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

City, township focus on pathway

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

Connecting with Maybury Park and closing the pathway gaps throughout the community of Northville were some of the ideas brainstormed about at the meeting to kick-off the updating of the Parks and Recreation master plan and formulation of a non-motorized plan.

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PATRICK SULLIVAN
Northville city manager

Northville City Manager Patrick Sullivan said at the start of the Aug. 25 special meeting, which had representatives from both the city and township in attendance.

The public will have the oppor-

tunity to provide input on both plans with a master plan public workshop scheduled for Sept. 19. Two public open houses to generate ideas for a nonmotorized plan will be held in the coming months.

Each community-elected representative said it is important that the public has their say before anything is official.

According to Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo, over a decade ago the township did have a 10-year non-motorized pathway plan, but it was sidetracked and now it needs to be rethought. He said Northville should concentrate "on their own assets first." Meaning, before Northville connects a

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Talking Kilimanjaro

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

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

For further information, contact James Morche, (248) 380-4358; jmorche@wow-way.com.

Getting ready



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In-coming Ridge Wood Elementary teacher Sue Segerstrom get some help from her kids Noah, 7, Erin, 9 and Jeren Ghouljehi, 9, as they move a bookcase from Segerstrom's old classroom at Moraine. Segerstrom was moving her personal effects from her old Moraine classroom on Aug. 29. Classes will commence for Northville schools on Sept. 6.

Scott prison could be for sale this fall

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

The sale of the Robert Scott Correctional Facility property is on hold right now as the state legislature reviews it, according to state Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth. He adds this is normal and it should be moved on to a vote this fall.

"The state certainly wants to sell it for profit," Heise said. "And we certainly know that's the intention of the township, so we will continue to get moving on that."

Heise went before the Northville Township Board of Trustees to inform them that House Bill 4689, which is meant to move forward the sale of the state-owned correctional property on Five Mile and Beck roads, is still pending. He said the bill is in the House Appropriations committee, but he anticipates it will be moved out of the committee after Labor Day.

"At that point the bill will advance to the House floor where we expect easy passage," Heise

said.

In May, Heise sponsored the bill to sell the land for private or public development. Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo said the township was interested in seeing it developed in a way that correlates with its surroundings, i.e., commercial and residential. The Board of Trustees passed a resolution urging Gov. Rick Snyder to sell the Scott property to private interests so it can be developed with a creative and useful economic activity.

The township views the closed facility as an image from the past that they to move away from — Northville as a "state dumping ground."

Heise had met with Northville Township officials to draft a provision in the bill that would force the state to properly maintain the site while on the market and make it presentable by removing the barbed wire and guard towers as requested by the township. These things have yet to be

Please see **SCOTT, A9**

Thornton's principal leaving for Ypsilanti

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

Thornton Creek Principal Sharon Irvine has announced she will be leaving the Northville elementary school after making what she calls the most difficult decision of her professional career.

In an open letter to the school community, Irvine stated: "It is with immeasurable sadness, that I must inform you that have accepted a position as

Executive Director of Human Resources for my son's district, Ypsilanti Public Schools, beginning Monday, Sept. 19. This decision represents the most difficult choice that I have ever made in my professional career. I deeply love the students, families, and staff of Thornton Creek. I can-



Sharon Irvine

not express how fondly I will remember the last six years."

Irvine is not leaving her post until after the start of the school year. She said much has been done to prepare for this year and she wants to make sure the transition is smooth.

"I will be here to make sure that we are settled into the new school year," she said.

The process to find a new principal has already started and the district will be accepting applications until Sept. 7, according to

Northville Public Schools Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher.

"We consider the process of selecting a building leader to be critically important, and value the input of staff and parents," Gallagher said.

Gallagher added the district will identify a short-term, interim principal to serve in the role of building leader from mid-September (including overlap time with Irvine) through mid-

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Penny Colthurst: Gift of Life champion dies after surgery

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

Penny Colthurst – who spent more than 22 years advocating for organ donors, exhibiting compassion and commitment to the families of people who gave the gifts of life, sight and mobility – died Aug. 24 from complications from a recent surgery.

"She had a special gift for comforting grieving families, whether in the moments after their loved one passed away or several years later," said Jennifer Tislerics, Special Events & Partnerships coordinator for Gift of Life Michigan. "Thousands of Michigan families have come to know Penny through her gentle spirit, soft voice and generous nature."

A resident of Northville, Penny joined the organ and tissue recovery organization in January 1990, after serving as a critical care staff nurse on the medical intensive care unit at the University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor. Previous work included nursing at Harper Hospital in Detroit, and with doctors' offices in Livonia and Troy.

She started at Gift of Life as a hospital coordinator, helping facilitate the recovery of organs and tissues and getting these precious



Penny Colthurst

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Advances in donor family care under Penny Colthurst's guidance include:

- "Thank You" packets provided to transplant recipients throughout Michigan, giving them guidance in writing anonymous notes to their donor families.
- "Thinking of You" packets for donor families who wish to send notes to the recipients of their loved ones' organs.
- The "Memories from Michigan" Donor Family Quilts, which allow each donor family to personalize a quilt square in their

gifts to the people who desperately needed them. She was an active member of the North American Transplant Coordinators Organization, and became a Certified Procurement Transplant Coordinator through the American Board for Transplant Certification in 1991.

In 1995, Penny moved to Gift of Life's Public Education Department as the community education coordinator. In addition to coordinating many outreach programs, such as Secretary of State Buddy Day, National Donor Sabbath Weekend observances, an annual exhibit at the Ann Arbor Art Fair and other events, Penny continued to advocate for donor families. She quickly became involved in the organization's annual donor family ceremony, started a couple

of years earlier by her boss and friend, Betty Buckley. After Betty's death, Penny helped spearhead the donor family ceremonies for years to come.

- Gift of Life Medallions, offered to all organ donor families and often presented in person by Penny at memorial services.
- The Next Place books, donated by the Musculoskeletal Transplant Foundation, and offered to donor families.
- A sponsorship to a Michigan family to the annual National Donor Family Ceremony.
- The Donor Family Newsletter, with contributions from donor families.

Brenda Dangler, a donor mom from West Bloomfield who lost her 21-year-old son Clay, relied on Penny often.

"During the first six months or so of our losing Clay, I found comfort in calling Gift of Life about six times, each time talking with Penny only," said Dangler. "She was so tender, answered my questions, listened to me cry, gave me advice, etc. It was only at Clay's flag-raising ceremony that I got to meet her in person. What a dedicated woman she was."

In 2000, Penny was officially named Gift of Life's donor family follow-up coordinator.

Although her job title and other duties would occasionally change throughout the next 11 years, Penny devoted the bulk of her time and energy to assisting families who had lost a loved one. She was known to travel far and wide, any day of the week, to attend funerals and memorial services of donors. She would present families with a certificate of honor, a donor medallion and kind words of support. As the master of ceremonies for the annual Michigan Donor Family Ceremonies, Penny provided comfort and gratitude to literally thousands of family members over the years. Soft-spoken, sincere and direct, Penny offered a shoulder to cry on.

The family received friends Sunday at the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home in Northville and memorial services were Monday at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. Friends and family members were encouraged to leave messages in the funeral home's online guestbook.

"Penny's family has taken great comfort in learning how many people were comforted, mentored and touched by Penny through her work at Gift of Life," said Tislerics. "Penny was rather modest when discussing her professional life with her family - they did not realize how important her role was at Gift of Life. But we know, and we miss her very much." Penny's efforts were noted by donor families, her peers at Gift of Life and by industry leaders across the nation. In 2002, the

Musculoskeletal Transplant Foundation (MTF) honored Penny with its national DonorCARE Award, which recognizes individuals and organizations that have demonstrated a profound commitment to donor families. "Your dedication provides powerful motivation and inspiration for all of us," MTF's Martha Anderson wrote in a letter to Penny. Two years later, then-Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land personally thanked Penny for her help in creating a memorial rose bush planting to honor donor families in northern Michigan. The annual rose planting ceremony continues to this day. The following year, 2005, Secretary Land awarded Gift of Life's Donor Family Advisory Committee – which was led by Penny since 1995 – one of her Shining Star awards.

Penny is survived by her former husband, Richard Szeman; children Craig (Kristen) Szeman, Sue (Al) Meacham, Andrea (Harry) Youmans and Glenn Szeman; brothers Ted (Deb) Colthurst and Chris (Mary) Colthurst; and eight grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions to the National Kidney Foundation, 30 East 33rd Street, New York, New York 10016 or the American Diabetes Association, 1701 North Beauregard Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22311 would be appreciated. Do you have a heart on your driver's license? If not, go to www.giftoflifemichigan.org to join the Michigan Organ Donor Registry.

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CORRECTION

Last week's story "Family looking for connection" should have indicated that the late Scott Brooks left a widow, Catalina.

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Two decades after his death, the Northville Art House is honored to present an exhibition that delves into the unique relationship between a gifted teacher and artist and his students. Including works from Mr. Keeter himself and a number of his students, the show is intended as both a tribute to Mr. Keeter's legacy and a broader reflection on the invaluable, yet often under-appreciated lifetime

impact of great teachers.

Artists participating in the show are: Glenn L. Barr, Candace Brancik, Fred Chilton, Eugene Clark, Topher Crowder, Bruce J. Finsilver, Amy L. Foster, Sean Graham, Peter Hackett,

Christine Haylett, Mary Haddad-Raveane, Stephanie Henderson, Derek Hess, Mario Isenmann, Janet Kondziela, Linda Logan, Sue Mallick, Rich Nelson, Corinne Pemberton, Marcy Parzych, Alan Paulson, Mary Step, Tom Thewes, Fremont Thompson and Wyland. The show is curated by Jeff Cancelosi.

The show will open in the Art House's upper gallery with a reception and artists' talk from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 2. The show will continue through Sept. 24 during the Art House Gallery hours (1-5 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays). For additional information, call (248) 344-0497 or visit www.northvillearts.org. The Art House is located at 215 W. Cady Street and is a facility of the Northville Arts Commission. Admission to Art House exhibits is always free and open to the public.



Kim #5 by Rich Nelson

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Golf Outings

13TH ANNUAL GOOD GRIEF OUTING

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

Location: Tanglewood Golf Club, South Lyon

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

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

SILVER SPRINGS ELEMENTARY

Time/Date: 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 25

Location: St. John's Golf Course, Plymouth

Details: Join Silver Springs Elementary School teachers, staff, parents and friends for a day of golf and fun at St. John's Golf Course to benefit the "Leader in Me" program; four-person scramble; silent auction and raffle; 3 p.m. dinner.

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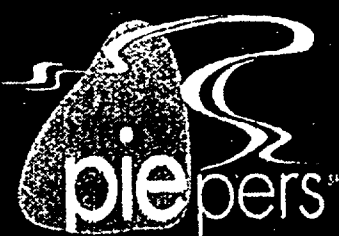


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See it all when the Tipping Point Theatre opens its 2011-12 birth-



Brian P. Sage



Kevin Young

day season with this clever, yet ridiculous comedy, "The Mystery of Irma Vep-A Penny Dreadful" written by Charles Ludlam.

Directed by James R. Kuhl, the play is a clever, side-splitting

comedy with gothic plot twists (and who doesn't like a surprise ending?). The fast-paced performance is played out entirely by two speedy actors, Brian P. Sage and Kevin Young.

"It's a non-stop comedy thriller, kind of like a Grimm's Fairy Tale and the stories we all grew

DETAILS

The show opens on Sept. 1 and runs through Oct. 9. The performances are at 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays, with matinees at 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday (please note that there is no Saturday matinee on Sept. 3 at 3 p.m.).

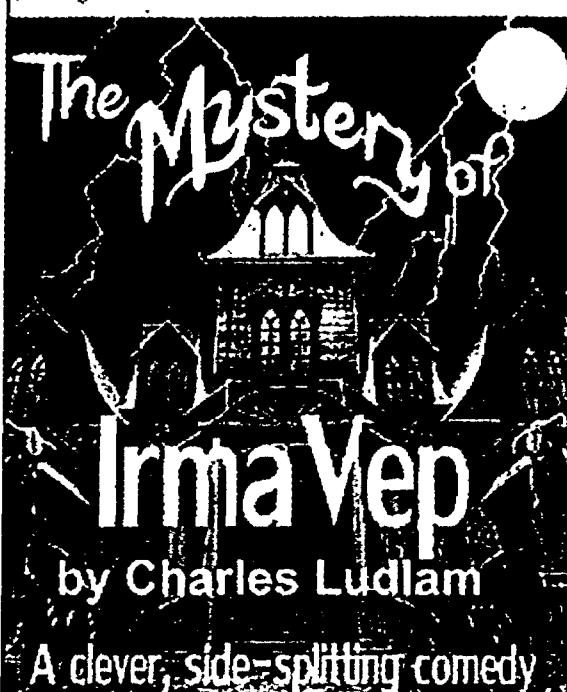
Tickets are \$28 to \$30 for adults and \$26-\$28 for students and senior citizens and are available now by calling the box office at (248) 347-0003.

