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NORTHVILLE SCHOOLS

Teachers OK mediator's plan

Board was to vote last Wednesday night

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

Now that the Northville Education Association has given its final approval to the mediated settlement with the school district, it looks likely the year will start with a ratified employment agreement after months of back-

and-forth negotiations. By a 289-19 vote, NEA President Nick Nugent said the union had ratified the mediator's proposed settlement, which had been reached late last week between the respective negotiators. The group met Monday morning with the final vote coming that afternoon.

Nugent, a teacher at Meads Mill Middle School, said by reaching a settlement the two parties accomplished something that their predecessors could not in the last five years — starting the year with a contract. The school year for the over 7,000 district students begins in a few weeks, so the clock was ticking.

WEB UPDATE

Be sure to check online at www.hometownlife.com to learn how the Northville Board of Education voted last night.

And it still is, at least until the Board of Education was scheduled to meet at Old Village yesterday for a special call meeting at 7 p.m. for their vote. All final

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Worthy at Dems' BBQ

The woman who helped put Kwame Kilpatrick behind bars and is now speaking out forcefully against releasing convicted criminals will speak Saturday at the annual barbeque of the 203-member Northville Democratic Club in Northville.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy will speak at the 4 p.m. barbeque at 399 Rayson, open to all interested Democrats and prospective new members, at which many Democratic elected officials and candidates are expected to appear.

Worthy successfully prosecuted Detroit's ex-Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, prompting the Detroit Free Press's Rochelle Riley to say in her Jan. 1, 2009 column, "She saved the city's reputation by doing what she promised — showing America that no one is above the law."

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Worthy



LONGNIE HUHMAN

Longtime employee Richard Coolman, owner Brandon Mardossian, Jason Tarrow and Eric Vandenberg prepare for the Sawmill's closing in September.

Sawmill closing next month

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

The Sawmill has been a fixture in the Northville community for over three decades, but that will soon change as the fine wood furniture store is preparing to close its doors for the final time.

For owner Brandon Mardossian, this will be the ending to a chapter that started when he began working at the Sawmill as a 14-year-old doing "gopher work." He did whatever needed to be done, from sweeping up to arranging display items. Eventually, he took over the day-to-day operations.

But now a new chapter is opening up for him and he is glad to leave on his own terms.

"Another opportunity has arisen for us within the furniture industry, an opportunity we cannot pass up," Mardossian said. "We feel that we cannot run both businesses simultaneously, so we had to make a choice."

He bought the downtown Northville retail store over 20 years ago after learning the skills necessary for crafting wood furniture. Growing up in Northville, Mardossian started working for the Sawmill's original owner, John Colizzi, when he was in high school. Once he became the new owner, he didn't miss a beat and kept up the traditional quality that made this store on Center Street so successful.

For years the Sawmill has been a destination spot for the Northville community and out-of-towners seeking great hand-crafted wood furniture. They have provided quality furnishings for basically every room in one's house. From dining room tables and kitchen cabinets to desks for the home office, they had it all, and still do...for now.

Prices have been marked down 25 to 75 percent in order to clear out their inventory. Mardossian said many items have been sold, but many remain. The plan is to

be closed by the end of September.

At this time, he couldn't go into details regarding the new opportunity, but he did say it will be a wholesale operation located in Inkster. He also said it was a tough decision, but one that will allow them to expand their finishing work.

He did say that through the new location they will still be offering their fireplace mantels, which became very popular for the Sawmill Mantel Company.

The success they've had is due to their customers, Mardossian said. It will be sad for them when they finally close because the customer-base has been a generational one. He has seen kids come in with their parents and then later with their own children.

"It has been an honor being such a big part of the Northville community," he said.

The Sawmill is located at 316 N. Center Street and can be reached at (248) 349-8585.

Schools score all A's

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

Perfect. Again. For the sixth year in a row, Northville Public Schools has achieved straight A's and each of the district school buildings met adequate yearly progress accreditation standards.

"We were really excited to see those numbers again," said Robert Behnke, the district's assistant superintendent for instructional services. "We're pretty impressed with our teaching staff and our principals and the work of parents to show the dedication to student learning and growth."

Behnke said the district learned of the results about a week and a half ago, and officials are already looking to the future with a strategy.

"Tomorrow (Aug. 17) we're meeting with all the principals and planning our goals for the upcoming year," Behnke said. "Our hope is to firm up the building school improvement plans, which are due Sept. 1. Principals were working with staff last year, and those will be finalized in the next few days."

As the local district continues to excel, however, fewer schools statewide made AYP this year. The Michigan Department of Education says it's because of higher proficiency targets required to meet the federal No Child Left Behind Act. Only 79 percent of Michigan's public school buildings and 93 percent of the school districts made AYP for the 2010-11 school year, down

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Panel OKs Colbeck recall bid

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Petition language aimed at recalling state Sen. Patrick Colbeck, a freshman Republican from Canton Township, was approved Aug. 10 by the Wayne County Elections Commission.

The green light from the two-member panel means the Committee to Recall Patrick Colbeck will begin gathering signatures on its petitions in a little over a week, barring any appeal from Colbeck, said Mary Kelley of Northville Township, who filed the recall language. Colbeck's district includes Northville, Canton and Plymouth townships, as well as the city of Plymouth.

Recall proponents object to Colbeck's support in March of legislation that allows the state officials to appoint emergency financial managers for communities or school districts deemed to be in financial trouble.

"The citizens don't want

unelected, unaccountable bureaucrats taking control of our schools and communities after Lansing has imposed massive budget cuts to drive them into budget crises," said Kelley, who attended the brief hearing in the Coleman A. Young Municipal Building in Detroit.

Colbeck did not attend. County Probate Judge Freddie Burton Jr., chairing the elections commission, said the petition language was approved as to its clarity, not as to its veracity.

The petition simply cites Colbeck's vote in favor of Public Act 4 of 2011 — the emergency financial manager legislation — as the reason for the proposed recall.

The committee needs approximately 27,000 petition signatures, from

voters in Colbeck's district, to put a recall question on the ballot. Kelley said recall proponents are hoping to get the question on the ballot for a February 2012 special election. Once the committee begins collecting signatures, it has 90 days in which to gather the required amount.

Kelley said the committee has a goal of 40,000 signatures.

Calls to two Colbeck spokeswomen Wednesday afternoon were not returned.

Colbeck has 10 days in which to file an appeal to the commission's decision.

In addition to Burton, county Clerk Cathy Garrett was the other elections commission member present Wednesday. Burton was filling in for Milton Mack Jr., the chief probate court judge, and another regular member, Treasurer Raymond J. Wojtowicz, also was absent.



Colbeck

Bonanza!



Grab your cowboy boots and saddle up for Camp Casey's Wild West Barbecue Bonanza on Saturday, Aug. 20 at Maybury Riding Stables in Northville (20303 Beck Road). Proceeds from this event will benefit Camp Casey, a horseback-riding program for children battling cancer. Thirty-minute trail rides (for ages 8 years and older) head out hourly from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., rain or shine. Hot dogs, hamburgers and plenty more will keep cowboys and cowgirls fed all day, with grills firing up at 11:30 a.m., and there will be food, games, music and crafts. The event (including trail ride, lunch and entertainment) costs \$40 per person. Children 7 and under can take pony rides and enjoy lunch for \$15. For those wanting to attend the event, but skip the ride, a lunch and entertainment-only option is available for \$15 per person. All tickets must be purchased ahead of time through Camp Casey at www.camp-casey.org.

CORRECTION

The editorial "Musical chairs: Changing elected office mid-term no benefit for residents" in the Aug. 4 edition, should have stated Ruth Johnson was re-elected to the Oakland County clerk position in 2008.

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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.

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Mad science crime lab



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Shannon McLain, 9, checks out some color pieces of film during the Aug. 2 Mad Science Crime Lab camp held at the Recreation Center at Hillside. The week-long camp introduced kids to espionage techniques, like the ability to write notes in ink only visible when viewed through color film.

Northville schools sell refunding bonds and save \$275,000

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

A new bond purchasing agreement will save Northville school taxpayers nearly \$275,000 while also setting up lower debt payments for the district over the next decade.

The Northville Public Schools Board of Education approved the agreement Tuesday evening after Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations Michael Zopf said they had successfully sold the district's 2011 refunding bonds.

The district will have slightly lower debt service payments starting in May 2012, and taxpayers can expect to see a lower school debt millage beginning with their 2012 tax bills.

"The refunding of these bonds at this time will translate into real savings for school district residents," Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher said. "During these difficult financial times for our state and our schools, one of the primary goals of our Board of Education is to look for ways to achieve long-term savings without impacting the outstanding educational programs and services we offer our students."

According to the district, another way to explain this action is to compare it to when a homeowner refinances a mort-

gage to exchange high-cost debt for low-cost. Zopf said they are taking advantage of the current low long-term interest rates to issue refunding bonds.

The process of this agreement began in the fall of last year when the board approved a resolution that authorized the issuance and sale of the 2011 refunding bonds for the purposes of redeeming the outstanding portion of the 2001 School Building and Site bonds. There is over \$5 million outstanding on the original issue amount of nearly \$28 million.

These bonds paid for the building of Ridge Wood Elementary School and the additions at Northville High, Moraine, Winchester and Amerman schools.

The district worked with financial adviser Stauder, Barch and Associates to prepare for the bond sale. They had advised the district to have their credit quality be evaluated by Standard and Poor's Rating Services before any final decision.

"Our district was able to sell these bonds because of our outstanding rating of 'A' by Standard and Poor's," Gallagher said.

She said the rating agency cited the district's strong income levels, stable enrollment and low to moderate debt burden as the reasons why it rated Northville so well.

NORTHVILLE ON CAMPUS

Hope College

Northville's Emily Kreichelt (magna cum laude) and Allison Reynolds (cum

laude) recently earned graduation honors for outstanding academic accomplishments

(ARA) — Summer trips are wrapping up and kids are counting down the days until they have to go back to school. With many parents weighed down by worries about escalating back-to-school costs, brushing up on tips and tricks for making the summer-to-school transition smoother will be helpful for the entire family.

• Shop early: Schools often provide a long and daunting list of required school supplies. Don't try to buy everything in one day. Rather, be open to grabbing items you see on sale while out and about throughout the summer. Use local coupon-finding tools, like Bing for Mobile Deals on m.bing.com to find daily deals on all the supplies you're looking for.

• Get (cleverly) organized: Reduce the amount of time you spend running around the house looking for the keys, backpack, and lunch boxes by picking a location for each item. Try leaving your keys in the fridge with your lunchbox so you'll never forget the lunch again.

• Pack a healthy lunch and freeze a few dinners: Make sure to pack healthy lunches for your children that will help protect their immune systems and energy levels during the new transition.

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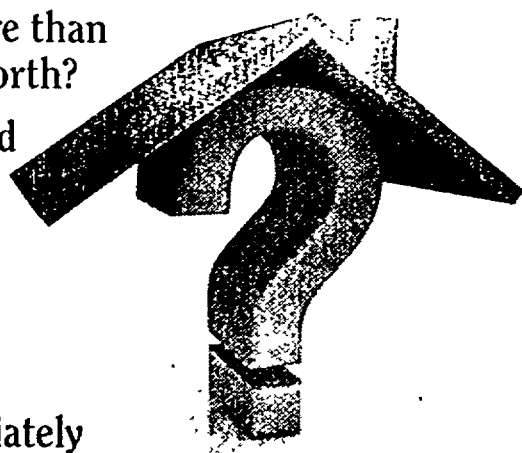
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details will be released once that is done, Nugent said.

It has been a long summer, which at one point had the Board of Education stating they might possibly explore the need for an emergency financial manager from Lansing if the negotiations didn't yield an agreement.

At the end of June, the district's bargaining team met with the bargaining team for the teachers' union and presented them with a wage and health insurance proposal. The wage proposal included a 9.25-percent salary reduction, two unpaid furlough days in each of the next two school years, and no step increases for the next couple of years.

According to the district, under current (June 2011) contract provisions, step raises averaged approximately 5.23 percent. The proposal also included the possibility of additional payments or reductions to the teachers beginning in the 2012-13 school year, depending upon the level of the district's audited fund balance.

The district's health insurance proposal was for a Blue Cross/Blue Shield plan that included annual deductibles of \$2,500/\$5,000 and an 80/20 co-insurance, with teachers paying 20 percent of the cost of their insurance.

The counter proposal from the NEA included full step increases on the salary schedule, four unpaid furlough days in each of the next two years, and an off-schedule wage reduction of 1.5 percent in each of the next two school years.

Under the union's proposal, at the end of the 2012-13 school year, the salary schedules would be applied in their current form with no reductions.

The union's health insurance proposal was for a continuation of their current health insurance plans, with each teacher covered by that insurance contributing \$1,200 per year for single coverage, \$2,300 per year for two-person coverage, and \$2,825 per year for family coverage.

As one measure to balance this year's budget, the Board of Education approved reducing the total number of full-time teachers by 52.

NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School	Grades Tested	Ed Yes! Grade 2010 - 2011	School - AYP Status 2010 - 2011	School Phase 2010 - 2011
Amerman Elementary School	3 - 6	A	Met AYP	0
Hillside Middle School	6 - 8	A	Met AYP	0
Meads Mill Middle School	6 - 8	A	Met AYP	0
Moraine Elementary School	3 - 6	A	Met AYP	0
Northville High School	11 - 12	A	Met AYP	0
Ridge Wood Elementary School	3 - 6	A	Met AYP	0
Silver Springs Elementary School	3 - 6	A	Met AYP	0
Thornton Creek Elementary School	3 - 6	A	Met AYP	0
Winchester Elementary School	3 - 6	A	Met AYP	0

This list reflects the Composite Grade under Education YES! and the AYP Status and Improvement Phase under the No Child Left Behind Act.

0 - This school is not identified for improvement.

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from 86 percent of schools and 95 percent of districts making AYP the previous school year.

And Mike Flanagan, the MDE's superintendent of public instruction, expects the percentage of schools making AYP to fall next year, too.

"A couple of decades ago, achieving a very basic level of proficiency was sufficient to earn a living wage," he said. "Today, students need to graduate from high school career- and college-ready."

He says the raising of the assessment cut scores will more accurately reflect this new reality.

"While scores may initially decline, educators support this change because preparing students for long-term success is the right thing to do," Flanagan said.

All states are required to establish annual English language arts and mathematics proficiency targets under the federal NCLB. During the past school year, the percentage of students needing to be proficient on state assessments was raised by an average of 10 percent in order to be on trajectory to the NCLB target of 100-percent proficiency by the 2013-14 school year.

Targets increase by a similar amount every year beginning in the 2010-11 school year.

Michigan recently has requested a federal waiver from the 100-percent

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MIKE FLANAGAN,
the MDE's superintendent of public instruction

requirement while transitioning from basic to career- and college-ready cut scores.

Northville has been on that path for quite some time already. Now the goal is to focus on all subgroups, like students with disabilities, those who are economically disadvantaged and minorities.

"That really becomes the ultimate struggle — those subgroup populations that often times do not meet the standard," Behnke said. "That's where our focus remains. Our major initiative is to move forward with the success we've had. In terms of MEAP and ACT scores, those are all accolades. But we're making sure we can narrow it down to all students. That continues to be the challenge — not just an average, but making sure all students are proficient when they leave Northville Public Schools."

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WHAT IS AYP?

The Michigan Department of Education annually makes a determination of adequate yearly progress (AYP) for all public elementary, middle and high schools in Michigan. AYP evaluates schools and school districts in the areas of academic achievement, participation in state assessment, graduation rate for high schools and student attendance for elementary and middle schools. In addition, MDE reports on Education YES! — Yardstick for Excellent Schools — the state school accreditation system under which letter grades are assigned for academic achievement and indicators of school performance to determine state accreditation of Michigan schools.

