style

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

It was almost like two old rivals were facing off against one another when the Ohio Glaciers and the Bloomington Normal baseball teams met in the NABF World Series Championship July 31.

The teams had only played once before, three days before the title match when the BNBA squad had edged out their foes for a 2-1 victory.

That was enough, however, to bring out a rivalry tension at the Hillside baseball field. And, in rivalry fashion, the game wasn't decided until the final minutes when the Glaciers held back a rally and captured a 3-1 championship victory.

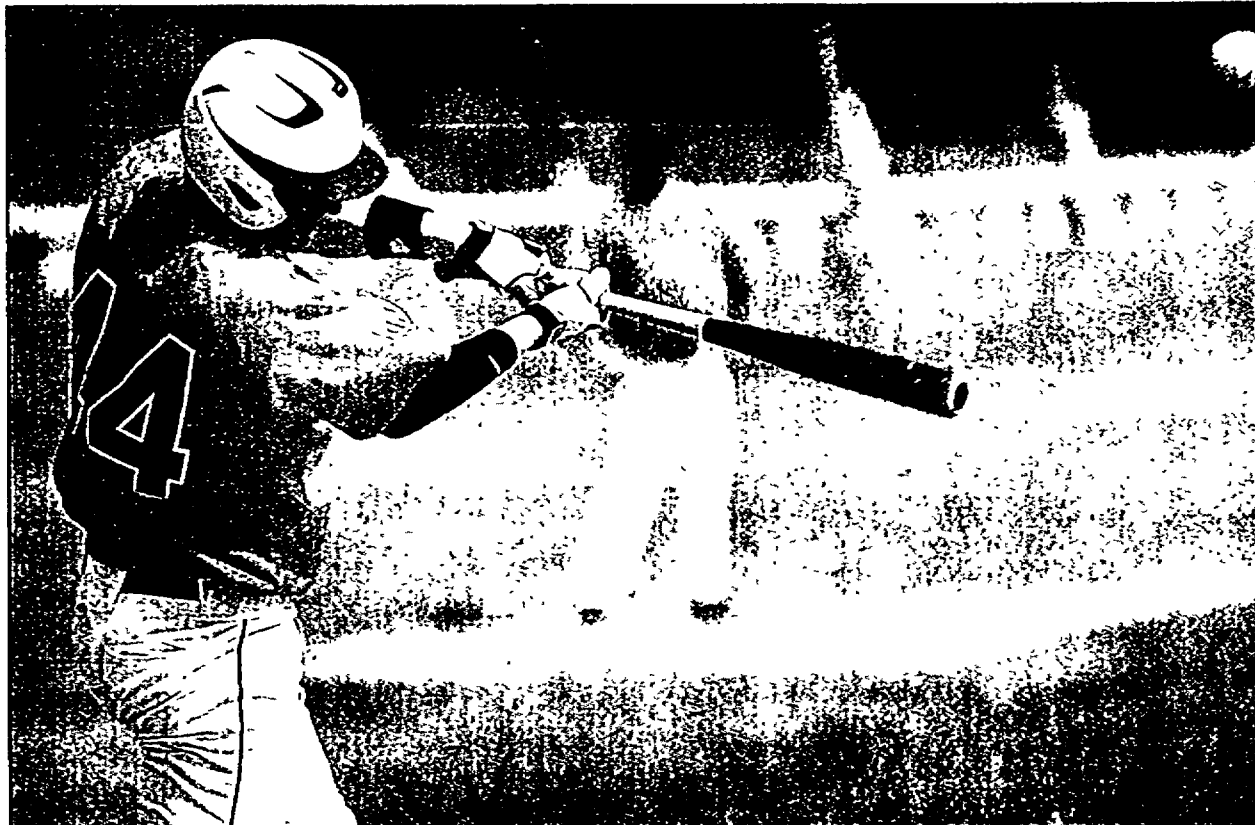
Despite the loss, BNBA's Kent Frantz pitched a sterling game and would have likely earned a victory on the mound if it weren't for being matched nearly pitch-for-pitch by Ohio's Jake Froats and Chris Maze.

The Bloomington Normal squad earned the first run of the game in the top of the third inning when Frantz slapped a double before trying to score on a single by Alex Jefferson. Glacier outfielder Santana Barrera charged the ball, fired a hard throw to Froats who relayed it to catcher Tyler Spain for the out. Jefferson, however, scored easily on the next pitch when Adam McGinnis cranked out a towering double to deep center for the RBI.

Neither team added to the score again until the bottom of the fifth when the Glaciers put on a show that would ultimately be the deciding moments in the game. Ohio's Harry Finelli led off his squad with a walk before Sean Coyne put down a perfect bunt and reached first safely while advancing the runner. With runners at first and second, the Glaciers bunted again but had their runner thrown out at third by Frantz. The Glaciers were rewarded for their patient play, however, when Spain, batting left handed, stepped into his swing and sent a massive home run over the right field fence for the 3-1 lead.