The Tipping Point Theatre is located at 361 E. Cady Street, Northville. Visit www.tippingpointtheatre.com for more information.

up with," Young said. "But it has a plot that you can follow to figure out what happened and what's going to happen. It's crazy and funny and a great show."

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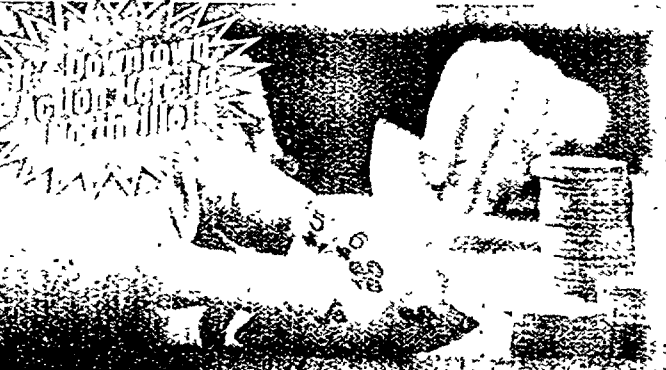
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Remembering 9/11

Sept. 11, 2011 marks the 10-year anniversary of the terrorist attacks on America in New York and Washington, D.C. We are asking readers to share their personal experiences from that day and week. How has your life been affected by the events? How have you changed? How do you think our country has changed in the aftermath of the attacks?

Feel free to share your thoughts, letters and photos for publication via email to cstone@hometownlife.com.

Blood Drives

The following blood drives will be held in the Novi/Northville area:

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 - * Friday, Sept. 2; 1-6:45 p.m.; Powerhouse Gym Novi; high school scholarship
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"Fall Phase Out for Fun" show

The Flying Pilgrim Radio Control Club announces its Fall Phase Out for Fun Air Show to demonstrate the radio controlled airplane hobby to the general public. The event will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 10-11 at the northwest corner of Geddes and Ridge roads in Superior Township. This is the 28th year anniversary for this event.

The Flying Pilgrims, part of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, has a membership of about 200 members from surrounding communities flying year around at the club's flying field.

The models will fly all day during the show, and perform many aerobatic maneuvers during their flights. At noon flying is suspended for a time so spectators can inspect the airplanes up close and ask questions of the pilots. A parking donation of \$5 per vehicle is requested and admits all occupants in vehicle. For more information, contact Jack Kezelian, event director, at (734) 207-3626.



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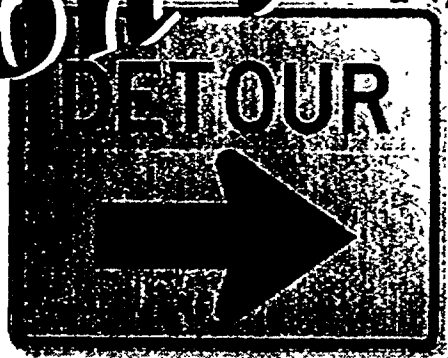
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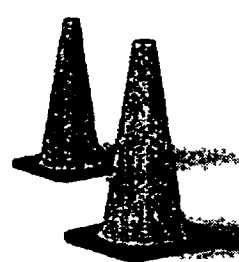


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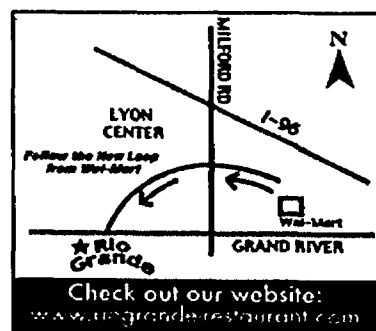
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Schools groups agree to wage and benefit concessions

The Northville Board of Education at its Aug. 23 meeting approved wage and benefit concessions for the district's Central Office, district and school administrators that include an overall wage reduction of 4 percent. The two-year contracts with the district's administrative groups cover the 2011-12 and 2012-13 school years.

Similar to the two-year agreement ratified last week by the Board of Education and the Northville Education Association (NEA), which represents the district's more than 400 teachers, three percent of the wage reduction for these administrative groups will be "off schedule" (the reduction does not carry forward into the next contract) and 1 percent will be "on schedule." Those school administrators eligible for step raises will receive a quarter-step increase in each of the two years, which will partially offset the salary reduction for these employees. Additionally, each of the administrators will take two unpaid furlough days each school year also agreed to by the teacher's union.

Along with members of the teacher's union, the district's administrative employees also will begin paying 20 percent of their current health care premiums effective immediately and, starting January 1, 2012, change from their current health plan to a less expensive High-Deductible Health Savings Account Plan the district is offering through Blue Cross Blue Shield. As with the teacher's union, the district will prefund 80 percent of the \$1,250 annual individual and \$2,500 annual family deductible, with the employee responsible for the balance of the deductible.

The district's Central Office administrative team is comprised of the superintendent, two assistant superintendents, the director of Human Resources and the director of Special Services. District administrators include primarily supervisors and program directors who are not part of the Northville Association of School Administrators. The district's school administrators, which include school building principals, assistant principals and the athletic director, comprise the Northville Association of School Administrators.

These concessions are in addition to wage and benefit concessions already made by the members of these administrative groups, including a 2-percent wage cut for the 2009-10 school year and the move to a less expensive Community Blue PPO2 health care plan in 2006.

"On behalf of the Northville Board of Education, I want to express our sincere appreciation to the district's Central Office, district and school administrators for their willingness to take these actions as a way to help address our school system's unprecedented budget crisis," said Board of Education President Joan Wadsworth. "We also recognize that each of these groups have stepped up to take concessions in previous years, and have done so with existing contracts in place."

As a result of the two-year agreement reached last week with the NEA that will achieve \$6.46 million in cost reductions for the district, the Board of Education at its Aug. 23 meeting also recalled teachers to the equivalent of 26.5 positions of the \$2.5 laid off back in May.



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Doug Scheer presents a summer reading program wrap-up party presentation at the Northville District Library on Aug. 17. Using humor, Scheer showed youngsters the importance of reading, using good grammar skills and concise wording.



Madeline Potts, 3, enjoys some celebratory cake on the lawn of the Northville District Library on Aug. 17 as its summer reading program came to a close.

Reading wrap-up



An audience enjoys Doug Scheer summer reading program finale presentation on Aug. 17 at the Northville District Library.

Report gives details of progress

By Mary K. Gallagher
Guest Columnist

The Northville Public Schools Annual Education Report (AER) for the 2010-11 school year is a detailed report that provides key information on the educational progress of the school district including complex reporting data regarding student achievement and school district performance required under federal and state law.

You can review the entire 48-page report by visiting <http://www.northville.k12.mi.us/district.asp>. Copies of the district and individual school reports are also available at the Board Office (501 West Main Street, three blocks west of Center Street in downtown Northville) and at each of the individual school offices. For more information, or if you have questions about the report, please contact the Office of Instruction at (248) 344-8442. You may also access data about Northville Public Schools, and each school within Northville at <https://www.mischooldata.org/>.

Of important note in the Annual Education Report is that each of Northville's nine K-12 schools achieved a composite grade of "A" on the 2010-11 Michigan Education Yes! School Report and met Adequate Yearly Progress (known as AYP) status under the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act. These schools include Amerman Elementary School, Moraine Elementary School, Ridge Wood Elementary School, Silver Springs Elementary School, Thornton Creek Elementary School, Winchester Elementary School, Hillside Middle School, Meads Mill Middle School and Northville High School.

Northville's Cooke and Old Village Schools serve severely cognitively and multiply impaired students from school districts throughout Wayne County. As Center Program Special Education programs, Cooke and Old Village School do not receive report grades. For the Michigan School Report Card, Cooke and Old

Village students, along with some of the district's K-12 special education students, were assessed using MI-Access, the state-standardized tests for students with disabilities for whom the MEAP and MME are not appropriate.

The Michigan School Report Card is an assessment of each public school in Michigan based on a number of standards outlined in Education Yes!, Michigan's accreditation system for schools, and AYP Michigan's AYP standards under NCLB are based on Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) test scores at the elementary and middle school levels, and Michigan Merit Exam (MME) scores at the high school level, as well as the percentage of students who take the test, and graduation and attendance rates. Two-thirds of a school's Michigan School Report Card grade is based on its MEAP or MME scores.

Other information and data contained in the 2010-11 Northville Public Schools Annual Education Report includes:

- **MEAP, MME and MI-Access Student Assessment Data:** These data tables show achievement progress within schools compared to district and state achievement levels for all students, as well as student subgroups, in English language arts and math for third through eighth grade and 11th grade; science for fifth and eighth grade; and English language arts, math and science for students with significant disabilities who take the MI-Access assessment. Northville's students consistently perform well on these assessments.

- **AYP Data and Status:** These data tables indicate the district's and each school's progress in meeting criteria in four key areas — percentage of all students and each subgroup tested, achievement goals in English language arts and math, achievement goals for all student subgroups made up of 30 or more students, academic indicators set by the state for high school graduation rates and middle and elementary school attendance rates. Northville Public Schools has achieved Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) targets at each school and as an overall district. Northville High School has a graduation

rate which exceeds 96%.

- **Teacher Quality Data:** These data tables show teacher qualifications at the district and individual school levels, as well as the percentage of core academic classes taught by teachers not considered highly qualified to teach a particular class. Eighty percent of Northville teachers hold a Master's Degree or higher, and 100% of core academic classes are taught by highly qualified teachers.

- **National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Data:** These data tables provide state results of national assessments in math and reading taken every other year (in winter) by students in fourth and eighth grade, in randomly selected districts. These results cannot be readily compared with MEAP, because NAEP uses a different assessment framework from Michigan. Results are reported only at the State level, rather than by individual districts.

Northville Public Schools has also achieved District Accreditation from the prestigious North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI). For more information regarding this process, including a copy of the Report of the 2010 Quality Assurance Review as well as the 2011 Continuous Improvement Process report, please visit our website at: <http://www.northville.k12.mi.us/district/nps-accreditation.asp>.

District Accreditation supports Northville's ongoing, overarching goal for student learning and provides a nationally-recognized mark of quality for our district and all the schools within the district. Our students and families are the ultimate beneficiaries of this rigorous process. When an entire school community is aligned and focused on a shared vision for learning, students thrive.

I am encouraged by the success of our students and staff as reflected in these important measures, and remain mindful that is the strong partnership of our teachers working together with students and families that enables our students to achieve at such high levels.

Mary K. Gallagher is the superintendent of Northville Public Schools.

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NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

Larceny

An unknown suspect robbed the Kroger store on Haggerty of \$150 by reaching into a register as he attempted to cash in his bottle return slip.

On Aug. 18, a white male, standing nearly 6'2" and wearing a white hat, gray T-shirt and khaki shorts ranging in age from 30-35, went to the u-scan register to cash in the slip. As the Kroger employee opened the register to get the cash out the man quickly reached in a grabbed a handful, which included over \$50 in cash and checks totaling \$106.

The man then fled from the store into the parking lot, but a shopper was able to give a detailed description to the Northville Township police.

Retail Fraud

On Aug. 20, a 29-year-old Farmington Hills man was arrested for stealing nearly \$300 in items from the Meijer store on Haggerty Road.

Northville Township police responded to the store on a larceny in progress. They had a description of the subject and upon arrival observed the suspect walking toward Haggerty as the store's loss prevention officer was following.

They detained the man and arrested him for retail fraud.

The loss prevention officer said the man had concealed items on himself and in a stolen backpack. The store officer stopped the man, but the suspect would only give back the backpack and not the other items.

Bike Larcenies

There were two bike larcenies in downtown Northville last week that remain unsolved.

The first one took place on Aug. 19 on Mary Alexander Court. A 10-year-old Northville boy parked his red mountain bike near a dumpster only to find it missing when he came back.

The second incident happened at Ford Field on Griswold Street on Aug. 21 or 22. A Northville family was visiting the park and it was not until the next day that they realized they had left the bike behind. They had left it near the play-scape on the grass without a lock.

The bike is for a four-year-old and is meant for learning to ride. It is white in color with some red and black on it as well.

Compiled by correspondent **Lonnie Huhman**

Detective puts crime puzzle pieces together

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Correspondent

There is nothing better for a police detective than having each piece of a crime puzzle fall together, almost perfectly.

This happened to Northville City Police Detective Matt Clemence recently, with one case involving a stolen bicycle and another one with a breaking and entering.

"It would be great if every case would work out like this, but the majority of them don't," Clemence said. "This was a situation where being observant really helped out."

It began Aug. 7 with a Schwinn Mountain bike being taken from the CVS lot at Center Street. The staff at CVS had a full description of the suspect and security camera footage. It was reported the thief was a white male who lives at the Inn on Main in downtown Northville.

As Clemence and the

department moved forward on the bike case, another one, thought to be unrelated at the time, occurred the next day on Aug. 8. There was a reported home invasion on Center Street at a location currently under renovation. A man working on the home had his tools stolen from the location's unattached carriage house and from the home's basement. The tools included a chainsaw, a full tool box and a jackhammer.