The federal No Child Left Behind Act requires that AYP be calculated for all public schools and for each school district. The school district must attain the target achievement goal in reading and mathematics or reduce the percentage of students in the non-proficient (partially proficient and not proficient) category of achievement by 10 percent ("Safe Harbor"). A school district must also test at least 95 percent of its students enrolled in the school as a whole and in each required student group. In addition, the district must meet or exceed the other academic indicators set by the state: graduation rate for the high school level and attendance rate for elementary and middle school levels. These achievement goals must be reached for each subgroup that has at least 30 students in the group. The group size is the same for the school and for the school district. It is possible for a district to not make AYP at a grade range, even though all of its schools make AYP, because there may be student groups measured at the district level that are not measured at the building level.

In calculating AYP for a district, the district is considered to be one big "school." The requirements for an individual school to make AYP are then applied to the district. Total district enrollment is thus used (for example, all fourth-graders in the district combined together) to determine if the district makes AYP in terms of participation in state assessment. The same calculation is carried out for proficiency and for the additional academic indicator. Note that a school district is considered to have "made AYP" if the district makes AYP (in both reading and in mathematics) at two of the three grade ranges — elementary, middle or high school.

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CROP Walk planned for Saturday

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

This year's Northville/Novi CROP Hunger Walk on Saturday, Aug. 20, will be hosted by Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church and it's their hope the community will turn out in big numbers to help benefit the cause of local and international food distribution.

Sharing 25 percent of the proceeds from the CROP Walk are the Northville Civic Concern, Military Avenue Evangelical Presbyterian Church Food Bank in Detroit, First Step Shelter in the Plymouth/Canton area, and the Novi Emergency Food Bank.

According to event coordinator Stan Koster, the walk is about recognizing the distance each day many people have to go to get their food and water.

"This is an important event for us because of what it means to the many people who on a daily basis are in need of food and proper nutrition," Koster said.

The walk will have a one-mile route and a 10K or six-mile route. Both will be in the Six Mile and Haggerty roads area and will begin at Ward Church. Registration starts before the walk at the church at 8 a.m.

Other Northville and Novi churches involved with the walk include St. James, Northville First United Methodist, Faith Community Presbyterian, Church of the Holy Family and Meadowbrook Congregational.

Koster said the need to fight hunger is greater than ever, adding that this past year has been tough for many in the community and around the world.

"We are hoping to get as many participants as possible," Koster said. "These walks usually have a good turnout, and the Northville and Novi communities have always been supportive."

Participants can form a team or just walk individually. For those who cannot participate, donations can still be given online at the CROP web site, which is http://www.churchworldservice.org/site/TR/2011FallCROPHungerWalk/TR-Fall2011?fr_id=12657&pg=entry.

Nearly \$1,000 has already been raised online. Koster said this is a community-based event, so anyone can get involved.

Ward is located at 40000 Six Mile in Northville. For more information contact Koster at (248) 374-5931 or by e-mail at stan.koster@ward-church.org.



Kaila Welcher, Julian Aileni and Ryan Paglione search for bugs.

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Insects don't bug these kids

By Karen Smith
Staff Writer

Insects aren't icky, and science is sweet.

That's what Rose Pest Solutions hoped to teach 98 Livonia Family YMCA day campers at its 10th annual Bug Rodeo, held Aug. 5 at Maybury State Park in Northville.

Some of the day campers were apprehensive about catching insects, watching them up close or letting them crawl on them. "Some of the girls thought it was gross," said Steve Hofer, Livonia Family YMCA camp director.

But the thrill of the catch converted a lot of them, said Mark "Shep" Sheperdigian, an entomologist and vice president of technical services for Rose Pest Solutions, based in Troy.

"Within a short period of time they (some of those



Savannah Smalley caught this mantis. All of the insects are released after they are catalogued.

most apprehensive) were the ones running around with a net doing all the swinging," Sheperdigian said.

The kids caught a wide variety of insects, including grasshoppers and dragonflies.

One of the counselors caught a cicada kill-

er, a large ground-nesting wasp that feeds on cicadas, paralyzing them with their sting and dragging them down into their burrows. Someone else caught a hummingbird moth, an insect that is about the size of a hummingbird and feeds on nectar.

"Usually they're very fast; it was apparently sitting on a plant," Sheperdigian said.

They also found a giant swallowtail caterpillar, which looks "like a bird dropping so no one will mess with it," Sheperdigian said.

Because Maybury is a state park, the day campers released what they caught.

Rose brought along other, more exotic insects for the day campers to examine up close, including Madagascar hissing cockroaches and walk-

ing sticks that were two or three inches long. In addition, they showed the children how to organize their own insect collections.

Hofer said it was the first time Livonia YMCA day campers participated in Rose's Bud Rodeo, held in different areas each year.

"They loved it," he said. "It's a great educational event."

Sheperdigian said the company believes it's important for children to learn about science, biology and the world around them, becoming fans of insects rather than remaining fearful of them. The message got through to most of the kids.

"We had some holdouts, but a lot of them were converted," he said.

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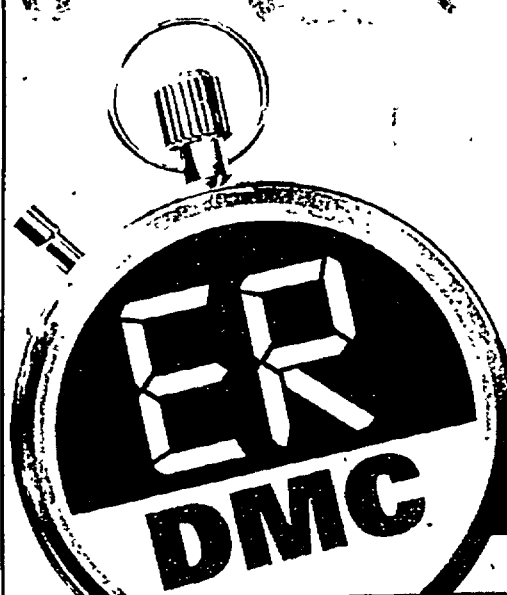
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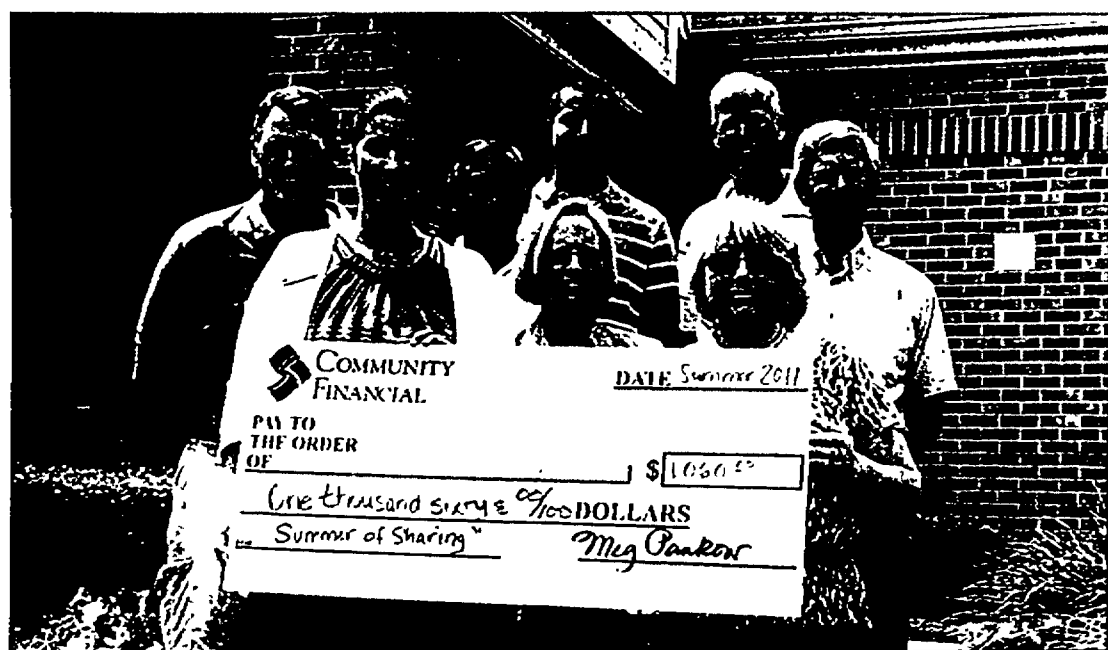
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(Left) Andrea Hacker, Community Financial Northville branch manager, presents a Summer of Sharing check to (right) Sue Campbell, director Northville Youth Assistance along with (center) NYA Commission member Sandra M. Larson; (back row) Bob Allan, mentor; Allan Ibara, mentor; Ty Schmidt, mentee; Jeff Brandt, mentor; and Chuck Murdock, NYA Commission member and mentor.

Food assistance available

Plymouth and Northville will be participating in "The Emergency Food Assistance Program" (TEFAP), which is a supplemental food program for all income-eligible Wayne county residents.

Distributions will be the third Thursday (Aug. 18) of each month from 10 a.m.-noon at St. Kenneth Catholic Church (14951 North Haggerty Road). All recipients must be pre-registered to become certified for eligibility (meeting both income and residency requirements) before being able to receive food on distribution days. Recipients who are not currently on any governmental program (Food Stamps, ADC and General Assistance) will need to provide documentation such as birth certificates or social security cards, proof of income and residence and proof of the number of household members. Bridge Card holders will automatically be qualified to participate but must still register.

For more information and registration, please contact the Plymouth Community United Way office at (734) 453-6879, ext. 2.

is rescheduled for Sunday, Aug. 21, to be held at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, from 1-7 p.m. A \$10 donation includes one food ticket and one beverage ticket (no food or drink to be brought in). Bring your own lawn chair for a day of relaxation and fun.

The lineup includes an exciting day of entertainment from the new to the tried and true. A young group called the Midnight Players will start off followed by Just Jazz with Jerry McKenzie and special guest Steve Blackwood of Days of Our Lives fame, George (Sax) Benson Quintet, Ron Kischuk Big Band with Judie Cochill, Gene Parker Jazz Quartet and the Johnny Trudell Quintet.

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

Area artists, share the gift within

First Presbyterian Church of Northville invites you to submit your work for the 19th annual Juried Fine Arts Show & Sale. The artwork will be displayed for one week from Oct. 1-7 at the church, 200 E. Main Street. Simply contact the church for the entry form and return with entry fee by Thursday, Sept. 15.

Hines Park Cruise

Do you remember cruising in Hines Drive back in the 70's? Hines Park will be closed on Aug. 28 to "normal" traffic from Ann Arbor Trail to Outer Drive for an inaugural cruise with traffic on this section of Hines will be limited to classic cars and hot rods.

Classics will be any car that is 25 years and older while hot rods will be anything that is modified.

All cars must enter and register at the Ann Arbor Trail entrance.

Download a registration form at www.DonNicholson.net to make registration move faster. There is no charge for registration.

Spectators may enter at Merriman Road, Telegraph Road and Warrendale. All three of these pavilions will be free to spectators during the cruise. Vendors will also be set up in these areas. If your car club would like to rent one of the remaining pavilions, please contact Don@DonNicholson.net.

Jazz fest rescheduled

The 2nd Annual Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780 Outdoor Jazz Festival

'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 northvillemarquistheatre.com.

McCotter headquarters

The McCotter for President campaign on Aug. 4 opened its national campaign headquarters located at 614 S. Main St. in Plymouth.

"Opening the McCotter 2012 national headquarters in Plymouth, Michigan further proves our commitment to running a winning, grass roots campaign for the Presidency," said U.S. Representative Thaddeus McCotter (R, 11th District).

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BROOKS, YVONNE LOIS

A long time resident of Highland Township, passed away at her home on August 9, 2011. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lester Brooks, and sons, Terry Lee Brooks and Richard Brooks. She is survived by her son, Tim (Gail) Brooks of Highland Twp.; a daughter, Vickie (Scott) Underwood of TX; daughter-in-law, Linda Brooks, grandchildren, Kimberly (Najib) Khan, Justin (Angelica) Brooks, Alexia (Andrew) Heney, Kristi (Mark) Falkenhagen, great grandchildren, Terry Lee, Peyton Lenore, Madison Nicole, Ella Rose, and Abigail Marie. Services will be held privately.

Condolences may be left at www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

FISCHER, MARYELLEN

8/4/2011, age 63. Mother of Kristin (Kenneth) Riffenburg. Grandmother of Michaela & Marissa. Sister of Stephen Sabatini. Donations to Michigan Humane Society. Condolences: obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

GOBLE, WINNIFRED "WINNIE"

Age 78, of South Lyon, passed away peacefully August 14, 2011. She was born May 26, 1933 in Rapid City, Michigan to Louis and Ola (Harger) Newton. She was united in marriage to Paul E. Goble for many years until his death in 1992. Winnie worked in the clerical support department at the DMC for 20 years. She loved animals; especially her daughter's dog Scraps. She was a very talented embroiderer; she has passed the art of embroidering to her children and grandchildren. Winnie enjoyed crossword puzzles, face-book, and cooking. Most importantly she loved her family. She is survived by her children: Sandee (John) Pinkham, Richard (Judy) Goble, James (Charlene) Goble, Sheryl (Todd) Henry, Steven (Tonii) Goble, and Carol (Lloyd) Hunt, her brother, Leo (Jo) Newton; 16 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, 5 brothers, and 4 sisters. A funeral service was held on Wednesday, 8/17/2011 at Casterline Funeral Home of South Lyon. Pastor Mark Fernandez with Freedom Life Church of God in Milford officiated the service. She was laid to rest at Commerce Memorial Cemetery in Commerce Twp., Michigan. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Heart Association, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674.

HAYES, PAUL EDWARD

A life-long resident of Milford died, Thursday, August 11, 2011. He was 78 years old. He is survived by his beloved wife of 54 years, Kathleen (nee. Wakefield); children, Ryan Hayes, Randy (Terri) Hayes, Renee (Timothy) Lewis, Roger (Mary-Ann) Hayes; grandchildren, Kristen & Kayla Hayes, Timothy & Paul Lewis, Amelia & Mitchell Hayes; great grandchildren, Emma & Eryn Hayes; sister, Myrtle Forslund. Paul was preceded in death by his brother Robert Hayes. Funeral Service was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford, on August 15th. Rev. Dr. R. John Harris to officiate. Burial Milford Memorial Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Michigan Chapter, 20300 Civic Center Dr., Ste 100, Southfield, MI 48076. For further info please call Lynch & Sons at 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

KEMPER, CECILIA A.

Age 55, of Brighton, passed away suddenly on 8/9/2011. Funeral service was held on 8/12/2011 at Casterline Funeral Home of South Lyon. Contributions are suggested to the Family, c/o Erica Walls, PO Box 2074, Gaylord, MI 49734.

KNOPP, FEARN M.

Age 90, of Milford, passed away August 5, 2011. Services handled by Lynch & Sons, Milford.

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LAURIE, MARGARET HARRIS

Age 64, of Highland, died 8/9/11. Survived by her son, Chris (Tracey) Laurie. Services being held privately. For info: Lynch & Sons, 248-684-6645.

MICHON, JACQUELINE

Age 25, 8/6/2011. Beloved daughter of Michael and Cindy Michon. Funeral was 8/12 at St. James Church. Donations to Big Brothers Big Sisters or Special Olympics. Condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com



MURPHY, JAMES JOHN

82, of Beverly Hills, FL died July 22, 2011 at the Life Care Center in Lecanto, FL. A long-time resident of Highland, he moved to Beverly Hills in 1995 to start his retirement with his wife and youngest son Steven. A wonderful husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend, he will be missed. He is survived by Barbara, his wife of 56 years, 8 children, 12 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. He was an active member of the Church of the Holy Spirit in Highland where a memorial mass will be held on September 2, 2011 at 10:00am.

SMOLARZ, MICHAEL J.