Bloomington threatened in the sixth inning with two runners on base, but a calm Maze struck out the side to squash the rally. He then struck out BNBA's next three batters in the seventh inning to earn the victory for his squad.

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



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Northville Bronco's Jack Gessert tags a base hit on July 29 during the NABF series at Hillside.

Series celebrates 30th year in Northville

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

After 30 years of hosting the NABF World Series in Northville, you'd think that all that could happen has already done so.

But, this year marked a first for the tournament and a first for Northville as the host city had two teams playing against some of the nation's best squads.

"We had 10 teams this year (and) two from Northville," said tournament director Scott Baldwin. "The Northville 15U Broncos got in because Dayton dropped out at the last minute."

Playing against mostly 16U teams, one might assume the young Broncos, who were coached by Ken Cheslick, were out of their league. That was hardly the case, however, as the 15U team cranked out a 2-2 record and just missed getting into the semifinal bracket after dropping an extra-inning thriller. The team even earned an all-star player in Zack Wilds, who collected honors as one of the top pitchers in the tournament. Wilds can also hit a few balls, too, and showcased his talent in the home run derby that he just missed winning the title for in the final round.

The 16U team, coached by Bob O'Neill, didn't have the same level of success as their younger counterparts, but they put on quite a show nonetheless and earned two spots on the NABF World Series All-Star team. Jack Gessert and Matt Stojkov were named as infield all-stars to this year's squad.

While the festivities and games weren't without their down moments—like rain dampening an otherwise exciting home run derby during the opening ceremonies—most of the weekend tournament was full of top teams playing top-notch games.

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Bronco Nick Gross is hit by a pitch during their Friday morning game at Hillside.



A Broncos infielder fires a throw to first base.

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KLAA winter sports stay hot come playoff time

By Jeff Theisen
Sports writer

The Kensington Lakes Activities Association has proven itself as a powerhouse on the state level, and the winter season is no exception.

This is the second story in a three-part series analyzing how the KLAA has fared in the state playoffs and postseasons, focusing on winter sports.

The league is barely three years old, made up of the for-

mer KVC and WLAA leagues combining with a new school in South Lyon East, a pair of Walled Lake Schools and Grand Blanc entering the league when the Parker High School in Howell never came to fruition.

Boys Swimming

One of the most impressive sports of the winter season comes in the pool. It's not that the KLAA has a state champion, it has teams loaded in the top 25 every year at the State

Finals.

This past year, Salem finished seventh, followed by Livonia Stevenson in ninth, Novi (11th), Northville (12th), Canton (16th), South Lyon (18th), Howell (22nd) and Hartland (24th).

For the Central Division alone, that's all five teams within the top 18 and four within the top 12.

"I personally think that seeing all of these top teams in dual meets and then again in championship meets at the end

of the season makes everyone better," said South Lyon coach John Burch. "All of the teams know that they have to be on the top of their game if they want to have a chance to win the conference meet at the end of the year."

"At the same time, it can be difficult for a coach to convince high school teenagers that even though they may have finished last in their division they are not a bad team, and in fact are a very good team."

One of the many highlights for the KLAA at the Division 1 State Finals came in the 100 backstroke with a 1-2-3 finish for the league. Canton's Victor Zhang beat out Stevenson's Kellen Schoff and John Ferrara for the title.

In Division 2, Walled Lake Northern also cracked the top 15 by finishing 13th.

In 2010, The KLAA also put

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Dual champs



DAWN WEBER

Northville's 10U Bronco team won the Toledo Battle at the Border Tournament and the Frankenmuth Summer Heat Tournament. Shown (front, from left) are Jake DelCampo, Connor Wysocki, Alex Garbacik, Joe Hardenbergh, Reggie Spencer, Cole Smith, Joey Borthwick, Nic Prystash, Hobbie Maxwell, Matt Weber, and Paul Boran; (back) Frank Garbacik, Dave Maxwell and Clint Smith.

11U champs



Northville's 11U girls fastpitch travel softball team went 12-1 in league play to win their division. The team includes (back, from left) Marie Grace, Sammie Noles, Rachel Holmes, Marissa Lobbia, McKenna Hill, Allison Lobbia; (front) Sarah Flegal, Jamie Dempsey, Makenzie Kamm, Kiera Borthwick, Kayla Shaw, Elizabeth Turner; and (not pictured): head coach Jennifer Childers, and assistant coaches Jeff Childers, Tim Borthwick, Jennifer Lobbia and Dan Grace.

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seven teams in the top 24 of Division 1, led by Northville in third, Stevenson in third and South Lyon 11th. Howell was next at 12th, followed by Salem (13th), Brighton (16th), Canton (22nd) and Novi (24th).

The main state highlight that year came in the 100 breaststroke with South Lyon's Adam Oxner taking title, ahead of Ben Chodos from Hartland in second and Joon Chung from Novi in third. South Lyon's Adam Stone also finished sixth in the same event.

Walled Lake North-ern also went on to place ninth in Division 2.