Clemence said the bike robbery suspect had been spotted walking with these tools down the street. Things began to come together and that's when a search warrant was needed.

With permission from the building owner the police were able to obtain the master keys to the Inn on Main. They went to the suspect's room to execute the search warrant, but he did not answer the door. They finally opened it and

found the man sitting in the dark with the tools and bike in the room.

"One of the things that made this case work out so well is the owner of the tools initiated his tool bag and kept his serial numbers," Clemence said. "These were all matched."

The value of everything taking from the location was nearly \$3,000. The suspect denied the charges, and said he did stupid things when he was drinking. He claimed another man had brought the idea to him and he was just sort of along for the ride, but this man was never fully identified.

Despite his claims, the evidence sat there in his room and he was charged with breaking and entering, stolen property and larceny in a building. He has been arraigned and will be held over for trial.

"Being observant paid off big time," Clemence said. "It feels good when you get it done right."

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BRENKER, MARGARETTE J.

Age 94, passed away August 28, 2011. A funeral mass was held Aug. 30 at Old St. Patrick Church, Ann Arbor. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

KLASSEN, WINIFRED

Age 90, of Green Oak Twp., passed away August 26, 2011. Survived by her children, Hal, Craig and Dana. A private family service was held. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com



PELTO, ANDREW BYRON

A resident of Milford for 35 years, was received in the loving arms of Jesus, Friday, August 26, 2011. Andrew passed at home in the care of his family. He was 79 years old. Born on November 23, 1931 in Bessemer, MI he was the son of Tynne Marianne Kangus and Andrew Herman Pelto. He served our country as a member of the Marine Corps during the Korean War and the historic Battle of Chosin Reservoir in Northeastern Korea. This man was one of the "G.I. Boys". He was a member of the Milford American Legion Post #216. He graduated from Wayne State University in 1957 with a Bachelors Degree in Science, Mechanical Engineering. He worked at Chrysler Corporation, Ford Motor Company, Hydromotion Company and was a founding member of Filtra-Systems Company. He retired in 1994 and enjoyed his family and his faith in God. He was an active attendee of South Hill Church in Milford and taught youth classes, vacation bible study and sang in the choir and Church productions and Christmas Eve services. Andrew enjoyed many family gatherings and the solitude at the family cottage on Big Wolf Lake in Lewiston, MI. Winter vacations in Madera Beach, FL were enjoyed for many years with family and friends. Andrew is survived by his beloved wife of fifty-eight years, Marion June (nee Petrick) and their children, Kevin (Bridget), Janene (Glynn) Simmons, Greg (Nancy), Brian (Julie), Julie (Chris) Dahlin, David, thirteen grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, one deceased. Also survived by his brother, Paul and sister, Annabelle and a large extended family on his Finnish side and his wife's Italian side. Andrew demonstrated valiant Finnish "SISU" in his lifetime. Funeral Service was held from Oak Pointe/South Hill Church of Milford on August 30, 2011. Rev. David Hughes officiated. Burial: Oak Grove Cemetery. For further information phone Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

MALONE, MERCEDES

Age 81, of Milford, passed away Aug. 29. She is survived by her beloved family. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

MCINTOSH, MARGARET-PEGGY I.

Age 96, passed away August 8, 2011. She was born on October 1, 1914, in Ontario, daughter of the late Andrew and Effie Culbert. Margaret was raised on her family farm in Saskatchewan, along with her 10 siblings. In 1929, Margaret, her sister and her brother-in-law immigrated to Detroit. On September 7, 1940, she was united in marriage to her husband Harley. She was an active member of the Northville Mothers Club and was a charter member of the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington Hills. She was a strong woman who had many friends and will be dearly missed. She is survived by her daughter Janis Gurski, her son-in-law Joseph Gurski and her grandchildren Kevin and Kimberlee Gurski, all longtime residents of South Lyon. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews and loving friends. She was preceded in death by her husband Harley in 1982, her son Michael in 2000 and many brothers and sisters. Visitation was held on August 31 with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online Guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com

DICOLA, ANTHONY C.

Age 72, passed away August 23, 2011. He was born on August 9, 1939 in New Castle, Pennsylvania, son of the late Arthur and Edith Dicola. Tony was a dedicated member of St. Joseph Catholic Church. He served as a catechist and was a 4th degree Knight with the Knights of Columbus. Tony was a very genuine, kind and caring man. He could often be found transporting disabled patients with Michigan transportation. He was known for his generosity with those he transported. He was a U.S. Coast Guard Charter Captain and an avid fisherman. Tony started his career as an educator and retired from Wrought-Washer Manufacturing Inc. as co-owner. He led a very active life with many interests, but his true passion was his family and fishing. He is survived by his beloved wife of 50 years, Rita, his children David (Julie), Robert (Deanna), Denise (Jeff) Sirkovich and Anthony Jr. (Denise). 9 grandchildren and his brother Arthur. Visitation was held on Aug. 25 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. A funeral Mass was held on Aug. 26, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. Online Guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com

HALL, DARRELL BOBBY

Age 25, of Highland, passed away August 26, 2011. He is survived by his beloved family. Arrangements made by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

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79, of Novi, died Aug. 27. Father of William (Tara Nasarsky) Smith Jr., Wendy (Greg) Hanson & Christopher Smith. Casterline Funeral Home (248)349-0611.

PRINCIPAL

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to late October, in order to provide for a smooth transition in leadership while conducting a thorough search and selection process.

"I will never be the same educator because of what I learned from you," Irvine said in the letter to the Northville school district. "You will always be the

community that opened my eyes to the levels to which public education may aspire."

Thornton Creek will be losing a dedicated educator and leader.

Gallagher said it best, "Ms. Irvine has served the Thornton Creek school community, as well as the larger Northville Public Schools community with distinction — we are a stronger school system as a result of Ms. Irvine's leadership at both the building and district level."

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The Robert Scott Correctional facility at Five Mile and Beck in Northville Township.

SCOTT

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removed because the state correctional department said it does not have the money to do this.

"I am quite confident that

between the House and Senate, and the governor's office we will expedite the removal of those items to make this site more attractive," Heise said. "It's not only in the township's interests, it's also in the state's interests to make it appeal-

ing as possible."

The 35-acre site is a former women's prison, but it closed over a year ago. Michigan's Department of Technology, Management and Budget has designated it as surplus, or for sale.

PATHWAY

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pathway with Maybury, it should first connect all of the neighborhoods.

Sullivan concurred with this direction: "Internally, we should first be able to connect all of our parks and recreational facilities."

But he also said after the internal assets are connected Northville should, "then go beyond that to Maybury, Hines, the I-275 pathway and Novi."

This type of plan is looking to integrate pedestrians, bicyclists and users of other forms of non-motorized transportation into the overall transportation system. The overall goal is to connect neighborhoods with the parks, schools, downtown Northville and other destinations.

Northville as a community already has a pathway

system with a link to the high school and the current one under construction along Sheldon Road, which will connect with downtown. Now the plan is to move in a direction to make the system even better.

Although it will be done separately, the master plan update will be worked on over the next five months and will include a nonmotorized portion.

At this point potential updates will include the Seven Mile Road park plan, marketing Ford Field as a destination, possible renaming of the senior center, and renovation of the tennis courts at Fish Hatchery Park. As the community goes forward, both township trustee Christopher Roosen and mayor Chris Johnson say maintenance will need to be a high priority.

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MassageLuXe providing benefits of a full spa visit

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

The stress of life can add up quickly, which means the mind and body need some attention every once in awhile so you can look and feel your best.

This is how a Northville resident's new Novi business, MassageLuXe, wants to help.

MassageLuXe is aiming to provide their clientele with a great overall experience by offering a great individualized service that will leave them relaxed and soothed.

Many people might not fully know the advantages of a monthly massage or facial, but it can revitalize in various ways.

And by making their offerings also affordable, MassageLuXe wants to provide this opportunity to many people so they can enjoy the finer benefits of a full spa visit.

It's located at 43296 11 Mile Road in Novi, in the Novi Town Center next to the Bonefish Grill.

"You shouldn't have to pay an arm and a leg to be pampered," said Neena Judge, area developer and local owner of MassageLuXe. "Especially in tough times, everyone deserves the oppor-



Massage Luxe owner Neena Judge at her Novi Town Center location.

tunity to relax. It is our top priority to give metro Detroit consumers a quality experience for an affordable price."

MassageLuXe spas provide a variety of customized massage therapies to fit individual needs including Swedish massage, hot stone, deep tissue, prenatal, reflexology, sports massage, couples massage and many others.

The Hydrolux bed is a one-of-a-kind massage experience in Michigan and Judge does not know of any other location that has an offering like this. It is a self-operated massage tool that does not require the user to

change clothes, but only to lie on the bed of soft rubber, while the water jets underneath provide a full body massage.

Multiple levels of massage therapy services are provided to both individuals and corporate wellness programs through their customer-friendly monthly membership program.

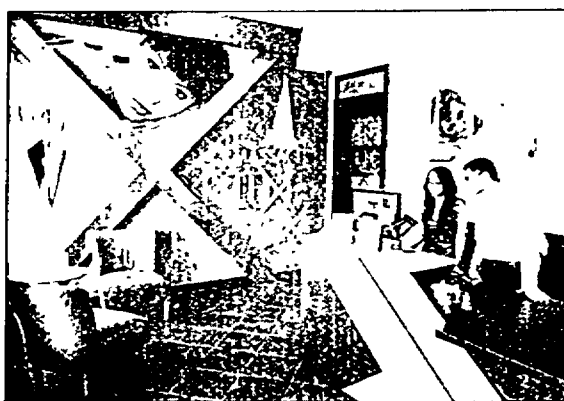
Judge said a membership has no contracts, and is backed by a dedication to providing unparalleled customer service. She said they are distinguishing themselves through the helpfulness of the front desk staff to the experienced licensed therapists giving the much needed massage. The staff at MassageLuXe can also provide a professional facial and body waxing experience performed by licensed estheticians that give the face a firming yet clean and healthy look. Judge said they are committed to helping people achieve that radiant look through only using the best products like Kanshi's African aromatic spa products, and Repêchage skin care products that contain seaweeds and natural botanicals.

A Northville resident,



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Massage Luxe employee Tianna Rubio gives a massage on Aug. 25 in their recently-opened Novi Town Center location.



Novi's Massage Luxe in the Novi Town Center.

Judge has nearly 15 years of entrepreneur experience as the owner of a national preschool fran-

chise. She is bringing this know-how to her role as the area developer for the St. Louis-based

spa franchise. Her plan is to open up even more locations, and in turn help many people find employment with a company that helps bring a smile to the customer's face.

"We are not just a physical service. It's more than that -- it's emotional," Judge said. "MassageLuXe and FaceLux want to put a smile on our clients face as they leave."

To find out more about this new business, go to its Facebook page at [MassageLuxeofMichigan](https://www.facebook.com/MassageLuxeofMichigan) or e-mail Judge at njudge@massgeluxe.com. To make an appointment, call at (248) 349-5893.

NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

Schoolcraft hosts export boot camp

The Michigan Small Business & Technology Development Center will present a new series, "Export Boot Camp for Small Businesses," a five-class program starting Sept. 15 at Schoolcraft College in Livonia on initiating or expanding into international markets.

Topics covered include risk assessment, supply-chain management, finance, freight forwarding, insurance, product classification, export regulations and marketing.

Trained MI-SBTDC counselors and export experts from the Small Business Administration will guide participants through the class.

The cost is \$245 per person. (Senior citizen cost is \$196 per person.) Register online or call (734) 462-4438. Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty Road. The five-class program runs from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The Michigan Small Business & Technology Development Center (MI-SBTDC) is a statewide business assistance program.

Michigan retail sales and forecasts rise

More Michigan retailers improved their sales in July, as well as their expectations for the rest of summer and early fall, according to the latest Michigan Retail Index survey conducted by Michigan Retailers Association (MRA) and the

Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

The future-outlook portion of the Index rose by nearly 11 points, while current performance rose by 1.5 points.

"It appears that hot weather and cooling gas prices in July helped retail sales," said James P. Hallan, MRA president and chief executive officer. "And retailers were more optimistic, despite the prolonged debt-ceiling debate in Congress and mixed economic news at the global, national and state levels."

Nationally, the U.S. Commerce Department reported that retail sales climbed 0.5 percent for the month, the best in four months. Michigan's results were the best since February. The Michigan Retail Index for July found that 48 percent of retailers increased sales over the same month last year, while 36 percent recorded declines and 16 percent saw no change.

The results create a seasonally adjusted performance index of 53.6, up from 52.1 in June and the best since 55.2 in February. Index values above 50 generally indicate an increase in overall retail activity.

Looking forward, 59 percent of retailers expect sales during August-October to increase over the same period last year, while 15 percent project a decrease and 26 percent no change.

That puts the seasonally adjusted index at 74.5, up from 63.7 in June and the highest of the year.

Furniture and appliance retailers, department and variety stores, and jewelers reported the strongest sales.

OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

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

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

Oakland County Venture Forward

This intensive, 10-week program is designed for owners, CEOs and

top management team members of businesses with at least two years of operating experience.