Age 81, passed away, August 8, 2011 at his home in the care of his family. He was born on April 24, 1930 in Detroit, son of the late Joseph and Iris Smolarz. Michael retired from Detroit Edison after many years of service as an overhead lineman. He enjoyed fishing, gardening and feeding the birds in his backyard. He enjoyed antiquing with his family. His real passion was being a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He is survived by his daughter, Lorraine Salins, his grandchildren, Chris Salins, Michael Smolarz and Lyndsay Smolarz. He is also survived by his sisters, Veronica Rubenstock and Iris Reagan, with whom he spent 59 years of marriage, his son James Smolarz, and two brothers, Gerald and Stanley. Visitation will be held on Sunday, August 14 from 2:00pm-8:00pm with Rosary at 7:00pm at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday, August 15 at 11:00am at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to the Smolarz Family. Online Guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

SPAMAN, ELEANOR (DISENROTH)

was born in Leslie, MI on February 22, 1914, the second daughter of John and Lucy (Hocking) Disenroth. Eleanor grew up on her parents' farm in Leslie with her sisters, Frances and Marian "Melly" and her little brother Johnny. After graduating from Leslie High School, Eleanor went to the University of Michigan School of Nursing, graduating as an RN in 1934. She worked at the U of M Hospital from 1934 to 1940 as a scrub nurse for Dr. Max Minor Peet, a world-renowned neurosurgeon. In May 1940, Eleanor was married to Andrew Spaman, a 1940 graduate Civil Engineer from the University of Michigan School of Engineering. Eleanor and Andy lived in Detroit, Lansing, Cleveland and even Midway Park, North Carolina, before finally settling in Dearborn, Michigan in 1947. Eleanor was an active homemaker until Andy's death in 1964 - then she went back to her nursing career at Lynn Hospital in Lincoln Park, Michigan from 1964 until her retirement in 1981. Her expertise in nursing enabled her to set up a recovery room at Lynn Hospital to care for post-op patients. Eleanor was a member of the PEO Sisterhood-Chapter CP (Dearborn, Michigan) from 1956 until her death. Over the years, Eleanor was an active member of the Dearborn Woods Presbyterian Church, First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn and Northville Presbyterian Church. In 1996 she moved to Zeeland was a former member of Third CRC Zeeland Wednesday Bible Study group and the Zeeland Women's Literary Club. She was a compassionate woman, a skilled nurse, a good friend, and helped many friends in their final days. Eleanor is survived by her son, Gilbert Spaman, of Northville, Michigan, and her daughter, Charlene (Mrs. John) Janssen, of Zeeland, Michigan as well as by 6 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. Eleanor will be buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Leslie, Michigan, next to her husband, parents, and brother. Funeral services were held at 11am Wednesday, August 17, 2011 at the Langeland-Sterneberg Funeral Home, 315 East 16th St, Holland. The Reverend James Scholten will officiate. Visitation will be held 5-8pm Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be given to the Hour of Power or Hospice of Holland. An online registry is available at www.langelandsterneberg.com

STYES, JACK EDWARD

Age 82, August 12, 2011. Services were held August 15 at Lynch & Sons, Milford, 248-684-6645. www.lynchfuneraldirectors.com



TERPE, ALEXANDER M.

Age 76 of Milford passed away in the loving care of his family August 7, 2011. Memorial Service was held from Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, in Milford on August 12th. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Michigan, 400 Mack Avenue, Detroit, MI 48201. For further information, please phone Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248 684 6645

TURNER, BETTY ANN

Of Fenton & formerly of Milford, died at home Saturday, August 13, 2011. She was 76 years old. Loving parent to Patricia Ann (Steven) Hartsell; caring grandmother to Ian, Sean, Grace, Emma, sister to Lawrence, Gerald & Ellen. Betty also leaves extended family and a host of dear friends that join together in mourning her death, while giving thanks to God for her life among them. She is preceded in death by her parents LeRoy "Pat" & Grace Turner; siblings, Katie, LeRoy, Noel, Carolyn. Visitation will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford, on Tuesday, August 16, 2-9PM. A Memorial Service will be planned for a later date. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society. For further information please call 248-684-6645 or visit LynchFuneralDirectors.com

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Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:25-11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study
Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12

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Plenty of options for disgruntled Netflix fans

By Jon Gunnells
Guest Columnist

Last month wasn't a good month for Netflix subscribers or anyone involved in the public relations function for Netflix.

In July, the media company decided to raise rates by \$6 per month for subscribers currently enrolled in the Netflix program, which allows for unlimited streaming media plus one DVD rental by mail at a time.

Netflix said the increase was necessary because the original rate of \$10 per month wasn't cost-effective.

Users who receive media through online streaming didn't incur any rate increases. The rate increases for traditional users, however, splintered the fan base enough that negative sentiment could be seen across a variety of social networks and blogs.

Many subscribers posted on Facebook and Twitter that they were immediately cancelling their service and, with a 60-percent increase, rightfully so.

But when you think about it, \$16 per month for unlimited Internet movies isn't terribly bad. After all, it wasn't too long ago when a new release from Blockbuster cost a customer \$5 or more.

In fact, Netflix is just one of many options. TV and movie lovers have that wasn't available five or 10 years ago.

In the last decade, TiVo and digital video recorders have become mainstays in American homes. They provide much more convenient options than the VCR — as do cable companies such as WOW and Comcast, which offer on-demand new releases and free on-demand for older media.

TV networks have also tried to lure viewers and advertisers to their sites by offering full episodes on their websites. Networks such as ABC, NBC,

CBS, Fox, MTV and more each offer full episodes of their most popular shows.

Hulu is another option for TV fanatics, or former Netflix users who want to watch TV when it is convenient for them. The website offers streaming video of many popular television shows, including *30 Rock* and *Family Guy*.

For those looking to score the best legal deals on movies, though, the best option may be one of the most old-fashioned. Renting a movie from Red Box rentals costs as low as \$1 per night for new releases.

Red Box rental boxes require a credit or debit card for payment, but they are conveniently located at retailers such as Walgreens or Kroger.

Red Box also offers low late fees. The late fee for a \$1 new release is only \$1 per day and coupons are sometimes available by shopping in stores where kiosks are available.

Family Video, which has a number of metro Detroit locations in cities including Livonia, Canton, Farmington Hills, South Lyon and more, also offers reasonable movie rentals, around \$2-\$3 per new release.

Driving to your local Family Video or Red Box may not be as convenient as flipping on your computer or Internet-enabled television, PS3, Nintendo Wii or Xbox, but depending on how often you rent, it may be a better value.

So if you are one of the many irked Netflix subscribers or former subscribers unwilling to pay \$16 a month for your monthly rental plan, consider the other websites and rental opportunities that are available.

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Tech Savvy
Jon Gunnells

Ford for the Farm



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Ford Motor Company employees Jim Caruso (left) and Mark Lenz work on spreading mulch around the children's playground at Northville's Maybury Farm on July 28. Ford employees have donated many hours at the farm in recent years and were working on carpentry projects in the barns this day.

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 program. 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.

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.

Fundamentals of writing a business plan

This workshop is for small business owners who are developing a plan to serve as their road map to success. Workshop participants learn what elements are commonly found in effective plans and work on developing each of these for their own business. Assistance in the process as well as information on resources is provided.

Thursday, Aug. 18, 6-9 p.m. Fee: \$40.

Social Media Marketing Part 1

Millions of people use social media for fun, but these technologies are also powerful business tools that encourage communication and collaboration. Before you start using social-media tools, learn how they work and what they offer, particularly for small businesses. Learn what it means to be engaged in social networking, which social networks are the most effective for conducting business, how to select the right tools for the job, how to protect yourself and your business and what you need to have in place before you get started. This is part one of three sessions.

Wednesday, August 24, from 9 a.m.-noon. Fee: \$40.

Oakland County Venture Forward

This intensive, 10-week program is

FUTURE WORKSHOPS

- (a.m.) Morning Class 9 a.m. to 12/12:30 p.m.
- (p.m.) Evening Class 6 p.m. to 9/9:30 p.m.
- Sept. 8: Pre-Business Research Workshop (a.m.)
- Sept. 13: Social Media Marketing Part 2 (a.m.)
- Sept. 14: Working for Yourself ... Becoming a Contractor, Service Provider, etc.
- Sept. 15: Fundamentals of Starting a Business (a.m.)
- Sept. 21: CEED Microloan Orientation
- Sept. 22: Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan (a.m.)
- Sept. 27: Social Media Marketing Part 3 (a.m.)
- Sept. 28: 5 Keys to Achieving Fiscal Fitness
- Sept. 29: QuickBooks Essentials Part 1 & 2
- Oct. 5: SBA Forum on Small Business Lending
- Oct. 6: Pre-Business Research Workshop (p.m.)
- Oct. 13: Fundamentals of Starting a Business (p.m.)
- Oct. 18: Legal & Financial Basics

designed for owners, CEOs and top management team members of businesses with at least two years of operating experience. Focused on issues most important to business health and growth, attendees gain knowledge to make critical decisions about their business and strategy, investigate next-stage growth and opportunity, plan for strategic growth, build and maintain a competitive advantage and maximize cash flow for profitability.

The class is Fridays, Aug. 26-Nov. 4 (10 consecutive sessions), 8:30-11:30 a.m. The fee is \$140. Admission is not automatic — all applicants need to be pre-qualified.

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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. 19 - Gia Warner; Aug. 26 - Justine Blazer

NORTHVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Location: 195 S. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167

Contact: (248) 349-7640 or www.northville.org

6th Annual Farmers Market

Time/Date: 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursdays

Location: northwest corner of Sheldon and Seven Mile roads

Details: The area is filled with Michigan made, Michigan-grown products

MILL RACE HISTORICAL VILLAGE

Location: 215 Griswold Ave., north of Main Street near Ford Field

Details: Office open 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday Friday Archives open Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Village buildings open free to the public 1-4 p.m., Sundays, mid-June to mid-Oct

Contact: (248) 348-1845 or www.millracenorthville.org

Weekly Events

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Thursday: 9 a.m. Archives open; 9 a.m.-2 p.m. New Hope Kidz Kamp, 7 p.m. Historical Society Board meeting

Friday: 9 a.m. Archives open; 9 a.m.-2 p.m. New Hope Kidz Kamp, 5:30 p.m. rehearsal, 6:30 p.m. rehearsal

Saturday: 1:15-3:15 p.m. wedding*; 3:45-5:45 p.m. wedding*

Party Girl



The Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors, one of the oldest self-sustaining women's art associations in the United States, is currently exhibiting a juried show "Firm Footing: Artists Engage with Body, Mind & Spirit" through Aug. 18 at the River Gallery, Chelsea. Hours for the gallery are 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays; 11 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Thursdays; and 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturdays. Forty-nine pieces were selected from over 100 that were submitted for consideration. Best in Show award winner is Barbara Eko Murphy, of Northville, for her ink piece "Party Girl". For further information regarding the organization, visit www.dswps.org.

Sunday: 1-4 p.m. Village buildings open free to the public, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. King's 8th

Monday: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Heirloom Rug Hookers; 7 p.m. Lions Club

Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang, 6:30 p.m. Northville Democrats

Wednesday: 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation Group

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

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Contact: Northville Art House (248) 344-0497 or www.northvillearts.org

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Details: Admission to Art

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

More: For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Northville Calendar online at www.hometownlife.com.

House exhibits are always free and open to the public.

"13 Ways to View a Blackbird and Other Thoughts in Thread"

Time/Date: opening reception 5-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5; exhibit continues through Aug. 27

Details: An art quilt show featuring two groups of work by artists from across the Midwest. 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. Exhibit is free and open to the public.

NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY SENIOR CENTER

Location: 303 W. Main Street

Contact: (248) 349-4140

GENITTI'S HOLE-IN-THE-WALL

Location: 108 E. Main, Northville

Contact: (248) 349-0522

MAYBURY STATE PARK

Location: Eight Mile Road (between Beck and Napier roads.) State Park motor vehicle permit required for park entry; \$6 daily, \$24

annually (\$6 annually for seniors 65 and older).

Contact: (248) 349-8390, Friends of Maybury (248) 349-3858 or FriendsOfMaybury.org.

BARNES & NOBLE

Location: 17111 Haggerty Road, Northville

Contact: (248) 348-1274

NORTHVILLE-NOVI BUSINESS NETWORKING BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 7:30-9 a.m. first and third Tuesdays (except Nov. and Dec., which are just the first Tuesdays)

Location: Kerby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty Road

Details: Business networking focused on building relationships. The Sunrise Networking Group, LLC (www.sunrisenetworkinggroup.com), or SNG for short, is a group of about 250 business leaders who help each other to build more business by referring people to each other. Cost of breakfast is \$10.

Contact: Fonda Milana 586-232-3009 or fmilana@sunrisefinancialgroupllc.com

DESIGNER SHOW HOUSE AND HOME TOUR PREVIEW PARTY

Time/Date: 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23

Location: 800 Griswold, Northville

Details: Visit with the designers; seek their advice; small plate strolling dinner, silent auction and signature cocktail. Advance RSVP required. The self-guided home tour of five Northville area homes will be 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24 with the last chance tour from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25. Sponsored by American Association of University Women Northville-Novati and hosted by Dr. William Demray, DDS.

Contact: www.aauwnn.org

Regional Events

COMPUWARE

DRIVE-IN MOVIES

Dates: seven days a week through Sept. 4

Details: \$9 for adults, \$6 for kids 4-12; free for children 3 and younger

Location: 14900 Beck Road (between 5 Mile and M-14), Plymouth Township

Contact: (734) 927-3284 or visit <http://www.compuwarearena.com/drivein.html>

JAZZ @ THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10:30 p.m. fourth Tuesdays

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, just west of Haggerty Road in Plymouth.

Details: These events are keeping the uniquely American tradition of jazz alive in southeast Michigan. A \$5 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres and live jazz in a beautiful club setting; limited seating.

WOMEN'S NETWORK SOURCE

Time/Date: 6:30-9:30 p.m. second Mondays

Location: Real Estate One, 346 N. Lafayette, South Lyon

Details: Networking and education meetings; cost is \$5. Women's Network Source was established to empower, motivate and support women to become successful entrepreneurs. WNS welcomes women curious about exploring whether to start a new business or learning how to grow their current business to attend an upcoming meeting.

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Local man hikes 35 miles on trek to help at-risk kids

David Sherman started and ended his recent two-week hike with at-risk children in the same exact spot. But everyone who participated in the grueling adventure had certainly changed during their time in New Mexico.

Sherman, 28, volunteered to lead a group of Boy Scouts through Philmont Scout Ranch, a rugged mountainous terrain near Cimarron. The camp is used not only for backpacking expeditions, but as a place for kids and adults alike to learn and grow.

Many of the boys on the trip had issues that varied from incarcerated fathers to untreated asthma due to financial struggles. This intrigued Sherman, a Northville resident who strives to help children by raising their self esteem.

"The biggest challenge was transforming a group of youth who did not know each other well to a 'crew with glue.' We had to all work together to survive such a long hike, at very high eleva-



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tions, through common tasks and team challenges like working together to scale a 12 foot wall," Sherman said.

This was not the first time he has volunteered.

Sherman spent countless hours while at school at the University of Michigan-Dearborn (where he graduated with honors), helping undergraduate students. He concen-

trated on making incoming freshmen feel welcome and prepared. He also started a library for sick children at Oakwood Hospital.

For these efforts, Sher-

man won the University of Michigan-Dearborn Emerging Student Leader Award in 2004. He also has been recognized with many other awards, including the State of

Michigan Special Tribute for Community Award, Prudential Spirit of Community Award and four letters from U.S. Presidents for his Community Service work.

"I mean, it's so easy, all it takes is a little time," Sherman said of volunteering. "We commonly let the urgent get in the way of the important. Our youth are important and deserve our attention and efforts. Together, we are building our next generation of young leaders."

Even after reaching heights of 12,441 ft. at Philmont, Sherman still wants to aim higher. He has speaking engagements planned and would like to one day serve on the board of a large nonprofit in Michigan.