In the first year for the KLAA, the swimmers grabbed seven spots in the top 22. Grand Blanc joined the KLAA the following season, or it would have been eight teams with the Bobcats finishing eighth.

In Division 2, Walled Lake Northern placed 13th with Lakeland in 18th.

Boys Bowling

The KLAA has been nothing but strikes come playoff time in two different divisions.

The KLAA saw multiple titles in 2011, starting with an individual showdown in Division 1.

John Glenn's Jordan Hornes defeated Salem's Ryan Clark in two games for the title. Also cracking the semifinals was Jeremy Brown from Wayne, losing to Clark.

John Glenn also rolled to a runner-up finish as a team, falling to Macomb Dakota in the finals. Wayne also rolled into the semifinals.

In Division 2, it was South Lyon hoisting the team title trophy. The Lions knocked off Sparta to claim the title.

In 2010, John Glenn and Salem earned spots in the final eight.

In 2009, Wayne finished runner-up in Division 1, and Brighton's James Koss rolled to the individual semifinals.

Girls Bowling

The 2011 highlight for

the KLAA came with Howell's Danielle Robson making the final four.

In 2010, Grand Blanc and Walled Lake Central each made a run to the quarterfinals. Waterford Mott's Angel Cole finished in the quarterfinals individually.

In 2009, Walled Lake Central made the final four, and Lakeland's Amanda Wiska finished runner-up in individuals.

In Division 2, South Lyon East's Lindsay Heikinen reached the quarterfinals.

Hockey

In a sport previously ruled by the Catholic schools, Novi broke through to not only knock off Catholic Central, but the Wildcats rolled to a State Title in Division 1.

Novi hammered Orchard Lake St. Mary's 4-0 in the finals.

Churchill just missed knocking off St. Mary's, falling 5-4 in four overtimes in the quarterfinals.

In Division 2, Pinckney made it to the quarterfinals.

In the previous two years, it was the Howell show, finishing runner-up each year in Division 1. Novi made runs to the quarterfinal in Division 2 both years also.

Wrestling

The KLAA has made it presence felt in both team and individual finals.

Last year, Brighton and Hartland ended their seasons in the semifinals.

Individually, the KLAA had 16 All-State performances at Division 1 and three more at Division 2.

The highlight came from Canton's Anthony Abro, capping off the year a perfect 60-0 with a title at 189 pounds.

Howell's Alex Calandri- no finished runner-up at 125 pounds, where the KLAA had three in the final eight. The league also had three placers at 119 pounds.

In Division 2, South Lyon's Joe Johnson made a run to the finals, falling on a last-second take-down at 135 pounds.

In 2010, Hartland wrestled into the final four with John Glenn reaching

the quarterfinals.

Individually, the KLAA placed 22 wrestlers at the Division 1 finals and two more in Division 2.

At 130 pounds, John Glenn's Anthony Pavlich beat Hartland's Jeff Lopez for an all-KLAA finals. Pavlich finished the year 59-2.

Hartland's Nick McDi- armid snagged the title at 215 pounds, finishing the year a perfect 61-0.

Canton's Brent Winekoff finished runner-up at 152 pounds.

In 2009, Hartland reached the final four by beating John Glenn in the quarterfinals.

The KLAA had 19 All-Staters in Division 1 and one more in Division 3.

Girls basketball

The KLAA has had at least one team in the final four in each of its first three years.

Canton reached the semifinals the past two years, and Livonia Franklin made a run all the way to the finals in 2009, finishing runner-up.

Boys basketball

No team has reached the quarterfinals so far in KLAA existence.

Gymnastics

Despite only having 11 teams in the KLAA, the league is well decorated come State Finals time.

Last year, Canton finished second with Brighton seventh and Salem 10th.

Cheer

In the past two years, the lone team to crack the top 10 at states is Hartland with a seventh-place finish in 2010.

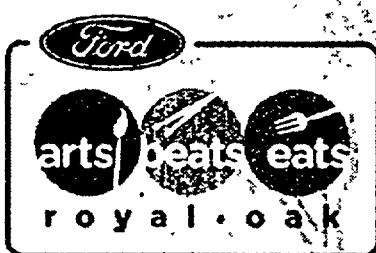
Skiing

Though not a recognized league sport, teams within the KLAA have thrived at the State Finals.

For girls, four of the top-nine teams came from KLAA schools. Walled Lake Central was fourth, followed by WL Central in sixth, Brighton in eighth and Hartland in ninth.

For the boys, Grand Blanc was fifth with Brighton eighth.

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Three Northville players earn All-Star honors



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The Broncos' bench looks on at Friday morning's game at Hillside.

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the NABF tournament a possibility were ready for all the eventualities, however.

"Each year presents new challenges—but our dedicated group of volunteers welcomes those challenges and works hard to make this the finest tournament these teams participate in each year," said Baldwin. "This year we battled the elements to complete ever game of the round robin pool play before awaking to a perfect day for the championship."

It also helps, said Baldwin, that the field that hosted the championship game is one of the best around.

"Hillside held up very well and we witnessed a great baseball game to crown the Ohio Glaciers as champions," he said.