Focused on issues most important to business health and growth, attendees gain knowledge to make critical decisions about their business and strategy, investigate next-stage growth and opportunity, plan for strategic growth, build and maintain a competitive advantage and maximize cash flow for profitability.

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NORTHVILLE NEWSMAKERS

Robbie Moore

Northville resident Robbie Moore, son of Jeff Moore and Mari Anne Guidobono, has been commissioned as a Cap Corps volunteer.



Robbie Moore

Cap Corps is a Franciscan Capuchin volunteer ministry, geared to college age students and graduates, who wish to emulate the example of St. Francis of Assisi and serve the poor and disenfranchised.

Moore, a graduate of University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, will be utilizing his degree in program in the environment while providing service to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen's Earthworks Urban Farm, Detroit.

"It was explained to me that a vocation is a 'meeting place of the world's deepest needs and an individual's deepest joys.' When I heard this, I understood my reasons for choosing Cap Corps and to do a year of service in Detroit," Robbie said. "I believe we are capable of reimagining and rethinking and recreat-

ing a more just and beautiful food system. Cap Corps became the tool to help me make the connection between my joy and the needs of those around me. The great work the Capuchins do globally is another reason I chose to serve in Cap Corps."

The Capuchins are an international community of friars modeling themselves after St. Francis of Assisi. The brothers of the Capuchin Province of St.

Joseph, headquartered in Detroit, serve in a variety of ministries including social service, schools, chaplaincy, retreat houses and parishes in Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Montana, Minnesota, New Mexico, Arizona, California, Nicaragua, and Panama. Established at Mt. Calvary, Wisconsin in 1857, there are currently 184 members in the St. Joseph Province.

Tim Belanger

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society Michigan Chapter has chosen 15 corporate leaders for its inaugural MS Leadership Class, including Northville's Tim Belanger, vice president, AIM Construction. Members will learn about and raise funds for MS while building their civic leadership skills and their peer networks in the business community.

"The MS Leadership Class of 2011 offers exciting possibilities for business men and women to socialize, network and contribute to their community," said MS Leadership Class Advisory Council Chairman Kim Sorget of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. "It's not often that one finds a group of professionals so dedicated and committed to promoting success in their own career that they engage their talent

and financial resources to make a difference in the welfare and well-being of others."

The members of the MS Leadership Class were nominated by their peers and have accepted the challenge to each raise a minimum of \$1,000 for the National MS Society, Michigan Chapter. The fundraising campaign kicked off in mid-July and will end on Sept. 27. Donations can be made to Leadership Class members online at nationalMSSociety.org/mig.

Class graduates will be honored with the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's MS Leadership Award at a reception in late September.

Dream cruisers



JULIE YOLLES

It was prime car viewing for a prime charity on the eve of Dream Cruise. Several hundred patrons attended the 9th Annual Champagne Cruise to benefit Forgotten Harvest. The fundraiser, which has brought in over \$1 million in the past nine years, was held at Westborn Market in Berkley. Shown are Sarah Maciejewski (left) of Dearborn and Angela Stevens of Northville.

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OUR VIEWS

Saying bye to summer

Enjoy the holiday, get ready for school

The beginning of the school year is kind of like the unofficial end of summer. All we have left, then, is this weekend — a three-day holiday week-end in which we celebrate Labor Day.

While Labor Day has come to signify summer barbecues and family vacations for most people, its origins date back to the late 1800s and the beginnings of the trade union movement. While it is still a big deal for most union members, many people don't really appreciate the meaning of this annual holiday. Of course, with so many people unemployed these days (Michigan is currently at 10.9 percent), the appreciation level has probably gained some momentum.

Let's all have a fun (and safe) holiday weekend, but also take a moment and reflect on the meaning of Labor Day and the importance of having a job, and how many people right now are without one. Keep them in your thoughts. If you are fortunate enough to be employed in this job market, you should give thanks. There are far too many who would be happy to change places with you.

As you enjoy this final summer week-end, your kids are probably thinking about school. Yes, it's hard to believe, but the football teams at Northville and Novi high schools took to the field for the first time last week to kick off the 2011 season. Activity has picked up at all the schools during the last week or so, as teachers and administrators begin getting ready for a new school year, which starts on Tuesday. While many parents are probably celebrating the milestone, and the fact that the kids will be out of their hair, it still seems like yesterday when the kids got out of school in June.

More than New Year's Eve, the back-to-school season is when many families resolve to make changes for the better. And why not? The start of school is the best time to establish good habits that will help kids succeed in class.

After a summer of staying up late, spending too much time in front of the TV and computer and eating too much junk food, children are ready for a little more structure in their lives.

Here are several common-sense tips from the American Academy of Pediatrics and other child-advocacy organizations to help your child get off to a good start.

- Start the day off right by getting your children up in enough time to get ready without rushing and to eat a healthy breakfast.

- Develop a homework routine.

- Communicate with your child about his/her day. Ask specific questions.

- Check younger students' backpacks for notes, missed assignments, book orders, etc.

- Limit the time your child spends in front of the TV and computer.

- Communicate with your child's teacher.

- Spend time at your child's school.

- Set a bedtime and stick to it.

- Read with and to your child; get your child a library card.

- Be supportive of your child's teachers and the school system.

- Be a positive role model for your children.

So, as you and your kids gear up for the start of school — and as you are grilling that burger or hot dog, sipping a cold drink and spending time with family — remember how nice Michigan summers are. Autumn is right around the corner, and we all know what comes after that.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Did you feel the Aug. 23 earthquake that was centered in Virginia?



"No, and I was walking around downtown Northville."

Bonnie Crawley
Northville



"No. I was probably sitting on my couch reading."

Katie Scott
Northville



"No. I was up in Gaylord at a food show, so I didn't even know it happened."

Denise Kroph
Grand Rapids



"No. I was in Livonia baby-sitting my granddaughter. I didn't hear or feel it."

Pete Fazzio
West Bloomfield

LETTERS

Buying Michigan and supporting it

It's nice to see all the support of Buy Michigan. How many businesses drive Japanese cars or German cars? It doesn't matter if cars are built here — the headquarters are in other countries. General Motors and Ford have world headquarters here in Michigan.

So, before you start, look at what these businesses owners drive. Do they support GM and Ford? If not, think how looks when you drive a foreign car and you take ads about your business for Michigan. A double standard

Brian Long
Northville

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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I remind you and your staff that the office you barred us from is not yours. It belongs to your constituents — the people. You and your staff must be open to divergent opinions. How else can you make up your mind about the issues facing our nation? You work for the people of the 11th Congressional District — not a certain political party or a leader of the House of Representatives.

I was saddened by the display of disrespect shown to Michigan citizens by your employees. You need to explain how, as an elected leader, you can sanction this type of behavior.

Ted Peters
Northville

Levin should retire

Just once I wish I could find something I agree with Sen. Carl Levin on. After reading his legislative update he still doesn't get it. The wealthiest (he may be one, but I'm not) already pay the majority of the taxes so don't tell me they need "shared sacrifice." With nearly 50 percent of all tax filers paying zero taxes, they are the ones that need the shared sacrifice. Everyone needs some skin in the game. Only in Washington do you think a household income of \$100k-plus needs a tax break. They don't and I'm tired of paying more taxes to give others tax credits they don't need. Most of these so-called programs that Levin claims benefit the middle class need to be slashed because we are over \$14 trillion in debt. The typical Democratic rhetoric of draconian cuts on American families is nothing but B.S. My only hope is that more Americans who actually pay taxes, will get out and boot out the current administration before this country is totally destroyed by the likes of Levin.

Levin needs to do the citizens of Michigan a huge favor and retire. He has been there way too long.

Linda Sroka
South Lyon

Where do Northville schools rank?

In yesterday's Detroit Free Press (Aug. 27, 2011, page A5), I was stunned to read that the Northville school district does not have one school in Metro Detroit's listing of the top 12 schools.

We moved into Northville 33 years ago mainly to provide our children with one of the best educations in the state of Michigan. In our research we found that Northville Schools' have always been ranked first or second best in the state.

This inaccuracy was perpetuated by the Northville Record article in the front page (Thursday, Aug. 25, 2011) in an article by staff writer Cal Stone titled "Northville Students excel in ACT, AP." Mr. Robert Behnke, Northville assistant superintendent, stated that the state average test scores were .3 percent points below the Northville average. Actual scores for Northville were 24.3 in 2009, 24.1 in 2010, and 24.4 in 2011. An increase of .1 percent in two years.

Mr. Rob Watson, principal at Northville High School, was equally enthused with the school district numbers stating "they're killing it," in reference to a score of 3 points higher than the state per-cent average of 65.5 percent.

The bottom line is that while the Northville schools administration feels our scores are outstanding, the Michigan superintendent of education feels they are somewhat lower than the top 12 metro area schools.

It begs the question "is the Northville School Board of Education and administration providing a smoke screen to disguise a significant deterioration of our schools standing in the State Educational System?"

It is difficult to comprehend that we have fallen so far so fast. It is our hope that the results of this survey are a wake up call to the Northville school system from the board and the superintendent on down. They must be aware of the implications that this will have on the approval of future funding for our schools, decrease in property values, etc.

As a start, it might be worthwhile for a member of the school board to contact the three Northville resident volunteers who were featured on the opposite page of this newspaper article, as Detroit Public School reading volunteers. Their efforts may be better utilized as reading volunteers for their own Northville school district.

Raymond A. Reame
Northville

Is McCotter listening?

I had the opportunity to be at the rally at your Plymouth office on Friday, Aug. 26. Participants were picketing for "Jobs," as well as "Good Jobs." These citizens were upset and loud because of the government's inability to effectively address this issue.

When I attempted to contact you, my elected leader, through your staff, they locked the door. When I knocked on the door they just looked at me. Regretfully your staff showed no interest in making contact with us about our issue.

You are someone who wishes to be president of the United States yet you have difficulty in appointing a local staff that knows how to effectively communicate with the people you serve. Your staff is a reflection of you and how you choose to represent your constituents. Your staff's actions reflected the mindset of many in Washington who lock themselves away from the problem without looking for a solution. I was appalled that all they could think of was to barricade the door and seek no citizen input.

Support Obama's jobs effort

This current Republican focus on debt and deficit reduction under Tea Party influence is certain to have a negative effect on the more urgent problem of a 9 percent national unemployment level. Common sense tells us that cutting state and federal workers can only increase job loss.

President Obama understands the need for action and will soon propose increased expenditures on infrastructure projects to stimulate short-term employment. Since an uphill battle in this Republican congress is to be expected, all of us in Michigan should support the president with letters or e-mails to our senators and congressmen, and vote Democratic in 2012.

Dr. Robert Katz
West Bloomfield

Why Obama will be re-elected

The extreme right wing of the Republican Party, spurred by the newly elected know/no nothing faction, is determined to continue to inject religion into politics.

Currently the two top contenders (Michele Bachman and Rick Perry) to oppose President Obama in 2012 are fundamentalist, evangelical Christians. The third (Mitt Romney) is Mormon. These Republicans quote and interpret the secular Constitution to fulfill their ideology. They insist falsely our country was founded as a Christian nation. There is no mention of God or Christianity in the document which guides our nation.

Though the term "separation of church and state" does not appear in the Constitution, the Supreme Court and lower courts have used Thomas Jefferson's phrase in upholding neutrality in matters of religion. ("Separation of powers," "interstate commerce," "right to privacy" are not in the Constitution but, like "separation of church and state" and other phrases, are well-established constitutional principles.

Reasonable citizens will work for and re-elect President Obama with his inclusive, humanistic belief system which recognizes diversity and knows the true meaning of democracy and works toward perfecting it.

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Our public schools — the true Statue of Liberty

By Tom Watkins
Guest Columnist

Nothing is both dreaded and excitedly anticipated more than the start of a new school year.

Once again, our great teachers will be touching our collective futures.

I believe strongly that our neighborhood schools, whether traditional public or charter, are the true Statue of Liberty of this great country of ours.

If you take a moment to reflect, you will see that there is not another institution that truly takes the tired, hungry, poor, children with disabilities and those who speak English as a second language and gives them hope and opportunity.

Our capable teachers are the torch lighting the way for us all. Having said that, there are many teachers heading back to their classrooms, as one expressed it, "feeling like gum on the bottom of a shoe."

Clearly, the winds of change are impacting our schools and teachers of late. From tenure reform to budget cuts, calls for additional schools of choice to increased co-payments for benefits: Change has come fast and furious.

Let's be honest, the only person who likes change is an infant! Along with change, our schools and more importantly, our children, deserve progress.

One progressive idea that

Governor Rick Snyder is promoting is using technology to help jump start teaching and learning.

Snyder clearly understands there is an inextricably link between a high quality education and Michigan's economic vitality. In his special message on education this past April, the governor reinforced the need for our schools to institute the new 3 R's: Restructure, Reform, and Reinvention.

As a state, we are at the crossroads of re-imagining learning. How will we blend science, technology, and research to help make Michigan the brain bank of the world — where everyone wants to come for deposits and withdrawals?