"I want to give troubled youth who need someone to challenge them a way to find the greatness they already have inside," he said.

Submitted by Laura Weiner, a public relations professional specializing in the automotive industry

Concerned Scouts

Members of Girl Scout Troop 40473, who will be fifth graders at Silver Springs Elementary School and Amerman Elementary School in September, planted a vegetable garden at Silver Springs Elementary this spring that was featured in a national blog for Michelle Obama's "Let's Move" campaign. Working as a team the girls identified a need and developed an action plan to make a difference in their community by harvesting and donating the vegetables to Northville Civic Concern, a food bank that helps local families in need. "Let's Move" is an initiative started by the First Lady to solve the problem of obesity within a generation, so that children will grow up healthier. The campaign provides parents with information and fosters environments that support healthy choices by providing healthier foods in schools, access to healthy, affordable food, and helps children become more physically active. The troop partnered with the Northville Health Awareness Society. Through a grant from the Youth Service America, provided by United Health, the girls received funding for soil, seeds and other gardening materials



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Golf Outings

KIDNEY FOUNDATION'S GOLF CLASSIC

Time/Date: shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 22
Location: Meadowbrook Country Club on 40941 8 Mile Road in Northville

Details: Amateur golfers can compete for a worthy cause, great prizes, and a chance to play at the famed Pebble Beach Golf Links in California, all through the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan's Cadillac Golf Classic dedicated to the memory of Jerry Klisz. The event is presented locally by Cadillac of Novi. Registration and lunch begin at 10:30 a.m. The top three teams from the four-player, scramble-style tournament will be invited to play in the NKF National Championship, held in January 2012 at Pebble Beach. The Golf Classic is a top amateur golf event for charity and includes breakfast, lunch, dinner, open bar, golfer gifts, and live and silent auctions. Tickets are \$1,800 per foursome and \$450 per individual golfer. Dinner is available for \$60 per individual or \$100 per couple provided by Meadowbrook. Sponsors for the Golf Classic include national sponsor Cadillac, locally presenting sponsor Cadillac of Novi, and also Cross Country Automotive and Violets Are Purple. Leo's Coney Island will provide lunch. All proceeds from the Golf Classic go toward the lifesaving programs and services offered by the NKFM.

Contact: For information, or to register, call Kathy McGrath at the NKFM: (734) 222-9800, ext. 248. You can learn more about the NKFM by visiting www.nkfm.org and get regular updates on the NKFM's Facebook page www.facebook.com/KidneyMI.

13TH ANNUAL GOOD GRIEF OUTING

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 10

Location: Tanglewood Golf Club, South Lyon

Details: The proceeds from this outing will benefit New Hope Center for Grief Support, a bereavement outreach center located

in Northville. New Hope provides free grief support services and resources to men, women, teens, and children throughout southeastern Michigan. The cost for this four-person scramble, which includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch, dinner, contests, and prizes, is \$115 per golfer prior to Aug. 1 and \$125 after. Dinner-only is \$35 per person. Channel 4 traffic and news reporter Lauren Podell will be special guest and emcee.

Contact: For information about sponsorship opportunities or for registration information, contact Pattie Bingham at (248) 348-0115 or www.newhopecenter.net.

Meetings

Northville Public Schools

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Date: Second and fourth Tuesday of the month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Old Village School

City of Northville CITY COUNCIL

Date: First and third Monday of the month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: City Hall, 215 W. Main St.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING

Date: Third Tuesday of each month

Time: 8 a.m.

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

Contact: downtownnorthville.com

PLANNING COMMISSION

Date: First and third Tuesday of month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: City Hall

HOUSING COMMISSION

Date: Second Wednesday of every month

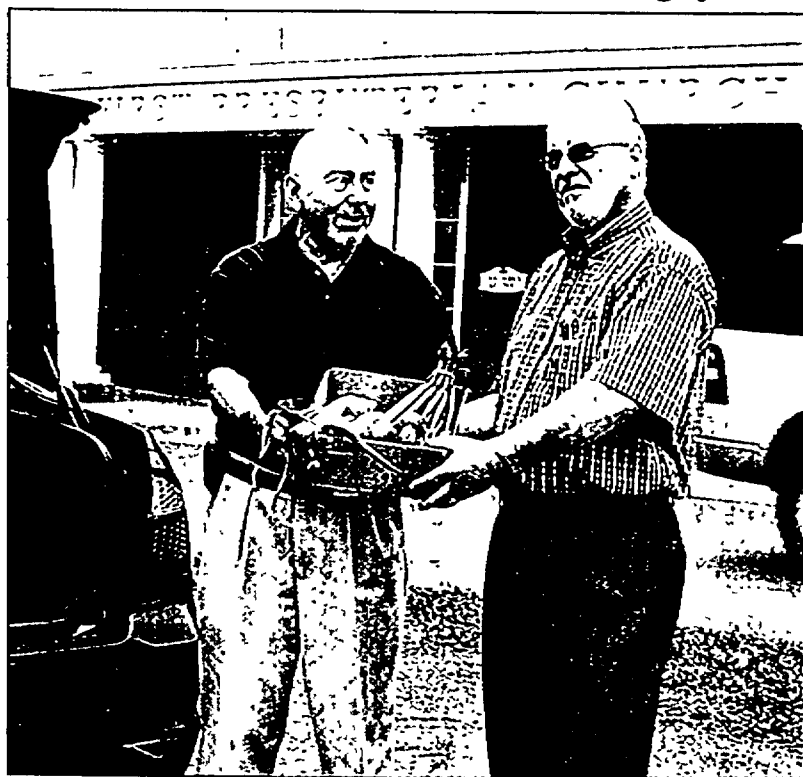
Time: 3 p.m.

Location: Allen Terrace, 401 High St.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Date: Third Wednesday of month

Fresh food for Northville's hungry



Phil Cavaretta (left) and Pastor Stu Ritter of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville demonstrate how easy it is to provide fresh produce for those in need. During the harvest season, Cavaretta collects fresh food in his car's trunk from 9 a.m.-noon every Saturday from donors in Northville and surrounding areas. Delivered immediately to Northville Civic Concern, the food is distributed among 150 Northville families who otherwise would go without. To participate in this program, bring excess produce from your garden, farmer's market or grocery store to the church. The transfer location is the parking lot on Cady Street behind the church, one block south of 200 East Main Street.

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: City Hall

ARTS COMMISSION

Date: Second Wednesday of every month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Date: First Monday of every month

Time: 8 a.m.

Details: Individuals and organizations invited to attend.

Location: Northville City Hall, Meeting Room B

Northville Township

PLANNING COMMISSION

Date: Last Tuesday of month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Township Hall, 44405 West Six Mile

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date: Third Thursday of month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Township Hall

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Date: Third Wednesday of month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Township Hall

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Date: Third Monday of month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Township Hall

YOUTH ASSISTANCE

Date: Second Tuesday of every month

Time: 8 a.m.

Location: Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road

Contact: Sue Campbell (248) 344-1618

Senior Events

SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER

Location: 303 W. Main St.

Contact: (248) 349-4140

Thursday

9 a.m. TOPS; Massage by appt.

10:30 a.m.: Yoga

11 a.m.: Cribbage

Noon: Walking Club

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle

Friday

11 a.m.: Poker

11:30 a.m.: Walking Club

Noon: Walking Club

1 p.m.: Movie

Monday

ABOUT ETC.

The Lists: Etc. includes Meetings; Senior Events; Library Lines; Parks and Rec; Volunteering; Support Groups; Clubs and Groups; Class Reunions; Golf Outings; and Health Events.

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

Web: Visit www.hometownlife.com to view a complete listing.

8 a.m.: Walking Club

9:30 a.m.: Mah Jongg

10 a.m.: Beginning Line Dance; Oxyrise

11 a.m.: Adv. Line Dance

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle/Euchre

Tuesday

8 a.m.: Walking Club

10:30 a.m.: Yoga

11:30 a.m.: Walking Club

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle

Wednesday

8 a.m.: Walking Club

9 a.m.: Foot Reflexology by appt.

10 a.m.: Oxyrise

11 a.m.: Strength Training

11:30 a.m.: Walking Club

Noon: Bridge

1 p.m.: Cribbage

7 p.m.: Bridge

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TIME/DAYS: 10 a.m.-noon Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Location: Recreation Center at Hillside

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

Contact: Northville Parks and Recreation (248) 449-9947

HEALTH WALKING

Date: Monday-Friday

Time: 8-10 a.m.

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

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This project calls for the saw cutting and removal of temporary cold patch material along roadways in areas of recent utility repairs, along with the placement of properly compacted hot mix asphalt. Contract documents and bid proposals can be obtained by contacting the Northville Department of Public Works at (248) 449-9930.

The City of Northville reserves the right to waive any irregularity or informality in bids, to reject any and/or all bids, in whole or in part, or to award any contract to other than the low bidder, should it be deemed in its best interest to do so.

James P. Gallogly
Director of Public Works

Dianne Massa
City Clerk

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Northville District Library, County of Wayne, Michigan, will hold a public hearing on Thursday, the 25th day of August, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Carlo Meeting Room of the Northville District Library, Northville, Michigan, to consider the approval and adoption of the operating budget of the Northville District library for the fiscal year 2011-2012.

Copies of the proposed budget are on file with the Library Director at the Northville District Library, 212 West Cady Street, Northville, Michigan, for inspection during regular library hours. At the public hearing, all citizens, taxpayers and property owners of the Northville District Library District, comprised of the City of Northville and the Charter Township of Northville shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the approval of the budget.

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED, TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Trustees of the Northville District Library, Counties of Wayne and Oakland, Michigan.

MIKE DeFRANCESCO
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Any citizen requesting accommodation to attend this meeting, please contact Julie Herrin, Library Director, at 248-349-3020, Extension 206.

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OUR VIEWS

Twilight Gathering

Help 'working poor' tonight

Fix a problem before it becomes one. Sounds simple enough. And that's the basic premise behind the Women's Caring Program, a Michigan nonprofit foundation gives financial support for quality child care and early childhood education to children from low-income working families via its ChildCare Commitment.

Break the cycle of poverty by promoting academic achievement early in the life of a child. Simple, yes, but it takes money. And here's how you can help.

To raise awareness of families in need, and raise funds, a Twilight Gathering party will be held tonight at 50595 Chesapeake in

Novi's Island Lake neighborhood, hosted by two Novi Community Education preschool teachers — Shelley Trainor of Novi and Jan Valade of Northville.

"We learned about the mission of Women's Caring Program and knew we had to help," said Trainor. "Jan and I see firsthand every day the difference that quality early childhood education can make in the life of a child."

The state-wide ChildCare Commitment program was created to help disadvantaged and working poor families not eligible for child care payments from another funding source. It gives tuition

assistance for children from birth to 5 years for quality care and early education.

Families in 64 of Michigan's 83 counties have been helped with awards prioritized in high poverty and densely-populated regions.

This whole concept began in 1979 when Carol Walters and her circle of friends became concerned about child care needs of working mothers, and they began to raise funds. By 1995, the Women's Caring Program was created, and that circle of friends is now in the hundreds.

In this current recession, as parents struggle to provide, children feel that stress and know all too well about disappointment and hunger.

"Unfortunately, the pain of deprivation being experienced by nearly one in four of today's Michigan children will not end when the economy picks up again," according to WCP's website. "Studies show that the physical, mental and emotional effects of poverty literally last a lifetime. Children whose formative years are colored by poverty often experience academic, social, physical and emotional challenges throughout their lives, leading them to sometimes make choices that affect the safety and economic well-being of our society as a whole."

Yes, there are assistance programs for the unemployed and extremely poor, but over one-quarter of this state's families are "working poor" — employed but unable to make ends meet. So, when the parent(s) working, who cares for the children? The ChildCare Commitment is Michigan's only program supporting quality childcare and early education for these families. The WCP is now asking for your help to reach and help more children.

How's this for a return on your investment: In 2005, a High/Scope Perry Preschool study showed that every dollar invested in early childhood education nets \$16.14 in public return through crime prevention, education and welfare savings, and increased taxes due to higher earnings.

"We believe that, collectively, we all have one asset too important to fail and that is our children," said Carol Walters.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What is your dream vacation?



"Mine would be a beach vacation — not anywhere specific, just a deserted beach."

Claire Stavenga
Rockwood



"I would have to say somewhere with my whole family. If it was an unlimited budget, maybe Hawaii — if the flight was shorter!"

Jessica Sheridan
Chicago



"The West Coast — Yosemite, the Grand Canyon, Sedona — that whole western, beautiful area."

Corrine Gottman
Pinckney



"Greece. I've always wanted to go to the Mediterranean. My husband went there years ago, and we always talk about it."

Terri Weisman
Waterford

LETTERS

Way to go, NFPA!!

We all know that our schools have been hit hard with financial realities and that our sports teams and clubs are in desperate need for funding and support. We all know that our local businesses are struggling in this current economic environment. And we all know that Northville families are finding it difficult to juggle all of the financial needs of our homes, schools, and community.

Congratulations to the Northville Football Parents Association for organizing a fundraiser that recognizes those realities and offers a collaborative way for all of us to benefit! For \$20 — the price of one of their discount coupon books — I can support the NHS Football program, get discounts on sports gear at Dick's, and get discounts on washing my car and eating at 11 local eateries! Everyone benefits: the football program is raising much-needed funds, the car wash and local eateries will see increased business, and Northville families save money by doing what we generally do in the course of our days.

All I can say is: I wish we had thought of this first!! As president of the NHS Varsity Dance Company — I know that we are always looking for fund raisers that make sense. This one will be hard to beat!

Thank you, Dawson Laabs, for stopping by to offer a NFPA coupon book. Good luck, Mustangs! Your season is already off to a great start!

Mari Anne Guidobono
Northville

Free market myth

Many people believe that the free-market can solve our problems. This is a dangerous myth. The reality is that the free-market is not free and it cannot possibly solve all our problems.

The bottom line of this myth is profit. People and companies are putting profits over humanity, decency, honor and country. This is happening because the free-market perpetuates poverty, unemployment, ecological degradation and income disparity.

Gerard Anderson, a professor of health policy and management and the director of Johns Hopkins Center for Hospital Finance and Management, attributes the high cost of medical care to the market system.

Solving our nation's multifaceted problems requires citizens, especially business and political leaders, to cooperate and respect each other. As a nation, we need to find our way back to living ethically.

Denise "Chip" Black
Milford

Golf helps St. Jude

On Aug. 28, The Knights of Columbus, the Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Council #7444, will be hosting its fifth annual golf fundraiser for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

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The hospital opened in 1962 and was founded by the late entertainer Danny Thomas. Its mission is to find cures for children, whose ages range from 1-19 years who have some type of cancer.

St. Jude is the only pediatric cancer research center where families never pay for treatment not covered by insurance. No child is ever denied treatment because of the family's inability to pay. Some 5,500 patients visit St. Jude yearly.

Our golf outing will be at Mystic Creek Golf Course, located in Camp Dearborn. Registration is 8-9 a.m. There will be a continental breakfast and a 9 a.m. shotgun start. We will have a hot dog, chips and soda at the turn and a buffet dinner following golf.

This will be a best ball scramble with longest drive, closest to the pin and putting contests. The entry fee is \$100 per person or dinner only for \$30 per person.

Sponsorships cost \$100 for a sign. To play, call Rob MacMain at (248) 685-2389 or (248) 787-2929. If you don't golf, but would like to make a donation, send checks to John Rogers, 3101 Sands Court, Milford, MI 48380. Make checks payable to Knights of Columbus #7444. Earmark them "St. Jude."

All proceeds go directly to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Some 40 years ago, Danny Thomas said "no child should die in the dawn of life." Can you help keep Danny's dream alive? But most of all, please help the sick children.