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



As pitcher Brad VanHulle covers first, infielder Andrew Slayton tries to make an out during the Bronco's July 29 morning game at Hillside.

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Earning your way onto any all-star team is quite an accomplishment, but doing so in a world series tournament is even more impressive.

Three Northville Broncos players — two from the 16U team and one from the 15U squad — earned all-star nods this year. Jack Gessert and Matt Stojkov were infield selections off the 16U Broncos team this year while Zack Wilds, of the 15U Broncos, was named as one of the all-star pitchers.

Wilds drew plenty of attention to himself this year for more than his pitching. Wilds

hit six home runs out of 10 swings in the opening round of the annual home run derby, including slapping the first five out of the park that were thrown to him. He advanced to the final round where he hit two home runs out of five swings despite steady rain dampening the event. He was edged out of the championship by Jacob Froats of the Ohio Glaciers and David Marcus of the Toronto Mets, who both hit three home runs in the finale to share the championship honors.

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ALL-STAR

Earning All-Star honors this year were:

MVP	Derek Turocy	Ohio Glaciers
Batting Champ	Mitch Henshaw	Allen Baseball
DH	Mitch Longo	Brownlee Lookouts
1B	Harry Finelli	Ohio Glaciers
2B	Mike Rashilla	Ohio Glaciers
SS	Brent Cleland	Toronto Mets
3B	Austin O'Harold	Team Cincy
C	Mitch Schoenman	Brownlee Lookouts
C	Jacob Rudnicki	Brownlee Lookouts
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OF	Chris Maze	Ohio Glaciers
OF	Tyler Spain	Ohio Glaciers
OF	Derek Turocy	Ohio Glaciers
OF	Mitch Henshaw	Allen Baseball
IF	Zach Thompson	Troy Bombers
IF	Jack Gessert	Northville Broncos
IF	Kent Frantz	BNBA
IF	Matt Stojkov	Northville Broncos
P	Zack Kendall	Troy Bombers
P	Jacob Froats	Ohio Glaciers
P	Zack Wilds	MATBL Broncos
P	Christian Botter	Toronto Mets
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Favot brings defensive prowess to Wildcat gridiron coaching staff

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

The last time Sonny Favot and Todd Pennycuff worked together, South Lyon's football team won a regional title and advanced to the state semifinals in 2004.

Pennycuff was the Lions' offensive coordinator and Favot had a team-high five interception as a senior defensive strong safety; a position the team called "the lion."

Now, seven years later, Favot joins Novi's program as the defensive backs coach. Pennycuff is entering his second year as Novi's head coach. Both are hoping they can duplicate the 2004 effort and improve on that strong playoff run.

The Wildcats finished 5-4 in 2010, missing out on the playoffs for a second-straight year.

"My expectations are high, I am putting a lot of pressure on myself to be a great coach. I want to get better everyday," Favot said. "I am new to coaching, but I feel like I have valuable knowledge that I can share."

After a strong career at South Lyon, where Favot led the team with 81 tackles as a junior inside linebacker before moving to strong safety, he played primarily free safety as a member of Ferris State University's squad. He had 57 tackles (27 solo) in 28 games to go along with one sack, one interception, six passes defended and two fumble recoveries.

"I learned that it's not always about how hard you hit, but how hard you can get hit and keep coming back and battling the next play," Favot said.



CHRIS JACKETT

Sonny Favot will coach Novi's defensive backs this fall. Favot is a South Lyon alum and former Ferris State University player who was on the Lions' 2004 regional championship squad when Novi head coach Todd Pennycuff was South Lyon's offensive coordinator.

of his senior year. "That year the saying 'attitude is everything' really rang true for me. We never got down on ourselves and always came to battle every Saturday. You can't dwell on the past and think about past failures or the last play, you have to focus on the next play and your future success."

Favot graduated from FSU in summer 2010 with a sports management degree and has been spending his time working as a field marshal at nearby Total Sports Complex in both Wixom and Novi since then.

"I would eventually like to work for a professional sports team," Favot said. "My degree helps me in coaching because I have learned to take different perspectives and know that not all people respond well to the same type of coaching."

Pennycuff and Favot

reconnected over the off-season purely by chance, and a love for food.

"A couple other South Lyon football alumni and I were about to sit down at Red Robin in Novi when we ran into our old coach," Favot said. "He said they were looking to hire a new coach for the defensive backfield and asked if I was interested. I had always considered coaching, but wasn't sure how or when I would get into it. So when the opportunity presented itself, I had to take it."

Favot said he wants to help Novi's players have the same experiences and learn the same life lessons he did.

"I feel like it's my way of giving back," Favot said of coaching. "Football gave me so much, taught me lessons of responsibility and preparation, brotherhood, trust and playing with my best friends in high school was the best time of my life, not to mention my scholarship. I know what it has done for me and the opportunities I have had because of sports. I want these kids to experience what I was lucky enough to have experienced when I was in their shoes."