Much of the focus has been on the Michigan, brain drain — kids with college degrees leaving the state. Perhaps our greater challenge is the kids who are not educated that are staying behind. This is not a foundation on which Michigan can be rebuilt — let alone be reinvented.

Prior to the new Governor and Legislature arrival in town, there has been "a whole-lotta talk" about change in our schools, but as the great country singer Toby Keith bellows, "not much action".

In 2005 I wrote a report (The New Education (R)evolution — e-learning for Michigan — www.inacol.org/research/docs/e-learningreport.pdf) which spelled out how technology can be align in our schools to advance learning, maximize the teachers skills and save precious resources.

Today, learning can take place around the clock and around the world. We need understands that public education can no longer be

your father's Oldsmobile.

We must find ways to integrate technology into our schools as a way to offer the ability to fit education to the interests and needs of individual learners. Technology has a unique capacity to support investigation and research, bringing people together through social networks to engage in learning activities. We have yet to truly tap the power of technology to advance learning.

I have written about one such innovative new model, The WAY (Widening Advancement For Youth) Program, (www.wayprogram.net) in the past.

Moving forward whether as a teacher, student or parent, when it comes to teaching and learning we need to adapt to the realization that the only thing that remains constant as the 21st century unfolds — is change.

Let's work with our great teachers to help them lead change — realizing rhetoric from our state and nation's capitol never educated a single child. We must equip our teachers with the right tools, training and support to assure our children and state can thrive in the 21st century.

It is our collective responsibility to assure change equals progress!

So, welcome back to a new school year — and buckle up.

As Bill Cecil, the 2003 Michigan Teacher of the Year says in his wonderful book, "Let's Make This The Best Year Ever!"

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



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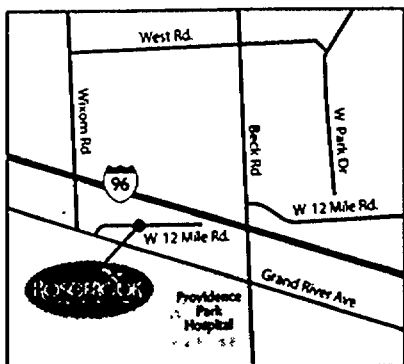
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Contact: Parthena (Pie) Goree, membership chair, at nnnmember@aol.com or (313) 308-7381 for membership information and details on kickoff event.

NORTHVILLE & NOVI GARDEN CLUB MEETING

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12
Location: Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street

Details: Virginia Froehlich will discuss "Plants that make you itch, twitch and may even kill you".

Bald eagle



Bill Sivy used his cell phone to take this photo of a bald eagle on Waterford Pond in the Lakes of Northville subdivision. "We had one hanging around here two or three years ago, but this is the first that I have seen one since," said Sivy.

GET LISTED!

Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@gannett.com; by fax to (248) 685-2892; or by mail to Northville Record, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper. **More:** For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Northville Calendar online at www.hometownlife.com.

Contact: Fran Gunderson (248) 349-6457

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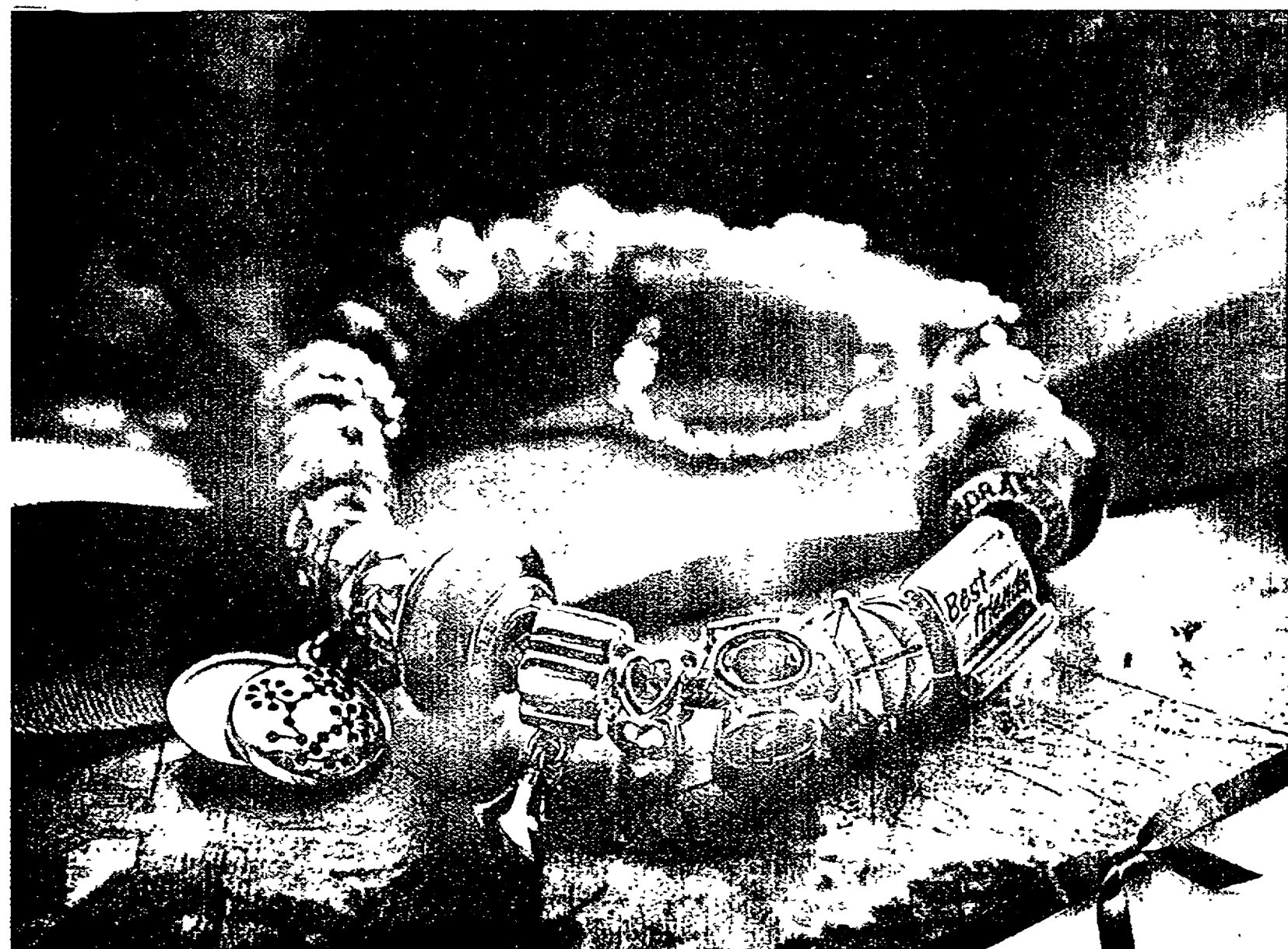
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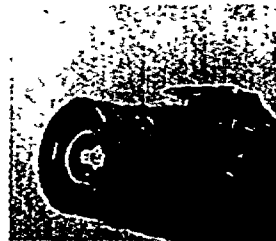
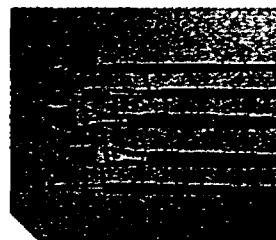
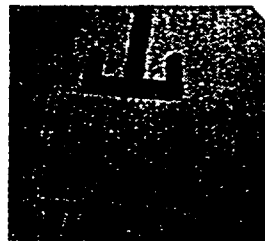
Park stroll



Northville Community Senior Center, Friends of Maybury Park and Maybury Park partnered with Wynwood of Northville Senior Living for a stroll in the Park on Aug. 11. Jerry Mittman, a volunteer with Northville Senior Advisory Commission and Friends of Maybury Park, organized the walk and picnic. Several volunteers enjoyed sharing their lunchtime with 11 residents from Wynwood.

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SUCCESS STARTS WITH APPEARANCE

Alexander's Custom Clothiers helps professionals reach career goals

By KATE PHILLIPS
SPECIAL WRITER

Clothing may not make the man, but it sure helps him get noticed.

Alexander's Custom Clothiers of Northville is intertwined with many success stories. After owner, Alexander Hamka, worked with several recent college graduates on image consulting, they both broke through entry-level jobs into the managerial level after only a couple years.

Other clients have increased sales volume or moved towards the top of their profession.

GOING SOMEWHERE?

Everyone knows that it takes talent and hard work to rise to the top. But there is one more key component that is overlooked by many busy professionals — appearance. Alexander Hamka has found that those with a professional appearance will have a much better chance at success than those that look just ordinary.

"Image has a lot to do with how you are perceived by coworkers, clients and supervisors," said Alexander. "To get to a higher level, you have to dress for that position, not where you are at now."

Those who wear fine suits that compliment their body type are perceived as more professional, capable and hard working, and leave clients with a good impression of the company. Clients, coworkers and management will see a well dressed employee or business owner in a different light.

But there is not one formula for successful dressing. Alexander works with clients on image consulting by talking about their current position and their career goals. Those with sales accounts who spend a lot of time on the road will need to choose suits in colors that makes them appear friendly and approachable but also can hold up well in the car. Others who work in a casual environment need complementary pieces that can be dressed up with a sports coat for meetings. Professionals in highly visible areas should wear fine suits with brilliant accessories.

Alexander travels to the home or office of clients to discuss image and create the right wardrobe. He looks through crowded closets and weeds out unflattering clothing, then chooses



PHOTO BY KATE PHILLIPS

Alexander's Custom Clothiers of Northville has helped local and well known clients achieve professional success through image consulting. Owner Alexander Hamka travels to homes and businesses to help men develop a powerful appearance and positive image.

new suits that work well with existing pieces. During the six years he has been at the Northville location, Alexander has worked with professionals and celebrities from around the state and beyond. He was even featured in a Channel 7 TV, "A Whole New You." "Our reputation has continued to grow," said Alexander.

CUSTOM SUITS FLATTER EVERY MAN

Alexander's Custom Clothiers offers off the rack suits, dress shirts, casual clothes and ties, but it is known for its fine custom suits.

Alexander helps create custom suits that complement the body shape of each client. Practically every piece of the suit is hand stitched to create a one-of-a-kind masterpiece. Custom dress shirts made of fine materials add just the right touch and are extremely comfortable for all day wear.

Cheap suits might look decent at first, but start to look shoddy very quickly. Alexander offers a wide variety of fine fabrics for custom suits that will still look new after many years. Plus the garments feel more comfortable so they will get more use

The selection of fine wool and blends include British made fabrics like Holland & Sherry, plus Italian fabrics like Ermenegildo Zegna. Alexander's is proud to offer Vitale Barberis, which was featured in June 2011 as "the best of the best" in Robb Reports.

Some may think that they can't afford to dress well for a big interview or for everyday wear, but Alexander Hamka believes that no one can afford not to. During tight times, when employers are forced to compare many people with similar skills, those that are dressed well are perceived as more capable and hard working.

"Nowadays you have to do everything you can to get a job or keep your job," said Alexander. "The price you pay for fine clothing is a small amount compared to the cost of not looking good."

A BAD FIT RUINS GOOD CLOTHES

At Alexander's Custom Clothiers in Northville, Alexander Hamka is part tailor — part artist.

"My job is to make sure you get a perfect fit," said Alexander.

Alexander continues an old world family tradition of tailors and clothiers. He has learned the dying art of fine tailoring from his father, Sam Hamka, who now works at Alexander's.

A beautiful suit can look terrible

if it is ill fitting, and it can look even worse with sloppy tailoring.

"I make sure that made to measure suits fit like a custom suit," said Alexander.

The Northville tailor looks at the current trends and makes sure that clients get the fit that looks best on them.

After six years in business, Alexander's Custom Clothiers has become known for its expert tailoring, which makes fine men's clothing look even better. His careful tailoring is also sought out for women's clothing and special events gowns.

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Trouser

Trouser length should fall one-quarter inch above heel of shoe.

Lapel

All lapels should lay smooth with a natural roll when jacket is buttoned — not flat.

MANY THANKS

Alexander's is celebrating its sixth anniversary this month. Alexander Hamka is grateful for the opportunity to serve Northville, Novi and the surrounding areas. He is appreciative of all of his friendly neighbors and loyal customers.

"I have had such support in the community," said Alex. "I would like to thank all of the area residents."



Alexander Hamka plans a custom made suit with his father, Sam Hamka. Alexander's Custom Clothiers of Northville specializes in custom-made suits and dress shirts.

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Northville offense proves too much for Lakeland

By Jeff Thelsen
Sports writer

Northville running back Brandon Love said he was a game-time decision to play leading up to Friday. It turned out to be a wise choice by the Mustangs to play the senior.

Love scored four times in the first half to spark an unbelievable output by the Northville offense during a 69-28 victory in Lakeland.

"It's definitely a confidence booster," said Love. "We had a lot of questions going in to who was going to start and who was going to replace the injured guys. Just coming in hot like this is a real confidence booster going into the season. Hopefully we can keep it going."

