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The Northville Public Schools Board of Education on Aug. 20 ratified a mediated agreement — that includes a 1,000-percent increase in health care coverage — making the two-year contract with district teachers official.

By Lonnie Huhman  
Correspondent

However, the final deal leaves some of the board members dissatisfied because it ultimately does not allow all of the laid-off teachers to be brought back.

By a 5-2 vote, with members Joe Hige and James Mazurek dissenting, the board approved the terms of the agreement that will have 400-plus teachers tak-

ing an overall reduction of 4 percent in wages while also seeing their share of health insurance premium costs increase to 20 percent.

"This is nowhere near a satisfying situation," said Mazurek. He said that although the NEA made concessions, they did not go far enough, especially in the

case of the tenured-based step increases.

He said the goal of the board was to bring back all 52 teachers the board had laid off earlier this summer, which was done as a measure to reach a balanced budget in light of the state-fund-

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## Insurance cost jumps in new teachers contract



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Our Lady of Victory School librarian Valeria Ayotte re-shelves books on Aug. 18 as she and the Orchard Street school get ready to welcome back students on Aug. 30.

## Lessons: Parents can ease way for youngsters starting school

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Karen Sanford is sympathetic to parents nervous about sending their precious child to kindergarten this fall. The mother of three has been there and done that, both as a parent and as principal at Our Lady of Victory School in Northville.

"The first thing I would say is to talk about it," said Sanford, principal of the K-8 school who's finishing her Ed.D. degree in educational leadership at Eastern Michigan University. It's best to talk about school before that first bell rings.

"They know this is coming up and they're going to have so much fun," she said. Sanford, a Canton resident, recommends including youngsters in school supply shopping; let them pick their pencil box and folders.

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Mary Ellen Skene works with Our Lady of Victory teachers Tina Gedvilas, left, and Elizabeth Rembacki on Aug. 18 in the school's computer lab as they prepared to welcome back students on the last week of August.

## Northville students excel in ACT, AP

By Cal Stone  
Staff Writer

Northville Public Schools may be facing an unprecedented budget battle, but good news keeps coming in regarding student performance.

Recently-released ACT test results show positive growth for the Mustangs, scoring between 4.1 and 5.3 over the state average in every area. Both the state average and Northville's scores grew by .3 points.

"It's nice to be ahead of the pack, but we want to make sure we're growing at the same rate," said Robert Behnke, Northville's assistant superintendent for instructional services.

There have been some years Northville had "statistically insignificant" growth, Behnke said.

"First and foremost is we made growth in all categories over last year, but that wasn't always the case," he said. "Last year's scores reflected a dip in some areas, so we were able to recover."

Northville's score in 2009 was 24.3; in 2010 it was 24.1; and this year it was 24.4.

The ACT test is part of the Michigan Merit Exam and is taken by juniors, usually in March. The scores factor in some retake opportunities during students' senior years if they choose to take it over on their own.

Subjects include English, math, reading and science for the ACT portion; social studies and other areas for the Merit Exam.

"In science, we grew by .06," said Behnke. "Anything over a small percentage shows you're doing good things."

He said that Northville students in the biology, chemistry and physics portion scored higher than any

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# Family looking for connection

By Lonnie Huhman  
Correspondent

Laurie Brooks and her two children want to remember Scott Brooks by commemorating his selflessness through connecting with the ones he helped when he gave bone marrow.

Scott succumbed to lung cancer in July and left behind his family who now feel it would help their healing process if they were able to speak with the individuals he lent a hand to. The last month or so has been tough on Laurie, Angela, 15, and Liam, 14.

He won't be able to go to South Lyon sporting events where Liam plays football and Angela cheerleads. For Laurie, although divorced from Scott, she had maintained a life-long friendship with

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For those wanting to contact the Brooks family, you can send a letter with your information to P.O. Box 843, South Lyon, MI 48178.

him that kept them all very close.

They have tried to get in touch with the two bone marrow recipients through the Red Cross, but were unsuccessful. It's a one-time opportunity to get in touch with those who receive the marrow, and Scott had got in touch with one of the persons prior to his death. He donated twice and two people matched with him.

"He was a selfless



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Siblings Liam, 14, and Angela Brooks, 15, lost their father, Scott, to cancer. He was a bone marrow donor before passing away and the family, including Scott's ex-wife, Laurie, is hoping to contact some who were recipients of his life-giving marrow.

person," Laurie said. "Despite this being such a painful procedure, he did it twice. That says a lot

about him." It's the reaching out which matters most to them, and they feel by

speaking with two people who Scott impacted greatly would be the best place to start. He grew

up in Redford and went to Thurston High School. His only remaining family, outside of Laurie and the children, is his brother.

"It's like we are left out on an island," Laurie said. "I want Angela and Liam to be able to remember him by making contact with those who knew him."

Scott was a machinist for years and loved the outdoors. Laurie knows many people will remember him for his social manner and outgoing personality. After he was diagnosed things got rougher, both physically and financially.

Lack of savings and health insurance made the process very trying, but Botsford Hospital helped as much as they could by maintaining what insurance he did have. His former employer will be holding a fund-raising golf outing on Sept. 17 to help out his kids. It will take place at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton.

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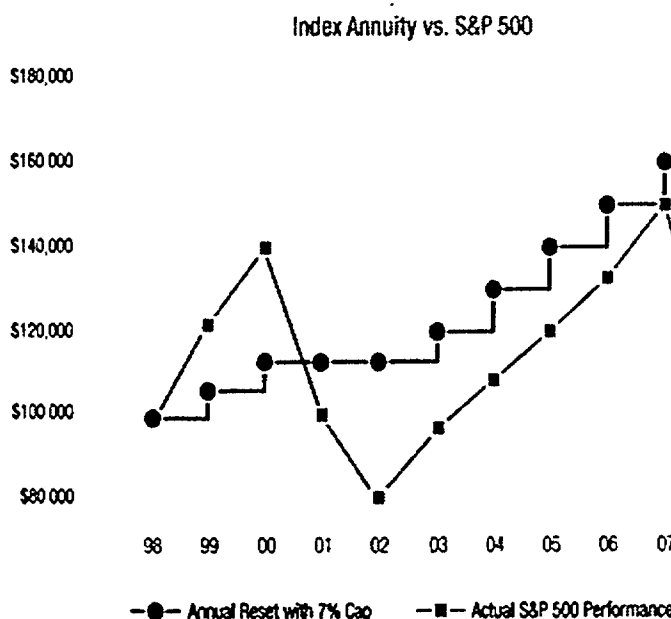
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## AP results

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In Northville, the number is staggering: 935 exams taken by 480 students — with 90.2 percent earning a 3 or higher. “They’re killing it,” said Watson.

In the state of Michigan, only 65.5 percent earned a 3 or higher, and that percentage goes down to 60 globally.

"Looking at our 2011 graduating class, almost 50 percent who took AP got 3 or higher," said Watson.

The school has 19 AP classes, which subjects including calculus, physics, biology, environmental studies, government, economics, U.S. history, world his-

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| Math      | 24.4                 | 24.1                 |
| Reading   | 24.2                 | 23.9                 |
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| Composite | 24.6                 | 24.3                 |

tory, English, music, German, French, Spanish, art and psychology. The latter is the most popular with around 10 sections offered.

"What sets us apart is the sheer volume of tests, too. I would be surprised if there was another school in the state that took more exams," said Watson.

Indeed, and the trend is climbing steadily. Going back to the 2003-4

school year, 413 AP exams were taken in Northville; 830 last year, and 935 this year.

**"And our performance has increased every year," said Watson. "But I don't want to say that too loudly because there will be a year when it doesn't."**

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## Marching band practices



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The Northville High School marching band practices on Aug. 22 as it prepares for its upcoming fall 2011 season.

## Two non-incumbents vie for school board seats

By Lonnie Huhman  
Correspondent

There are two seats on the Northville Public Schools Board of Education up for grabs this November — and neither of the candidates who filed are incumbents.

Northville school district residents Scott Craig and Anita Bartschat will be running unopposed in the upcoming election.

The two spots are both four-year terms.

Current Board of Education members Libby Smith and Marilyn Price will not be seeking another term. Both have



Bartschat



Craig

been on the board since 2003. At the last Board of Education meeting, Smith and Price said they would probably file to run again, but according to Northville Township Clerk Sue Hill-ebbrand, neither did. The deadline to file was Aug. 19. Unless

a write-in candidate files by Oct. 28 and wins, Bartschat and Craig will be the new faces on the board come January 2012. Both candidates say they want to help maintain the excellence of the Northville school district, but they also know of the financial challenges. Craig said the schools are the heart of the community. For Bartschat, who has four children in the district, it seems a natural move to serve on the board since she is already very involved in school activities.

"Maintaining great public schools is directly linked to the quality of life and high prop-

erty values of our community," Craig said. "And yet, at this time we are facing incredible challenges due to diminishing resources allocated to education. We have to be very smart about how we spend our resources."

Craig has taught in the Birmingham Public Schools district, teaching history and political science classes at Seaholm High School for the past 25 years. He is also the current president of the Northville Democratic Club. His education background includes a master's degree in history from Wayne State Uni-

versity and teaching overseas as a Fulbright Scholar.

Bartschat knows the district well with a child in each level from high school on down to the elementary grades. She is active with the PTA's Legislative Action Network and plans on maintaining her advocacy at the state level. Her main interest is her kids since she left teaching years ago after graduating from Wellesley College.

"I'm definitely aware of the difficult decisions that have to be made," Bartschat said. "But the No. 1 priority is the kids and their education."

## Thornton Creek expanding Think! Scientifically theme

By Lonnie Huhman  
Correspondent

Through partnering with the scientific community and parents more closely this coming year, Thornton Elementary School is hoping to open the eyes of its students even more to the many possibilities and opportunities that can be found in the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Thornton Creek Principal Sharon Irvine announced last week the school's Think! Scientifically theme will now be including a STEM component, which stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.

"This is a relatively new thing, so there is still a lot to discover and develop," Irvine said. "We are reaching out to parents and community members who might

want to join our STEM team to advise plan and participate in these activities."

The school's early participation in STEM will include career awareness opportunities, pooled from the Northville community's areas of expertise, and develop classroom partnerships centered on a classroom science project. Irvine said one parent, a Wayne State University professor, has already volunteered to help. This is a pilot educational experiment of sorts, so getting help is essential, Irvine said.

STEM is a national movement working to channel finances and resources to build the "next generation's capacity to innovate." This education coalition's projects are heavily involved in connecting K-12 and university relationships to develop teachers as scientists, engage students in STEM careers, and provide early

opportunities for students to be involved in sophisticated research.

"It's a whole new approach for us, and our hope is to establish a model that will work for the elementary level," Irvine said.

This national educational coalition consists of teaching organizations and private companies. One coalition chair is the National Science Teachers Association, and the Microsoft Corporation is among a handful of co-chairs. This movement began two years ago when President Barack Obama set the goal to "move students from the middle to the top of the pack in math and science achievement over the next decade." If you work, or worked, in a STEM field and are interested in joining Thornton Creek's STEM parent/community team, e-mail Irvine at [irvinesh@northville.k12.mi.us](mailto:irvinesh@northville.k12.mi.us).

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## ENGAGEMENT



## Carbott &amp; Pawley

Ruthanne M. Carbott and Thomas G. Pawley, both of Canton, announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Richard and Rosaline Carbott of Northville, is employed as a senior underwriter for residential lending at Main Street Bank in Bingham Farms.

Her fiancé, son of Howard and Sharron Pawley of Oscoda, works in building maintenance for Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation.

An October 2011 wedding is planned at St. John Neumann, Canton, followed by a reception at Wellers Historic Banquet Facility in Saline.

## Prior to the super-hero's homecoming

By Debbie Eichholtz  
Guest Columnist

The main gate of the United States Marine Corp's Camp Lejeune is approachable only by navigating windy, poorly marked, unfamiliar, south-eastern North Carolina country routes. Fearfully and hastily I propelled my rental car forward, for a homecoming. A menacing, fenced entryway requires you to stop and produce enough identification to document your entire, life-long existence. I just want to see my son.

Upon arrival, a female Marine scolds me for blocking the door. Nervously, I comply and creep into a corner that looks safe. Waiting for my turn in line, I tremulously approach her as she barks, "Next in line!" "I'm here for the homecoming of Combat Logistics Battalion Eight," I announce. "Then you have to go to that window," she points, and I wince—realizing I would not have survived boot camp. There was a sign and I should have known, but my nerves were



Marine, LCpl. Joseph Eichholtz helped to rescue a fellow Marine, shot extensively in both legs.

interfering with logical processing.

I back tracked to the appropriate window. A young Lance Corporal Rouse greeted me coldly. He was blonde, blue-eyed, just like my Marine, LCpl. Joseph Eichholtz. I stammered enthusiastically, as my nerve endings tingled with the anticipation of our reunion. "DOCUMENTS!" he snapped. Trembling, I hand him my ancestral family history. He studied my driver's license and looked up at me slowly, as if recog-

## MARINE MOM'S MUSINGS

nizing me. "EICHHOLTZ!" he pronounced perfectly. This wedding gift is rarely ever pronounced accurately. "Yes," I nervously reply. "There was an Eichholtz in Afghanistan," he paused for what seemed like forever. "He was one of the guys on a rescue mission that loaded my sorry @# in a medic-vac. 'Cause I was shot up," he stopped, stone faced. With difficulty, I swallowed, "Are you OK?" I questioned, in my cheeriest, possible voice (I work with 464 kids every day; I know how to talk my way through any crisis). "NO!" he answered. "I'm pretty messed up." I watched his hand quiver as he recorded my information on all the required paperwork. As he handed me my vehicle's window base pass, I said, "I hope everything's OK." "No," he answered, "I'm stuck here on desk duty and I'll be medically discharged." I think his

voice was on the verge of breaking, but Marines never show any emotion, so I must be mistaken, "I'll never be the same. Tell like I said thanks."

With this, I venture out into the furnace-like Jacksonville summer, quite shaken. Driving toward my own reunion with my Marine, who had avoided being shot or medic-vaced anywhere. Driving to my son Joe, I wonder, what is this guy like? Obviously it's a Marine nickname, short for Eichholtz, which is pronounced eye-cots. Unfortunately, it's a tattoo he brought home as a souvenir of his two-year deployment in Okinawa, Japan. Ike? Is he anything like my son, Joe? Is he an alter ego, like Peter Parker's Spiderman? Would I know Ike? Will I like him? Is he anything like my wonderful son Joe?

Joe whose diapers I'd changed and homework

I've checked, whose birthday treats I'd delivered to Silver Springs Elementary School. Joe, who was an alter server at Our Lady of Victory Church and a Boy Scout at the First Presbyterian Church. Joe, the athlete! Oh Lord, I've seen this child play basketball and football, run track and compete nationally in taekwondo. I was a bleacher creature for four years of wrestling before he graduated from Northville High School in 2007. But I'd never seen him tourniquet a bleeding man's shot-up legs and load him into a medic-vac helicopter.

So, it turns out, after 12 years of bench occupation—I missed his winning game shot! So many outstanding performances I have seen. The greatest one of all, I only heard about, from a stranger. How blessed we are in our daily opportunities to find God's will in our lives. Joe helped to rescue a fellow Marine, shot extensively in both legs. Months ago, not long after the mission, Joe described the effort to me on the phone. He acted like it was no big deal. "I probably would have died," Rouse told me in a hushed tone—as he returned my documents and coveted gate pass.

I missed my son's greatest victory. I don't have any idea how many other stories there are to hear. Joe impacted another person in such a way that he remembered his name and would thank his mother, several months later. Can you even begin to imagine my pride? "God bless you!" was all I could manage to say in parting.

Debbie Eichholtz, Medical LRE at Silver Springs Elementary, Northville Public Schools regularly shares her thoughts on her son's service regular with Northville Record readers

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## CONRAD, JEFFREY THOMAS "J.C."