Although he will always support his alma mater, Favot will be wearing green and rooting against them during his Sept. 30 return to The Jungle as a coach.

"I am always going to be loyal to South Lyon, having played there; but, in general, I am loyal to the game. I love being around the sport."

Chris Jackett is a free-lance writer and former staff writer for the Novi News

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All girls, ages 10-12, who are interested in playing fastpitch softball at a competitive level are encouraged to attend. Tryouts will be held at Millennium Field SE on 6 Mile between Sheldon and Beck roads (across from Northville High School, behind the Fire Department.)

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Northville Cubs 12U baseball roster spot available

The Northville Cubs 12U travel baseball team is looking to add one or two players to its roster for the 2012 baseball season. The Cubs will play in the KVBSA league for the third consecutive season. Additionally, the Cubs will participate in six to eight weekend tournaments and a possible trip to the Cooperstown Dreams Park tournament.

The Cubs have no residency requirement but give preferential consideration to Northville school district residents. Interested players from surrounding communities are welcome to tryout for the team. If interested in a tryout, please contact Jim Marshall at jim@northvillebaseball.com

Tennis Camp

Northville Parks and Recreation is offering End of Summer Tennis Camps, morning and evening times, for ages 6-14 years. Beginner to intermediate levels are invited to attend. Join head coach Todd Beyer for games, point play situations and team tennis.

Camps (9:30-11:30 a.m. and 5-7 p.m.) are Aug. 15-18 and Aug. 22-25 and cost \$99.

Register online at Northville Parks and Recreation (www.northvillepark-sandrec.org) or e-mail kkoupal@ci.northville.mi.us for more information.

Lacrosse Camp

Northville Parks and Recreation is offering their End of Summer Lacrosse Camps for boys and girls

in second-eighth grades -- featuring MCLA and CCLA Coach of the Year Dwayne Hicks (Michigan State University head coach) for the boy's camps and Stacey Tardich, high school coach, for the girl's camps.

All skill levels are welcome to attend. Cost is \$190 for boys and \$175 for girls. Camp includes high intensity drills and scrimmages daily.

Camps are (9 a.m.-noon) Aug. 22-24 for second-fourth graders; and Aug. 30-Sept. 1 for fifth-eighth graders.

Register online at Northville Parks and Recreation (www.northvillepark-sandrec.org) or e-mail kkoupal@ci.northville.mi.us for more information.

Northville sports passes

Don't miss your chance to purchase a 2011-2012 Northville High School Athletic Boosters Club Family Sport Pass. This convenient pass provides admittance to all Northville High School and Middle School (Meads Mill & Hillside) sports regular home games.

A one-time cost of \$125 covers your immediate family including your NHS student or students or \$50 for an individual pass.

All funds generated from the sales of these passes goes directly to support NHS sports. Purchasing a Family Sport Pass is a great way to support Northville High School sports at a time when budgets are being cut. For more information, contact Maureen Owen at (248) 348-0075.

Motor City Madness fastpitch softball tryouts

The Novi based Motor City Madness fastpitch softball program is holding tryouts on Saturday, Aug. 13 and Sunday, Aug. 14. Girls 7-18 years old (as of Dec. 31, 2011) are encouraged to attend.

Tryouts will be held at Novi Power Park fields #5 & #6 (in the back). Power Park is located off of 10 mile between Taft and Novi roads, behind the Civic Center.

Tryout times are: (10U) 9-11 a.m.; (12U) 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; (14U) 1-3 p.m.; (16U) 3-5 p.m.; (18U - Sunday Only) 5-7 p.m. Pitcher and Catcher specific tryouts run an additional 30 minutes. Team selections begin on Saturday and athletes may be asked to return Sunday for a second look.

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MSU student builds career success through internship

By Julie Brown
O&E Staff Writer

Stephen J. Short II, 21, of Troy is getting some great on-the-job training this summer through an internship.

Short, a 2008 Troy High School graduate, will be a senior this fall at Michigan State University in construction management.

At the spring 2011 meeting of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's Charitable & Educational Foundation Board, Richard Komer of Wineman & Komer Building Co. suggested that the foundation sponsor a summer intern from Michigan State University's Construction Management program to work with a BIA member company.

"I'm learning in this internship," Short said. "I do think it could benefit me in school also." He's getting paid, which helps with tuition, books and other college expenses.

BIA leaders are glad to offer the internship.

"This will serve the dual purpose of offering the intern hands-on experience in our industry, and giving our members and our foundation the opportunity to help shape the future of home building in our area," said Komer in a statement.

BIA's CEO, Michael Stoskopf, contacted the MSU Construction Management Program and obtained resumes. He also located a builder who was interested in participating in the program: BIA's 2010 Builder of the Year, Pinnacle Homes.

Short was tapped to fill the position that is funded half by BIA's Foundation and half by Pinnacle Homes. Short became interested in construction while working for his father's plumbing business.

He praises his superintendent, Ben Reyff, as good to work with. "Ben has told me that residential is a whole different animal as compared to commercial," said Short, the son of Maria and Stephen.