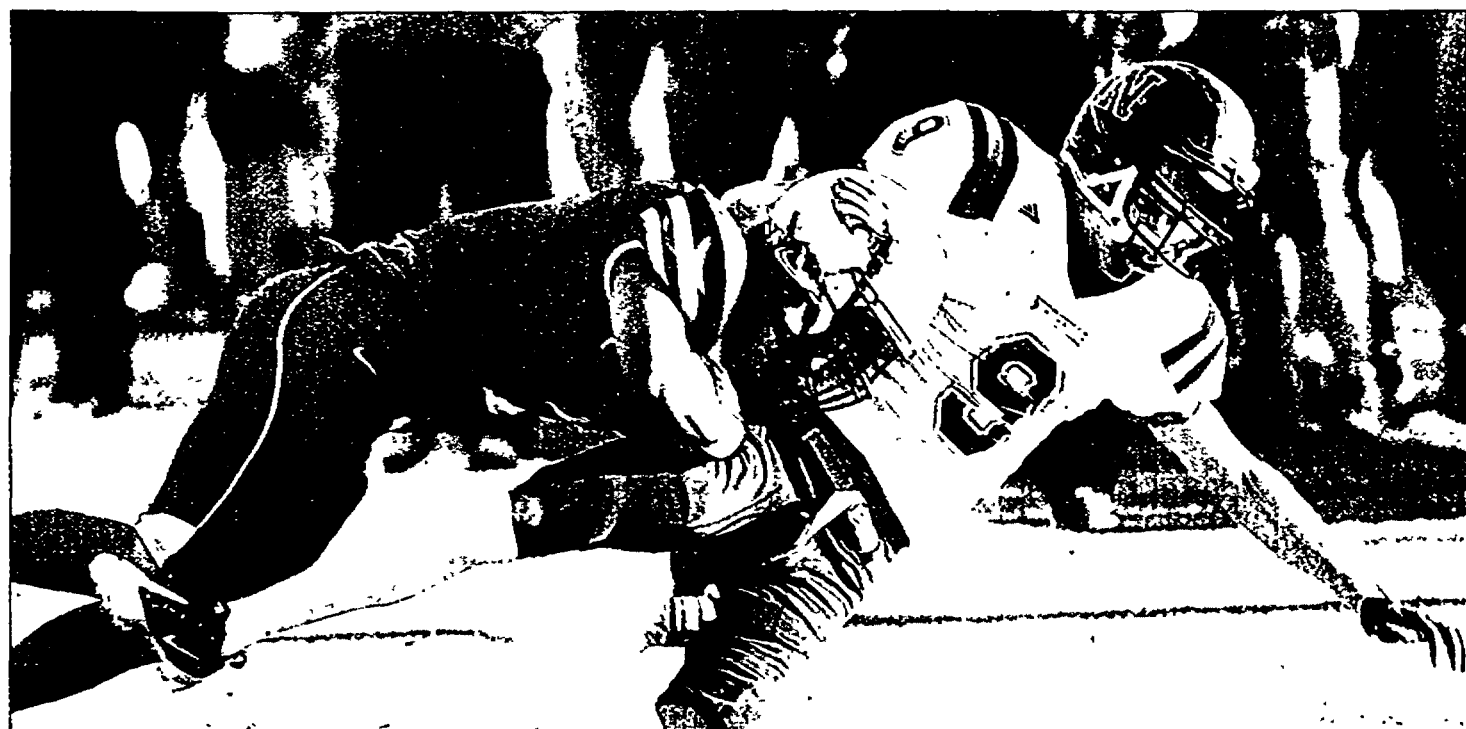
Love finished the first half with three rushing touchdowns on 10 carries for 113 yards in the first half. He also hauled in a screen pass and took it 46 yards for another score.

Mustang quarterback Jeff Gertley had a field day, going 19-for-28 passing for 380 yards and four touchdowns. He also ran one in for five total scores.

"We did really well offensively," said Northville head coach Matt Ladach. "Overall, it was a great team effort and a great way to start out the season."

Mustang tight end Brandon Patrone hauled in a pair of TDs, and Ryan O'Callahan took an 80-yard reception to the house.

Northville wideout Andrew Poterala did not find the end zone, but he did account for seven



Mustang Andrew Poterala hauls down Lakeland's Anthony Waite in the first quarter of Friday night's game.

catches for 143 yards.

Despite the huge differential in the final score, Lakeland hung tough with a potent ground game and timely passing in the first half.

Lakeland junior Chuck Sanders accounted for three touchdowns in the first half, including receptions of 30 and 59 yards for scores.

But the Eagle defense had no answers for Northville on this opening night.

"There were too many fundamental mistakes on defense," said Lakeland coach John Maltese. "We made similar mistakes on offense. You just can't turn the ball over as much as we did, and you

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NORTHVILLE 69, LAKELAND 28

Teams	1	2	3	4	Tot
NVL	21	21	20	7	69
LAKE	7	14	7	0	28

First quarter

N- 10:31, Brandon Love 33 run, Jeff Sims kick

N- 6:33, Love 1 run, Sims kick

L- 1:54, Chuck Sanders 5 run, Shane Lyons kick

N- 1:01, Brandon Patrone 2 pass from Jeff Gertley, Sims kick

Second quarter

L- 9:34, Sanders 30 pass from Casey Palanca, kick fail

N- 8:49, Love 59 run, Sims kick

L- 8:30, Anthony Waite 74 run, Sanders run

N- 6:33, Gertley 4 run, Sims kick

N- 1:18, Love 46 pass from Gertley, Sims kick

Third quarter

N- 5:18, Patrone 10 pass from Gertley, Sims kick

L- 4:27, Sanders 59 pass from Palanca, Lyons kick

N- 3:49, Ryan O'Callahan 80 pas from Gertley, PAT fail

N- 1:53, Robby Parks 10 run, Sims kick

Fourth quarter

N- 6:42, Joseph Hewlett 20 run, Sims kick



Mustang Andrew Wright heads toward, but is denied, the end zone after hauling in a second quarter pass from Jeffery Gertley.



NANCY SMITH

The Northville girls cross country squad.

Northville girls second at South Lyon Invite

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Heading into the South Lyon Invitational last week, the Northville girls cross country team was fully aware of what state-ranked Saline was capable of. And while the Hor-

nets did earn first place in the invite, there is no doubt that they are now fully aware of the Mustangs and just how dangerous they are going to be in 2011.

Northville finished second with 48 points behind Saline's 30. Taking third

in the invitational was Ann Arbor Pioneer.

The meet, as a whole, consisted of 10 teams from across the area and coach Nancy Smith said it "was a competitive and fast-paced first meet."

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Mustangs boys harriers take second

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Edward Clifton came into his senior cross country season wanting to prove that his running ability is only improving. Dan Sims, a sophomore, wanted to show that he was to be considered a top-tier harrier in 2011.

Both runner accomplished that this past week when they helped their team to a second-place finish in the competitive South Lyon Invitational. Northville finished with 65 points while Saline, ranked second in the state, finished in first with 35. Temperance Bedford finished in third with 66, while Ste-



LINDA LEEDY

Northville's Edward Clifton (left) and Dan Sims in a close finish at the South Lyon Invitational.

venson was fourth with 111 and Novi was fifth with 132.

Clifton and Sims

turned a few heads in the first meet of the season.

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Northville golf team has adjustments to make

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

There's no doubt that replacing seniors is one of the hardest things a high school team has to endure every year. For the Northville Mustangs girls golf team, however, it's quite the staggering endeavor.

The team will have to replace three seniors from last season that played in every tournament for the Mustangs in 2009 and 2010. Being asked to step up into the top three roles are juniors Camilla Zhao and Lindsey Matych and senior Emily Poland.

Northville has some other returning players, but combined they have very little varsity experience. Juniors Jenna Pomeroy, Shannon Williams and Megan Ye are back along with sophomore Chloe Page. They will be expecting to compete for the fourth, fifth and sixth positions on the team, along with the newcomers to the varsity squad this year.

Other players on the 2011 team are:

Senior Bailey Winter, junior Amanda Ciccarelli, sophomore Carly Kuehl and freshmen Madison Berman, Katie Childers, Gerianna Dauber, Elizabeth McGowan, Nicole Saez and Victoria Zarembo.

"The competition for the four and five

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The Northville Mustangs will be back in action when they play at Ann Arbor Pioneer today at 9:30 a.m. before hosting Novi at 3 p.m. Wednesday.

spots will be a plus for us," said Northville coach Mary Jane Ossola. "Any time you have good healthy competition, you create an atmosphere where the girls have to focus all the time. Our tournament schedule is over this Thursday, so our matches will be very important in determining who will earn the 4 and five spots. At this time, I feel there are at least five players who will compete for those spots."

Northville will have a tough time putting up the same numbers they did last season, earning KLAAC Central Division co-champions with Novi, earning a first at the regional tourney and 10th at the state finals.

That doesn't mean the team hasn't set lofty goals. Right now, the squad intends to try to win the KLAAC and make a trip to the state finals.

"This will be a challenge this year," said Ossola. "Plymouth, Churchill and Novi will contend with us for the conference title and the

regionals will be a real battle. Grosse Pointe South and Troy are both ranked highly and have outstanding teams. That will leave it up to Novi, Walled Lake Central, Churchill and us to battle for the third spot."

So far this season, Northville has had some tough tournaments they've played in. At the Huron Meadows Tournament, Northville finished with 356 points for 11th out of 20 teams. Leading the way was Poland, who shot an 88. They took ninth out of 24 teams in the Forest Lake tourney, scoring 378 points. In that competition, they were led by Zhao's 90.

The team then played in the Grosse Ile tournament, shooting a 355 for sixth out of 23 teams. The Mustangs followed Zhao's 81 in that tourney, while Matych shot an 84. In their last tourney, the squad finished tied for fourth out of 15 teams in the Brighton Invitational, shooting a 352. Zhao shot an 86 while Williams shot an 87. Matych carded an 88 in that match while Poland shot a 91 and Page recorded a 95.

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Mustangs hit for the win, lose and draw cycle in soccer

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Sometimes you win them, and sometimes you lose them. And, in the case of a sport like soccer, sometimes you tie.

The Northville Mustangs boys soccer team did all three last week, defeating Canton High School before losing to Ann Arbor. On Monday night, they tied Churchill, 1-1.

In their most recent competition, the Mustangs found themselves in a 0-0 game against the

ON TAP

The Mustangs soccer team will be back on the pitch when they host Novi Tuesday at 7 p.m. before hosting South Lyon next Thursday at 7 p.m. Both games are divisional contests.

Chargers at halftime. That scoring silence was broken by Senior Chris Palushaj, who notched a score early in the second half to give his team a 1-0 lead.

But that lead evapo-

rated on a penalty kick with just about 10 minutes remaining in the contest. Livonia's Allen Woodruff scored the goal after Northville was called for a hand ball in the box.

Northville, earlier in the week, defeated Canton in a tightly contested match-up, 1-0, but fell to Ann Arbor Pioneer in a non-conference game, 2-0.

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NORTHVILLE STALLIONS ROUNDUP

Varsity stumbles to Livonia in opener, 38-14

The Northville varsity Stallions (0-1) lost their first game of the season Saturday, 38-14 to the Livonia Blue Jays. In the opening possession, the Stallion offense looked unstoppable as they marched down the field, making multiple first downs, only to turn it over on downs. The offense was led by running backs Evan Simoff, Jordan March, Michael Townsend and Brennon Pelland. After multiple turnovers by both teams throughout the game, the Blue Jays led 16-0 at the half.

In the third quarter, March returned a kickoff all the way for a touchdown. March got a block near the end zone from Pelland. Townsend kicked the point after to make it 24-8. Jack Peterson recovered an onside kick, but the Stallion offense stalled and turned the ball over on downs. As time expired in the third quarter, Simoff scored another Stallion touchdown. The point after was blocked making the score 38-14.

The score doesn't reflect the toughness of the Stallion defense. They only let a couple long runs for scores by the Blue Jays. The defense was led by multiple tackles from George Metrusias, Simoff, Townsend and March.

— Submitted by
Martin Paddock

JV opens with big win over Blue Jays, 54-39

The JV Stallions (1-0) opened the 2011 season with a 54-39 win against the Livonia Blue Jays on Saturday at Bentley Field in Livonia.

The first quarter started as receiver Alex Iafate returned the kickoff and set up the offense to start their drive from the Blue Jays' 45. Quarterback Jonathan Michalak handed off to Shane Rankin who ran for 55 yards and put it into the end zone. First-year kicker Jacob Moody scored the extra points on the conversion, and the Stallions were off and running early in the first quarter with an 8-0 lead. The Stallion defense took to the field and strong plays by Jack DeBrabander, Brady Leverson and Cameron Dixon forced the Blue Jays to punt to get out of a fourth-and-13 field position. Michalak led the offense and running back Dixon began the Stallions' next march down the field with a 7-yard run. Rankin broke through three tackles to once again run the ball into the end zone for his second touchdown of the first quarter. Moody kicked the extra points, and the Stallions increased their lead to 16-0. The Stallion defense kept the Blue Jays out of scoring position with key plays by Michalak, Rankin and Erik Sparschu. The Blue Jays fumbled the snap on a fourth-down attempt, and the turnover left the ball on the Blue Jays' 4-yard line. Once again, the Stallion offense stepped in, and Michalak's pass to receiver Tyler Troyer in the end zone, accompanied by a kick by Moody, put the score at 24-0 with 4:37 left in the first quarter. The Blue Jays were unable to move the ball deep into Stallion territory thanks to key defensive plays by Moody, Alex Karam, Jack Pevovar and Alex Ajlouny.