Age 50, of Commerce Twp., died on 8/19/2011. Funeral Mass was held at St. Mary Church, Milford, 8/22. Fr. Manuel J. Chircop officiated. lynchfuneraldirectors.com

## GRUBB, PATSY ALYCE

Age 80, passed away August 17, in the care of her children. Preceded in death by her beloved husband Elwood Joseph Grubb, cherished mother to Karen (Tim) Kourt, Laune Cogar, Joe (Candi) Grubb, Wendy Sadler Grandma to Chris Cogar, Justin Kourt, Ryan, Joey, Kira Grubb, Alana and Mark Sadler Great Grandmother to Nicholas, Emily & Brooklynn Grubb Born 3-17-1931 in Detroit, Patsy cared for her own parents and many siblings with illness throughout her lifetime, yet was able to give love, support and strength to her own 4 children & husband. She always said "raising children was the most important job in the world". A simple, proper, strong, quiet & very private woman, Mom loved family. We love you, respect and cherish you, your strength has taught us how to endure life & we thank you for that. Words can't describe how much you will be missed. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Livingston Hospice Arrangements entrusted to Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

## HELZ, F. ROBERT

Age 69, of Highland Twp., died August 21, 2011. Memorial mass was held at St. Mary Church, Milford. Please visit: lynchfuneraldirectors.com

## HEMSTREET, JOHN A.

Age 72, passed away August 20, 2011. A private family service was held. Arrangements entrusted to Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

## HENRY, GERALD J.

A long time Northville resident, passed away at his home in Fernton on Thursday, August 18, 2011. He was preceded in death by his wife Beverly (Pans). He is survived by sons Michael and David and daughter Cynthia Dixon. For further information please call Duzak Funeral Home 1-800-331-5051

## KERR, THE REVEREND DEBORAH VANLEUVEN

After a year long gallant fight with Scleroderma, went home to the Lord on August 17, 2011. She was 58 years old. Born on December 30, 1952 to James Henry and Alice Ann VanLeuven. Deborah grew up in Milford, graduated from Milford High School and met John "Jack" Kerr in a Student Government class in college in 1972. The couple was married on August 22, 1975 in Milford Presbyterian Church. Following a call to the ministry, after her seminary years, she was ordained in 1991 and took served as pastor of Belleville Presbyterian Church until June of 2000 when she moved to White Lake Presbyterian Church where she has served to the present. Reverend Kerr had a gift for seeing the sacred in the everyday and the love of God in the kindnesses shown among ordinary people. She saw in the meek and the mourner and the poor in body or spirit the child of God to be cared for and tended to. Her preaching was informed by her wide reading, her careful observations of her fellow pilgrims, a compassion for fellow sinners and an intimate ability to discern the divine in life's greatest trials and greatest joys. She treasured her friendships, doted on her immediate and extended family, embraced life to its fullest in all its incarnations as gifts of the God she kept faith in till the end. She leaves John "Jack", her husband of thirty-six years; her daughter, Jennifer; mother, Alice Ann (Vernon) VanLeuven Bilyeu, brothers, James (Carol) VanLeuven, Paul (Portia) VanLeuven; step-sisters, Bonnie Bilyeu & Harry Manza, Julie Bilyeu & Don Kaufman; step-brother, Duane (Pat) Bilyeu; brother-in-law, Gerald (Jackie) Kerr and many extended family and dear friends who join together in mourning while giving thanks to God for her life among them. A Funeral Service was held at the Milford Presbyterian Church, Milford, on Friday, August 19, 2011. The Rev. Anne Schaefer officiated. Burial followed at Milford Memorial Cemetery. Milford Memorials may be made in her name to the Belleville, Milford or White Lake Presbyterian Church. For further information please phone Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248-684-6645 or visit www.lynchfuneraldirectors.com

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.

## KOHs, CURTIS F.

Age 68, of Milford, formerly of Northville, died on August 18, 2011. Preceded in death by his beloved wife, Kathryn V. Kohs, his father, George Kohs and his mother, Geraldine Kohs. Survived by his loving daughter, Kristin (Jake) Powell, brothers, George (Sharon) and Gary (Connie) Kohs; grandchildren, Memphis and Veira. Also survived by several nieces and nephews, in-laws, extended family members and many dear friends. A Funeral Mass was held at St. Mary, Our Lady of the Snows Parish, Milford, Monday, August 22, 2011. Fr. Manuel J. Chircop officiated. Burial Rural Hill Cemetery, Northville. Memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. For further information please contact Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248-684-6645 or visit www.lynchfuneraldirectors.com

## SHEPPARD, CALVIN F., SR.

Age 95, of Kalkaska, Mich., formerly of South Lyon, Mich., passed away at his home on August 14, 2011. Calvin was born on March 6, 1916 to the late William Sheppard and Eva (Gillespie) Sheppard. He married the former Gladys Van Sicke on August 7, 1937, who preceded him in death on May 9, 2011. He was the father of Calvin Jr. (Janice) Sheppard, Richard (Carolyn) Sheppard, Douglas Sheppard, Judith Prince, Paul Sheppard, Laura Lewis; grandfather of 21 and great-grandfather of 32. Besides Gladys, he was preceded in death by one sister, two brothers and two grandchildren. Calvin was active in the community as a baseball umpire for high school and summer leagues for forty years. He was a long time volunteer fireman in South Lyon and active in the Pumpkin Fest. He served his church as a greeter and met each one with a smile and friendly handshake. The Funeral Service was held on August 19, 2011 at the Elton Black & Son Funeral Home in White Lake, MI with interment at the Oakland Hills Memorial Cemetery in Novi, MI. Please visit www.elton-blackandsonwhitelake.com to leave the family a message.



## TROSEN, VIRGINIA "GINNY" RUTH

A longtime Milford resident, peacefully passed away at the Milford Senior Living Home on August 22, 2011. Ginny was well known as the "Candy Lady" at the D&C Store in downtown Milford, where she retired after twenty seven years. She and her husband Richard owned the Dog House restaurant in Highland (currently Duke's) during the early 1950's. Loving mother of twin daughters: Sandra (Dave) Muirhead and Susan (Doug) Linn. Beloved grandmother of: Brandon (Ginette) Parsley, Michael and Cody Muirhead. Proud great-grandmother of: Morgan Racquel Parsley. She was preceded in death by her husband Richard of 57 years. She will be missed by many friends and family members, especially her fellow "Chickettes". "To live in the hearts we leave behind is not to die." A Memorial Service will be held on Monday, August 29, 2011, 11AM at Milford Presbyterian Church. Memorials may be made to the VFW. For further information contact Lynch and Sons, Milford at 248-684-6645 or visit www.lynchfuneraldirectors.com

## VANGORDON, RONALD F.

Age 60 died peacefully in the care of his family on August 22, 2011. Funeral Service was held at Lynch & Sons, Milford, August 24, 2011. Burial Milford Memorial Cemetery. Memorials to Paws with a Cause. For further information please call 248-684-6645 or visit www.lynchfuneraldirectors.com

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### Concealing Weapons/ Possession of Heroin

**1** Northville City Police arrested a man for carrying concealed weapons and possession of heroin after responding to a report of a suspicious vehicle.

On Aug. 13, the police were dispatched to the Novi Street and Langfield Drive neighborhood on the report of a possible suspicious mini-van parked in the street. The van was eventually stopped and inside were two men from Canton who thought they had been pulled over for a missing license plate.

A search of the vehicle and men turned up a small amount of heroin, which was tested and came back positive for the illicit drug. The police also found an assortment of martial arts weapons and a double-edge knife. The driver, a 31-year-old man, denied ownership or responsibility, and so did the passenger.

Because drivers have ultimate responsibility of a vehicle, he was arrested for the weapons and heroin. As he was being

transported back to the station, he had a panic attack and said he wanted to be shot. He was ultimately taken to St. Mary's Hospital.

### Larcenies from a Vehicle

**2** There were two incidents of vehicle theft in Northville Township during the span from Aug. 10-12, which resulted in four wheels being stolen as well as four wheel covers.

The first theft occurred during the night of Aug. 10 on E. Harbour Village Drive. A 35-year-old Northville woman reported to police that all four tires from her 2009 Ford Edge were taken while it was parked overnight.

The second incident occurred on Greenridge Drive with four wheel covers taken from a Chevy Station Wagon. They were silver caps with the Chevy logo in the center.

There are no suspects at this time.

### Trespassing

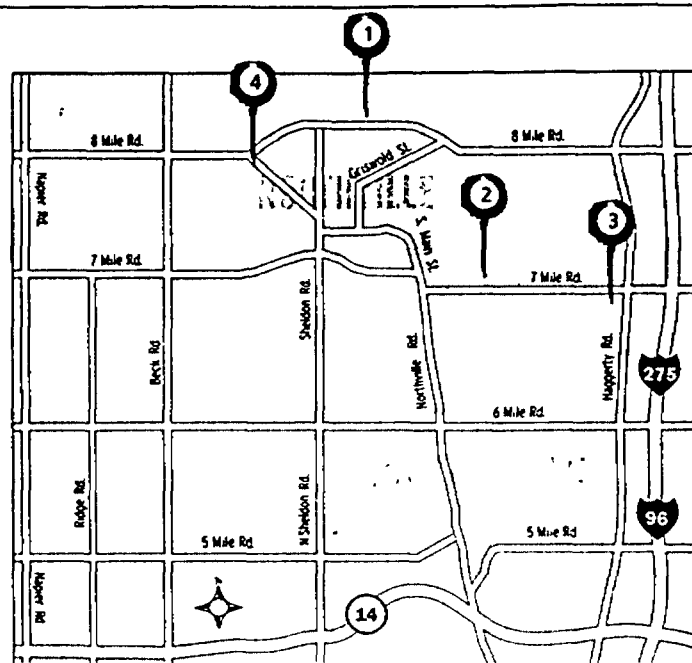
**3** On the night of Aug. 14, five individuals were caught trespassing on to the Northville Township Seven Mile Road property after being spotted by police.

The reporting officer was on patrol when the group was observed crossing on to the property. One officer went onto the property to find them, and they were eventually picked up as they tried to exit on to Seven Mile Road. They said they had parked at the Northridge Apartments and came to see the buildings.

All five are from the Richmond, Mich. area and are 21 years of age or younger. They were cited for trespassing and released at the scene.

### Larceny of Parts from a Vehicle

**4** On Aug. 14 an unknown suspect(s) stole four wheels/tires from a vehicle parked at the Northville Green Condomin-



iums on Randolph Street.

A 65-year-old man from Clare, Mich. reported to police that he had parked his 2009 Buick Enclave under a carport and found it the next morning with all four tires missing. The vehi-

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Compiled by correspondent Lonnie Huhman

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## DETAILS

The Northville teachers' contract contains the following key components

- The average teacher will go from paying about \$350 a year for health care coverage to paying approximately \$3,500 per year. The current health care plan will remain in place until the end of this year, but teachers paying 20 percent of health care premiums is effective immediately. Starting in January, that plan will change to a less-expensive high deductible health care plan, which the district will offer through Blue Cross Blue Shield. The new plan will include a \$1,250 annual deductible for individual coverage and a \$2,500 annual deductible for family coverage. The district will pay 80 percent of the annual deductible.
- Under wage concessions, the NEA agreed to a 3 percent "off schedule" reduction, which means the cut does not carry forward into the next contract. However, 1 percent will be "on schedule."
- The agreement also includes two unpaid furlough days each school year, which equal about an additional 1 percent salary reduction for the average teacher.
- The school year will remain at 180 days of student attendance.
- Teachers will fulfill their own development duties during such times as half days.
- Spring parent/teacher conferences will be by parent request with only one session of evening conferences at each level (elementary, middle and high school). Instead of two.

## INSURANCE

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to district finance

The Northville Education Association, which is the teachers' union group, notified the agreement earlier in the week.

According to Michael J. Papp, assistant superintendent for finance and operations, the district will have a \$6.46 million in cost reductions as a result of the settlement. The course of the two-year period. It is expected that 26 of the 37 teaching positions will be eliminated. A resident from Northville called Mary

ing this is not the agreement we wanted.

She said they had faced two choices: bring back half of the teachers or reach an impasse and not begin the year with a contract. Each board member recognizes that will impact the school community specifically. She said class sizes will probably go up 20 percent.

The agreement was reached after it became apparent the two sides were too far apart and mediation was required. Dave Rogers, the district's director of human resources, presented the board with the specifics of the agreement prior to the vote.

## SCHOOL

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It gives them some ownership, she said. Kari Paciorek, professor of early childhood education at Eastern Michigan University and a Nov. resident who served over eight years on the Northville Board of Education agreed. Many children now have had preschool experience, said Paciorek, who attended her Ph.D. in early childhood education from Vanderbilt University. She is in the small part of Nov. in the Northville Public Schools district and has two sons ages 26 and 23 who graduated from Northville schools the oldest from this grade and the youngest all of K-12.

### 'Good place to be'

Let them know school is a good place to be. Paciorek said. Parents should try to connect with the child's teacher and to be a teacher. Let them know school is a good place to be. Paciorek said. Parents should try to connect with the child's teacher and to be a teacher. Let them know school is a good place to be. Paciorek said. Parents should try to connect with the child's teacher and to be a teacher.

It's best if kids know what they have to do at school. The night before, she said, it's important to let them know what they have to do at school. The night before, she said, it's important to let them know what they have to do at school.

## SCHOOL BELLS

Tuesday, Sept. 6 will be a half day in the Northville Public Schools. The schedule on Sept. 6 will be: Elementary 8:50-11:55 a.m. Middle School 8:50-11:15 a.m. High School 7:21-10:10 a.m. For parents already enrolled in Wondergarden or Kids' Club, optional services are available on Sept. 6. Contact the Early Childhood Education office at (248) 344-8465 for more information. The first day for p.m. kindergarten students will be on Wednesday, Sept. 7.

skills' matter a great deal as well.

We see how important those skills are to be a successful learner," said Paciorek. Sanford's children are 14, a freshman at Novi Detroit Catholic Central, and younger siblings 11 and 6 at Our Lady of Victory. She and other educators note reading to children is vital, but can get lax over the summer. Going to the library with children is essential, Sanford said.

"This is what we do, we read," is the message for parents to send, she said. OLV students are encouraged to shop for a backpack now. Some health professionals worry about backpacks that are too heavy, but Sanford noted backpacks should be large enough for shoes, a lunch and snow pants come winter.

I always try to do something special that first day, Sanford said, like a trip to the apple orchard. "The child can talk about kindergarten and everyone can hear about it at the same time."

She finds most children adjust to school well. I find I have a lot of nervous parents, Sanford said. Parents

worry about children making friends.

### 'Capable hands'

"I have always worried way more than I needed to worry," Sanford said. "They're going into really capable hands." Parents who had negative experiences as students should remember school has changed. It's vital to make an appointment with the teacher to address any concerns. "I love when parents do that, just to say hi," Sanford said. If issues do arise, they're easier to address then.

Parents who work longer hours can help in other ways, such as cutting out paper shapes in the evening. At OLV, there's a special night for new families to help them adjust. Mentor families are assigned, and children enjoy special play dates at school before the first day.

"We do have a lot of participation," Sanford said.

She's excited about this year, her first as principal at OLV. "Oh phenomenon! I cannot wait for these kids to walk in. This school is an amazingly special place to be," said Sanford, who's had many well wishes since her July

arrival. EMU's Paciorek said parents need to turn off technology on school nights, a good hour before bedtime. "Children need more sleep than many of them get, especially high school students," she said, adding caffeine should be limited.

Northville will have slightly larger classes this year, Paciorek said. It's not a big issue, but again she emphasizes social skills such as handling emotions appropriately.

If a child gets angry, parents can later ask what would have been a better way to react. "That's why it's important children do have those skills," Paciorek said.

Boys especially need to develop fine motor skills, she said. Cutting coupons from the Sunday newspaper and sorting them is a good, cheap way to develop those skills.

Some parents hold children from kindergarten due to the Dec 1 cutoff, which means there's a large age range in kindergarten, Paciorek said. Research doesn't support the benefits of delaying school, she said, adding boys especially need more physical play time.

"They do need time to move and play," she said. "They do need time when they come home to be a 5-year-old."

Even older children need support from parents. "We do need time to move and play," she said. "They do need time when they come home to be a 5-year-old."

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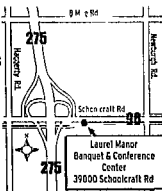
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# Three vie for council seats; mayor unopposed

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Northville Mayor Chris Johnson is unopposed for re-election to a two-year term, while two challengers and one incumbent will face off for two seats on the Northville City Council in the Nov. 8 general election.

Johnson, 56, has served since November 1987. An attorney, he is married and has two children.



Johnson

"I always joke about it and say it's either the ultimate compliment or nobody wants the job," said Johnson of being unopposed. And he knows what the top issue the city faces.

"Surviving this financial mess. We've just had all kinds of pressures on the city. Whenever the state thinks they need our money they take it," Johnson said.

The mayor also cites declining property values and the impact on city services. "There really aren't as many people doing work around the city."

Getting through the

tough economic times is tops for Johnson: "Once we do that, we can start looking forward to better times."

"I don't know if we've fared better or worse (than other communities), but we planned for it," he said of the five-year budget process.

Northville was one of the first to move away from a defined benefit plan in 1996 to a defined contribution plan for staffers.

"That's obviously the wave of the future," Johnson said.

## Council candidates

Johnson has endorsed council candidates in the past and is backing Nancy Darga in November's election.

"I think she's been a good council member. Obviously you want to see what they have to say," Johnson said of challengers Robert Grant and Ryan A. McKindles.

Two members will be tapped for four-year terms on the Northville City Council. Members now serving are Darga, Michele Fecht, Doug Bingham, and Jim Allen, who is mayor pro tem. Darga is up for re-election, while Bingham has decided not to seek re-election after serving one four-year term.