Short is working at Pinnacle's Country Club Village Community in Rochester Hills. His responsibilities include checking on the daily progress of home construction. "He is doing a great job," said Reyff. "He is taking a lot of initia-



Stephen J. Short II (left), intern, John DePorre, Pinnacle Homes, Richard Komer, Wineman & Komer Building, and Michael Stoskopf, BIA's CEO.

tive and helps us to keep track of jobs to be done. This is an opportunity for him to see the whole process of home building."

Short's dad is a plumbing contractor and the younger Short began working summers with him around eighth grade. "More of the management part, the management and scheduling of the project" is what he's getting this summer at the internship, running through around Aug. 19.

"So far, it has been a good experience," Short said of the internship. Much of it is similar to his MSU coursework.

"I can actually say that it's very similar." At MSU, students trained in a computer scheduling program not totally used at his summer internship.

"All the other courses I've taken definitely went right along with what I'm learning in this internship," Short said.

John DePorre, president of Pinnacle Homes, said in a statement, "Our involvement in the internship program through BIA has been a terrific experience. This program has allowed Pinnacle Homes a cost-effective way to recruit a highly qualified and motivat-

ed student to assist our field managers with their day-to-day tasks, thus allowing our field managers to pursue other projects. It's also nice to fulfill a professional responsibility by providing Stephen with real work experience, and in return be on the receiving end of some fresh, new ideas Steven has brought to Pinnacle Homes."

Short said, "I'm actually not completely sure of what I'm going to do yet" after college graduation. He may work with his dad or in another professional capacity.

BIA's Charitable & Educational Foundation was established in 1991 to promote and improve the availability of affordable housing opportunities for low-income families throughout Southeastern Michigan and to create a viable opportunity for BIA members to give back to their communities by volunteering their professional talents and skills, and making cash and in-kind contributions to help meet the needs of those less fortunate.

The foundation's mission is to engage in activities that promote and improve housing opportunities, combat commu-

nity deterioration, and inform and educate the general public and members of the construction and property management industries on issues relating to affordable housing. Since its inception, the foundation has raised and distributed nearly \$1.6 million to housing-related nonprofits including Lighthouse of Oakland County, Southwest Solutions, Jewish Family Service, Michigan Colleges Foundation and others.

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

The BIA contributed to this report.

Chinese project massive effort

Q: I understand that there is a great deal of redevelopment in China as well as the building of the "Three Gorges Reservoir." What have they done with the people that lived there?

A: Since the state still runs the show in China, notwithstanding its capitalistic economy,



Robert M. Meisner

they have literally displaced the people that lived in the city where the dam was built. In a recent article in the Beijing

English newspaper, the government indicated that improving the living standards of people displaced by the construction of the Three Gorges Reservoir, "while increasing economic and social prosperity will be a top priority for the government." According to the government, it will increase industrial restructuring, boost employment incentives, and improve the social security aid being offered to the residents. The government also claims to vow to protect the environment, take steps to prevent geological disasters over the long term and better manage the effects of the project on the middle and lower reaches of the Yangtze River. The main body of the Three Gorges Dam is located in the town of Sandouping, in central Hubei province. Apparently, since 1993, when the project was started, 1.35 million people have been moved to make way for the construction of the largest hydroelectric dam in the world.

Q: I have heard about a recent case in the Supreme Court regarding people who are front lot owners who property abuts a public road running parallel to the lakeshore. Do they or do they not have riparian rights?

A: In the 2000 Baum Family Trust vs. Babel case decided by the Supreme Court of Michigan in 2010, the court indicated that the front lot owners whose property abuts a public road running parallel to a lakeshore have riparian rights in the lake, as similarly situated persons have always had in Michigan. The Court also indicated that when the public road is dedicated to the county, it does not receive title in the nature of private ownership but takes a "base fee" or "nominal title" only, therefore, it does not obtain beneficial ownership of the land or the usual rights of the proprietor, therefore, the county could not exercise rights to the road because such uses would be incompatible with the underlying dedication. In that case, it was the Charlotte County Road Commission.

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

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 25-29, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Beverly Hills	
16249 Binwood Ave	\$124,000
Birmingham	
908 Bennaville Ave	\$115,000
2286 Dunstable Rd	\$220,000
435 Lewis Ct	\$193,000
612 Park St	\$430,000
1010 Smith Ave	\$410,000
736 Southfield Rd	\$1,031,000

Bloomfield Hills	
1362 Bramblebush Run # V-81	\$180,000
1900 Tiverton Rd	\$1,060,000
801 W Long Lake Rd # D1	\$33,000
739 Windemere Ct	\$448,000
Bloomfield Township	
7341 Chula Vista Ln	\$325,000
1180 E Square Lake Rd	\$242,000
1719 Hickory Bark Ln	\$270,000
211 N Glenhurst Dr	\$509,000
4396 Pine Tree Trl	\$445,000
4896 School Bell Ln	\$200,000
3500 Sunnydale Rd	\$315,000
3591 Wabeek Rd	\$259,000
Commerce Township	
8400 Cascade St	\$84,000