The second quarter started with The Blue Jays heading into Stallion territory.



Evan Simoff runs the ball for the varsity Stallions, with blocking by Jordan March and Brennon Pelland, in the team's loss to Livonia Sunday.

Their quest ended when their receiver was brought down by Stallion defensive end Parker Dietrich. Michael Williams, Grant Hood and Pevovar kept the pressure on the Blue Jays to keep them from scoring. Once again, the Stallions offense took the field. Quarterback Williams' handoff to Karam produced an 8-yard gain, but the Blue Jays were able to regain the ball and get on the board with a touchdown on the next drive. Karam blocked the extra point, and the Stallions were still in the lead, 24-6. The Stallions offense took over and QB Williams was able to connect with running back Pevovar for a gain of seven, but it wasn't enough to keep the Stallions from turning over the ball on downs. The Blue Jays offense took off down the field, and despite strong plays by Karam, Joey Bahu, Hood, Ajlouny, and DeBrabander they made it into Stallion territory. Stallion defenders Sahil Tolia and Dietrich slowed down the Blue Jays, but couldn't prevent a touchdown. With 57 seconds left in the half, QB Michalak and the offense took the field. Offensive Linemen Andrew Mertz, Ryan Gourd, Spencer Ishaq, Dietrich and Bahu held the Blue Jay defense back. Blocking by Ishaq allowed a screen pass to Rankin, followed by a 40-yard run into the end zone. Another two-point kick by Moody put the Stallions ahead by 32-12 at the end of the half.

The third quarter started with the Blue Jays offense receiving Hood's kick and trying to get their running game started. Stallion linebacker Mertz quickly stepped in and stopped the run, pushing the Blue Jays back behind their line of scrimmage. On the next play, defensive tackle Troyer brought down the quarter back, further pushing the Blue Jays back into their own territory. Additional penalties forced the Blue Jays into a third-and-17 situation. Cornerback Ben Schmidt intercepted the Blue Jay's pass and ran the ball 25 yards into the end zone for a touchdown. Moody put up his fifth extra point kick of the day, giving the Stallions a commanding lead, 40-12. The Blue Jays offense tried again to put the ball into Stallion territory,

but Karam, Ajlouny, Dietrich and defender Will Barrott forced them into another fourth down situation. The Blue Jay 4th down run was stopped by Karam and Ajlouny, and the Stallions were able to take over on downs. The Stallions offense stepped in, but was stalled by a series of penalties. Despite key runs by Karam and Pevovar, the offense was unable to move the ball to get the first down. The Blue Jays offense took off down the field, but defenders Pevovar and Williams stepped in and slowed them down. Karam sprinted down the field after a Blue Jays running back and stopped a breakaway, but the Blue Jays were able to push their way into the end zone for another touchdown, putting the score at 40-19 at the end of the third quarter.

The score continued to climb in the 4th quarter, as the Blue Jay's offense went on the attack. The Stallions defense was working hard, but even a key stop by Pevovar couldn't keep them from scoring another touchdown. The Stallion offense leapt into action and responded quickly with Michalak handing off to Dixon for a quick first down run. Rankin added to the march down the field with another 25-yard run, setting up a first down at the Blue Jay 45. Michalak's handoff to Dixon resulted in a 45-yard run into the end zone, bringing the score to 46-27. The Stallion defense held the Blue Jays with stops from defensemen Hood and Bahu. After a penalty pushed the Blue Jays into a third-and-long situation, Matthew Esqueda effectively stopped the run along with Leverson and Barrott. However, the Blue Jays kept up their offensive attack and the Stallions were unable to stop the QB sneak into the end zone. The score was now 46-33. The kickoff left the Stallions offense on their own 36-yard line with six minutes left in the game. Michalak's handoff to Rankin once again resulted in big numbers: a 64-yard run into the end zone. With Moody's sixth successful kick of the day, the Stallions increased their lead to 54-33. With just over five minutes to play, the Stallions defense of DeBrabander, Bahu and Pevovar slowed

the Blue Jays down, but with just minutes left in the game they were able to score again. The extra point was blocked, and the score was 54-39. The kickoff return was recovered by the Blue Jays, but even that advantage was no match for the Stallions defense led by Mertz and Gourd in the final moments of the game. The Stallions offense took over and the game ended with a score of 54-39, giving the Stallions their first win of the season.

— Submitted by
Maureen Schmidt

Freshmen stomp Livonia Blue Jays, 34-20

With the kickoff by the Blue Jays, Parker Marquette received the ball for the Orange Crush Stallions (1-0) squad to start the first game of the season. Jack Bugar tried to carry but was brought down by a host of Blue Jays. Quarterback Brett Rankin tried to carry and

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was brought down to make it third down. Grant Lenton carried and took it to fourth down. Rankin and the Orange Crush offensive line brought it in for the first touchdown of the season with 10:23 left to go in the first quarter. Tyler Vos and the offensive line were able to convert the extra point for a score of 7-0.

The first quarter went on like clockwork. Key tackles were made by Zachary Jones, Luke Smith, Cooper Leverson, Alex Gentner, Robert Reynolds and the herd of Stallions on the defensive line.

The second quarter continued strong with Vos's creep-crawl handoff to Smith which got the Stallions to first down again. The Stallions were able to keep the ball moving up the field with key carries from Vos, Leverson and DeGroff. Baker, with the assistance of the offensive line, made the second touchdown of the game. Vos was the keeper to convert the extra point in the second quarter to lead 14-0. The defensive line did their job again with key plays by Jack Rathwell, Gabriel Xuereb, Baker, Reynolds, Leverson, Jack Kamsickas and Smith to get turn over on downs. Offensive line was dedicated and came thru with a 20-yard carry by Jones and DeGroff to make it first-and-goal. With 4:33 seconds left on the clock, DeGroff and the offensive line brought the ball home again for another touchdown. The defensive line came stampeding and brought down the Blue Jays quarterback to end the first half, 20-0.

Following halftime, the defensive line geared up and was ready to turn over quickly with key tackles by Marquette, Evan Oegema and Kamsickas. The Blue Jays' quarterback tried to sneak through but Oegema and Lenton were there to put a stop on him. The offensive line tried to push but was

turned over on downs quickly. The defensive line came back with more key plays by Gentner and Baker. The Stallions were moving in on the Blue Jays with another key tackle by Rathwell and an interception by Vos for the Stallions to take over. The offensive line came back out and tried to move the ball but it was turned over on downs. The Blue Jays' offense flew in with a touchdown. There was a fumble on the snap so the extra point was not successful. Brendan Darr received the ball from the kickoff for the Stallions and brought it to the 35-yard line. Leverson and the offensive line answered back to the Blue Jays with a 65-yard touchdown. Smith was successful with the conversion point to put the score 27-6. The defense came back with key tackles by DeGroff, Steele and Nicholas Gatto. The Blue Jays flew in another touchdown. The extra point was good for a score of 27-13. The offensive line came back with a quick response when Jones received the ball on the kickoff with a 50-yard run to get to first-and-goal. Vos and the offensive line came in for the touchdown and Smith answered back with the extra conversion point. The defensive line came out and kept their stance. Rathwell made sure to run the Blue Jay out of bounds and Jones made sure he was there for the tackle. The Blue Jays fumbled on the snap at the end of third quarter with third down. At the end of the quarter, the score was 34-13.

In the fourth quarter, the Stallions continued to battle on offense and defense. The defensive line had key tackles by John Hamilton, David Olko, Gatto, Rankin, Domenic Rodriguez, Nicholas Roehrig and Harrison Asher. The Stallions offensive line had a quick turn over on downs. The Stallions defensive line came back and tried to hold the Blue Jays. The herd of Stallions brought down some Blue Jays but one flew through to make a touchdown. The extra conversion point was good to make the final score 34 to 20.

— Submitted by
Joanne Metrusias

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FOOTBALL

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can't stall drives. We're going to have to get those mistakes corrected.

"I think our youth showed up a little bit too today. A couple of mistakes happen and people trying to overcompensate, and as they overcompensated it created new problems and they exposed it."

Northville opened the game with a touchdown drive capped off by Love's first touchdown run a minute and half in. Love added his second TD midway through the first for a 14-0 lead.

Lakeland answered back with Sanders taking in a pitch from the five with just less than two minutes to play in the first quarter.

It was more than enough time for the Mustangs, who countered with a Patrone scoring grab just 53 seconds later for a 21-7 lead heading into the second.

Lakeland pulled back within seven on a perfectly thrown wheel route by Casey Palanca (3-7, 101 yards, 2 TD, 2 INT) to Sanders for a 30-yard score.

But again, less than a minute later, Love brought home a 59-yard

run to go back up two scores.

Anthony Waite (16 rush, 132 yards) took the next offensive play 74 yards for a score, again pulling within one score for Lakeland.

But it didn't last long as Gertley ran in a four-yard scamper, and Love closed out the scoring in the first half by weaving a 46-yard screen play for a 42-21 halftime advantage.

The lead grew midway through the third when Patrone hauled in his second TD.

Sanders scored his third of the night on a well-executed play-action pass left him wide open over the middle of the field for a 50-yard reception.

Northville closed out the game with the final 20 points, leading to a running clock. O'Callaghan got behind the defense for an 80-yard reception, Robby Parks scored on a 20-yard run, and back-up quarterback Joseph Hewlett capped the scoring with the lone tally in the fourth.

"Tonight was a good night, and we'll take it and hopefully we'll have a lot more just like it," said Ladach. "It was fun. It's nice to be able to call a play and it works no matter what it is."

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Varsity knocks off Garden City, 38-6

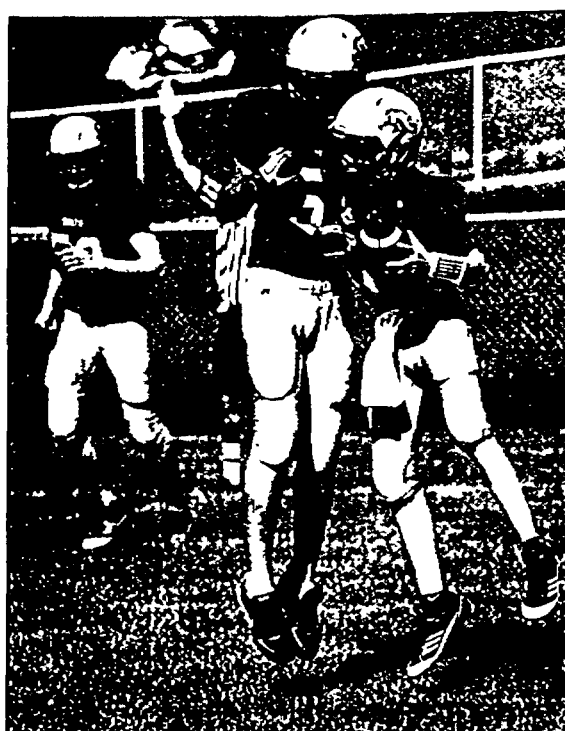
With numerous returning players and promising new athletes, the varsity Colts (1-0) easily defeated the visiting Cougars, 38-6, in Saturday's season opener.

The Colts' began with a kickoff by Cole Gingell in the end zone for a kickoff, and the Cougars could not make progress. As soon as the Colts had possession, their ball-handlers took over — Zachary Prystash, Michael Minick, and then David Dillon, who scored the first touchdown of the day. Gingell kicked the ball for two more points. Now, the Cougars lost momentum quickly when Prystash tackled their ball carrier in the backfield. A series of Colts' hand-offs to Isaiah Popp, Gingell, and then Joey Nelson led to a Nelson touchdown followed by another Gingell kick, and the score was 16-0 in favor of Northville.

The Colts' defense did not give up any real yardage, with tackles by Ian Rachelson, Mason Pitt, Justin Zimbo, and another backfield tackle, this time by Alec Coppock. When the Colts recovered a fumble, they brought out additional ball carriers, and Coppock and Zimbo both moved the ball. The Colts tried some passing plays but lost possession deep, only to recover it quickly when Connor Wright recovered yet another Cougar fumble. Another touchdown lit up the board, followed by a perfect Mason Pitt snap to quarterback Dillon who placed the ball for another on-target Gingell kick. The score was now 24-0 Colts, who took several starting players from the field.