Bingham, 67, said, "My



Darga



Grant



McKindles



Bingham

wife and I just have an active, busy life," both still working, his career with Raymond James and Associates. "We were looking for ways to free up our time a bit."

Bingham saw good people choose to run and said, "I'm going to get out of the way."

He hasn't decided for sure on supporting other candidates this fall.

"I don't know what I'm going to do there. Probably I will not take a position there."

Bingham's glad he served: "It's been a wonderful four years. I'm glad I did it." He's impressed with the council, city staff and others he's met.

"There's not a person I don't respect. It's been very positive," Bingham said. "I'm just tickled to death with Northville and where it's going. We've got a good, solid budget."

Darga, 57, has served on the City Council for four years. She also serves on the Art Council

and Youth Alliance Commission and is a board member of Mill Race Village.

Darga is married with two children. A 17-year Northville resident, she formerly worked for Wayne County as chief of design for the Wayne County Parks Division for 25 years. She has served on the Recreation Commission for 17 years, along with regional task forces dealing with storm water management and nonmotorized trails.

"I am currently the director and one of the founders of a nonprofit known as the MotorCities National Heritage Area that creates economic reinvestment in our communities through the preservation and promotion of our auto heritage," she said.

Darga added: "The top challenges we will be facing is balancing the budget while tax revenues decline and costs increase. Attracting and maintaining business-

es and population. Promoting regional cooperation in getting our roads

repaired."

Robert Grant, 60, a challenger, said, "I am running because I have a deep and abiding concern for my fellow citizens. With the challenges facing local government, it seemed reasonable to expand my involvement in community affairs at this time."

The top two issues Grant, an attorney, identifies are:

"1) Sustainable/compatible growth of the central business district while preserving our historical heritage.

2) Unyielding focus on revenue/expenses associated with municipal services."

Grant has been married for 26 years and has two grown sons. He is a Navy veteran with Vietnam service and formerly an assistant district attorney, Nassau County, N.Y. He is employed at Ford Motor Co. in the product litigation department, Office of the General Counsel. Grant has lived in Northville 15 years.

Challenger Ryan A. McKindles, 33, is an attorney with Nemes Rooney and McKindles in Farmington Hills.

"This is my first time running. I've only been a resident for two years," he said. "I just wanted to get involved with the city."

As a real estate attorney, he finds he's familiar with local issues. "I feel this is a place where I can help."

The historic district and zoning board issues have surfaced, McKindles said, such as the recent garage issue at the old gardenviews site. "I just thought it was interesting and think I can help out with issues like those."

He's married and has a son 10 months old.

"I'm looking into everything. I'm just excited about it. I look forward to the campaign," McKindles said.

As a newer resident, "I'm really interested in the city. I like Northville, I like it the way it is." He doesn't see anything that really needs great change. I think the City Council as it is currently constituted does a great job." He'd like to "also maybe make it a little more attractive for business."

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## Library Friends party's one for the books

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Jennifer Gustafson of Northville Township will move shortly with husband John and their son to Stuttgart, Germany. It's John's work as an engineer and manager for Detroit Diesel, owned by Daimler, that's taking them to Europe. Jennifer, outgoing president of the Friends of the Northville District Library, wanted a farewell party for her library friends.

"This is my goodbye party to the community," she said at an Aug. 17 wine tasting and silent auction at Rocky's of Northville. "The library's a pillar of the community. Northville's a fantastic community."

Some 75 revelers enjoyed fine wines from Northville Market and Rocky's tasty hors d'oeuvres. They bid on silent auction items.

"When I became president, I said 'I'm going to

have a party,'" she said. "It's a nice community builder."

Northville Township resident Linda Schwelnus, who will take over as library Friends president, said, "She and I pretty much did all the planning for this. I think it's a great opportunity for people to get together and enjoy a night out, support the library."

Schwelnus is also treasurer for the library's gift store and will continue with that. "All of a sudden, she's leaving and I'm president," Schwelnus said with a smile.

One auction item was an "Ultimate Northville Package." It included certificates from Parmenter's Northville Cider Mill, Northville Sports Den, and Good Time Party Store, along with a pedicure from the Northville Nail Boutique. There was also a Northville cap, mug, and history book by local author Michele Fecht.

Nearby was a dinner theater package from the Tipping Point Theatre and Northville Sports Den. Revelers could also bid on books, artwork and a variety of other donated items.

John Gustafson works in cleaning raw diesel emissions. The couple's 7-year-old son was dressed in authentic German attire for the party and looking forward to school in Germany.

"I'm not fluent, but I do pretty well," dad John said of his German. Jennifer and their son have started lessons; he was raised bilingually in English and Italian, and is picking up German well.

Jennifer Gustafson's a librarian by training and for some 12 years headed the archives and research library at the Detroit Institute of Arts. After their son's birth, she had some mom time and now teaches library science at Wayne State University and man-

ages practicums.

"I love Northville and I love the Northville District Library," she said. "It's one of the fine gems of Northville."

Technology, including Skype, will allow her to continue her WSU library science work from Germany.

Other contributors to the Friends benefit were: Christa Shops for You, Custard Time and Good Time Party Store, D&D Bicycles, Davis Auto Care/Ulimate Image Auto Spa, DIES, DTE Summer Concert Series, El Patio Mexican Restaurant, Final Destinations, Goody Two Shoes, Ideal Video Transfer, Janice Cantelon-Beijo Bags, Jennifer Mies-Mary Kay, Lark Interior Design, Maria's Bakery & Deli, Northville Gallery, Northville Nail Boutique, Northville Sports Den, Now and Zen Massage, Parmenter's Northville Cider Mill, Red Olive Restaurant, Rock on Main



Angie Wilhoit (left) and Tami Banter chat during the Friends benefit at Rocky's of Northville.

Clothing Co., Starring the Gallery, Stitching Post, Tipping Point Theatre, Utopia Salon and Spa, V Salon and Van Dam's Boutique.

The Friends support a variety of library programs, including the recently finished summer reading program for kids.

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OFFICE CLOSING

The Charter Township of Northville Administrative Offices will be closed on Monday, September 05, 2011 in observance of Labor Day. The offices will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 6, 2011.

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE Notice to residents of the Charter Township of Northville

There will be a PUBLIC HEARING on the budget for the fiscal year January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 at the Northville Township Civic Center, 44405 West Six Mile Rd., Northville, MI 48168 at 7:30 p.m. September 15, 2011.

All interested residents are invited to attend. Comments and questions concerning the proposed budget will be heard at the public hearing.

A copy of the proposed budget will be available for public inspection at the Township Clerk's office beginning September 8, 2011 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

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

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### CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 08-01-11a ORDINANCE NO. 08-01-11b

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northville City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 08-01-11a- an ordinance to amend Chapter 58 Planning in the Code of Ordinances by repealing Article III, Objectionable Activities, Sections 58-66 through 58-73 in its entirety. This Article conflicts with Section 16.16 of the Zoning Ordinance which regulates sexually-oriented businesses to specific districts and under certain conditions. Ordinance No. 08-01-11b amends Chapter 1 General Provisions, Section 1-26 by deleting (a)(16) Objectionable Activities from the list of violations.

The ordinance was introduced for first reading on August 1, 2011 and was adopted by the City Council on August 15, 2011. The ordinance shall become effective on August 26, 2011. The complete text of the ordinance is available for public inspection at the Office of the City Clerk, 215 W. Main St., Northville, Michigan, 48167, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or on the City's website at [www.ci.northville.mi.us](http://www.ci.northville.mi.us).

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Kate Hamplin gives a hug to Jody Martin, 7, at the ceremony marking the end of the two-day New Hope Center for Grief Support's "Kidz Camp" at their Griswold St. location. The camp gave kids who are dealing with the death of a parent the time and space to share feelings of loss and grief with others of their same age range.



Tori Bush prepares to place a memorial stone she painted for her dad Dave in the New Hope Center for Grief Support's garden at the end of a two day "Kidz Camp" on Aug. 19.



Tori Bush, 6, stands near the memorial stone she painted for her father Dave at Northville's New Hope Center on Aug. 19.

## Kidz Camp helps children dealing with loss



Youngsters of the Kidz Camp prepare to place their memorial stones in the New Hope Center's garden as new perennial plants are readied for planting.



Staff of Northville's New Hope Center for Grief Support gather with their Kidz Camp campers on Aug. 19 as they wrap up a two day session.



## Follow 'Feet on the Street' to Detroit discovery

By Stacy Jenkins  
Observer Staff Writer

If you love Detroit, you need to know this woman.

Belle Isle, Hart Plaza, Greektown, Corktown, Mexican Town, Tech Town, Midtown, Eastern Market — and all points in between — Linda Yellin has got it covered.

The Farmington Hills woman founded Feet on the Street Tours after turning her own passion and curiosity about Detroit into an official business in which she can connect people to the Motor City.

An Oak Park native and Wayne State University alumna, Yellin has loved Detroit for years — and hasn't been shy about getting into its nooks and crannies by talking to people wherever she finds herself hanging out.

### A 'people person'

"I enjoy meeting new people," said Yellin.

She has befriended many downtown Detroit and Eastern Market merchants and vendors, who welcome her tours into their stores. She's pals with several artists who call downtown home and who invite Yellin's tour groups into their warehouse studio spaces.

She loves Detroit and it shows. Yellin said she's privileged to be able to allow others to experience the culture, the food, the art, the music, the architecture and the people of Detroit through her "experiential" tours that can be tailored for just about any group or occasion.

"I'm having such a good time bringing people from the suburbs to acquaint and reacquaint themselves with the city," said Yellin.



A group stops for a photo with the Ren Cen GM Building in the background in downtown Detroit.

### Tours of all kinds

Feet on the Street Tours offers walking tours in Detroit, bus tours, art tours, strolling dinner tours, neighborhood tours of Indian Village, Boston Edison and Palmer Woods and special themed tours such as the sold out Prohibition and all that Jazz tour on Aug. 25 and the ever-popular Eastern Market: Come Hungry, Leave Happy tours.

She's even hosted a bachelorette party tour for a bride who didn't want a traditional party — she loves history and loves the city, so Yellin was happy to take the group on a tour.

"I designed a tour for them and they ended up making a day of it," said Yellin. "It was really special."

### Good impression

Feet on the Street Tours is a great way for native Detroiters to introduce their out-of-town guests to the city in

a positive way. She also does school group tours and has a great relationship with the International Academy in Bloomfield Hills.

"Our students really seem to enjoy Linda Yellin and her staff. Many students have changed their opinion about the city since being on the tours," said Jacquelyn Laymac, International Center director, at the International Academy, in a letter. "Linda loves Detroit and is a true advocate of the city."

### City renewed

The tours explore the history of Detroit through its monuments and architecture and also discovers the redeveloped areas downtown, Midtown and in Corktown.

"Now we are seeing a revival," she said of Detroit, noting that things started happening after Computware moved in and when Superbowl XL came to town.

The events bring a good boost, but it's the people who make the difference.

"There's always been people who support Detroit; there are people who have kept the lights on," said Yellin.

She wants to encourage people to rediscover the city, frequent the city and support it.

"We need to bridge the gap, the divide that's occurred over the years," she said. "I want to let people know that they can experience the city in different ways."

Bus tours start and end at pickup points in the suburbs, so tour participants do not have to worry about parking or getting lost downtown.

"The focus, the mission, of Feet on the Street Tours is to reconnect people from the suburbs with the city," said Yellin. "And with these opportunities for cultural tourism."

### Making connections

Yellin, who is a social worker, has found a way to incorporate city tours with continuing education programs by partnering with Core Learning to offer programs worth five credit hours.

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## Developer buys Meijer land, plans retail facility

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Versa Development of Southfield has purchased a lot of approximately an acre and a half by the gas station at Meijer, on the southwest corner of Eight Mile and Haggerty roads in Northville Township.

Versa Development President Steve Robinson declined to reveal the purchase price, citing confidentiality. A retail facility of some 8,400 square feet is planned, with a fall groundbreaking and construction scheduled to be completed next spring.

There are three tenants who have already signed on for the property, said Robinson, who wouldn't yet name them. "We've always been positive about Michigan," Robinson said. "I think it's a time for opportunity. You just have to look a little harder."

The Grand Rapids-based retailer confirmed the sale through its spokesman Frank Guglielmi. "We do have a contract with a developer," Meijer's Guglielmi said.

The property went on the market earlier in 2011, Robinson said. He praised Meijer officials as good to work with.

"They're great to work with. We've done a number of these properties with Meijer," Robinson said of the retailer. He agreed the busy corner, which is home to many businesses, is a prime location.

## Spotify could change world of online music

By Jon Gunnells  
Guest Columnist

More than a decade ago, a peer-to-peer file sharing network named Napster revolutionized the way Internet users received and shared their music. For about two years, between the summer of 1999 and the summer of 2001, users who installed the Napster network could download MP3 files from other users.

Napster was great because it was free. Unless, of course, you were part of the music recording industry, in which case Napster was awful — because letting the entire world take music for free is also illegal.

The highly regarded music site was soon shut down and in its place came a number of other illegal file sharing networks, which each had its spotlight.

Eventually, Apple cashed in the Internet music scene with iTunes — a program that complements the iPod and has dominated the music scene for years. Even with the emergence of online and mobile music apps such as Pandora and Grooveshark, which lets users create custom stations and playlists and listen to music virtually commercial- and ad-free, iTunes has dominated online music.

But Apple's long reign at the top of the charts

may be coming to the end because another revolutionary music site has just made its way to the United States. The site is called Spotify and chances are you've heard about it online, on a friend's Facebook wall or even in the news.

Spotify is a Swedish-based streaming music site (streaming means no illegal downloading) that allows users to browse and listen to more than 15 million songs for free. According to Wikipedia, the site is growing by more than 10,000 tracks per day.

The site remains viable because of sidebar ads and banner ads and also because of commercials in between songs. Moreover, users can create their playlists and access them from any computer. Whereas iTunes can cost up to 99 cents or more per song, Spotify is free and a great option for online music — if you can deal with a few ads.

Spotify can also be accessed on the mobile web as it has iPhone and Android apps. Spotify for Blackberry is in development. Moreover, Spotify also has social features similar to that of Grooveshark. Users are allowed to create a profile and connect with their friends on Facebook to share playlists and view favorite songs.

It also allows for the integration of playlists of iTunes. And for those who really like the concept of paying for music and skipping the ads, Spotify costs \$5 per month in the U.S. for premium memberships without commercials — although commercials on the site are reported to only last as long as 15 seconds.

If you are interested in a cheaper alternative to iTunes that won't eat up space on your hard drive, visit [www.spotify.com](http://www.spotify.com) to request an invite. All you have to do is put in your e-mail address and when space is available you can begin your free membership. For those who don't want to wait, a number of invites are available for those who have free memberships at Klout.com, a site that is often discussed in this space.

Users who sign up for the \$5 per month premium accounts also don't have to wait in line. Of course, the new incarnation of Napster — a legal music sharing program which is now owned by Best Buy — also costs \$5 per month for unlimited listening.

Spotify recommends that users have computers with processing speeds of 1 GHz or above. For the non-tech savvy, desktop computers purchased in the last seven years or so likely exceed this processing speed. Laptop computers purchased in the past three to six years likely exceed this processing speed.

After launching in the U.S. this summer, Spotify has been valued at about \$1 billion U.S. But only time will tell if that valuation of will continue to grow and if Spotify can continue to creep up on iTunes as the best music destination.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Back to school

## Get students ready for a rewarding year

With summer coming to a close, perhaps your child is resisting trading in his or her fun, leisurely schedule for the school routine.

"End of summer is bittersweet for some children, while others are much more fearful about going back to the classroom," said Wie Pan, executive director of Huntington Learning Center of Canton. "No matter what your child's demeanor, it is beneficial for parents to prepare their child for the change."

Pan offers these six tips to get your child ready to head back to school.

1. Take your child back-to-school shopping. Spending a day together buying school supplies and maybe even a new back-to-school outfit is a fun way to get into the school mode and a good opportunity to let your child tell you the things he or she thinks will help make him or her successful. It's also a good chance for parents to have one-on-one conversations with their children about any goals they have for the year and how they can be supportive of their children.

2. Introduce your child ahead of time to another classmate or two. A few weeks before the first day of school, reconnect with friends from last year who will be in your child's new class. If your child is new to the school, look around your neighborhood to find other children of the same age. A back-to-school night may be a good opportunity to meet other classmates too.

3. Plan on getting extra help. For students who struggled in the previous school year, the idea of going back to school may be especially stressful. Summer is a great time to build skills and improve weaker areas, but if your summer was focused on other things, now is a great time to investigate supplemental education services for your child. Talk to his or her teacher in advance about problem areas and how the two of you can work together to get your child off on the right foot.