710 Grand Traverse St	\$22,000
8643 War Bonnet Dr	\$122,000
Farmington Hills	
21262 Cass St	\$19,000
21304 Colwell St	\$74,000
35100 Hillside Dr	\$112,000
29644 Middlebelt Rd Unit 250	\$52,000
34601 Thornbrook Dr	\$192,000
32274 W 12 Mile Rd	\$51,000
21227 Waldron St	\$54,000
30934 Westwood Ct	\$170,000
Franklin	
25 Riverbank Dr	\$425,000
Milford	
3860 Dabate Ct	\$160,000
450 W Maple Rd	\$397,000

Novi	
51236 Luke Ln	\$234,000
24009 Ripple Crk	\$125,000
23515 Stonehenge Blvd	\$53,000
27087 Victoria Rd	\$259,000
23115 W Le Bost	\$147,000
South Lyon	
26521 Mallard Ct	\$60,000
Southfield	
26262 Franklin Pointe Dr	\$41,000
21978 Frazer Ave	\$35,000
17021 Maryland St	\$86,000
White Lake	
956 Hidden Cove Dr	\$163,000
1395 Waverly Dr	\$73,000

HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of May 2-6, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton	
2467 Amber Dr	\$163,000
43121 Barchester Rd	\$145,000
7637 Embassy Dr	\$233,000
44555 Fair Oaks Dr	\$156,000
45623 Hanford Rd	\$200,000
49956 Jackson Ln	\$285,000
185 Morgan Cir	\$103,000
2134 Preserve Cir W	\$133,000
3914 Ravensfield Dr	\$90,000
3271 Riverside Ct	\$135,000
42940 Saxony Rd	\$95,000
43538 W Arbor Way Dr	\$45,000

7059 Weatherfield Way	\$212,000
7551 Wheaton Dr	\$160,000
Garden City	
32415 John Hawk St	\$37,000
Livonia	
29452 Bobrich St	\$45,000
14826 Country Club Dr	\$138,000
11355 Denne St	\$65,000
38111 Elsie St	\$104,000
34444 Fargo St	\$299,000
14834 Ingram St	\$78,000
27670 Oakley St	\$244,000
16658 Penn Dr	\$170,000
16830 Pollyanna St	\$153,000
14405 Riverside St	\$144,000
16805 Wayne Rd	\$163,000
Northville	
44725 Aspen Ridge Dr	\$275,000
18750 Beck Rd	\$450,000
44507 Broadmoor Blvd	\$330,000

44615 Broadmoor Cir N	\$350,000
16116 Crystal Downs E	\$437,000
15869 Johnson Creek Dr	\$129,000
16049 Johnson Creek Dr	\$135,000
39586 Muirfield Ln	\$229,000
49496 N Glacier	\$208,000
40778 Rayburn Dr	\$262,000
326 Saint Lawrence Blvd	\$205,000
42653 Savoy Ct	\$82,000
41074 Stoneleigh St	\$120,000
777 Thayer Blvd	\$410,000
1068 Washington Cir	\$100,000
Plymouth	
45658 Denise Ct	\$265,000
46070 Forestwood Dr	\$285,000
47575 Katherine Ct	\$325,000
42024 Micol Dr	\$85,000
460 Ross St	\$150,000
9393 Village Manor Dr	\$275,000

Redford	
11316 Crosley	\$30,000
10045 Grayfield	\$34,000
9111 Kinloch	\$55,000
8883 Riverview	\$38,000
15170 Salem Ct	\$62,000
13988 San Jose	\$55,000
14234 San Jose	\$8,000
25994 Southwestern Hwy	\$15,000
20550 Sumner	\$25,000
11367 Wormer	\$45,000
Westland	
33027 Chapman Cir	\$109,000
7547 Manor Cir	\$15,000
33433 Melton St	\$88,000
1866 N Marie St	\$42,000
32213 Ontonagon St	\$13,000
1720 S Carlson St	\$115,000
33083 Sandra Ln	\$40,000

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Car Report

Advertising Feature

CHRYSLER 300 LOOKS TO EXTEND BRAND REVIVAL

By Dale Buss

The 2011 Chrysler 300 has allowed the brand to mount a next act — beyond the stunning impact of the Super Bowl advertising spot on the debut of the Chrysler 200 last winter —



Dale Buss

with marketers spinning the 300 as an exemplar of Chrysler's new "earned luxury" positioning. But the improving 300 is fighting for share in a segment of the

market that has taken on

dwindling relevance and seems to

be in long-term decline.

"The 300 is still important to

Chrysler's future, partly because

the brand only has three models

now, and the 300 is the one that

Chrysler has positioned as the

flagship for the entire Chrysler

group of brands," said Ivan Drury,

a U.S. sales analyst for

Edmunds.com. "But the

segment has shrunk

considerably as a

reaction to ever-

increasing fuel costs."

Clearly the

accelerated evolution of

the 300 embodies some

challenges for Chrysler.