John Rogers
Milford

Looking back

In response to letter (Aug. 3) that quoted verbatim President Obama's 2006 Senate speech deploring an increase of the debt limit, I am compelled to comment.

Understandably, it was most likely that Obama could hardly have anticipated that the Bush administration and his supporters' single-minded, stubborn refusal to tax the extremely wealthy would drive us and the economy to the depth of our depression.

Sadly, he couldn't predict nor expect such prolonged stupidity and, thus, he must eat his own

words.

Also, we must not forget that the debt limit had been raised seven times during the G.W. Bush years. So, just about everyone must have been somewhat upset about the debt limit increases.

Patrick M. Downey
Novi

Cut spending now

The debate in Washington to raise the debt ceiling the past few weeks is interesting to be sure, but this is not the real issue we face. It is just another round of Red vs. Blue political paint ball before the election in 2012.

Politics is running rampant regarding raising the debt ceiling and a possible downgrade of our credit by the major ratings agencies. If you are not sure what or who these agencies are, for reference, think of the ratings agencies the same way you think of your credit score. The higher your credit score, the lower your interest rates and the more you can borrow. Since 1941, the U.S. has enjoyed the highest available AAA rating. The U.S. pays the lowest interest rates in the world because of it. If we lose that rating, interest rates will rise, which will create critical long term problems for the economy.

If and when the U.S. is downgraded, the liberals and the media will blame the Tea Party and our insistence that we address our problems head on by demanding that any increase to the debt ceiling be balanced with an equal cut in spending. This is exactly what the major ratings agencies want to see.

A critical comment from the warning by Standard and Poor's in April 2011 stated: "We believe there is a material risk that U.S. policy makers might not reach an agreement on how to address medium- and long-term budgetary challenges by 2013; if an agreement is not reached and meaningful implementation is not begun by then, this would in our view render the U.S. fiscal profile meaningfully weaker than that of peer 'AAA' sovereigns."

Translation: We are going to cut up your credit card.

It's been three months after the first warning from Standard and Poor's, and we are still playing political paint ball. It was out of frustration with governing by political platitudes that the Tea Party was formed. It seemed to most of us that no matter what was promised in any election year, the debt just got worse.

The landslide state and federal elections in November 2010 seated fiscally-conservative legislators that for the first time are saying no to the status quo. This is exactly what Standard and Poor's wants to see.

The Tea Party and the major credit ratings agencies agree; our spending is out of control and we need to take definitive actions to cut spending now, not in the future.

Patrick Grimes
Novi

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NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

Retail Fraud

1 A 31-year-old Westland man was arrested after fleeing from the Meijer store on Haggerty with a stolen cellular telephone.

On Aug. 2, Northville Township police were informed that a man left the store in a red Ford Explorer after concealing the phone in his pocket and not stopping when asked to by the store's Loss Prevention Officer. The Explorer, driven by the suspect's mother, was stopped at Haggerty and Cross roads.

When the township officer asked the man why did he think they were stopped, he replied by saying he had taken the phone. The store security had observed the man use a knife to cut open the phone's packaging before putting it into his shorts. Once arrested the police also found a small amount of marijuana on the suspect. The mother was released at the scene.

Larcenies from a Vehicle

2 Two Northville Township residents reported to police that on

the night of Aug. 2 their vehicles had been broken into with one having items taken from it.

The first case involved a 51-year-old woman who lives on Portis Street.

She said she parked her Jeep in the driveway and noticed the next day the glove compartment and center console were opened and rummaged through.

Nothing was missing from the unlocked vehicle.

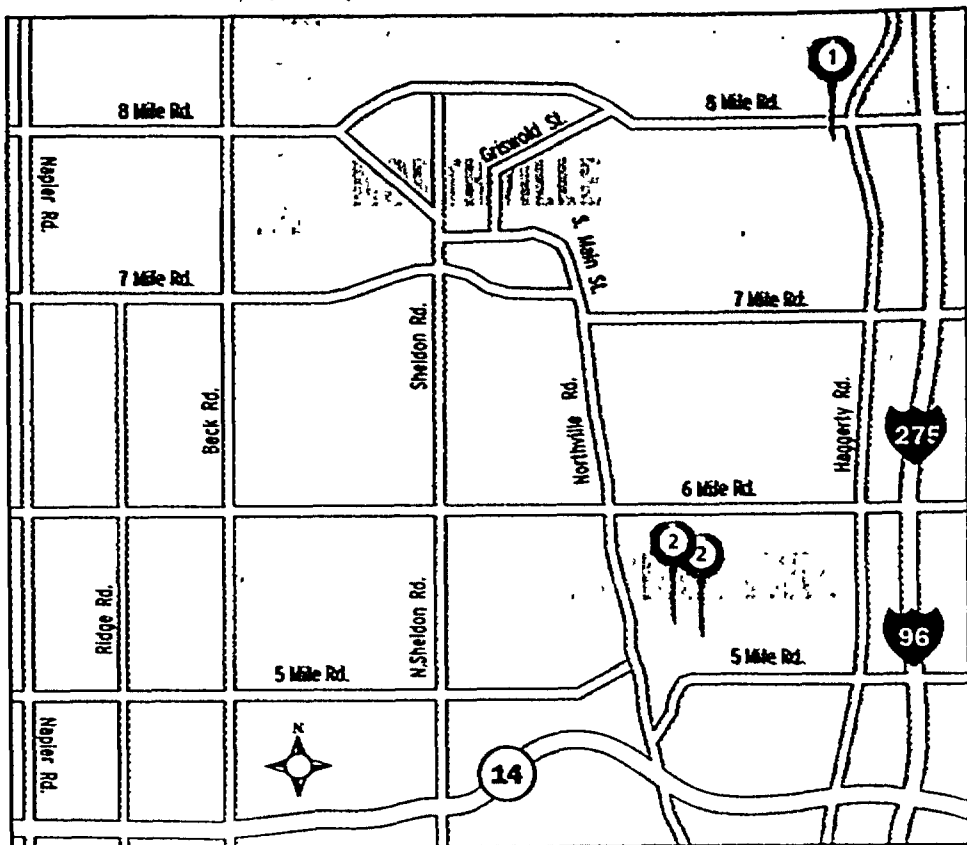
The second case involved a 36-year-old man living on Ravina Lane.

He told police that his wife had heard a noise that night, but did not follow up on it.

The next day he found his glasses and two sets of wireless head phones for the in-car entertainment system had been taken from his GMC Yukon.

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Summer sunset



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The sun sets over Northville's Cady Street, just north of Northville Downs on July 29. At this time in summer, the sun's going down a little before 9 p.m.

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American Legion Post 147 Commander Dennis Strikulis, left, raises the American flag at the Northville Art House on July 25 as Bill and Elizabeth Oliver look on. The Legion donated the flag to the Art House where it will be on display.

Art Quilt Show



Blackbird by Astrid Bennett

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.

Volleyball camp



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Lily Sheppard, 11, far right, and other girls prepare to serve during a July 27 Northville Parks and Recreation volleyball camp. The week-long camp, held at the Recreation Center at Hillside, was coached by Tom Teeters.



Volleyball coach Tom Teeters works with a group of girls during a July 27 camp at the Recreation Center at Hillside.

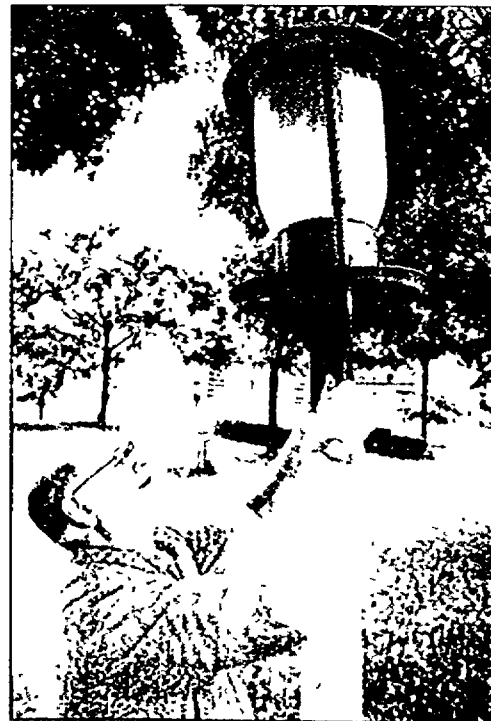
Disc golf



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Jake McDonald, left, and Lucas McKay finish up 18 holes of disc golf on Aug. 1 at Northville Township's Cass Benton Disc Golf course. The pair said they probably play the course, located south of Seven Mile on Edward Hines Drive, more than three times a week.

Stone gang



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Dan Shatt works on replacing a bolt holding a lamp to a post at Northville's Mill Race Village on Aug. 3. Shatt is a Northville resident and longtime member of the village's "Stone Gang" - a group of people who get together to work on maintenance projects for Mill Race in their spare time.

Sending your message to others

By Lee Meadows
Guest Columnist

The growth and dispersion of some many forms of technological communication have provided, what some would argue as, a practical convenience to an, already, busy life. We can text faster than we can talk, download music at the moment we can remember the artists name or the title of the one-hit song that gave them 15 cyber seconds of fame, or email a thought-for-the-day to everyone in our database with the hope that they will forward it to everyone in their database.

The fact that most of us did not want a thought-for-the-day is beside the point. The message has been imposed and, if it has been forwarded often



Lee Meadows

enough, you may never figure out who was the original sender, therefore never knowing what was the, original, intent. The efficiencies gained, as a result of technology, are welcomed and embraced from the corporate boardroom to the personal family room and have, consequently, altered the direct forms of communication in ways that impact the effectiveness of how messages are interpreted. The human brain, still, needs the face-to-face interaction in order to see the 'whole' picture of a message and to be clear about the intent of the sender.

There was a telling scene in the movie "Up In The Air" in which the new employee, being mentored by the George Clooney character about life on the road, is upset because her fiancée decided they needed to see other people and did so by sending her a text message. While this was a poignant moment on the screen, the abil-

ity to suspend disbelief at such an act was tempered by the number of actual situations in which employees have quit, or otherwise left, their places of employment and informed their immediate supervisors by way of a text message.

Even more interesting are the number of employees who have an issue with their immediate supervisor and express it by sending a text message to their friend and/or colleague, who then forwards the message to that person's boss. Not to mention the number of workplace romances gone bad that escalate due to the office 'text-tament' that only stops because one person can text faster than the other.

While many would argue that the chosen methods of communication are 'workplace generational' issues, there is something to be said for the importance of being the one to carry your own message to the source to insure clarity and

minimize subjective interpretation, hearsay innuendo, or the 'he say/she say' soap opera.

Long before we became enamored with the visual charm of communication technology, the day-to-day, face-to-face, eyeball-to-eyeball, communication in the an organizational setting was, eventually, recognized as a skill to be developed as opposed to it being a natural gift from one's genetic code. The efficiencies of the day demanded closer interaction and a firm commitment to being clearly understood. The individual communicator was responsible for their own message and how it was conveyed. Minus the distance of a text message, you had to talk with other organizational members in order to get things done. While the process was, seemingly, arduous and plodding, there was ample opportunity to make sure the message was clear and the outcome was understood. In the event there

was a misinterpretation, there was a chance to get clarification. In a global environment in which information moves across boundaries at incredible speed, there is a greater risk of messages being misinterpreted - a response sent and counter-sent, before anyone has time to ask, "What was meant by the message?"

It is far too easy to take the efficient path of sending a message without taking into account its consequences. Important messages pertaining to relationships, employee to supervisor, fiancée to fiancée, friend to friend, friend to enemy or supervisor to team, should be delivered by you, through you and for you since you are the one with something to say.

Lee E. Meadows, Ph D is a professor of management at Walsh College working at the Novi Campus. He can be contacted at lmeadows@walshcollege.edu

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Safety tips for students abroad

The allure of traveling abroad to study and experience other cultures continues to grow for teens across the country. U.S. student participation in study abroad programs has more than doubled over the last decade, according to the Institute of International Education. And since the 1960s, more than 500,000 people from around the world have traveled with People to People Ambassador Programs to help further global understanding through cross-cultural exchange.

While traveling abroad is an exciting opportunity for students, parents often have concerns over safety. "As travel safety experts with nearly 50 years of experience, we work diligently to ensure the safety of every student and leader in every program," said Mike Bowers, Senior Health and Safety Director for People to People Ambassador Programs. "We understand the concerns and we are committed to providing a safe and enjoyable educational experience for all program participants."



Mike Bowers is senior health and safety director for People to People Ambassador Programs.

Bowers has reviewed years of travel data to understand the most common safety issues as a leader in travel safety. People to People Ambassador Programs has developed the following practical safety tips for teens traveling abroad.

Pack Common Sense
— Ask yourself — would I do this at home? If the answer is no, rethink your actions.

— Get some rest. You can have a good time without staying out too late —

the more rested you are, the more likely you are to be aware of and safe in your surroundings.

— Always travel with a buddy — traveling alone can make you a mark for thieves. Having two sets of eyes to watch out for bad situations is helpful, plus it will be more fun to share your experiences with a friend.

Scope Out Your Surroundings

— Be knowledgeable about your destination. Visit Centers for Disease Control travel Web sites and other online resources before you travel. Check out hotels and inns before you decide to stay there.

— Choosing a hostel off the beaten path might save you a little money, but it could also lead you into an unsafe situation.

— Go ahead, travel like a native, but be cautious when using public transportation. Crowds make it easier for pick-pockets. Always keep your money and identification on your person in multiple locations.

— If you see the same person three times in different locations it could mean you are being targeted, and you should find a safer place.

Leave a Money Trail

— Use a prepaid bank card which allows loved ones back home to know where you are and make sure they have access to the account. People to People Ambassador Programs has tracked students this way, and even the U.S. Department of State indicates it is a good way to find people while traveling.

— Make copies of passports and credit cards. If lost or stolen, account numbers can be easily located and reported.

Leave the Bling Behind

— Petty criminals look for easy targets in crowds and a "blinged out" tourist is an easy target.

— Make an effort to blend in and use your prior research to understand the country's style and culture.

Stay Connected

— Contact home on a scheduled basis to let your loved ones know you are safe. If you miss a scheduled time, your contacts will know to start looking for you.

— Use Skype, text messaging or a GPS-equipped phone that allows people back home to track your trip and ensure your safety.

The U.S. Department of State says that when you leave the United States, you are subject to the laws of the country you are visiting. Therefore, before students go, they should learn as much as possible about the local laws and customs of the places they plan to visit. They can get more information at the library, from a travel agent, and the embassies, consulates or tourist bureaus of the countries being visited.

"We know how important safety is to a parent sending their child to another country," said Bowers. "That's why parents and students need to be informed. We make sure we keep open and

ongoing communication with students, leaders, and family members regarding safety and any world events that may affect our programs."

Learn more about People to People's commitment to safety at www.peopletopeople.com/safety.

Travel Smart

To help students, or anyone else, traveling to a foreign country, the Department of State has set up the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP). It's a free service that lets you submit information about your trip so that the Department can assist you in an emergency. It makes it easier for U.S. embassies and consulates around the world to contact you and your loved ones during an emergency. You can also subscribe to receive updates on travel warnings, travel alerts and other information for the countries you'll be visiting. Learn more at www.studentsabroad.state.gov.