4. Set an optimistic tone. As a parent, you have a lot of influence on your child's attitude toward school. Show him or her through your actions that learning is fun and a part of everyday life. Teach your child to value effort and hard work. Your child needs to understand, too, that failure is something we all experience. What matters is how we learn from it and move forward.

5. Be prepared. Many schools have an orientation a month or so before school starts, which gives parents the information they need about school supplies, dress code, required forms, transportation and more. Being organized and on top of all school requirements will minimize first-week stresses for both you and your child.

6. Meet the teacher. Your school may host a meet-your-teacher day, which is a great opportunity for your child to get to know his or her new teacher before the first day. If not, ask the school if you and your child can come in another time before school starts. Get familiar with the school layout and other school resources that will help your child (the guidance counselor and speech therapist, for example). Let your child's teacher know that you look forward to working together this year.

The beginning of a new school year is full of excitement and promise, and parents can set the tone at home so that their children see it that way, too. Let your child know that he or she has a strong support system in you and his or her teacher. And remember that when it comes to going back to school, a little preparation and a good attitude can go a long way.

To learn more back-to-school tips, contact Wie Pan, Huntington Learning Center of Canton, at (734) 207-7930 or visit at 44630 Ford Road, Canton, MI 48187. For more information on Huntington Learning Center, please call (800) CAN-LEARN or visit [www.huntingtonlearning.com](http://www.huntingtonlearning.com).

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### Do you think the Detroit Lions will make the playoffs this season?



"No. They're terrible. They need a quarterback."

Josh Posuniak  
Plymouth



"No. They'll finish all right, but not enough to make the playoffs."

John Kingman  
Lansing



"No. Their offensive line needs to be stronger, and Stafford needs to be a better passer."

Max Kummer  
Plymouth



"You know what — there's always hope. We could use good news."

Jim Kessler  
Belleville  
(with daughter Sarah, 5)

## LETTERS

### A wake-up call

On Aug. 2, the U.S. and the world witnessed the end of a congressional logjam over the debt ceiling which was a phony diversion from the real issues of jobs and economic stimulus.

The lengthy crisis was created and manipulated by 80+ new Republican members of the House of Representatives. These half-educated ideologues elected by corporate dollars and Tea Party fanatics threatened to cut Social Security and other dire consequences. Thus the our nation was saved from default but the poor and middle class will suffer even more in the future.

President Obama could/should have been more involved and combative.

He is a knowledgeable, pragmatic, experienced politician but is naive and conciliatory at times. Most Democrats fought hard but could not defeat irrational people who, while quoting and interpreting the Constitution to fit their agendas, paid more allegiance to Grover Norquist's pledge to never raise taxes. The guiding principle of many extreme right wing Republicans was and is "no compromise." Congress is now under the control of persons who do not behave in a civil, coherent, legal, or ethical manner.

What happened Aug. 2 must be a wake-up call for all concerned citizens. It is imperative that voters with moderate views be involved, active and as passionate and organized as they were in the 2008 election when Barack Obama was elected president. Many voters neglected to participate in the 2010 midterm elections. Contact and support representatives with your ideas, time and money. Let's begin NOW to battle these know/no nothings!

Hannah Provence Donigan  
Commerce

### Community organizer

President Obama's knowledge is remiss. His academic records are not available, and his advisers are all activists. The president does not realize:

- The new Wall Street regulations discourage investment.
- Employment favorable only to unions is not favorable to management.
- Making the rich pay more charms the 50 percent that pay no tax, but they create no jobs.
- Declaring corporate jets an unnecessary expense will be compared to presidential trips that fly 500 staff people and their vehicles overseas.

This president believes unemployment and bankruptcy are not his fault. His predecessor is not to blame. If Obama does not learn very soon, he will be a community organizer after the next election.

Hank Borgman  
Farmington

### Good for all

The Republicans and especially the Tea Party Republicans are fond of saying "You can't raise taxes in a recession." Well, I say, "You can't cut jobs in a recession." For every person Republicans want to cut from the jobs force, it causes more deficit because these people cannot pay taxes and can't feed themselves.

If the Tea Party Republicans in Congress have their way, all the seniors won't have Medicare and Medicaid. Plus, they really want to get rid

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of Social Security. Their attitude is everyone for themselves. Why can't the Tea Party people see that keeping people employed works for the good of all of us? Has anyone noticed unemployment is up in Michigan? In a recession we have to keep people employed.

Of course, this is my opinion. What is yours? Let your voice be heard. Call your representatives and government officials in Michigan and in Washington, D.C.

Joanne Braund  
Royal Oak

### Getting the economy on track

Humorist Will Rogers once lamented that the U.S. was in dire need of a good one-handed economist. Trouble was, he opined, economists were always saying, "On the one hand we should do this, but then on the other hand ..." Mr. Rogers wrote this during the Great Depression, which you'll recall was your grandfather's depression. For those of us too young to remember, think of Will Rogers as a Stephen Colbert with a cowboy hat and lasso as props.

I would disagree with one aspect of his observation in our current situation. What we need is a good two-handed, or even three-handed, solution to our economic turmoil. As we should expect, there is a lot of populist anger in America. We may correctly credit the Tea Party for giving voice to this economic anxiety. And they should be applauded for focusing our attention on the long-overdue problem of debt reduction. But this group, so successful at opening the debate, risks becoming marginalized with an insistence upon a one-handed solution.

Debt reduction, coupled with infrastructure improvements and revenue growth, would employ all the tools available for a long-term solution to our enduring economic doldrums. In order to address our federal deficit, we must look beyond discretionary spending and tackle entitlements. Our slow economic growth has been an excuse to place infrastructure improvements on hold. This will only frustrate economic growth without adequate transportation, affordable energy, or a well-educated workforce.

Finally a comprehensive, long-term solution must address a tax code that will be fair, while providing incentives to put this new economy on the right track.

Ratios have been suggested but, like pledges, should only be used as guides. Without reflection and judgment, these formulations will become obstacles to a long lasting recovery.

If the newly named Congressional

Supercommittee can agree on these broad and open ground rules, then the rest of the deliberation will still be anything but easy. Different ideologies and competing values will make compromise difficult and solutions seem unattainable. But our constitutional system planned for that. We've weathered civil war, global wars, and a Great Depression. This debate will be good for America and good for democracy, if we do our job as citizens. To do that job we must demand facts, not platitudes. We must require our elected representatives to passionately fashion a plan that will be good for America, and if necessary, seek a solution that has not yet been seen on a bumper sticker. We need to advance the current debate and seek a three-handed solution. As Will Rogers also said, "Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there."

Ed Gabrys  
Northville Township

### Recall for right reasons

A two-member panel from the Wayne County Elections Commission recently turned down language to recall state Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton. I applaud the panel for their decision.

Rep. Slavens and I do not always agree on the issues, and, oftentimes, we have voted at odds with one another on bills before the Legislature. But as elected officials, we have both upheld our duty to vote on the legislation before us.

While I firmly believe that a recall process is an important part of a representative government, it should be reserved for cases of malfeasance or unethical behavior by our elected officials and not invoked because a legislator has an opposing philosophy to our own or simply casts a vote.

It is unfair to taxpayers to spend their money on recall elections when an elected official does the job that they were elected to do. If we disagree with a lawmaker's philosophy or voting record we can work to vote them out of office at the next election.

These recall election attempts have done nothing but further the partisan fighting and take attention away from the real issues — creating an environment that promotes job growth and responsible government spending. I, for one, will not compromise my conservative values. These conservative values include treating those who oppose me with respect.

The overwhelming majority of voters in my district elected me in November to help fix Michigan ...

On issues where we may disagree, rest assured that I will continue to listen to your ideas with respect. These are not simply words. Since the beginning of my service in January, I have demonstrated a sincere willingness to reach across the aisle to work together to fix Michigan.

I currently serve as the co-chair of the bipartisan, bicameral SE Michigan Caucus where we are developing joint strategies to return our state to prosperity for all.

It is time to put aside the vindictive partisanship exemplified by these recall efforts and allow our elected officials to focus their efforts on doing what they were elected to do.

Patrick Colbeck  
state senator

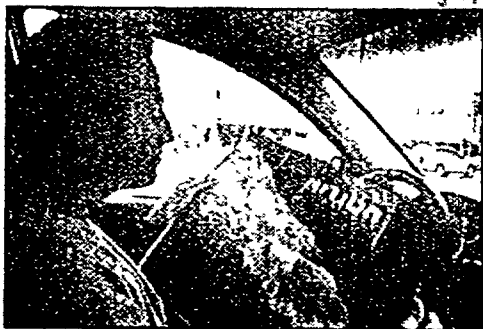
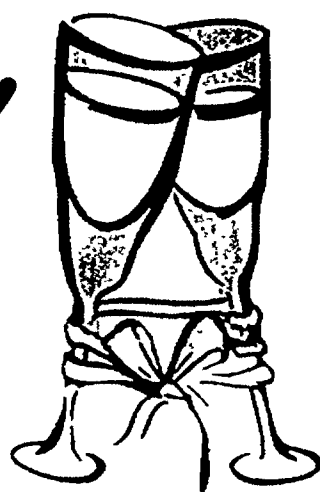
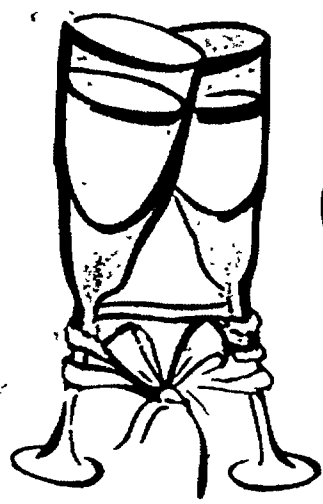
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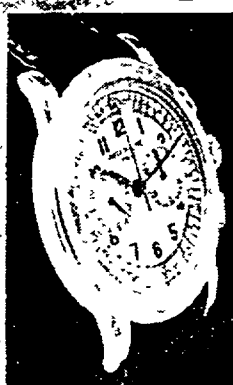
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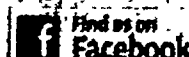
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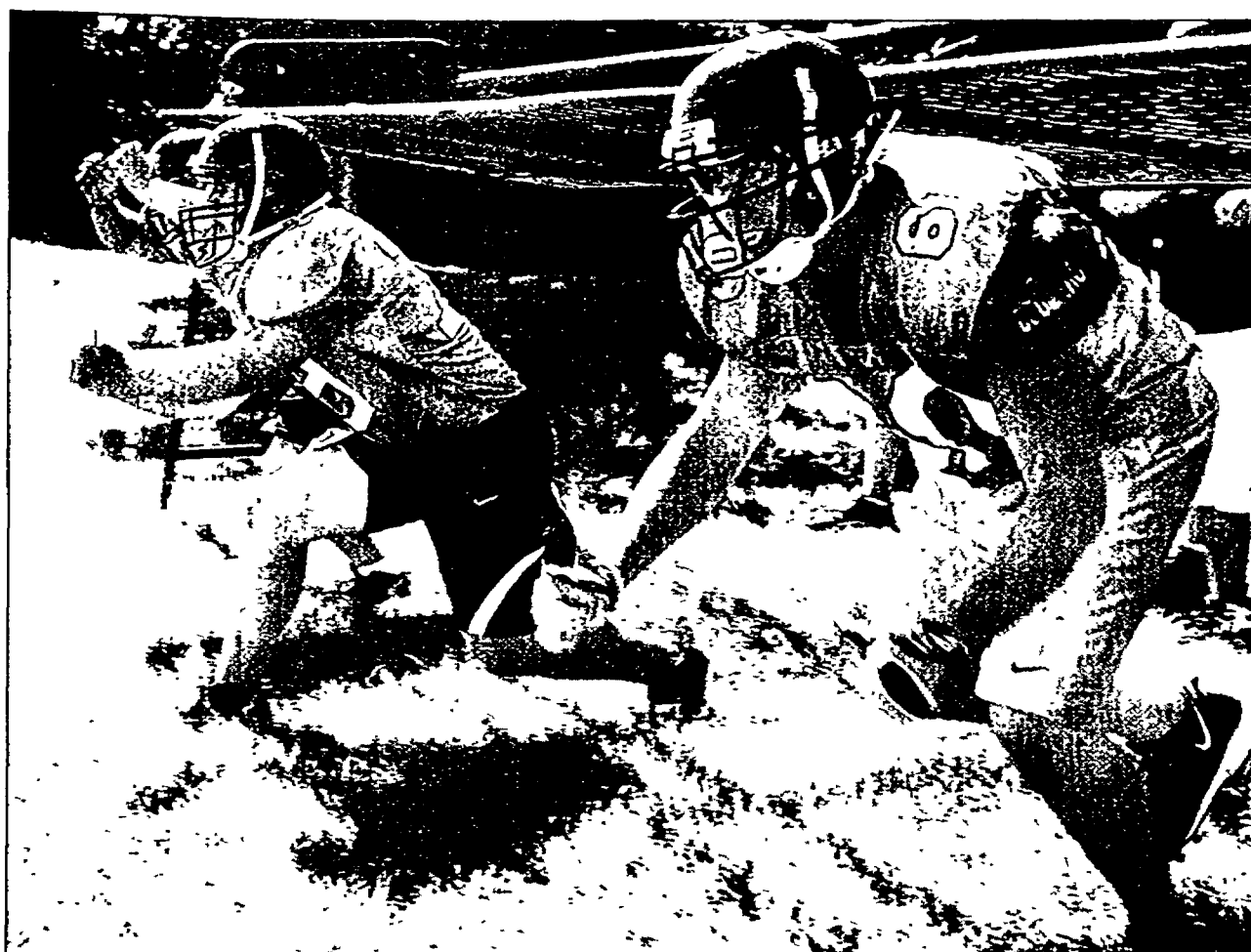
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# SPORTS



Northville Mustang linemen work on exploding off the line during an Aug. 22 workout at the high school. Northville's first game will be on Aug. 26 at Lakeland High.

## Northville football: Can they repeat the magic?

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

Last year was an interesting one for the Northville Mustangs football team. The squad, coached by Matt Ladach, were considered an "easy win" to most of the teams that saw their name on the schedule. Football players, with few exceptions, weren't living in Northville, right?

Ladach and his Mustangs proved everyone wrong, pounding out an 8-1 regular season performance and marching into the second round of the playoffs where they bowed to perennial powerhouse Catholic Central.

They earned a lot of fans along the way — parents, fellow students and members of the community came out to rally around them. The numbers grew in the stands and the cheers grew louder.

Northville had some all-state players named and Ladach earned regional coach of the year honors.

But the question is, was it a fluke?

### ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs football team starts the season off on the road against a very determined Lakeland squad — a team Northville handled easily last year — at 7 p.m. Friday.

"The toughest team on our schedule is our next opponent — right now that's Lakeland," said Northville coach Matt Ladach. "We took it to them last season, and they haven't forgotten about it. We're going to get their best shot on Friday night."

Can they do it again?

Northville is out to answer those questions and with returning stand-outs like senior quarterback Jeff Gertley, senior running back and defensive ball hawk Brandon Love, senior linebacker Brett MacDonald, senior utility player Jeff Hewlett, senior tackle Matt Trumbore, senior wide receiver Andrew Poterala, junior nose tackle Jon Wines and junior linebacker Bran-

don Patrone back on the roster this year, the answers are going to be hard to ignore.

"There is no doubt in my mind that we have the ability to beat every opponent on our schedule," said Ladach, who is entering his fourth year as Northville head coach. "However, each and every one of our opponents feels the same way about us."

The key to victory? Focus.

"It's critical that we focus on the task at hand," Ladach said. "We must take things one day at a time. After experiencing a little success last season, our focus must be on improving each and every day."

Ladach said his team has the drive and the talent to make 2011 another memorable season. Character, he said, is what stands out most among the members of his team.

"Our team is made up of a bunch of great young men," he said. "Often-times, grown ups express their con-

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## Northville soccer: Lots of offensive potential for 2011

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

Northville soccer coach Henry Klimes has been pacing the sidelines for long enough that he just doesn't bother to beat around the bush anymore.

Ask him what the biggest challenge this year is going to be?

"We graduated 13 quality players last year," he said. "We do have 11 coming back, and there are some tremendous players in that group, but we have to get them some experience and there's a lot of work to be done."

Ask him why the 2010 team put together a 12-6-6 record and dropped out of the playoffs in the opening tournament and he'll openly explain that it was a lack of offensive production.

Ask Klimes, who has been at the helm of Northville's program for 22 years, what he intends to do about that offensive stutter and he will point out that offensive producers like forward Chris Palushaj and Zach Movaikel will make a huge difference.