But executives prefer to

focus on the

opportunities driven

into view by their

biggest makeover of the

nameplate — stretching

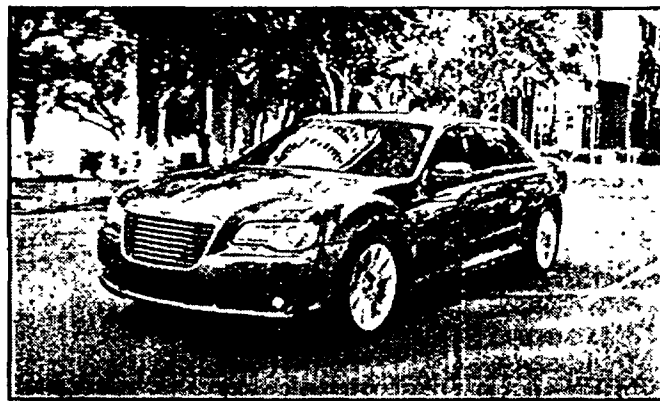
over both 2011 and 2012

versions — since the

debut of the 300 platform in 2004 almost single-handedly revived Chrysler's fortunes.

For Olivier Francois, who was Chrysler's brand chief until last week's announcement of a new merged Fiat-Chrysler management structure, the goals for the 300 are to establish Chrysler's new "approach to luxury" and to gain recognition for the car as the segment's best in class. "We have had to re-launch the brand, and we want Chrysler as an American company — and that is about great cars that people enjoy driving," he said. "That is what the 300 is."

It's difficult to overstate the impact that Chrysler made with the "gangster-styled," rear-wheel-drive 300 when the company launched it seven years ago as a clean-sheet revival of a venerable nameplate from the Chrysler stable of past successes. The car rose to as high as 29 percent of Chrysler brand sales in late 2006, according to



The 2011 Chrysler 300 is a restyled version of one of the company's biggest product winners of the past decade.

Edmunds.com data, and to as high as 10 percent of the large-car segment of the U.S. market in early 2006.

Soon, however, the styling-based excitement wore off; gasoline prices turned erratic; the economy tanked; Chrysler sought a bailout; and the 300 was on cruise control, with little even in the way of cosmetic retouching each year or marketing support. The neglected nameplate's nadir came last November, when sales dipped to only about 1,300 units, and the 300 could command only less than 4 percent of a diminished large-car segment. After comprising 24 percent of Chrysler sales for all of 2006, the 300 was down to 19 percent of sales for 2010 and just

14 percent of sales in the first half of this year.

Fortunately, at that point, Chrysler management already was well into executing Fiat's plan to overhaul much of the company's existing fleet in quick-and-dirty fashion through 2012, as a longer-term reconstitution of the Chrysler lineup has been hatching under Fiat's aegis. Chrysler refined the 300's design, invested in improving fuel economy and varying powertrain configurations, and pumped about \$1 billion into its Brampton, Ontario, plant to upgrade manufacturing of the car.

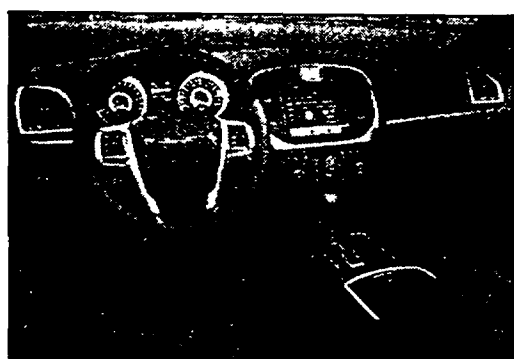
It was long past time for the 300 to be dealt with. The retro styling that had made it, and the PT Cruiser, such immediate curiosities to car buyers long since had lost its allure. So Chrysler designers softened the lines of the exterior overall and backed off some of the more

egregious aspects of the basic 2004 design; for example, the windshield of the 2011 300 extends about three inches further back, trimming the roof line, to improve front-seat visibility.

Interior appointments of the 300 were boosted, in keeping with a directive that Fiat CEO Sergio Marchionne had imposed soon after his company's 2009 takeover for Chrysler to address immediately this huge area of weakness. Handing was re-tuned to curb a big-sedan feel.

And powertrains were upgraded. Fiat was retooling the 300 under the long shadow of the 2008 gasoline-price bubble, and was bound to introduce the 2011 version in the midst of this year's \$4-a-gallon spike, so fuel economy was top of mind. That priority is reflected in a new eight-speed transmission in the 2012 version that Chrysler says will boost fuel economy on the highway to 30mpg from 27mpg now even with the new all-wheel-drive option. There's also a new 3.6-liter Pentastar V-6 in the 2011 version; the latter offers more power and better mileage than either of the two V-6s available in 2010.

"We took our most fuel-efficient engines and brand new technology and installed it throughout the [Chrysler] line," Francois said. "We're really tackling the problem... We want to be best in class for fuel economy in the V-6 part of the market."



The car's interior has been upgraded like other Chrysler products.

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