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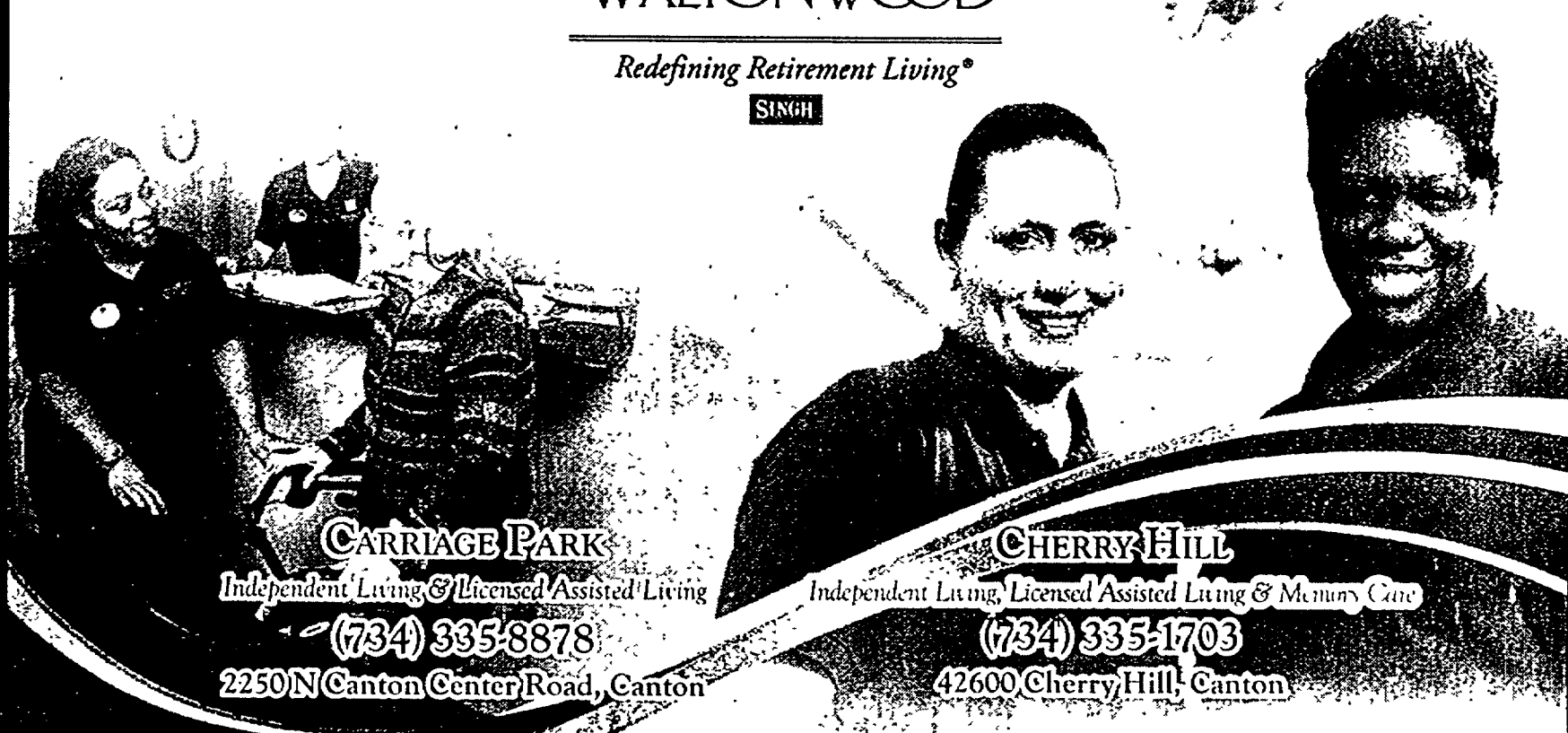
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Northville's Vinnie Bevins prepares to launch the game-winning homer.

JAMES FARKAS

Northville wins rematch with Novi

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

When the Northville and Novi 55-and-older men's softball teams met on the field of play a few weeks ago, the exciting finale and Northville's victory ensured another game would be played.

That rematch, which was played Aug. 4, was just as exciting and just as much in Northville's favor when all was said and done.

Northville's squad earned back-to-back wins in an unexpected double header, 13-1 and 5-3.

"(After the first game) it was decided by all to go for two, so a double header was played to five innings," explained Northville Parks and Recreation director Charlie Gabbart.

In the first game, Northville simply dominated.

By the top of the fifth inning, they were already ahead by 12 runs, all but guaranteeing the victory.

In the second game, however, Novi

made quite a bit of noise. Their bats fired up and the Baseline bombers jumped out to a 3-1 lead.

Northville, however, brought in some strong pitching to shut down those hot bats and their offense sparked to earn the come-from-behind victory in the nightcap.

This game could possibly be a glimpse at things to come for Northville and Novi. Northville is hoping to create a regular 55-and-over team while Novi is continuing to look for teams to play through the rest of this season.

"A group of guys in Novi joined together for the first time this June, and are enjoying themselves so much that they are continuing to look for 'pick-up' games throughout the fall," said Tori Heglin of Novi Parks and Rec.

The Northville games marked the second team Novi has played this year. The squad also played a team from Hartland twice—a new team this year similar to their own—and now three games against Northville.

"Our team is made up of players who have not played in many years to some who currently play in other leagues," said team manager Ron Megesi. "We did not get to pick our players. The team just kind of showed up. Surprisingly so, this team is competitive and loves to play ball."

If Northville and Novi get their way, they will be in a league next year with teams like Hartland and possibly those from South Lyon, Livonia, Walled Lake and other surrounding communities.

"We are interested in any teams from the local area that want to play softball," said Heglin. "At present, we are working with men, but women have joined in and we would form a women's league as well if there is an interest."

For more information, contact Gabbart at Northville Parks and Rec or Heglin at Novi Parks and Rec.

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer and former staff sports writer or the Northville Record and Novi News

2 state youth cricketers on USA's U-15 squad

Michigan Cricket Academy (<http://micricketacademy.wordpress.com/>) announced that two of its members, Gordon Makin, 15, of Dexter, and Rohit Mogalayaipalli, 14, of Novi, have been selected for the USA U-15 squad to represent the country in the International Cricket Council Americas Northern Division Tournament in Winnipeg, Canada, from Aug. 21-28.

They are the first MCA players to be selected for a national team at any level (U-15, U-19, or senior). Both were born in the United States and have played all their cricket in this country. A sophomore, Makin also plays football for the Dexter High School JV team (outside linebacker) and rugby for Dexter Rugby Club; freshman Mogalayaipalli plays premier-level club basketball and is a quarterback for Novi High School freshmen.

Makin is an opening batsman and wicket keeper (cricket's equivalent of baseball's catcher); Mogalayaipalli also an opening batsman and medium pace bowler. Both play regularly for MCA and for Motown Cricket Club in the Michigan Cricket Association (adult) league—see www.michca.org. They opened the batting together for Central East Region at the recently completed national inter-regional U-15 tournament in Hartford, CT, and together scored over 300 runs in four matches.

Makin's career highlights include a maiden half-century at last year's inter-regional tournament in New Jersey (vs South West Region), 44 not out and the Man-of-the-Match award vs University of Michigan XI in the American College Cricket Cup in October 2010, scores of 47 and 72 at the California Cricket Academy U-17 Tournament this June, and two fifties in the recently completed inter-regional tournament in Connecticut. Mogalayaipalli's career highlights include 71 for MCA against Chicago in MCA's Memorial Day Weekend Tournament, 2010 (the highest score in the tournament, recorded by one of the youngest players), 68 and the Man-of-the-Match award for Central East Region against Directors' XI in the 2010 inter-regional tournament, 81 for Great Lakes Academy in Michigan's Great Lakes Cricket Conference this June—generally thought to be the highest score ever made in a Michigan adult league match by an under-fifteen player; and his maiden hundred against the Directors' XI in the 2011 inter-regional tournament.

ABOUT THE SPORT

Cricket, said to be the world's second-most-popular sport, is growing fast in the United States. If you don't know where to look, you might not see it, but all over Metro Detroit and in Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Holland, and other parts of the state league matches are played every Saturday and Sunday. Many local cricketers are members of the area's fast-growing South Asian population, but some come from other major cricketing countries (England, Australia, South Africa, the Anglophone Caribbean, etc.). For the most part, cricket in Michigan is played by adults, but since 2004 one organization has been working to ensure that the State's children also learn the game: MCA has enjoyed steady growth since its inception and is now striving to be recognized as one of the Midwest's premier youth cricket programs. MCA runs year-round practices (indoors in gymnasiums in the winter; at Wixom's Lyon Oaks Park cricket ground from May to October).

KLAA shows dominance in fall sports

By Jeff Theisen
Staff Writer

Three years ago, the Western Lakes Activity Association and the Kensington Valley Conference combined to make a super-conference.

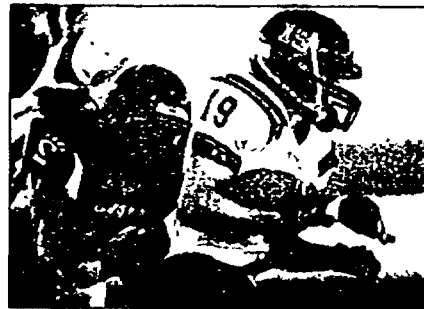
The Kensington Lakes Activities Association was born in 2008 and filled out with three Walled Lake Schools and eventually Grand Blanc to fill out the 24-team, four-division format.

The following is a look at how the young league is faring once put into playoff and at the state-level of competition from the fall sports standpoint—which is also one of its strongest seasons.

Boys Cross Country

No KLAA sport has dominance like boys cross country.

The State Finals is loaded with KLAA athletes, as well as teams in the top 10. In 2010, the KLAA had eight teams



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Mustang Jonathon Alandt tries to evade the grasp of South Lyon East's Matt Kusynski. Alandt is the 2010 All-Area Player of the Year.

place in the top 20, with Pinckney third, Milford fourth and Brighton ninth, all cracking the top 10.

Finishing out the KLAA placings were Grand Blanc in 11th, Waterford Mott in 13th, Lakeland in 15th, Walled Lake Northern in 19th and Plymouth in 20th.

"There is no other sport in the KLAA that has been the dominate conference at the state level like boys cross country," said Novi coach Robert Smith. "It is amazing just how many great teams there are year after year in a 24-team association. With a group this large there are usually cupcake teams. Not in the KLAA. Not in boys cross country."

Milford won the cross country Team of the Decade for the first 10 years of the 2000s and started the next 10 with a fourth-place finish.

"Since joining the KLAA we have yet to have a boys Team Champion, but we have many knocking on the door," said Salyers. "I believe the competition breeds success."

As far as an individual, Waterford Mott's claimed the title last year. The KLAA also posted eight of the 30 All-State athletes for Division 1.

In 2009, again Pinckney finished third

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with Milford in fourth. Novi secured the 10th spot with Plymouth in 11th and Grand Blanc in 12th for five teams in the top 12.

Individually, Milford's Nate Huff led 10 KLAA All-State runners (top 30 are All-State) with a fifth-place finish.

In 2008, the KLAA had four teams in the top 16, with Pinckney in eighth, Plymouth in 12th, Novi in 13th and Milford in 16th.

Individually, the KLAA had five All-Staters, led by Pinckney's Matt Wines in seventh. Two Grand Blanc runners also made All-State, but the Bobcats were not part of the KLAA until 2009. Grand Blanc also finished 18th as a team.

Girls Cross Country

Running right with the boys, the KLAA girls cross country is also extremely dominant.

In 2010, four KLAA teams place in the top 10, starting with Northville in fourth, Pinckney in fifth, Grand Blanc in ninth and Salem in 10th.

Five more teams place in the top 25, with Milford in 14th, Brighton in 16th, Livonia Franklin in 19th, Waterford Mott in 23rd and Walled Lake North in 24th.

Of the 27 teams at the State Final, the KLAA had nine of the top 24 teams.

The KLAA also boasted an amazing 14 of the 30 All-State runners, led by Grand Blanc's Gabrielle Anzalone in second place overall.

One year earlier, eight KLAA teams cracked the top 23 — Pinckney (5th), Salem (8th), Churchill (11th), Hartland (15th), Waterford Mott (16th), Milford (18th), Northville (21st) and Brighton (23rd).

Individually, seven All-State runners came from the KLAA, led by Hartland's Avery Evenson in second and Churchill's Sara Kroll just behind her in third. Seven KLAA runners finished in the top 40 for All-State status.

In 2008, Brighton led six KLAA teams in the top 20 with a fifth-place finish. Eight runners finished All-State, led by Mott's Shannon Osika who finished second overall.

"In girls cross country the KLAA is pretty impressive," said Northville coach Nancy Smith. "Last year four KLAA teams finished amongst the top 10 at the State Finals — also ... nine teams of the 27 teams. That is pretty impressive. The competition is getting tougher and more competitive."

Girls Swim and Dive

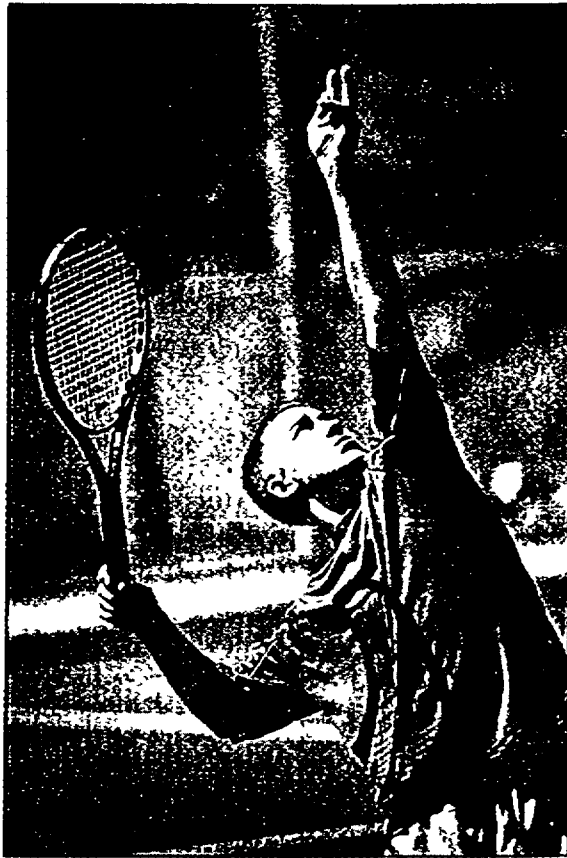
The KLAA Central Division, made up of five teams — South Lyon, Novi, Northville, Salem and Stevenson — are all regulars among the top 10 in the state.

Last fall, South Lyon led the charge with a fourth-place finish. Livonia Stevenson and Northville tied for ninth with Novi finishing 11th. Salem finished 21st.

"As you can see, all five schools are very high in the state," said South Lyon coach John Burch. "This leads to great competition within the division. The KLAA Kensington Conference is one of the top four conferences in the state for swimming."

Other KLAA top finishers included Brighton in eighth, Grand Blanc in 15th, Hartland in 17th, Walled Lake Central in 25th, Livonia Franklin in 27th and Plymouth in 30th.

In all, 11 KLAA teams reached the top 30 at the biggest meet of the year.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Novi Wildcat Jason Carless serves.

In 2009, Novi tied for fifth, Stevenson took ninth, South Lyon 10th, Hartland 13th, Milford 14th, Brighton tied for 15th, Grand Blanc tied for 17th, and Salem in 19th for eight teams with in the top 20.

In 2008, Novi finished third, followed by Brighton in fifth, South Lyon (10th), Milford (12th), Salem (14th) and Stevenson (15th).

Football

The king of all high school sports got a huge dose of KLAA play last year.

Plymouth went on a wild run through the playoffs, finishing runner-up. And they didn't even win their own division.

Canton was a heavy favorite to make a deep run before falling to Plymouth in the district finals.

itive in the state playoffs as any other conference in the state," said Northville coach Matt Ladach. "We have had teams do really well in the past few years with Stevenson, Plymouth, WL Central, Canton, etc."

"The biggest downfall of the current MHSAA playoffs is the geographic breakdown of district pairings. Typically speaking, we end up playing our division and conference rivals in rounds one and two of the playoffs, so it is difficult to comment on exactly how we match up against the rest of the state."

Boys Soccer

Last year, the KLAA playoffs saw the KLAA take up half the final four and three of the final eight teams.

Novi, Canton and Grand Blanc each reached the final eight with Canton and Grand Blanc's run ending in the semifinals.