Of course, Klimes also said his team is going to need to keep playing the quality defense that kept them in every game last year. Leading the team in that regard will be Jimmy Fiscus, a sophomore standout who has been stellar for the Mustangs, while Troy Dolmetsch is expected, as Klimes said, to be "a stud" for the squad. In addition, the squad returns senior Nick Smith between the posts. Despite being a backup last season, Smith saw plenty of playing time and comes into the season with a lot of varsity experience.

The Mustangs will also be looking to Brian Alumbaugh, a midfielder, to help lead the team throughout the season as well as Mike Bojovic, a jack-of-all-trades player who plays every position on the field well.

The team will also have Ben Holbrook back this season after he missed much of the 2010 schedule due to injuries, and Klimes said Daniel Kubert has a ton of potential to help the team out this year.

And if that's not enough, he's added some youthful talent this year with three sophomores who made the cut this year in Conrad Bush, Joey Vanhooen and Benedikt Kansy.

Northville has already put in some playing time this season. They earned wins over Clarkston and Troy Athens and they tied Portage at the Saline Invitational. The team did head over to the Clarkston invitational and were trailing 1-0 in their first game against one of 2010's best teams, Rockford. A flash of lightning halted the game, which was called eventually and led to a loss for the Mustangs.

"That's how it goes sometimes," said Klimes. "We didn't get to play in any of the other games, either, and would have had a chance to play East Kentwood, and they won it all last year."

Northville will be looking to complete the same goals they shoot for every season — win the division and take a shot for the conference title. Then, in the second part of the season, which is the playoffs, they intend to be at the top of their game and compete with anyone they face.

"We're really looking forward to it," said Klimes. "We have a lot of team speed, which is something that is really tough to teach, and we're going to play our best."

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

### ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs boys soccer team will be in the full swing of things this week when they host Ann Arbor Pioneer tonight before visiting Livonia Churchill Saturday. The team will then host Plymouth next Wednesday. All three games have a 7 p.m. start.

## Northville volleyball: Lots of familiar faces, youthful energy

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

If the names on this year's Northville Mustangs volleyball team sound familiar, there's a good reason for that.

Many of the girls who are back this season were stand-outs on last year's breakout team, which, under the guidance of coach Amanda Yaklin, turned in a 27-20-6 season and had three players earning post-season honors.

This year, the Mustangs will be combining those familiar faces with some young stand-outs as five sophomores made the varsity squad this season.

"We have a nice, balanced mix of experienced players and new, young players," said Yaklin.

Those experienced players — six returning seniors and two

### ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs volleyball team will get their season started with an 8 a.m. start in the Saline Invitational Saturday. The team will then be off until Sept. 8 when they play South Lyon East.

returning juniors — were all key players in last year's success. Yaklin hopes their court knowledge combined with the enthusiasm and skill of the young additions to the roster will be enough to help the team reach one of its season goal — escaping the district tournament.

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Mustang Mackenzie Wilson prepares to serve during an Aug. 22 practice as the team preps for its 2011 season.

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## VOLLEYBALL

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Mueller, Makenzy Wilson and Taylor Young are all back this season as seniors while Megan McCrohan and Rebecca Martin return for their junior campaigns. They will join junior Katie Owen and sophomores Symone Abbott, Isabel Fabacher, Kesley Knickerbocker, Olivia Landis and Cassidy Minghine

this season.

The biggest challenge this season, said Yaklin, is getting enough experience for the youngest players before the post-season rolls around.

Standing in the way of the team goals this year will be Novi, Stevenson and South Lyon in the league play and Canton in the district tournament.

Northville has already seen some positive play from their squad. For

the first time, Northville took three teams to Michigan State team camp and each team, independently, did well.

"The lowest finish was a win in the silver bracket of camp," Yaklin noted. "It will be intriguing to see what they can do when put together in one team."

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

## Northville tennis: Talented lineup could mean big wins

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

Anyone who heard Northville's boys tennis team was returning their entire singles lineup from last year knew that they would be a tough team to face in 2011. Little did they know that they'd be even tougher than anyone could expect.

The Mustangs not only returned their top four singles players, they actually added one of the top players in the nation in junior Tyler Gardiner. Gardiner, who lives in the Northville school district, has been training in Boca Raton, Fla., at the USTA Training Facility.

"He is one of the favorites to win the state title at No. 1 singles," said Northville coach Matt Stetson, who is entering his seventh year at the helm of the boys tennis program.

Gardiner has already played, and defeated, West Bloomfield's Andrew Cahn, who finished third in the state last year.

Returning from last year and taking the No. 2 singles position for 2011 is senior Anthony Rossi, who played at the No. 1 singles position for the Mustangs last season. Senior Matt Satterfield, who played No. 2 singles last year, will pair with last year's No. 4 singles player Matt Evasic, a junior, at for the first flight doubles team.

Also returning from last year is Nate Albenelli, who will again play No. 3 singles while No. 4 singles will likely be played by Rahul Raj.

Also on this year's team are seniors Brandon Fields, Eric Karian, Matt Marilley, Matt Olinik, Matt Satterfield and Trevor Page and juniors Ben Crabill, Brendan Slovisky and Brian Manney. The lone sophomore and freshman on the team are Veer Shah and Andrew Schafer, respectively.

Northville will have plenty of power in the singles brackets, and their No. 1 doubles team will no doubt be a force to contend with, but Stetson said his team still has some work to do.

"We have a lot of fire power at the top and some depth on the team, but we lost most of our doubles players from last year and the challenge will be to help the players moving up from JV and the new players to the team become strong doubles players and teams," he said.

But, on the other side of that coin, Stetson said he has seen an improve-



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Northville Mustang No. 1-ranked doubles team member Phil Lee serves during a game in the fall of 2010.

### ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs boys tennis team will be taking on Grand Blanc on the road on Saturday before visiting Salem at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

ment in his team already from last year, where they finished second in the KLAA conference tournament and went 8-6 in dual matches. They missed going to the state meet by one point at the regional tourney.

But this year, the team is doing more than just hoping to earn a state finals berth.

"Our goal is to win the division, conference and association," said Stetson. "This will be very tough with Novi in all three and some other tough KLAA teams like Grand Blanc, Plymouth, Salem, etc. Additionally, we would like to return to the state tournament and maybe finish somewhere in the top 10."

Northville has a tough enough schedule to prepare them for their goals. They will play against several of last year's top 10 ranked schools like Novi, Ann Arbor Huron, Catholic Central, West Bloomfield, Brother Rice and Troy.

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# Northville girls swim & dive: Confident they can win

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

No coach wants to have to convince his team that they are good enough to earn victories throughout the season or to place well at the state finals.

In his four previous seasons as the head coach of Northville swimming and diving, he's found himself having to pump up his team and get them fired up to take on big challenges. This year? It's not even something he's worried about.

"So far I have seen a focus on winning that has not been on our team in the years past," he said. "Before, I often had to work hard to convince my team that we can win. This year, they have a certain confidence about them and they expect to win. They all have very high goals for themselves and our team and so far have been working really hard to achieve those goals."

Perhaps a little bit of success can go a long

## ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls swimming and diving team will start their season when they swim against the Ann Arbor Huron River Rats at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 1.

way? Last year, the Mustangs finished with a 6-2-1 dual meet record and turned in a second-place performance at the conference meet and followed that up with a ninth-place finish at the state finals.

Many of the returning swimmers were key in those victories last year, and they are ready to lead the team to victories again this year.

Seniors Shannon Lohman, Sarah Garrity and Leah Erlandson are the most experienced swimmers on the team and some of the most talented while juniors Maddy Kipke, Catherine Cui, Emily Butler, Briana Schoenek and Lia Nagata will be out to prove

that they haven't slowed down a bit since last season. Sophomores Sarah Lohman and Andrea Meister might be young, but they're feisty and they return this season with plenty of experience under their belt.

All 10 of those swimmers participated in the state finals last year.

"Our team goals are to obviously win the league meet — that has been my goal for this team ever since I started coaching and it has yet to happen," noted McNeff. "One of our other goals is to place in the top five at the state meet. Every year both our league and the state has gotten tougher, so to accomplish these goals we will have to continue to work hard and stay focused throughout the entire season."

So far, that focus has been an everyday part of the team.

"One of the positives has been the work ethic," McNeff said. "Just about every swimmer on the team so far is willing

to put in the effort that it takes to improve and accomplish our goals. One of the hurdles is to keep that work ethic throughout the entire season. It is a long season and gets harder and harder as the season progresses."

Northville will have a tough division schedule and, as always, a talented field of opponents at the KLA conference meet. McNeff said that his team will have a lot of work to do before they are ready to reach their season goals, but that the tough regular-season schedule will help prepare them.

"Just about every team on our schedule is tough," he said. "We swim against four top-10 teams in dual meets and face two state champions in invitation-

als. Even some of easier teams will have tough individual races, so there is no point in the season where we will be able to relax and cruise through a meet."

Other members of the team this year are:

Freshmen: Natalie Burford, Jena Drago, Natalie Filipowicz, Sree Lanka, Riya Malhotra, Rachel Mazzara, Rachel McIlvaine, Maddie Rainey, Allie Stellan, Hanna Wonfor and Jessica Yan; Sophomores: Eoin Aquinto, Mattison Boucha, Arlexis Branson, Serena Chouman, Amanda Learman, Melissa Clawson, Megan Cragel, Hannah Cruz, Loren Evans, Maria Gutowski, Lauren Jarzemkowski, Hope Miller, Claire Ostrowski, Carly Stone, Simone

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cerns about the future of our society. I'll say this: we're going to be just fine if every school is made up of individuals like the players on our football team. I am proud to be their coach."

Northville is, on paper, the team likely favored to win the KLA Central Division title. But, as Ladach noted, that means every team will be out to prove the pundits wrong.

"Our opponents will be gunning to beat us even more so than in the past

few seasons," he said. "We are going to get out opponents' best effort."

Other players on this year's team include: sophomores: Joseph Hewlett, Dimitri Angelas, Tyler Caffee and Sean Conway; juniors: Jack Henderson, Robert Peraino, Thomas Huber, Chandler Cooley, Colin Bailey, Sam Tacconelli, Nick Recchia, Sam Willard, Alex Coe, Tyler Gorder, David Borthwick, Kyle Skillman, R.J. Holloway, Drake Wolter, Evan Schriener, Kevin Piowar, David Dunlap, David Hornshaw, Mitchell Bell, Kyle Brenner, Tush-

ar Singh, Bradley Merlo, Brad VanHulle, Adam Kwiecinski, Timothy Fazzini, and Grant Miller; and seniors: Jake Bates, Bradley Stegmeyer, Matt Zinkosky, Trevor Maresh, Aaron Ta, Billy Mitchell, Jeff Sims, Kyle Keech, Travis Compo, Andrew Wright, Dawson Laabs, Ryan O'Callaghan, Max Grezlik, E.J. Houston, Kyle Shashlo, Hassan Ahmad, Joseph Kim, Ben Smith, Andy Boyd and Matthew Perchman.

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## Northville girls cross country: More talent than you can shake a stick at

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

So what do you do when you have so much talent on your team that it's almost impossible to name the best cross country runner? You go out and set some lofty, yet obtainable, goals.

Northville girls cross country coach Nancy Smith has seen some talented, all-state runners in her 16 years at the head of the program. This year, she has an all-state-caliber team.

The 2010 squad ran a 5-1 record at dual meets, won the conference championship, took second at the regional tournament and finished in fourth place at the state finals — just three points shy of third.

This year? Well, it looks like the same squad, just with more experience and a ton more determination.

"I return my entire varsity seven from last season," said Smith. It's a simple enough statement that could have a resounding effect on the division, the league and, potentially, the state.

Northville brings back the outstanding talent of sophomores Rachel Coleman, Nicole Mosteller and Erin Zimmer as well as juniors Alex Rodriguez, Claire Courtney and Erin Dunne. Senior captain Gina McNamara — one of Northville's most talented and experienced runners throughout the

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years — returns to lead the squad to their goals.

And the goals aren't anything to scoff at, either.

"Our goals are to win the conference, win the regional and our ultimate goal is to win the state title, or at least move up into the top three at the state finals," said Smith. "Also, I want each athlete to run better than previous season and improve from meet to meet. We will have to increase our training, stay mentally strong and believe in our abilities. Also, the girls will have to challenge themselves and realize that hard work and summer training pays off in the end."

What's scary is that Northville even has more talent than just their returning seven. Also returning from last year and looking to score some varsity points are juniors Katie Vandervoort, Alex Drayback and Hallie Tyburski as well as sophomores Grace Doolittle and Alison Robinson. The team has several newcomers who will be looking to make an immediate impact and fight for a

top varsity spot this season as well in sophomores Taleen Shahrighian and Kathe Knoth and freshmen Becky Chase and Kelly McHugh.

Northville will have plenty of challenges this year from teams like Plymouth Salem, Novi, Grosse Pointe South and Brighton but their biggest challenge could be an internal one.

Smith said the squad has to work on staying focused and mentally strong for their schedule, which is full of big invitations against top teams this year, as well as working as a whole team and challenging themselves as a team in each and every practice.

Other athletes on this year's team include freshmen: Megan Kerr, Samantha Kragilis, Megan Krings, Olivia McBride, Mia Rodgers, Julia Slatin, Ella Sygar and Leah Taubitz; sophomores: Audrey Baetz, Mary Boyd, Brianna Hatcher, Annelie Herrmann, Emily Mosteller, Madison Oshefsky, Alison Robinson, Lauren Sirois and Chloe Smith; juniors: Alex Abbott, Claire Courtney, Claire Goolsby, Miki Ishikawa, Julia Kassem and Anna Kilar; and seniors: Lisa Hamel (captain), Clare Naughton, Taylor Papp, Lauren Rudberg (captain) and Alice Xu (captain).

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FILE PHOTO

The Northville Mustangs take off on a run at Cass Benton in September 2010.

## Northville boys cross country: A mix of youthful potential and determined experience

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

It's never easy to graduate eight runners from a program, especially in a conference as competitive as the Kensington Lakes Athletics Association.

The Northville Mustangs boys cross country team, coached by Chris Cronin in his 18th year at the helm of the school's program, will have a lot of challenges ahead of them this year as they look to fill in the shoes of those who graduated — especially since five of those graduates ran in the top seven at some point during the 2010 campaign.

"We had a lot of depth last season, and the injuries we had didn't prevent us from winning the KLAAs," said Cronin of his squad that went 5-0 in dual meets and won the conference and central division titles.

But, the Mustangs have a healthy lineup of determined harriers who have returned this year.

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The Northville Mustangs boys cross country team will be competing at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at South Lyon before hosting the Northville Invitational at Cass Benton at 4 p.m. Wednesday.

Matt Sierra and Neson Nesmith are both senior captains and all-state track standout Ed Clifton is back for his senior campaign as well as fellow senior Jason Lerner, who was out injured for over a month last season. Dan Sims, a sophomore, is also back this year with high expectations.

"All five of them ran in the top seven at some point last year," noted Cronin of his returning runners. Other returning varsity runners include Josh DuFrense, Rick Momoi, Nathan Tager, Jacob Strom and Ryan Flanagan.

The team currently has their eyes set on a goal of finishing in the top three

of their very competitive conference — they are not expected to repeat as conference champions, especially after losing five key varsity-level runners.

"If we work every day, we might just improve enough to give Plymouth a run for their money (for the KLAAs title)," said Cronin. "We have another solid core of seniors. Ed Clifton was all-state in the 800 last spring, and he is anxious to show that he can do the same in cross country. Dan Sims is completely dedicated to cross this season (after splitting time last season with JV soccer) and is a very exciting runner. Along with Ed, he has the ability to make it to (the state finals) in November."

Cronin also noted that Lerner will be "hungry" after a less-than-satisfying junior season due to injuries and Sierra and Nesmith are expected to be top-five contributors.

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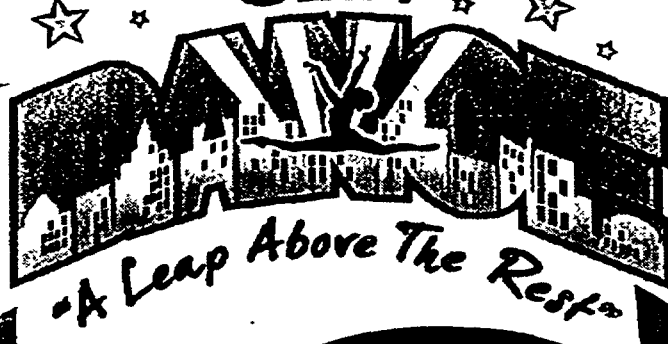
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One can purchase a 2011-2012 Northville Athletic Boosters Club Sport Pass which provides admittance to all Northville High School and middle schools sports regular home games. A one-time cost of \$125 covers your immediate family including your NHS student or students or \$50 for an individual pass. All funds generated from the sales of these passes goes directly to support Northville Athletics. For more information, contact Maureen Owen at (248) 348-0075.

### Pom pon clinic

The Northville High School varsity and JV pom pon teams are hosting a pom clinic for second-eighth grade girls Sept. 6-9. Participating girls will learn basic pom skills and a routine that will be performed during half-time of the Sept. 9 varsity football game. The clinic will be held in the NHS auxiliary gym from 7-8:30 p.m. Sept. 6-7 and at the NHS football field by Cooke School on Sept. 8. Cost of the clinic is \$70 and includes a T-shirt and pom pons. The registration form is available at [www.northvillepompon.webs.com](http://www.northvillepompon.webs.com). For more information, contact Christine Green at [northvillepom@yahoo.com](mailto:northvillepom@yahoo.com). The clinic is limited to the first 70 girls.

### 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:

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

For more information contact Robert Zwarka at [bob.zwarka@wcaa.us](mailto:bob.zwarka@wcaa.us).

### Northville 11U travel softball tryouts

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

- 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](http://www.nbsaonline.org).

### 9U baseball tryouts

There will 2012 9U travel baseball tryouts at the following from 6-8 p.m. at Henningson Fields on Sunday, Aug. 28.

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### Cubs 12U baseball roster spot available

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

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

## Battle champs



Northville Township's Steven Bill scored the winning run as the Michigan Ambush (AAA) captured the Battle of the Branch baseball tournament. The Ambush defeated the Lapeer Outlaws 5-4 in a come-from-behind victory. Bill led off the bottom of the seventh inning with a single, stole second and advanced to third before David Williams hit a clutch single to left. The Ambush then participated in the National Cal Ripken Tournament in Myrtle Beach, S.C. where they advanced to the quarter finals before being eliminated by the eventual champions, the Georgia 45s.

## Second at Davison



The Madness 18U fast pitch team recently took second place at the NSA Davison Classic. The team includes (front, from left) Taylor Jones (South Lyon East), Celia Freeman (Bendle HS), Madison Theume (Northville), Rachel Lahiff (Mercy), Jena Young (Walled Lake Western), Megan Hart (Ladywood), Jessie Theume (St. Clair HS); (standing) Head Coach, Gretchen Hart, Coach Doug Scott, Taylor Scott (Novi), Kelsey Wolschläger (Walled Lake Central), Colleen Kolis (Novi), Mary Stepek (Walled Lake Western), Rebecca Richter (Novi), Ian Hart (bat boy), Coach Mark Merlanti and Coach Bryan Wolschläger. The weekend featured the strong pitching of Freeman, Richter and Scott, the gold glove of shortstop Young, the power bats of Wolschläger and Theume, Kolis's leaping grab over the fence at third base, turning a foul ball into an out, the slap hitting and bunting of Jones and Stepek, the steady glove of Lahiff in right field and a single by Hart in the bottom of the seventh with two out scoring Merlanti from second base with a game-winning head first slide into home.

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year has been the freshman class, said Cronin. "This year's freshman class has the ability to be special," he noted. "I foresee two or three freshmen seeing time in the top seven. I haven't had a ninth-grade class with this much talent since the 1999 class, and that group

went on to win two WLAA conference titles. This group has the potential to be special."

One freshman expected to standout is Jason Ferrante, who Cronin said "looks to be one of the state's better freshman runners."

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# CC football: It's not broken so no fix needed

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

Don't look for anything fancy from the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks this season when they head to the gridiron in search of the Catholic High School League Central Division title and a state playoff berth.

Of course, if you know anything about the Shamrocks football team, you know that there haven't been too many changes in the last 36 years. That's because coach Tom Mach, who has 41 years of high school coaching experience under his belt, knows better than to try to fix something that isn't broken.

The Shamrocks, which

## ON TAP

The Catholic Central Shamrocks football team will be put to the test when they take on the Dearborn Fordson Tractors on the road tomorrow at 7 p.m.

"They're going to test us right away," said Catholic Central coach Tom Mach. "Fordson is a good team. We're going to have to be ready for them if we want to win." Fordson finished the season 8-3 last year with a loss in the district tournament championship game. They lost to Catholic Central in the first game of 2010, 35-0.

went 9-3 last season and bowed to Plymouth in the regional tournament, will be coming out running this Friday and will be relying on nothing less than stellar defense to earn victories.

"We stake our reputation on our defense," said Mach, who has won 10 state championships, including five in the last decade alone. "We real-

ly believe that you win or lose championships based on your defense."

Thankfully for Mach and his coaching staff, it doesn't take much to convince the die-hard defensive players that don the blue and white each week that they are the key to success. This year's defense will be led by none other than Matt Godin, who has committed himself to

play at the University of Michigan next season. The defensive tackle will no doubt find himself a marked man this year, being forced to play through double teams all season long from his defensive tackle position.

Safeties Aaron Hess and Dave Racey are back this season and will be key to shutting down the passing games of their foes while Clay Behrman will head up the linebacker corps with his presence in the middle, assisted by the scrappy Anthony Darkangelo at outside line-backer.

Darkangelo will actually be doing quite a bit of double duty as he's expected to be a force at the running back posi-

tion — a role he stepped into nicely at the end of 2010's season. His style is a bit "old school," as he tends to be a punishing runner who makes defenders pay for each tackle, but that's just fine in Mach's book.

"He runs with a bit of a lean," Mach laughed. "He's a tough kid and we have high expectations for him."

Leading the way through the holes the solid offensive line will be making will be full-back Wyatt Shallman.

Leading the offense as quarterback will be Kyle Cooper, a two-sport athlete who also excels at basketball. At 6 feet, 7 inches, Cooper has a good look at the field from inside the pocket. "He's very intelli-

gent and has the ability to adapt to a changing situation," said Mach. "We're very happy with him at quarterback."

The Shamrocks will likely run out of the two tight end set that has brought them so much success in the past, but they won't be afraid to enter a pro set with two receivers or even use the spread offense as needed.

"You have to keep other teams honest," said Mach. "If we face a team that is just as tough as we are up front, we're going to throw the ball a lot more."

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## CC cross country: Strong pack could lead to wins

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

There is no doubt that the Catholic Central Shamrocks cross country team has been blessed, so to say, in the past with that outstanding lead runner who could just blow away the competition.

This year, the Shamrocks don't have that. But Tony Magni, who is in his 38th year of coaching Catholic Central cross country and his 46th year coaching overall, isn't worried.

"We don't have the top runner as in the past, but we do pack well," Magni said of his team, which returns state finals runners Ryan Boyd and T.J. Fagan, both seniors, and junior Jack Malinowski. "The biggest challenge this year is to get the runners to step up as now they are the leaders of the team."

A lot of people are watching to see what the Shamrocks are capable of this year after winning the state championship in 2009 and 2010. But, the team will have some big shoes to fill with four of the top seven runners from the 2010 championship having departed with graduation.

The team has a slew of runners that could potentially step up and help the squad in their 2011 campaign.

On the team this year are: Seniors: Shawn Buzzy, Michael Drouillard, Stephen Ebaugh, Thomas Fagan, Collin Fifer, Kyle Gaule, David Marnell, Kevin Mills, Danny Savard and Steven Turzewski; Juniors: Mark Buzzy, Brian Carlson, Matthew Carney, Jacob Connell, Preston Felty, Patrick Folk, Cole Forfinski, Evan Hicks, Joseph Hudson, Ryan Hurley, Christian Kuzdak, Nico Lanzetta, Conner McDowell, Jeremy Moniz, Brian Nordstrom, Joe Obarzanek, Mitchell Oleski, Dominic Russel, Liam

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The Catholic Central Shamrocks cross country team will race Saturday at an invitational in Lansing before they participate in the Northville Invitational at 4:30 p.m. Aug. 31 at Cass Benton.

schilling, Alex Slavsky, Matt Solarz, Andrew Toloff, Angelo Toppi, Nathan Wilson and Eric Zughaib; Sophomores: Kevin Belanger, Hunter Cusick, Ben Beaugh, Blake Games, Michael Higgins, Steve Katofiasc, Gabriel Kokoszka, Nathan Lawera, Ryan McCord, Sean McGowan, Nick Merucci, John Mulcahy, Ryan O'Connor, Matthew Pochowicz, Zachary Racice, Jay Siferski; Sean Stanners; Collin Thompson, Dylan VanBoclaer and Colin Wilkin; and Freshmen: Brian Clark, Nick Cobb, Ryan Doyle, Spencer Doyle, Jack Evans, Luke Fox, Thomas Herrman, Jeremy Kayden, Sean Kelly, Driscoll Lilley, Ryan Drebenda, Brennan schilling, Eric Solarz, William Vinton, Ben Worth, Lance Yassay and Cole Zaremski.

The Shamrocks know each and every season what their goals are as Magni has kept them the same for quite some time (perhaps all 38 years): Compete well in the Catholic High School League, be competitive in all the races and try to make the state finals as a team and see what happens there.

"Birmingham Brother Rice and University of Detroit are the teams to beat in the Catholic League, while Milford, Pinckney, Dexter and Lake Orion are the teams to watch out for in the county," said Magni.

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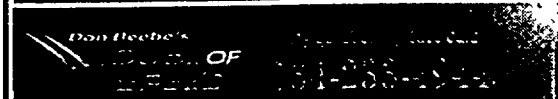
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# CC tennis: Great leadership to bring repeat state title?

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

Great leadership can be the deciding factors in many teams' goals. For the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks tennis team, it could be great leadership that brings them a repeat state championship.

The Shamrocks, coached by Joe Stafford in his ninth season, have plenty of talent. More importantly, they have plenty of seniors who are willing to step up and push their team to be the best they can be.

"This year's CC Tennis team has great senior leadership," said Staf-

## ON TAP

The Catholic Central tennis team will compete today at 4 p.m. at Detroit Country Day before playing at the Grand Blanc Tournament Saturday at 8 a.m. before hosting University of Detroit at 4 p.m. next Thursday.

ford. "We have eleven seniors (seven are starting). Each senior on the team carries above a 3.5 GPA. I am confident that leadership is going to help us down the stretch."

And if the team hopes to reach their season goal, then they are going

to need that leadership — and more.

"This team wants nothing less than another title," Stafford said. "In order for that to happen we are going to have to practice each and every day like it is the state finals. If we can bring that type of spirited play to our practice, we can help one another get better."

Talent isn't something that the Shamrocks have to go hunting for, though they need to find some experience for the 10 new faces on the starting lineup.

This year's roster currently has Michael Dube, a sophomore, at No. 1 sin-

gles while senior Eric Guindi is at No. 2, junior Michael Trupiano is at No. 3 and freshman Gabe Apaza is at No. 4 singles.

Leading the doubles flights will be seniors Kevin Hodges and Willy Willson while senior Steven Jakubik will join sophomore Andrew Hinrichs at No. 2 doubles. At the third doubles flight will be senior Matt Hermiz and freshman Steve Magagna while seniors Hamilton Cauffield and Matt Mengel will play No. 4 doubles position.

No one is expecting a complete repeat of last year when the Shamrocks went a spotless 16-0 in dual meets

and earned the Catholic League, Regional and State championships—but that won't stop this year's squad from trying. Not only will they be looking to earn wins for themselves at each flight, Stafford said his athletes will be looking to help their teammates improve each and every week, too.

"At CC, we really pride ourselves on putting the team first," said Stafford. "We know if we are going to accomplish anything this season, it is going to take everyone. These young men are solid student athletes and good people. I can see already early in the season that they care about each oth-

er and trust one another. If we can leverage that maturity and get a few breaks along the way, we will be a tough team to beat."

Stafford said that there are five or six schools that could compete for the state championship this year, making the 2011 season "wide open." He said his team's top challenges will come from teams like Novi, Ann Arbor Pioneer and, of course, Catholic League foes like Brother Rice.

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

## CC soccer: Taking it one game at a time

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

Joe Nora has been the head coach of Catholic Central soccer for the past nine season and in that time he has seen teams that were expected to do great things fail to do so and teams that were expected to be average go out and do great things.

This year, Nora doesn't have a set of all-star players that are expected to lead his squad to the Catholic High School League championship or a state title. Instead, he's got himself some quality athletes and two strong captains in senior defenders Austin Marsh and Zack Jennings.

His team has the potential to win, but so does every team on the schedule for 2011. Nora's approach?

"We graduated a big group of skilled seniors," he said. "With an influx of

## ON TAP

The Catholic Central Shamrocks soccer team will host Troy this Saturday at 2 p.m. before hosting Clarkston at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

young talent and our veteran varsity players, we will work game by game to reach a comfort level in how we play, our intensity and our focus."

The Shamrocks would much rather approach the season that way then rushing in without any idea of what they are truly capable of. Last year, with a very talented core group of players, the Shamrocks finished 9-5-2 and fell in the district final to a very talented Novi Wildcats squad.

This year's team may not have the same group of all-stars, but they have an intangible that makes them dangerous to any team they face.

"We are a hard-working team and (we have) a great chemistry that has been there since day one," Nora noted.

The goal this year? As always, compete for the division title and improve each and every day with hopes of hitting their full stride right about the time the playoffs begin.

This year's Shamrocks soccer team includes: Midfielders: Seniors Casey Hagan, Keegan Eckhout, Giancarlo Sturla and Matt Kleinknecht; Juniors Alvin David, Cameron Dunn and Dan Cameron; and Sophomore Jake Bedi; Forwards: Senior Spencer Dunn; Juniors David Chavez and Jack Cox; and Sophomore Nathan McLean; Defenders: Seniors Zack Jennings and Austin Smarsh; Juniors Phil Ritchie, Mark Breaugh, Alex Loveland and Kyle Smokovitz; and Goalies: Senior Stephen Galindo; and Sophomore Alex Pastor.

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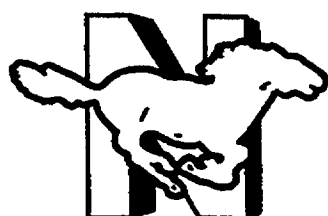
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### GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

8/27 9:30 a.m. @ South Lyon  
8/31 4 p.m. Northville Invitational  
9/10 TBA @ KLAA Invitational  
9/13 4 p.m. @ Cass Benton  
9/13 4 p.m. Livonia Stevenson  
9/16 TBA @ MSU Invitational  
9/20 4:05 p.m. @ Salem  
9/24 10 a.m. @ Jackson  
9/27 5 p.m. Novi  
10/1 10 a.m. @ Brighton  
10/4 5:05 p.m. @ South Lyon  
10/8 TBA @ Wayne County Invitational  
10/11 5:35 p.m. South Lyon East  
10/20 TBA @ Conference Meet  
10/27 4:25 p.m. @ Franklin  
10/28 TBA @ MHSAA Regionals

### BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

8/27 9:30 a.m. @ South Lyon  
8/31 4 p.m. Northville Invitational  
9/13 4 p.m. Livonia Stevenson  
9/16 TBA @ MSU Invitational  
9/20 TBA @ Salem  
9/20 4:40 p.m. @ Salem  
9/24 TBA @ Catholic Central  
9/27 4 p.m. Novi  
9/27 5 p.m. Novi  
10/1 10 a.m. @ Brighton  
10/4 5:40 p.m. @ South Lyon  
10/11 5:35 p.m. South Lyon East  
10/20 TBA @ Conference Meet  
10/27 4:25 p.m. @ Franklin  
10/28 TBA @ MHSAA Regionals

### FOOTBALL

All games at 7 p.m. unless noted  
8/26 @ Lakeland  
9/1 Kettering  
9/9 South Lyon East  
9/16 @ South Lyon  
9/23 Salem  
9/30 Livonia Stevenson  
10/7 @ Novi  
10/14 TBA @ Conference Cross-Over  
10/21 Walled Lake Northern

### GIRLS GOLF

All games at 3 p.m. unless noted  
8/26 8:30 a.m. @ Grosse Ile  
8/29 9 a.m. @ Brighton  
8/30 @ Salem  
8/31 South Lyon East  
9/1 9:30 a.m. @ Ann Arbor Pioneer

9/7 Novi  
9/9 @ Livonia Stevenson  
9/12 South Lyon  
9/14 Salem  
9/19 @ South Lyon East  
9/22 TBA @ Novi  
9/26 Livonia Stevenson  
9/28 @ South Lyon  
10/4 TBA @ Conference Tournament  
10/6 9 a.m. MHSAA Regionals

### BOYS SOCCER

All games at 7 p.m. unless noted  
8/25 Ann Arbor Pioneer  
8/29 @ Livonia Churchill  
8/31 Plymouth  
9/6 Novi  
9/8 South Lyon  
9/13 @ South Lyon East  
9/15 Livonia Stevenson  
9/17 11:30 a.m. @ Salem  
9/20 @ Salem  
9/22 @ Novi  
9/27 @ South Lyon  
9/29 South Lyon East  
10/4 @ Livonia Stevenson  
10/6 Salem  
10/10 TBA @ Conference Cross-Over  
10/12 TBA @ Association Cross-Over  
10/17 MHSAA Districts