In 2009, it was a similar feat with Novi, Salem and Canton reaching the quarterfinals. Salem went on to reach the final four before ending its run.

In 2008, Stevenson reached the finals before losing in overtime. Salem and Grand Blanc also reached the quarterfinals.

Volleyball

Despite plenty of quality teams in the KLAA, it's simply been the Churchill show in the playoffs. The Chargers reached the final eight in 2010, and the final four in 2009 and 2008.

Boys tennis

Novi has led the charge for the KLAA in boys tennis. The Wildcats have placed fifth each of the three years of the leagues existence.

In 2010, Novi placed each of its four doubles teams in the semifinals with its No. 2 team finish-

ing runner-up.

Also placing for the KLAA were Grand Blanc in ninth, Livonia Franklin in 13th and Churchill and Plymouth tied for 15th.

In 2009, Novi tied with Grand Blanc for fifth and Northville snagged the 11th spot. Novi again placed all four of its doubles teams in the semifinals.

In 2008, Novi finished fifth with Northville in 13th and Churchill tied for 14th. Grand Blanc was not part of the KLAA yet, but still finished seventh.

Girls Golf

The KLAA bunched five teams in the ninth through 13th spots at the Division 1 State Finals.

Novi grabbed ninth, followed directly by Northville, Plymouth, Brighton and Milford for five of the top 13 spots.

Plymouth's Kelsey Murphy led the individual charge with a fifth-place finish. Brighton's Hannah Pietila finished ninth with Novi's Megan Henry 10th.

In Division 2, South Lyon finished 12th as a team.

In 2009, Northville led the way with a sixth-place finish, followed immediately by Brighton in seventh, Grand Blanc in 13th and Novi in 15th for Division 1.

Brighton's Emmie Pietila led individually with a seventh-place finish.

South Lyon claimed 11th in Division 2.

In 2008, the Mustangs of Northville swung their way to third place in Division 1. Walled Lake Central finished 10th with Brighton 14th.

Alicia Weber from Northville finished tied for third overall. Sarah Johnson was sixth with Emmie Pietila from Brighton tied for eighth.

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NORTHVILLE/NOVI SPORTS BRIEFS

14U girls softball tryouts

The 2012 Northville 14U girls softball travel team tryouts will be held at Millennium Park from 6-7:30 p.m. (registration starts at 5:45 p.m.) on the following dates:

- * Monday, Aug. 22
- * Thursday, Aug. 25
- * Monday, Aug. 29

For more information contact Robert Zwarka at bob.zwarka@wcaa.us.

The Northville 11U travel softball tryouts

The Northville 11U travel softball team is holding tryouts on the following dates:

- * Sunday, Aug. 21, 6-7:30 p.m.
- * Saturday, Aug. 27, 10-11:30 a.m.
- * Sunday, Aug. 28, 6-7:30 p.m.

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.) Refer to www.nbsaonline.org.

9U baseball tryouts

There will 2012 9U travel baseball tryouts at the following from 6-8 p.m. on the following dates at Henningson Fields

- * Thursday, Aug. 18
- * Friday, Aug. 19
- * Sunday, Aug. 21
- * Sunday, Aug. 28

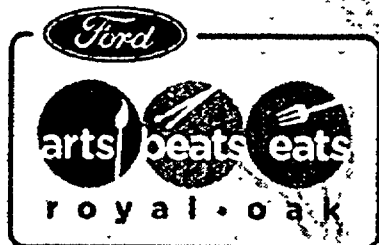
If your player is either older or younger than the 9U age bracket, please refer to the NBSA website for the appropriate tryout dates/times/locations: <http://www.nbsaonline.org/Tryouts.htm>

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.

Camp (9:30-11:30 a.m. and 5-7 p.m.) is Aug. 22-25 and cost \$99.

Register online www.northvilleparksandrec.org or e-mail kkoupal@ci.northville.mi.us for more information.

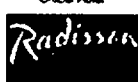


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14U division champs



The Northville Broncos 14U travel fastpitch softball was 12-1 in Western Wayne County League play to win their division. Pictured (l to r, front) Shea Heid, Jess Jones, Melissa Swart, Lexi Tiller, Alison Hige, Emily Hahn; (back) assistant coaches Bill Hahn and John Pawloski, Kendra Sayre, Ashley Bryan, Symone Abbott, Emily Maresh, Tara Pawloski, Alysa Graf and head coach Dave Jerome.

Buddies



COURTESY OF DIANE MAIER

Members of the Northville High School varsity and JV pom-pom teams spent the afternoon of July 30th as "buddies" to players in a Miracle League of Southfield baseball game. The pom team assisted Miracle League players in hitting the ball and "running" the bases. This is the second year that the NHS pom team has volunteered with the Miracle League of Southfield as part of the pom team's community service program. Shown (l to r) are Chandler Brown, Marissa Lozser, Carley Olender, Sara Lovelace, Faith Horbatch, Isabel Inchaustegui, Anna Fillar and Maria Demos.

Be like Mike

Martin is role model on the field and off

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

One pancake was enough for Mike Martin, thank you.

On Sept. 13, 2008, the Redford Township native and highly rated freshman defensive lineman from Novi-Detroit Catholic Central was sent to the turf by a Notre Dame blocker in just his third collegiate football game.

Using gridiron terminology, Martin was "pancaked."

"Defensive linemen are never supposed to cross their feet, but I crossed mine on that play," Martin said. "I got folded up. The next day at practice when we were watching film, the coaches replayed it over and over. I got the message."

Martin hasn't been pancaked since.

Three years, 36 games,

108 tackles and 6.5 sacks later, Martin is a run-stuffing, quarterback-terrorizing force on the Michigan defensive line.

In July, his name was placed on the 65-player "Watch List" for the Lombardi Trophy, an award that is presented annually to the country's top interior lineman.

And when conversations regarding the 2012 NFL Draft heat up, Martin's name usually surfaces like cream in coffee.

"My time here has really flown by," Martin said. "I can't tell you how excited I am about this season. This team is really coming together and the seniors are determined to make sure we have no regrets once it's over."

New direction

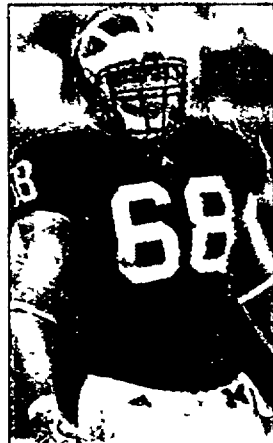
Martin is savoring the re-energized atmosphere

created by the January hiring of new U-M head coach Brady Hoke.

"Coach Hoke has a huge understanding about what it means to play football for the University of Michigan," Martin said. "He's created a lot of excitement and the guys are anxious to play for him. Every practice is upbeat with a quick tempo. It's been a lot of hard work, but it's been fun, too."

"The biggest thing coach Hoke harps on is team, team, team. We've learned a lot about Bo Schembechler and why Michigan was successful when he was here."

Not long after he was tabbed to lead the U-M football program, Hoke hired former Baltimore Ravens defensive coordinator Greg Mattison to join his rebuilding project.



Redford native Mike Martin hopes to lead a revamped Michigan defense for the 2011 season.

Armed with a Hall of Fame-caliber resume that also includes successful coaching stints at Florida and Notre Dame, Mattison didn't waste any time enhancing his new players' minds with sage advice.

"Coach Mattison's most important message is that if you're not fundamentally sound, you're not going to be successful," Martin said. "He's already taught us a lot of new techniques that

will help us become better football players. I'm standing up more (on the line) and moving around — whatever it takes to be in the best position to make plays."

Well-rounded man

Martin's extraordinary pursuit skills aren't limited to the playing field.

In December, he's set to tackle a degree in communications in just 3½ years — a remarkable accomplishment considering the added demands of playing Division I college football.

"I eventually want to run my own business and be an entrepreneur," he said, looking ahead. "I've focused a lot on marketing at Michigan. I feel comfortable speaking in front of large groups of people and I'm pretty organized."

Although he won't turn 21 until Sept. 1, Martin is already making a remarkable impact in the giving-back-to-the-community department.

He offered his assistance at several youth football camps this sum-

mer — including Detroit Lion Ndamukong Suh's clinic in Walled Lake — and he's an active volunteer for Live2Give, a non-profit foundation whose primary purpose is to help revitalize Detroit.

An example of Martin's L2G mission work included speaking to members of Young Builders, a group of 18- to 24-year-old Detroiters who are working toward earning their GEDs.

"Mike is very passionate about giving back to the community, so it was a no-brainer to get him involved in what we're doing," said L2G co-founder and inspiration director Ryan Doyle, who met Martin at U-M. "Mike doesn't do it for the publicity. He likes to get away from the cameras and get involved in the nitty-gritty stuff."

"His message to the young people he speaks to is, 'I'm from the neighborhood, too. I've shared your struggles and I want to help.' He's a great guy."

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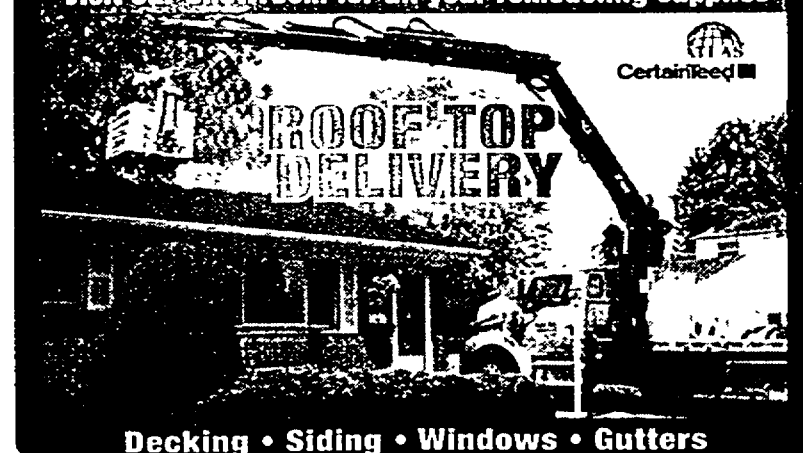
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Survey: Most still prefer owning over renting

By Julie Brown
O&E Staff Writer

Most Americans still believe that owning a home is a solid financial decision, and a majority of renters aspire to home ownership as a long-term goal. That's according to the 2011 National Housing Pulse Survey released recently by the National Association of Realtors, which found 72 percent of renters surveyed said owning a home is a top priority for their future, up from 63 percent in 2010.

Seven in 10 Americans also agreed that buying a home is a good financial decision while almost two-thirds said now is a good time to purchase a home, the survey found. The annual survey, which measures how affordable housing issues affect consumers, also found that more than three quarters of renters (77 percent) said they would be less likely to buy a home if they were required to put down a 20 percent down payment on the home, and a strong majority (71 percent) believe a 20 percent down payment requirement could have a negative impact on the housing market.

Local Realtors are encouraged by survey results. Realtor Rich Eisiminger of Plymouth-based Rich Realty said, "So many owners have been forced into the renter market. It's exciting to see they still want to own a home. I'm pleasantly surprised at that. I would say it goes back to our American heritage. Everybody wants to own a piece of land."

"There's something to be said about ownership," Eisiminger added. Paying off a mortgage remains achievable, he said; his mentor for that theory is the nationally known Dave Ramsey. "I believe that is something that is achievable and can be achievable," Eisiminger said, adding the mortgage doesn't have to be 30 years.

Eisiminger said a conventional mortgage with 20 percent down remains best. "But there is other means of FHA, other mortgages out there."

His mentor Ramsey, who does motivational speaking, advocates living within means, "Handling money God's way and Grandma's way," with the focus on getting out of debt and being debt-free.

There's been recent debate

on requiring a 20 percent down payment for a mortgage, and Realtors have thoughts on that as well.

"There needs to be variables that you can come in less than 20 percent," Eisiminger said. Some are at 10 percent, maybe self-employed and don't want an FHA mortgage. "I think the long-term interest rate should stay somewhat the same," he said.

"I don't agree with 5 percent that's for sure," or with no money down. "The lending of easy money became our downfall by falsely appreciating real estate values," Eisiminger said.

Realtor Tony Schippa of Coldwell Banker Preferred Plymouth is president of the Western Wayne County Association of Realtors, which is merging with the Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors. "I think they're pretty accurate," he said of NAR survey results. "I still think people want to buy a home."

"I tell them it's a great time to buy right now." There remain properties that aren't bank-owned, although some properties are getting multiple offers. "Financing can still be a challenge," he said. People worry about their credit scores.

Some parents give money to help children with a down payment, Schippa said. "I think overall people still want to own a home and they're looking to get something."

He's handling a closing on a condo in Ann Arbor for a couple's daughter attending graduate school there. "The daughter didn't necessarily want to rent and the family's in the financial availability to do that," Schippa said.

He tells those who want to buy a home don't open new credit cards if you want to qualify for a mortgage. Redford has some good housing prices, Schippa added.

He emphasizes that house payments are often lower than rent. "It makes financial sense for people to get into a property. The market will come back, it's just a question of time," Schippa said.

Not all Detroit-area residents are working, so putting down 20 percent can be hard, he said. With average wages stagnant, it's hard to save that amount. "They should have some equity into the property when they buy it," Schippa said.



"We do have inventory. Interest rates are at an all-time low," he added. "Now's the time to buy."

National real estate leaders are encouraged by the survey responses. "Despite the economic setbacks Americans have experienced in today's current climate, it is clear that a strong majority still believe in home ownership and aspire to own a home," said NAR President Ron Phipps, broker-president of Phipps Realty in Warwick, R.I. "However, achieving the dream of home ownership will become increasingly difficult for buyers if they are required to make a 20 percent down payment, which may be a reality for many of tomorrow's buyers if a proposed Qualified Residential Mortgage rule is adopted. That is why Realtors are strongly urging regulators to go back to the drawing board on the proposed rule."

Defining the QRM rule is important because it will determine the types of mortgages that will generally be available to borrowers in the future. As currently proposed, borrowers with less than 20 percent down will have to choose between higher fees and rates today — up to 3 percentage points more — or a nine-14-year delay while they save up the necessary down payment.

Over half — 51 percent — of self-described "working class" homeowners as well as younger non-college graduates (51 percent), African Americans (57 percent) and Hispanics (50 percent) who currently own their homes reported that a 20 percent down payment would have prevented them from becoming owners.

Pulse surveys for the past eight years have consistently reported that having enough money for a down payment and closing costs are top obstacles that make housing unaffordable

for Americans. Eighty-two percent of respondents cited these as the top obstacle, followed by having confidence in one's job security.

The survey also found respondents were adamantly against eliminating the mortgage interest deduction. Two-thirds of Americans oppose eliminating the tax benefit, while 73 percent believe eliminating the MID will have a negative impact on the housing market as well as the overall economy.

When asked why home ownership matters to them, respondents cited stability and safety as the top reason. Long-term economic reasons such as building equity followed closely behind. On a local level, respondents said neighbors falling behind on their mortgages and the drop in home values were top concerns. Foreclosures also continue to remain a large concern, with almost half of those surveyed citing the issue as a problem in their area.

The 2011 National Housing Pulse Survey is conducted by American Strategies and Myers Research & Strategic Services for NAR's Housing Opportunity Program. The telephone survey polled 1,250 adults nationwide, with an oversample of interviews of those living in the 25 most populous metropolitan statistical areas. The study has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.1 percentage points.

NAR's Housing Opportunity Program, www.realtor.org/housingopportunity, was created in 2002 to encourage local Realtor associations to create initiatives that help increase housing opportunities for consumers and make affordable housing more readily available.

The NAR website contributed to this report

Collections: Know your rights

By Robert Melsner
Guest Columnist

Q: We have been approached by a collection company that says they will collect our assessments without paying any costs until we collect the money. Do you have any information about that?