### BOYS TENNIS

All games at 4 p.m. unless noted  
8/25 8 a.m. Northville  
8/27 TBA @ Grand Blanc  
8/30 @ Salem  
8/31 8 a.m. Quad Meet  
9/1 Livonia Stevenson  
9/7 @ South Lyon  
9/8 South Lyon East  
9/13 Novi  
9/20 Association Cross-Over  
9/22 TBA @ Association Cross-Over  
9/26 @ Ann Arbor Huron  
9/27 TBA @ Association Cross-Over  
10/1 TBA @ Conference Tournament  
10/7 TBA @ MHSAA Regionals  
10/14 TBA @ MHSAA State Finals

### GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING

All meets at 6:30 p.m. unless noted  
9/1 @ Ann Arbor Huron  
9/8 @ Livonia Churchill  
9/13 @ Harrison  
9/17 9 a.m. @ Walled Lake Central  
9/22 Novi  
9/24 TBA @ Salem  
9/27 Walled Lake Western  
10/6 @ Salem  
10/11 Canton  
10/13 @ Livonia Stevenson  
10/20 South Lyon East  
10/21 TBA @ MISCA Meet  
10/22 TBA @ MISCA Meet  
10/28 TBA @ Division Meet  
10/29 TBA @ Division Meet

11/4 TBA @ Conference Meet  
11/5 TBA @ Conference Meet  
11/10 Last Chance Meet  
11/15 TBA @ MHSAA Diving Regional  
11/18 TBA @ MHSAA State Finals  
11/19 TBA @ MHSAA State Finals

### VOLLEYBALL

All games at 6:30 p.m. unless noted  
8/27 8 a.m. @ Saline Invitational  
9/8 South Lyon East  
9/10 9 a.m. @ Lakeland Invitational  
9/13 @ South Lyon  
9/15 Novi  
9/17 TBA @ Skyline Invitational  
9/20 @ Salem  
9/22 @ Livonia Stevenson  
9/27 @ South Lyon East  
10/4 South Lyon  
10/6 @ Novi  
10/8 9 a.m. Northville Invitational  
10/11 Salem  
10/13 Livonia Stevenson  
10/15 8:30 a.m. @ Mt. Morris Invitational  
10/18 TBA @ Conference Cross-Over  
10/22 TBA @ Association Invitational  
10/31 TBA @ MHSAA Districts



## Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks

### TENNIS

8/20 8 a.m. @ Forest Hills Central Tournament  
8/25 4 p.m. @ Detroit Country Day  
8/27 8 a.m. @ Grand Blanc Tournament  
9/1 4 p.m. U of D  
9/3 8 a.m. CC Four Team Tournament  
9/8 4 p.m. @ DeLaSalle  
9/10 4 p.m. @ Ann Arbor Pioneer  
9/12 4 p.m. @ Brother Rice  
9/15 4 p.m. Cranbrook  
9/17 8 a.m. CC Invitational  
9/20 4 p.m. Ann Arbor Huron  
9/22 4 p.m. West Bloomfield

9/24 8 a.m. @ Holly Invitational  
9/27 4 p.m. Saline  
9/30 4 p.m. @ Grosse Pointe South  
10/1 8 a.m. @ CHSL Tournament  
10/7 8 a.m. @ State Regional  
10/14 8 a.m. @ State Final  
10/15 8 a.m. @ State Final

### CROSS COUNTRY

8/27 10:30 a.m. @ Lansing Catholic Central Invitational  
8/31 4:30 p.m. Mustang Invitational  
9/2 2 p.m. @ Time Trial  
9/10 10:30 a.m. @ West Bloomfield Invitational  
9/12 4:15 p.m. U of D  
9/17 1:20 p.m. @ Holly HS Invitational  
9/24 11:30 a.m. Catholic Central Invitational  
9/26 TBA DeLaSalle  
10/1 11:30 a.m. @ Haslett HS Invitational  
10/3 4:15 p.m. O.L. St. Mary's  
10/8 10:30 a.m. @ Oakland County Championship  
10/10 4:15 p.m. @ Brother Rice  
10/15 10 a.m. @ Sturgis HS Invitational  
10/15 TBA @ AA Gabriel Richard Invitational  
10/22 10 a.m. @ CHSL Championship  
10/25 4:30 p.m. @ Center Line 9-10th Grade Invitational  
10/28 4:30 p.m. @ State Regional Championship  
11/1 4:30 p.m. @ Lakeland  
11/5 TBA @ State Championship

### FOOTBALL

8/26 7 p.m. @ Dearborn Fordson  
9/2 7:30 p.m. @ Delphos St. John's (Ohio)  
9/9 7 p.m. Inkster  
9/16 7 p.m. Highland Park  
9/24 7 p.m. @ DeLaSalle  
10/2 1 p.m. U of D (Boys Bowl)  
10/8 7 p.m. Brother Rice  
10/15 7 p.m. O.L. St. Mary's

### SOCCER

8/20 10 a.m. @ Balconi Invitational  
8/27 2 p.m. Troy  
8/30 7:30 p.m. Clarkston  
9/2 5:30 p.m. @ AA Pioneer  
9/6 7:30 p.m. Bedford  
9/8 7 p.m. @ Brother Rice  
9/13 7 p.m. @ DeLaSalle  
9/19 7:30 p.m. Stony Creek  
9/20 7 p.m. @ U of D  
9/22 7:30 p.m. Brother Rice  
9/27 7:30 p.m. DeLaSalle  
10/4 7:30 p.m. U of D  
10/8 2 p.m. @ Midland  
10/10 TBA @ CHSL Semi-Final  
10/12 7 p.m. @ CHSL Finals  
10/22 TBA @ State Districts  
10/29 TBA @ State Regionals  
11/2 TBA @ State Semi-Final  
11/5 TBA @ State Final



## Novi Wildcats

### FOOTBALL

All games at 7 p.m. unless noted  
8/26 8 p.m. @ Chelsea (@ Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti)  
9/1 Walled Lake Western  
9/9 Livonia Stevenson  
9/16 Plymouth Salem  
9/23 @ South Lyon East  
9/30 @ South Lyon  
10/7 Northville  
10/14 KLAA Crossover  
10/21 Saline

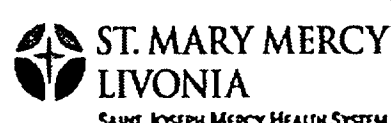
### VOLLEYBALL

All matches 7 p.m. unless noted  
8/20 TBA @ West Bloomfield Invitational  
8/23 4 p.m. Novi Quad  
8/27 8:30 a.m. Dakota Invite  
9/7 4:30 p.m. @ Quad (Saline, Milford, Lakeland)  
9/8 @ Livonia Stevenson  
9/13 6:30 p.m. Plymouth Salem  
9/15 @ Northville  
9/20 South Lyon East  
9/22 South Lyon  
9/24 TBA @ Bedford Invitational  
9/27 Livonia Stevenson  
10/4 6:30 p.m. @ Plymouth  
10/6 Northville  
10/11 @ South Lyon East  
10/13 @ South Lyon  
10/15 TBA @ Beast of the East Invite  
10/18 KLAA Crossover @ South  
10/22 KLAA Conference Tournament  
10/31-11/4 Districts

### BOYS SOCCER

All games at 7 p.m. unless noted  
8/22 @ Ann Arbor Skyline  
8/25 @ Canton  
8/29 Midland Dow  
8/31 @ Brighton  
9/6 @ Northville  
9/8 @ Plymouth Salem  
9/10 1 p.m. Grosse Pointe South  
9/13 @ Livonia Stevenson  
9/15 @ South Lyon  
9/20 South Lyon East  
9/22 Northville

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9/27 @ Plymouth Salem  
 9/29 Livonia Stevenson  
 10/3 Troy  
 10/4 South Lyon  
 10/6 @ South Lyon East  
 10/10 Conference Crossover @ South  
 10/12 Association Crossover @ Lakes

### BOYS TENNIS

All meets at 4 p.m. unless noted  
 8/23 8 a.m. @ Rochester Invite  
 8/29 3:30 p.m. @ North Farmington  
 8/31 @ South Lyon (@ Ann Arbor Pioneer Invite)  
 9/1 8 a.m. Ann Arbor Pioneer Invite  
 9/7 @ Plymouth Salem  
 9/8 @ Livonia Stevenson  
 9/10 8 a.m. @ Novi Quad (Cranbrook, Grosse Pointe South, West Bloomfield)  
 9/13 @ Northville  
 9/15 Saline  
 9/20 Crossover vs. North  
 9/22 Crossover @ West  
 9/24 8:30 a.m. Novi Invitational (Ann Arbor Huron, Troy, Brother Rice)  
 9/27 Crossover @ South  
 9/29 3:30 p.m. Detroit Country Day  
 10/1 9 a.m. KLAA Conference Meet  
 10/4 @ West Bloomfield  
 10/7 9 a.m. Regionals @ Novi

### GIRLS SWIMMING

9/10 12:30 p.m. @ West Bloomfield Laker Invitational  
 9/13 6:30 p.m. @ Beverly Hills Groves  
 9/22 6 p.m. @ Northville  
 9/29 6 p.m. @ Plymouth Salem  
 10/1 TBA @ Oakland County Meet  
 10/6 6 p.m. Livonia Stevenson  
 10/11 6 p.m. South Lyon East  
 10/13 6 p.m. Birmingham Marian  
 10/28-29 4 p.m. @ KLAA Division Meet  
 11/4-5 12 p.m. KLAA Conference Meet

### BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

All meets at 4 p.m. unless noted  
 8/27 9:30 a.m. South Lyon Invitational  
 9/13 @ South Lyon  
 9/20 South Lyon East  
 9/24 9 a.m. @ Walled Lake Western Invite



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Northville Mustang varsity football players practice tackling on Aug. 22 as they prepare for their season opener on Aug. 26.

9/27 @ Northville  
 10/1 11 a.m. @ The Legends Meet (@ Brighton)  
 10/4 Plymouth Salem  
 10/8 8 a.m. @ Oakland County Meet  
 10/11 @ Livonia Stevenson  
 10/20 KLAA Conference Meet

### GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

All meets at 4:30 p.m. unless noted  
 9/13 @ South Lyon

9/20 South Lyon East  
 9/24 9 a.m. @ Walled Lake Western Invite  
 9/27 5 p.m. @ Northville  
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 10/4 Plymouth Salem  
 10/8 8 a.m. @ Oakland County Meet  
 10/11 @ Livonia Stevenson  
 10/20 KLAA Conference Meet

### GIRLS GOLF

All meets at 3:15 p.m. unless noted  
 8/18 8 a.m. @ Milford Invitational  
 8/22 12 p.m. Holiday Inn Express, FLCC & Seaholm Invite  
 8/29 12:30 p.m. Lady Maverick Invitational (@ Highland)  
 8/31 2 p.m. South Lyon  
 9/7 @ Northville  
 9/9 @ Plymouth Salem



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Mustang Camilla Zhao hits out of the rough near Tanglewood's north course during a game in the fall of 2010.

9/12 Livonia Stevenson  
 9/14 South Lyon East  
 9/19 @ South Lyon  
 9/21 TBA @ Oakland County (@ Waterford)  
 9/22 Northville  
 9/27 Plymouth Salem  
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### FIELD HOCKEY

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 8/18 @ Livonia Ladywood  
 8/23 @ Cranbrook Kingswood  
 8/26 10 a.m. & 1 p.m. East Grand Rapids  
 9/12 Dexter  
 9/14 7:30 p.m. @ Edsel Ford  
 9/20 Grosse Pointe North  
 9/22 Washtenaw Whippets  
 9/26 Cranbrook Kingswood  
 9/28 Edsel Ford  
 9/30 6:15 p.m. @ Grosse Pointe North  
 10/4 4:15 p.m. Ann Arbor Skyline  
 10/7 4:15 p.m. @ Farmington  
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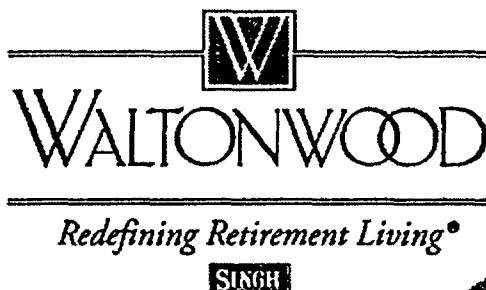
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Special to CareerBuilder

Rebuilding your confidence after a job loss can be difficult. It's easy to fall into the trap of feeling sorry for yourself, which can cause you to doubt your ability to land a new position. If that happens, make bouncing back your top priority.

Here are nine ways to regain confidence after a job loss:

**1. Develop a routine**  
Not having control of your job search can have a negative effect on your self-esteem. Instead of wallowing, treat the job search process like a full-time job and be thorough and deliberate in your search. "Develop a routine each day to regain control," says Jayne Mattson, senior vice president of Keystone Associates, a New England-based career management firm. "There are so many activities of a search that will keep you busy and that you have control over, so use your time wisely."

**2. Find a supportive network**  
Being surrounded by supportive circle can help rebuild your confidence, Mattson says. "The people who believe in you really do want you to find the right fit and they will be your best advocates to others," she says. Anyone from former colleagues or acquaintances to family members can help boost your self-esteem after a layoff.

**3. Help others**  
Instead of feeling sorry for yourself, use your new free time to help others. Establishing new connections and applying your skills to other areas like volunteering or taking on leadership positions in your community can help you to bounce back, Mattson says. "It will keep your skills sharp, make you feel better, but will also give you something to talk about when meeting others," she says.

**4. Use positive affirmation**  
While getting support from others is key, it's also important that you believe in your own skills. Use each day to verbalize a positive affirmation and remind yourself that you possess valuable skills, Mattson

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says. "Self-talk becomes an important part of rebuilding self confidence," she says.

**5. Take time to do something you love**  
"Filling part of every day with something you love to do will keep your engines going longer," Mattson says. It can be as simple as reading a book or listening to your favorite song, but make sure it's a part of your day that you can look forward to.

**6. Exercise**  
Exercise is a natural endorphin booster, so you're bound to be in a much better mood post-workout. If paying for a gym membership is prohibitive, keep costs low by jogging outdoors and doing an at-home yoga routine. Since you're no longer tied to your desk for hours each day, use the new flexibility to get back into shape and feel better about yourself.

**7. Allow time to heal**  
Especially in a tough economy -- when job interviews are harder to come by -- it can take time to regain confidence and no one expects you to recover right away. "Don't beat yourself up," Mattson says. "Recognize that you will have good and bad days." Going through a job loss is never easy, and there's nothing wrong with allowing some time to heal.

**8. Meet other job seekers**  
Knowing that you're not alone can go a long way

in helping boost your mood. Seek out networking events in your industry or attend job search lectures to get out and mingle with other job seekers. With less interaction in your day-to-day life, meeting others can play a big part in boosting morale.

**9. Be ready for a tough road ahead**  
Being prepared for the less-than-transparent interview process can go a long way in protecting you from further disappointments and plunges in confidence. With high unemployment rates, being out of work has become standard for many professionals and isn't a reflection on your abilities.

*Alina Dizik researches and writes about job search strategy, career management, hiring trends and workplace issues for CareerBuilder. Follow @Careerbuilder on Twitter*

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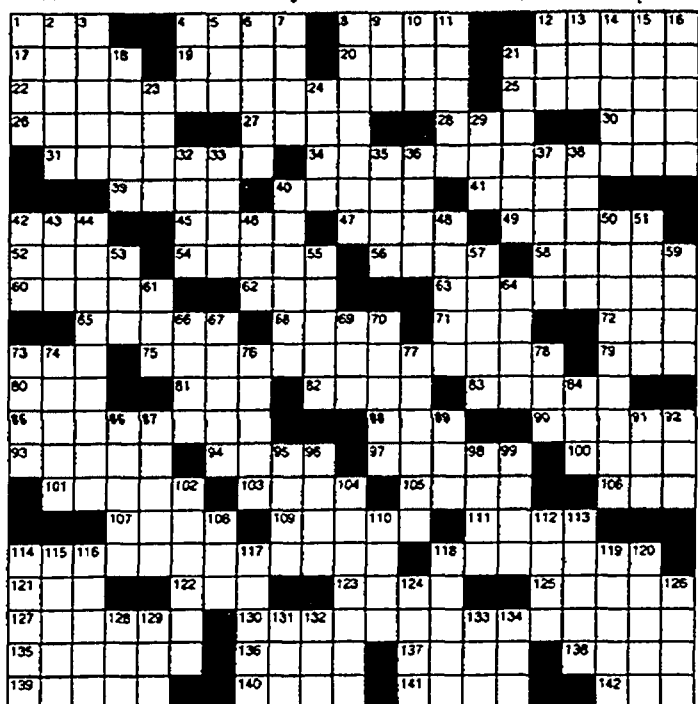
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## JOBS

careerbuilder.com

### Help Wanted-Medical

**CARETEL LINKS OF AMERICA**  
has opportunities in  
NURSING MANAGEMENT  
at the following facilities:  
Caretel Links of Brighton  
Unit Manager and  
Afternoon Nurse Supervisor  
Candidates must be RN's  
with supervisory experience  
in LTC. We are looking for  
professionals that are pas-  
sionate about providing the  
best in care for our guests.  
Send resume with salary  
requirements to  
caretelusa@caretel.com

**CLERICAL ASSISTANT**  
for busy family practice, 30  
hours per week. Medical expe-  
rience required.  
Fax resume: (810)225-7774

### CNA's

(Certified Only)  
FT & PT  
ALL SHIFTS NEEDED  
• Benefits Package  
• Can't beat our PTO time  
Send resumes  
or apply to  
Howell Care Center  
3003 W. Grand River  
Howell, MI 48843

**HOME CARE FIELD RN/PT**  
Exp: Livingston, Oakland &  
Wayne Counties. Competitive  
wages Call 248-552-1333  
patcare@patcare.com

### HOME HEALTH AIDES/CNAs

New hiring, PT/FT  
Lvl & Oakland Counties.  
(248)889-2700

**MESSAGE THERAPIST OR  
CLINICAL ASSISTANT**  
Needed for busy wellness  
office. Send resume to  
jobs.pwc@gmail.com

### MEDICAL

**COORDINATOR**  
For senior DD residents  
Available for on call 24/7  
Prefer experience and  
MORC Training Must have  
good driving record Also  
hiring for part time DDWs  
Fax resume:  
(248) 478-8520

**MEDICAL ASSISTANT**  
For busy MD office in  
Plymouth Full-time benefits,  
salary negotiable. Fax resume  
(734) 455-0035

**PRN RN's & PT's**  
Home Health Pinnacle  
Senior Care  
is currently seeking PRN  
RN's & PT's to provide tele-  
vision in the Brighton & Ann  
Arbor areas. Competitive  
visit rates & mileage  
reimbursement.  
Send resume to  
lmg.vision  
staffing@comcast.net

**CASH IN  
WITH  
CLASSIFIEDS**  
1-800-579-SELL

### Help Wanted-Medical

**SANCTUARY AT WOODLAND**  
A Trinity Senior Living Community  
Affiliated with St. Joseph Mercy Health System

• Part-time weekend receptionist.  
Sat. & Sun. 9am-4pm

• Full-time Nurse Manager.  
RN or LPN required. RN preferred

• Wellness Assistant Positions. All shifts  
Part-time and contingent openings

To apply go to:  
www.TrinitySeniorSanctuary.org  
select Sanctuary at Woodland

### Help Wanted-Medical

**RESIDENTIAL  
ASSISTANTS NEEDED**  
Windsorbrook Rehabilitation  
provides all disciplines of out-  
patient rehabilitation and out-  
side residential care to adults  
recovering from Traumatic  
Brain Injuries. We are currently  
seeking dynamic individuals to  
work at one of our beautiful  
residential facilities in providing  
assistance to our clients in the  
development and promo-  
tion of life skills. CEKA's  
Direct Care Workers, COTA's,  
Rec Therapists or Psych  
majors preferred. Full or part-  
time, afternoon or midnight  
shifts with rotating weekends  
available  
Call 810-227-0119, ext. 212  
for interview.

### Help Wanted-Medical

**RN SUPERVISOR  
NEEDED**  
Midnight Shift  
Available  
• SIGN ON BONUS  
Send resumes  
or apply within:  
Howell Care Center  
3003 W. Grand River  
Howell MI 48843

### Help Wanted- Food/Beverage

**COOK WITH PIZZA EXP.**  
ALSO HIRING WAITSTAFF  
Apply at: Starting Gate,  
135 N. Center St., Northville

**COOKS & SERVERS NEEDED**  
Breakfast experience a plus.  
Weekdays & weekends req.  
Please call: (734) 449-5011

### Help Wanted- Professional

**MENTAL HEALTH  
THERAPIST**  
HOWELL MI  
Detail job description  
available at  
http://kmlhmi.com  
applicants can  
Accepting online  
applications only EOE

### Help Wanted-Sales

**ANYTIME FITNESS**  
OF HOWELL/HARTLAND, MI  
is seeking motivated part-time  
salespeople for Howell &  
Hartland facilities who are  
energetic, friendly and cus-  
tomer service oriented. Hourly  
plus commission. Resumes to:  
howellmi@anytimefitness.com  
or fax: 517-540-1554  
No phone calls please!

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**CAREER IN REAL ESTATE?**  
Call Kevin at Keller Williams  
734-216-1296

**Hiring! CUSTOMER SALES  
AND SERVICE ACCOUNT REP.**  
Part time position available  
State Farm Insurance 107 E  
Grand River Howell MI  
Fax resume to:  
517-545-1358  
Email - can.elsola.mtlg@  
statefarm.com

### Help Wanted-Domestic

**PERSONAL CARE  
ATTENDANT**  
Wanted for midnights in my  
home Call (248) 684-2495

### Position Wanted

**MATURE MAN SEEKING PET  
SITTING/DOG WALKING  
WORK**  
I live in S. Lyon Reasonable  
rates 248-345-9325

**MATURE WOMAN SEEKING  
JOB** Will care for child rearing  
adult in your home South  
Lyon/Brighton area Light  
Housekeeping incl. Refer-  
ences avail 248 437-0967

### Childcare Services- Licensees

**NOW ENROLLING FOR FALL**  
Home Daycare Pre-School/  
Infants to 12 yrs. Flexible  
FT & or PT. Nutritious Meals  
& snacks incl. Low Rates  
Kent Lake/Larchview avail.  
(248) 437-0652

### Help Wanted-Medical

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**LOOKING FOR SOMEONE**  
To come to your home to  
Nanny your children? Also  
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appointments, shopping, etc.  
CPR trained, excellent ref. 2-4  
days a week, flexible.  
Diane. (248) 344-4997

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## Project Build! gives homeowner new lease on life and place to live

When Allison Grabell, a case manager for Jewish Family Service of Metropolitan Detroit, visited her client's Novi home in March, she found rotted floors, peeling paint on the walls, appliances that didn't work and gutters that were no longer fully attached to the home. Her heart went out to the woman who had to live in these conditions. She knew that if she could find a way to improve her client's surroundings, it would also go a long way toward improving all the other aspects of her life, as well.

Grabell knew her client would be a perfect candidate for Project Build! a program formed by JFS in partnership with the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan in April 2011. Project Build! matches people in desperate need of repairs to their homes with professional builders, remodelers and suppliers. Despite facing significant financial difficulties, families in the program gain a chance to live safely and comfortably in their own homes. And despite enduring a crippling economic downturn in their businesses, local professionals can offer much needed support by donating their expertise and the materials they may have on hand.

The Home Depot Foundation and the The Home Depot Commerce Township store teamed up to complete this extensive home repair. It took seven days over a period of three weeks to replace all of the rotted flooring, paint all of the walls, replace the lighting and oven, and repair the gutters outside. The client even received a new American flag to replace her old one, which was faded and ripped. In the end, Project Build! and The Home Depot turned the client's house into a home.

"Everyone at work tells me how happy and healthy I look these days," said the client. "I tell them that every day I walk into a new home. I'm not worried about things anymore."

Marsha Burley, Team Depot captain, and 10 of her colleagues completed the majority



Working on the home are Tom Keyser (left) and Doug VanGordon.



Marsha Burley, Team Depot captain, of Commerce Township and Mark Williams, store manager, Commerce Township, were glad to participate.



Participants included back row (left to right): Linn Smith, Tom Keyser, Mark Williams, Commerce Township store manager; Front row (left to right): Brittney Pasekel, Marsha Burley, Team Depot captain, Bill Trembley.

of the work with the assistance of a couple of volunteers. "I'm leaving part of my heart here," said Burley.

Through Team Depot, an associate-led volunteer program, The Home Depot Foundation provides opportunities for associates and suppliers to contribute their home improvement know-how to create meaningful impact in communities. In 2010, Team Depot completed 1,600 projects across the country. From building dozens of wheelchair ramps in one day for disabled senior citizens in Altamonte Springs, Fla., to renovating the home of an 82-year-old Marine Corps veteran in Seattle, Wash., Home Depot associates work with local nonprofit organizations to use their home

improvement know-how to make a difference in the lives of thousands of deserving families.

"It turned out far more beautiful than I imagined it would. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Team Depot really did a fantastic job," said the homeowner.

Project Build!'s sources, in addition to The Home Depot, include The Jewish Women's Foundation of Metropolitan Detroit, BIA Charitable and Educational Foundation and the BIA Professional Women in Building Council. To date, over 35 local businesses have participated in 12 home repairs or remodels and together have donated over \$30,000 in supplies and labor costs.

Richard Cherkasky, president

of The Richard Group Inc., a JFS and BIA board member, initiated Project Build! "Unfortunately, the world has changed from how we knew it not too many years ago," said Cherkasky. "Times are hard and this gives you an opportunity to be involved with work where you know what you are doing is desperately needed and deeply appreciated. It is highly satisfying to see the relief and excitement in the clients we serve. I feel honored to be a part of it."

Project Build! is looking for building and remodeling industry professionals and local businesses to volunteer services and donate materials for upcoming jobs. If you are interested in helping, call Michelle Malamis at (248) 592-2651.

## China has firms for home services

By Robert Meisner  
Guest Columnist

**Q:** Are there companies in China that provide residential services for purchasers of houses and/or apartments?

**A:** Yes, there are companies that provide residential services including orientation, home selection, home inspection, lease negotiation and lease maintenance. The company is also involved in commercial projects throughout China. They have, by way of example, residential sales and leasing businesses throughout China. However, it has been necessary to adopt various measures to curb rising property

prices such as restricting residents in 35 major cities from buying second or third homes.



Robert Meisner

Other measures include higher down payment requirements for mortgages, the imposition of property taxes in Chongqing and Shanghai, and various monetary policies that have raised borrowing costs for developers. Apparently, not all people are interested in investing in real estate because of the high demand for premium residential properties.

**Q:** I am the purchaser of a condominium and I find that my condominium association is not FHA certified. Don't they have a responsibility to do so in order for me to get financing?

**A:** In my view, the Board of Directors of a condominium association has the fiduciary responsibility to assist in the marketability of the condominium units. Given the fact that FHA requires project-wide certification ("spot" approval having been abolished in 2009), you may have a good argument that the board has been remiss in the discharge of its fiduciary duties by not seeking FHA certification, assuming that is the case. You should have your prospective seller (the co-owner) write the Board of Directors to demand that it take action to seek FHA certification.

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

### HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of May 16-20, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

#### CANTON

6837 Carriage Hills Dr \$135,000  
44338 Fair Oaks Dr \$131,000  
1535 Glengarry Blvd \$275,000  
42825 Lilley Pointe Dr \$52,000  
1729 Nowland Ct \$283,000  
3648 S Canton Center Rd \$70,000  
46764 Spinning Wheel Dr \$160,000

7534 Thornwood St \$145,000  
**GARDEN CITY**  
32261 Rock St \$80,000  
31960 Florence St \$30,000  
28782 Leona St \$50,000  
**LIVONIA**  
14475 Alexander St \$146,000  
35974 Ann Arbor Trl \$48,000  
15875 Blue Skies Dr \$223,000  
29059 Bretton St \$125,000  
31568 Bridge St \$189,000  
38813 Donald St \$130,000  
36152 Fairway Dr \$290,000  
19931 Farmington Rd \$37,000  
9951 Inkster Rd \$41,000  
37535 Kingsbury St \$165,000

14644 Merriman Rd \$170,000  
**NORTHVILLE**  
18186 Blue Heron Dr W \$295,000  
16290 Brook Trout Ln \$127,000  
16305 Brook Trout Ln \$125,000  
44352 Cypress Point Dr \$70,000  
16368 Sherwood Ln \$360,000  
**PLYMOUTH**  
46730 Barrington Ct \$210,000  
50456 Beechwood Ct \$90,000  
1052 Coolidge St \$160,000  
13968 Eaton Dr \$330,000  
354 Pinewood Dr \$50,000  
1199 S Sheldon Rd \$32,000  
48989 Tuscan Hills Dr \$440,000  
8829 Woodberry Rd \$305,000

**REDFORD**  
9392 Garfield \$40,000  
8974 Mercedes \$65,000  
26305 W Seven Mile Rd \$8,000  
12113 Woodbine \$60,000  
13560 Wormer \$33,000  
**WESTLAND**  
35030 Donnelly St \$90,000  
34354 Florence St \$80,000  
613 Lansdowne Dr \$88,000  
947 N Wildwood St \$96,000  
1377 Westchester St \$75,000  
1915 Wilshire St \$57,000  
7422 Woodview St \$25,000

### HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

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

#### BEVERLY HILLS

18356 Bedford St \$277,000  
19070 Bedford St \$490,000

#### BINGHAM FARMS

23795 Ravineview Ct \$200,000

#### BIRMINGHAM

771 Ann St \$515,000  
1207 Bird Ave \$325,000  
1790 Graefield Rd \$73,000  
856 S Bates St \$895,000  
1537 S Bates St \$325,000

#### BLOOMFIELD HILLS

2975 Aspen Ln \$235,000  
496 Newburn Pointe \$133,000  
1094 Park Place Ct \$415,000

950 Trailwood Path # D \$87,000  
284 Woodwind Dr \$600,000  
**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP**  
322 Douglas Dr \$150,000  
2860 Farmingdale Dr \$249,000  
7203 Lindenmere Dr \$440,000  
1915 Long Lake Shore Dr \$1,500,000  
2446 Sanders Pl \$200,000  
6290 Thurber Rd \$230,000  
1133 N Cranbrook Rd \$705,000  
**COMMERCE TOWNSHIP**  
3119 Arbutus St \$130,000  
9470 Boncrest St \$80,000  
2688 Ivy Hill Dr \$233,000  
8307 Kingfisher Ct \$240,000  
2282 Palmetto \$180,000  
**FARMINGTON HILLS**  
31831 Grand River Ave Unit 8 \$18,000  
33268 Slocum Dr \$143,000  
24290 Farmington Rd \$54,000  
29549 Fox Club Dr \$243,000  
30314 Fox Club Dr \$310,000  
21142 Ontaga St \$10,000  
22085 River Pines Dr \$142,000

26738 Trillium Dr \$775,000  
29850 W 12 Mile Rd # 503 \$22,000  
31915 W 14 Mile Rd # 237 \$85,000  
30271 Westgate Rd \$235,000  
**FRANKLIN**  
26980 Wellington Rd \$280,000  
Lathrup Village \$90,000  
17380 Roseland Blvd \$90,000  
**MILFORD**  
1675 Lone Tree \$38,000  
2525 W Buno Rd \$425,000  
**NOVI**  
24584 Bashian Dr \$56,000  
24347 Bramblewood Dr \$227,000  
22553 Cranbrooke Dr \$78,000  
1705 East Lake Rd \$165,000  
48700 Grand River Ave \$510,000  
23667 Greening Ct \$232,000  
40518 Lenox Park Dr \$229,000  
40522 Lenox Park Dr \$240,000  
27026 Maxwell Ct \$45,000  
25556 Portico Ln \$120,000  
30911 Savannah Ct \$160,000  
44920 W 10 Mile Rd \$185,000  
157 Wainwright St \$116,000

45566 White Pines Dr \$325,000  
28346 Wolkott Dr \$89,000  
22142 Worcester Dr \$415,000

#### SOUTH LYON

144 Aspen Way \$78,000  
331 E Lake St \$75,000  
205 Maplewood Ct \$42,000  
512 Orchard Rdg \$18,000  
23689 Prescott Ln W \$61,000

#### SOUTHFIELD

29644 Farmbrook Villa Ct # 2 \$28,000  
29170 Heritage Ct \$73,000  
22530 Ivanhoe Ln \$123,000  
24282 Lois Ln \$45,000  
27389 Marshall St \$50,000  
29501 Red Leaf Dr \$106,000  
17614 Silver Maple St \$60,000  
20906 Stahelin Rd \$19,000  
18698 Webster Ave \$550,000  
17070 Westland Ave \$75,000

#### WHITE LAKE

20 Acorn Ct \$180,000  
1157 Union Lake Rd \$70,000  
1323 Waverly Dr \$105,000









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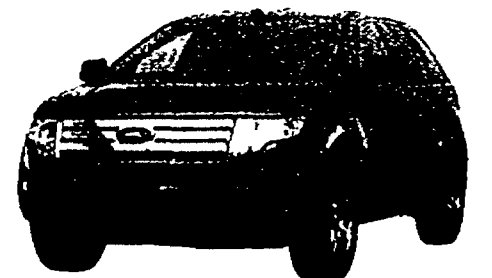
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