A: I know that there are collection companies that are advertising to do collection services in condos, but, in any event, they still may have to go to court, and would need an attorney experienced in Community Association law. These collection



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companies may charge more on a contingent basis then would a lawyer upon an hourly basis depending upon the circumstances. They may also not get the same results as an experienced law firm who is well known in the community as a Community Association law firm with expertise in Community Association law. In any event, you should be careful in determining whether or not the collection firm has competent legal assistance and whether it will provide you with a service that it promises, and, whether or not you are better off with your own association attorney who presumably has experience with your unique problems involved in your condominium and/or, so to speak, being able to think outside of the box in terms of new creative methods in order to collect assessments, particularly, in issues with mortgages.

Q: Our association has a judgment against the bank for nonpayment of assessments. Our lawyer seems to be too busy to handle the matter and says that eventually the bank will pay. What do you suggest?

A: I suggest that if you have exhausted your efforts to resolve the matter amicably with the bank, that you get a lawyer to execute on the Bank by literally getting a sheriff to go to the bank and, if necessary, remove desk computers, copiers, filing cabinets and any cash in the teller's drawers. That will clearly send the bank a lesson. We have also, on occasion, had to get the sheriff to go to a liquor store in order to seize merchandise in order to satisfy a judgment against the owner. When the judgment debtor is not willing to cooperate, you have a right to avail yourself of all legal means to collect the amount owing.

Robert M. Melsner 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 bmelsner@mesner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of May 9-13, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices

CANTON

8388 Chatham Dr	\$505,000
254 Cherry Hill Pointe Dr	\$140,000
2357 Cranbrook Rd	\$100,000
3060 Greenwich Ct	\$220,000
47167 Hanford Rd	\$223,000
50152 Harding St	\$247,000
3996 Hopefield Ct	\$160,000
49550 Hudson Dr	\$365,000
4050 Kimberly Dr	\$155,000
50469 Monroe St	\$243,000
6245 N Lilley Rd	\$41,000
43317 Oakbrook Ct	\$195,000
1754 Orchard Dr	\$22,000
41577 Wayside Dr	\$110,000
1735 Whittier Dr	\$115,000
2698 Woodington Ct	\$260,000

GARDEN CITY

33134 Donnelly St	\$15,000
419 Henry Ruff Rd	\$69,000
5936 Henry Ruff Rd	\$80,000
33030 Rosslyn Ave	\$58,000
30315 Rush St	\$58,000
29734 Sheridan St	\$73,000

LIVONIA

38218 Ann Arbor Trl	\$38,000
12496 Cardwell St	\$45,000
9915 Fairfield St	\$129,000
10054 Hartel Ct	\$85,000
14222 Houghton St	\$90,000
9631 Inkster Rd	\$58,000
36373 Jamison St	\$124,000
38754 Jamison St	\$141,000
36930 Lancaster St	\$155,000
29853 Linda St	\$151,000
36052 Meadowbrook St	\$137,000
19046 Middlebelt Rd	\$60,000
29874 Minton St	\$108,000
30789 Minton St	\$60,000
35711 Minton St	\$100,000
28511 N Clements Cir	\$70,000
16087 Nola Dr	\$215,000
32708 Norfolk St	\$279,000
19447 Osmus St	\$104,000

20500 Osmus St	\$54,000
18946 Stamford St	\$130,000
28160 Terrence St	\$80,000
15542 Westbrook St	\$135,000

NORTHVILLE

18261 Clairmont Cir E	\$665,000
19311 Crystal Lake Dr	\$43,000
19485 Edgington Pl	\$36,000
19586 Northridge Dr	\$65,000
705 Randolph St	\$73,000
20275 Woodhill Dr	\$207,000

PLYMOUTH

9068 Brookline Ave	\$128,000
44815 Deer Run Rd	\$267,000
15100 Keel St	\$407,000
11792 Lorenz Way	\$423,000
40171 Newport Dr	\$63,000
14971 Plymouth Xing	\$180,000
49465 Pointe Xing	\$90,000
11869 Sycamore Dr	\$60,000

REDFORD

9928 Farley	\$27,000
17675 Glenmore	\$35,000
25155 Lyndon	\$60,000
19950 Norborne	\$10,000

18846 Poinciana	\$25,000
9379 Salem	\$29,000
11335 Seminole	\$30,000
9552 Tecumseh	\$48,000
25911 W Six Mile Rd	\$30,000
15745 Woodbine	\$20,000

WESTLAND

34531 Algonquin St	\$25,000
33151 Creston St	\$38,000
8126 Flamingo St	\$37,000
32327 Glen St	\$82,000
31614 Hazelwood St	\$70,000
1175 Judith St	\$67,000
7745 Lear Ct	\$50,000
7595 Maple Dr	\$35,000
34825 Melton St	\$175,000
257 N Byfield St	\$22,000
5925 N Karle St	\$63,000
30728 Nelson Cir	\$115,000
7628 Randy Dr	\$82,000
7668 Ritz Ave	\$82,000
562 S Marie St	\$93,000
38289 Saint Joe Dr	\$90,000
31141 Stephen Ave	\$52,000
7345 Woodview St	\$18,000

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

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

BEVERLY HILLS

16981 Birwood Ave	\$235,000
16980 Kinross Ave	\$116,000
16022 Marguerite St	\$87,000

BIRMINGHAM

1577 Chapin Ave	\$140,000
1973 Haynes St	\$425,000
2552 Manchester Rd	\$165,000
2714 Manchester Rd	\$133,000
591 Ridgedale Ave	\$460,000
707 Ruffner Ave	\$312,000
516 W Frank St	\$500,000
742 W Lincoln St	\$535,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

2660 Robindale Ln	\$199,000
484 Fox Hills Dr N # AB	\$33,000
255 Guilford Rd	\$780,000
2833 Middlebury Ln	\$170,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

6153 Dakota Cir	\$920,000
506 Tilbury Rd	\$499,000

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

1809 Carriage Hl	\$313,000
3346 Circle Dr	\$440,000
4718 Greenview Ct	\$211,000
1735 Huron Springs Ln	\$167,000
5500 Leisel Ct	\$322,000
6060 Majestic Oaks Dr	\$194,000
507 W Commerce Rd	\$50,000
1474 Wandrei Ct	\$32,000

FARMINGTON

22856 Mayfield Ave	\$135,000
22695 Power Rd	\$72,000

FARMINGTON HILLS

22847 Clear Lake Dr	\$175,000
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28900 Drake Rd	\$148,000
29294 Glen Oaks Blvd W	\$92,000
28780 Hidden Trl	\$248,000
36670 Howard Rd	\$269,000
29568 Omenwood Ave	\$180,000
37590 River Bnd	\$266,000
31045 Sudbury St	\$258,000
31262 Verona St	\$265,000
32008 Wayburn St	\$130,000
30532 Woodstream Dr	\$255,000

WILFORD

3148 Canyon Oaks Trl	\$537,000
334 Hickory St	\$180,000
1194 Hillside Dr	\$275,000
2211 Lone Tree Rd	\$295,000
1795 Stonecrest	\$325,000

NOVI

47579 Aberdeen Dr	\$580,000
50958 Almafai Ct	\$50,000
50714 Amesburg Dr	\$508,000
41934 Aspen Dr	\$280,000
47589 Brittany Ct	\$421,000

50707 Chesapeake Dr	\$669,000
40508 Lenox Park Dr	\$230,000
51231 Luke Ln	\$204,000
24652 Nepavine	\$431,000
30495 Pennington Ln	\$265,000
22617 Shadowpine Way	\$165,000

SOUTH LYON

60799 Marjorie Ann St	\$76,000
24539 Martindale Rd	\$172,000
959 Stratford Dr	\$166,000

SOUTHFIELD

27425 Fairfax St	\$106,000
17160 Richard St	\$34,000
29405 Rock Creek Dr	\$70,000
17329 Winora Ave	\$38,000

WHITE LAKE

8753 Arlington St	\$184,000
10730 Bogle Lake Rd	\$425,000
9625 Juniper St	\$106,000

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hold items 8-18 8:00am-9
5pm 17205 Wenden 6
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clubs ski board - never been
used some tools power and
hand heavy equip other
things too numerous to list
Thurs Fri, Aug 18-19 8-4

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household items small ap-
pliances music Christmas rela-
tives purses dishes glass
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Companies Hiring This Month

Anthony Balderrama,
CareerBuilder.com Writer
15 companies hiring in August

We're well into the second half of the year and most job seekers have one goal on their minds: Find a new job. Luckily, according to CareerBuilder midyear forecast, opportunities are on the rise between now and year's end. For example, 47 percent of employers plan to hire new employees by the end of 2011, and 50 percent of all employers say their businesses are experiencing a shortage in skills.

Those two findings are already good signs for job seekers, but they're even better when you realize that for the previous eight quarters, employers have always hired more workers than they anticipated. If history is any indicator, we could see the number of employers hiring in the remaining five months of the year be even higher than anticipated.

That said, jobs don't just land on your doorstep. Ask any job seekers and they'll tell you: The job search is work. Some are more difficult than others, depending on the industry and location. Until we find a way to make those jobs land on your doorstep, we can at least point you in the direction of companies that are hiring in August.

Amedisys Home Health
Industry: Home health
Sample job titles: Occupational therapist, physical therapist, speech language pathologist, registered nurse, home health aide
Location: Nationwide

Ameristar Casinos, Inc.
Industry: Gaming and entertainment
Sample job titles: Beverage server, security officer, food and beverage
Location: Blackhawk, Col., St. Charles, Mo., East Chicago, Ind., Kansas City, Vicksburg, Miss., Council Bluffs, Iowa, Jackpot, Nev., Las Vegas

Armchem International
Industry: Manufacturing and wholesale distributor
Sample job titles: Outside sales, inside sales
Locations: Baltimore, New York, Boston, Atlanta, Nashville, Birmingham, N.H., N.C., S.C., Fla.

The Bartech Group
Industry: Engineering, information technology, finance and accounting
Sample job titles: Product engineer, electronic technician, scientist, manufacturing engineer, tech analyst
Location: Mich., N.J., Calif., Ga.

Burnett Staffing
Industry: Generalist
Sample job titles: Senior metallurgist/materials engineer, marketing coordinator, manufacturing engineering manager
Location: Texas
Career Systems Development
Industry: Education
Sample job titles: Residential

advisors, instructors, cooks, drivers, alcohol and drug counselors, counselors, administrative assistant, accounting managers, security officers
Location: San Diego, San Jose, New Haven, New Orleans, Cassadaga, N.Y., Limestone, Maine, Bangor, Maine, Laredo, Texas, Rochester

CompuCom
Industry: IT outsourcing
Sample job titles: Senior solutions architect, senior IT manager, enterprise territory sales
Location: Dallas, San Francisco, Los Angeles

Delta Airlines
Industry: Aviation
Sample job titles: Flight attendants
Location: Atlanta, Minneapolis, New York

Examination Management Services
Industry: Insurance
Sample job titles: Nurse practitioner
Location: Ohio, Pa., Fla., Ala.

GLC Group
Industry: Staffing/recruiting for health care, IT, finance, engineering, government
Sample job titles: Health care sales representative, health care sales representative, pharmacy technician
Location: Mich., Va., Fla., Calif.

Multiband USA
Industry: Telecommunications
Sample job titles: Satellite installation technician, call center manager, business intelligence designer, general manager

Location: Nationwide
NEW Customer Service Companies, Inc.
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Location: Nationwide

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Industry: Government (military, science, technology, engineering, mathematics and public health)
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Location: Nationwide

SeniorBridge
Industry: Health care (care management and elder care)
Sample job titles: Home health aide, certified nurse aides, registered nurse, nurse practitioners, licensed clinical social worker, director of professional relations
Location: N.Y., Fla., N.J., Conn., Mass., Texas, Pa., N.C., Ill.
XSport Fitness
Industry: Fitness, health care
Sample job titles: Personal trainers, managers, salon/spa professionals, sales
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Car Report

BMW, MERCEDES AIM FOR PHOTO FINISH IN LUXURY RACE

By Dale Buss

The battle of giants for the lead in the U.S. luxury market got even more interesting in July, as No. 1 BMW crept a little further into the lead over No. 2 Mercedes-Benz during the month.



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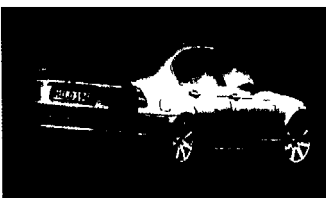
Lexus remained hamstrung by supplies, and other players were jockeying for the No. 3 spot. BMW brand sold about 135,000 vehicles year to date through July, and last month upped its edge over the Mercedes brand, which sold about 130,000 during the first seven months. Lexus brand sales were off by 19 percent in July and are off by 19 percent for the seven months, even though availability has begun to return to form. Audi and even Lincoln staged their own surges during the month as the entire segment began easing into the traditional summer sell-down.

One obstacle is out of the way for luxury sales for the rest of the year, at least for now: doubts seem among upper income consumers about the U.S. debt and budget situation. To be sure, equity markets have taken a

beating during the last couple of weeks, a dip that, if extended, bodes ill for the willingness of many luxury-vehicle consumers to buy. Nevertheless, executives in the segment continue to profess confidence in their own future performance and, to some degree, the luxury market as a whole.

"Despite the recent economic news, our BMW Group sales in July continued their good momentum," said Jim O'Donnell, president and CEO of BMW of North America.

Nearly every major luxury brand — including not only the Germans but also Buick, Lincoln and Infiniti — have embarked on bold plans to scramble at least closer to the top of the heap as Lexus has at least temporarily slipped off the pinnacle. BMW, like its rivals, scheduled launches of new products in the second half including the 528xi, the first all-wheel-drive, entry-level version of its hot-selling 5 Series. Recently Daimler CEO Dieter Zetsche was reminding employees in Frankfurt that the company will use rivals' success as "additional motivation." Infiniti boasted that 10,000 new vehicles became available for consumer



The 5 Series is crucial to BMW's intentions to win the 2011 luxury-segment race in the U.S. market.

delivery as the brand pulls out of its supply difficulties. And Audi upped the ante in its embrace of big TV events in the U.S. market by announcing that it will serve as "the official automotive partner" of the television industry's 63rd Primetime Emmy Awards in September.

Several players predict that full-year sales in the luxury market will end up about flat with 2010 after first half sales this year were roughly flat as well, while general industry sales rose by 13 percent in the first six months.

"The overall [luxury] market is fragile and uncertain, so we're being cautious about that," said Matt Granger, general manager of retail sales for Audi of America. "The

second half has become a period of uncertainty for the segment. Six months ago, the view was more optimistic."

Mark Templin, general manager of the Lexus brand, said that the luxury market "will mirror what you see in the overall market" for the rest of the year. "Unemployment and consumer confidence are still a problem. [Luxury sales] won't materialize to the extent that everyone thought at the beginning of the year."

In the first half, the supply disaster for Japanese brands, especially Lexus and Acura, dictated a down performance for the segment overall. In 2010, while the total U.S. industry posted an 11-percent sales increase,

the luxury segment rose by 14 percent. Luxury sales were still rising, to a "torrid" pace in the first quarter. Poore said, when the earthquake and tsunami hit on March 11.

"We're just happy that we have something to sell again," Templin said. "It's like going back to basics. We're sharpening our knives." Yet Steve Cannon, vice president of marketing for Mercedes-Benz USA, paid homage to an even stronger competitor right now: BMW, with whom Mercedes-Benz is battling for the 2011 luxury crown. BMW sold about 114,000 vehicles in the United States during the first half, while Mercedes sold 111,000.

The Mercedes executive protested that the company is "not setting out to beat BMW" this year. Yet Cannon noted proudly, "We've closed an enormous gap with BMW over three years. In 2007, they outsold us by 45,000 cars" in the United States. "Now, we're neck-and-neck with them every single month."

And BMW's Creed seemed more than willing to focus on the brand's mano a mano contest with Mercedes-Benz, saying that he "feels" good about the slim lead over its rival.

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