In the second half, the Colts started out aggressive with Minick blocking a Cougar punt attempt by actually plucking the ball out of the air at the line of scrimmage and then carrying it into the end zone for another touchdown. This time Nelson carried in the extra point, and the score was 31-0. Now the Cougars tried a variety of offensive plays, but the Colts' defense shut them down with tackle after tackle by Jeremiah Dunne, who personally saw to it that the Colts' regained possession. The Colts' brought out even more ball carriers, with pass-

NORTHVILLE COLTS ROUNDUP



DIANE KILAR

Northville's David Dillon (10) and Mason Pitt (54) celebrate after Dillon made the first TD of the game during the varsity Colts win against the Garden City Cougars Aug. 28.

es to Joe McCormick, Trevor Wojciechowski, Mason Williams and Austin Hayek. Rachelson took the ball in and the score was 38-0. Gingell ran in the extra point, with fine blocking provided by Timothy Elliott. The Colts' defensive line held the Cougars down with tackles by Zach Tardich, Ameer Mousaed, Ethan Moss and Connor Gibratz. With only minutes to go in the game, the Cougars, after many attempts, finally completed a pass and scored six points and the day ended with a score of 38-6.

— Submitted by
Kristina Dunne

JV opens season with 26-7 victory over Cougars

The JV Colts (1-0) opened the 2011 season Saturday with a convincing victory over the Garden City Cougars, 26-7. The Colts scored early and often in the first quarter and never looked back. On the first play from scrimmage, Elijah Gash hit pay dirt from 80 yards out behind key blocks from Drew Atkinson and Patrick Walker for the game's first score and a 6-0 Colts' lead. The Cougars moved the ball into Colts territory, but the Colts defense held strong and took over on downs after tackles from Ryan Silberg and Gash. The Colts running game continued with runs from Marcello Gonzalez, Nick Prystash and Joe Borthwick to move the ball deep into Cougar territory. Gash pounded it in from the 6-yard line and the Colts quickly found themselves in the lead, 14-0. On the ensuing kickoff, Gash dove on a loose ball and the Colts took over on offense at the Cougars 45 yard line. Gash followed his fumble recovery with a 26-yard run deep into Cougar territory to end the quarter 14-0 Colts.

Joe Borthwick open the second quarter with a run to the Cougars 6-yard line. Quarterback Abe Khoury scored on a keeper and the Colts extended their lead to 20-0. The Colts defense continued to play tough, holding the Cougars on downs on their next two drives. Evan Carson, Borthwick, Nolan Loomis, Ryan Silberg, Jeffery Varner, Robert Johnson and Jett Giammarusti collected multiple tackles for the Colts during the drives. The half ended with the home team Colts ahead, 20-0.

The Cougars moved the ball consistently to open the second half and put their first and only tally on the board with a 33-yard touchdown run to make the score 20-7. Both offenses stalled and defense dominated the quarter. The Colts were led with tackles from Spencer Gonda, Daniel McLaughlin, Gannon VanRiper, Ben Brady and Ryan Doroudian. Elijah Gash added a booming 50-yard punt to pin the Cougars deep in their own territory late in the quarter.

The Colts took advantage of the Cougars poor field position and smothered the visiting team on the 20-yard line. After taking over on downs, Dylan Sandu dove to corral a 16-yard pass from Khoury to the Cougar 4-yard line. On the next play, Khoury followed center Drew Atkinson into the end zone and the Colts extended their lead to 26-7. That ended the scoring and the Colts went on to victory to open the 2011 season.

Elijah Gash led the Colts with 145 yards on the ground and 2 touchdowns. On defense, Joe Borthwick collected 6 tackles followed by Nolan Loomis (5), Jeffery Varner (5), Jett Giammarusti (4), Ryan Silberg (4) and Evan Carson (4).

— Submitted by Joseph Lack

ON TAP

The Colts next games are at Walled Lake Northern High School against the Multi-Lakes Gators beginning with freshmen (11 a.m.) followed by JV (1 p.m.) and varsity (3 p.m.) on Saturday, Sept. 11.

Freshmen tromp Garden City, 46-20

The Freshman Colts (1-0) opened the 2011 football season on Sunday at home against the Garden City Cougars with a 46-20 victory. The Colts got off to a shaky start with a turnover on the kickoff but got back on their feet with some strong defensive moves by Isaiah Gash, Tim Garby and Aidan Hayek finishing off the Cougars' hopes for an early score. On their next possession, the Colts came out strong with Gash leading the march down the field for 20 yards. Ryan Logan continued the magic for a first down on the next play, made possible by blocking from Jackson Weedmark. This great field position set up Nick Launderback for the first touchdown of the day on a quarterback keeper with five minutes left in the first quarter. Gash continued to show off his athletic ability by earning the extra point conversion. On the ensuing kickoff by Brennan VanRiper, the Cougars fumbled the ball for a quick-footed recovery by Aidan Hayek. The Colts were unable to take advantage of the possession when they promptly fumbled to the Cougars. The Colts turned things around by regaining possession of the ball by the end of the first quarter and with the help of some excellent blocking, Launderback sprung loose to earn the Colts their second touchdown.

In the second quarter, Gash muscled past the Cougars to rake in two touchdowns and an extra point, relying on Logan to scoop up the extra point on the second touchdown just as the first half was drawing to a close. Although the Cougars got on the board just before the end of the first half, they had to struggle to fight off the defensive of Joseph Chiaravalle, Owen Gibratz and James King.

The Colts delivered early in the second half through tackles by Andrew Hayek and Alexander Ladach. Then, a fumble by the Cougars was snatched up by Mark Isaacs who swiftly raced into the end zone for yet another Colts' touchdown.

Launderback was fired up and started the fourth quarter out with a 22-yard run on a quarterback-keeper that set up VanRiper to charge in for a touchdown. The game finished up with some big crunch tackles by Nicholas Reith, Alexander Condino and Ayden Oliver.

— Submitted by
Amber Slusser

NORTHVILLE SPORTS BRIEFS

Northville sports admission

For the 2011-2012 school year, there will be an admission charge for home middle school events in volleyball, basketball and swim and dive of \$3 for adults and \$1 for students. The Northville Booster Pass will be accepted at all middle school home contests.

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SYNOPSIS AUGUST 18, 2011 - REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- DATE: Thursday, August 18, 2011
TIME: 7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting
PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road
CALL TO ORDER: The Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Abbo at 7:30 p.m.
ROLL CALL: Present: Mark Abbo, Supervisor, Sue Hillebrand, Clerk, Richard Henningsen, Treasurer, Marjorie Banner, Trustee, Marv Gans, Trustee, Mindy Herrmann, Trustee and Christopher Roosen, Trustee
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
1. Agendas: A. Approve the Consent and Regular Agendas - approved
2. Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:
A. Carol Poenisch - Reappointment to Historic District Commission - approved
B. John Palmer - Reappointment to Historic District Commission - approved
C. Natural Beauty Road Resolution for Main Street - approved
3. Public Hearing:
A. Brookstone Street Light Special Assessment District - Cancelled
B. Set Truth & Taxation Budget Public Hearing
4. Brief Public Comments: State Representative Heise and Senator Colbeck gave updates. Resident inquired about a street sign.
5. New Business:
A. Woods of Northville - Proposed Amendment to Site Plan - approved
B. Steeplechase Extension of Final Preliminary Site Plan - approved
C. Shadbrook SAD Change Order #1 - approved
D. Shadbrook SAD Payment #2 - approved
E. Sanitary Lift Station Design & Construction Engineering - approved
F. Budget Amendments - approved
G. 2012 Preliminary Budget - approved
H. Northville Bennett Arboretum Pathway Change Order #1 - approved
I. Northville Bennett Arboretum Pathway Payment #2 - approved
J. Employee Purchase of Service Time - MERS - approved
6. Unfinished Business: NONE
7. Ordinances: NONE
8. Bills Payable: A. Bills payable in the amount of \$1,666,905.03 - approved
9. Board Communication & Reports by: Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Richard Henningsen, Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans, Mindy Herrmann, Christopher Roosen, Chip Snider.
10. Any other business or public comment for the Board of Trustees: None
11. ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

A draft of the unapproved minutes will be available in the Clerk's office after 8-30-11.

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

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Golfers gather for fun-filled outing

The Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors held a bowling benefit earlier this year, which went well and supported Warm Hearts and The ARC of Northwest Wayne. Thursday, Aug. 11, was more of a social time at WWOCAR's annual golf outing.

The event at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton drew 125 golfers, said Pauline Olszewski, staffer for the Farmington-based Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors, which is merging with the Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors.

"Beautiful" weather came for the social outing in Canton, which also has a charitable component. "It's held every August. They had a great time."

Visiting and relaxing were the purposes of the day.

"It's just for the Realtors to network between the affiliates and the others in the business," she said.

Golfers who registered were up around 30 from last year. "To me, it seems like it's getting a little bit better out there," Olszewski said.

— By Julie Brown



Dave Cloutier, Sue Thorn, Kathy Coon and Mike Coon visit at the golf outing Aug. 11 at Fellows Creek Golf Course.



Rick Carter, Mark Elais, Rob Holton and Bill Law golfed Aug. 11 at the WWOCAR outing.



Jim Mariani, Dennis Myers, John Blake and Rebecca Mariani enjoy each other's company at the WWOCAR golf outing.

Nod from FHA essential

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: I am on the Board of Directors of our condominium and the board claims that we do not have the money to seek FHA certification. How can I convince them otherwise?

A: Tell the board that they have a legal and fiduciary responsibility to seek to obtain FHA certification in order to allow co-owners to be able to market their units more successfully. With the difficulty in obtaining financing, FHA certification, which allows purchasers to get FHA insured mortgages, is indispensable and the board may have legal liability if it fails to seek to obtain FHA certification. When a condominium board says that the association doesn't have the money, what the board is really saying is it chooses not to increase assessments to raise sufficient funds!

Q: I have heard from some real estate experts that one should take much care, if not more, in checking out a condominium that is a single family home prior to purchase. What do you think about that?



Robert Meisner

A: That is generally the case because you are not only confronted with the issues

concerning the purchase of real estate, but you also have the extensive condominium documents to review, as well as being responsible, perhaps, for a portion of the maintenance, repair, and/or replacement of the entire project. This concern goes double for small associations with less than a dozen units because it is unlikely that a small association can afford to hire a professional management company that will help protect its owner. The success or failure of the association will depend upon the few owners working closely together, a tricky proposition. It requires them to check and verify, just like you would do if you own a single family home. Even more dangerous is when a small association and the developer are in financial straits. There may not be adherence to keeping the strict formalities of the non-profit corporation or, for that matter, they may not have adequate insurance, among other things. That, of course, does not mean that a larger condominium association cannot share the same problems, but it is unlikely that the smaller Association will have legal counsel assisting it when, in fact, that is even more the reason for legal counsel to be involved, particularly if there is no professional management to in any way guide the board as to its responsibilities in regard to the management of the condominium.

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 brmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

Detached condos make for pleasant living

By Nancy Austin
Seniors Real Estate Specialist

After my last column appeared regarding detached condos, several senior readers called me with additional information about some detached condos that I hadn't mentioned. Another called me about regarding co-ops. I had more than one person call expressing a desire for the Del Webb company to build in the Canton area. More on that after I do more research.



Nancy Austin
Senior Living

Several comments have been made about how helpful and informative this column is to you. I'm so glad to hear it because the more information you have about senior living, the easier it is to make a decision, and that decision will be an informed one.

One reader called to let me know about the Briarbrook condos in Westland near Joy and Newburgh. These are detached condos with garages, but no basement. This small

complex isn't designated as a senior condo complex, but it is mostly seniors living there. It is just one street with the condos lining either side. I have been in these condos, as I have been in most, and they are a very nice floor plan. It is a small, quiet, pleasant setting.

Also brought to my attention were the senior co-ops, such as Colonial Acres and Colonial Village in South Lyon as well as Kings Mill in Northville and Holiday Park in Westland. All of these complexes are quite large numbering well over 400 units, some having one bedroom but most have two.

In purchasing a co-op you do not receive a deed. You receive a share of stock and voting rights in the cooperative. Each cooperative has a board of directors with advisory committees comprised of residents of the cooperative. Owners are permitted to claim mortgage interest and real estate home- stead tax deductions.

With co-ops, you don't actually own the condo; rather, you own a share in the corporation. Financing, therefore, is somewhat different from financing a condo or a house. There are only certain lenders that will finance a co-op. In each case,

the prospective buyer must pay the current owner the equity they have in the condo and then you finance the rest. There is only one mortgage for the entire complex that encumbers the assets of the community. This is unlike a condo complex in that each condo owner gets their own separate mortgage, pays their own taxes and a separate maintenance fee.

In a co-op, the owner pays a monthly fee which includes everything except electricity, phone and cable. Mortgage interest and homestead taxes are allowed to be deducted on your personal income tax. For additional information on coops, you may contact the individual coop or I may have additional information available.

One kind of senior living that is a category unto its own is the apartment-style living quarters that you buy into. These are the Henry Ford Village units in Dearborn and Fox Run Village in Novi. To live here, you pay a substantial equity to the corporation prior to moving in and a monthly fee thereafter. You have your choice of floor plans, which of course depends on how much you can pay monthly

and how large a unit you desire.

Both Henry Ford Village and Fox Run are, for lack of a better term, huge. Fox run has several buildings and all are connected by lighted, heated walkways. There is even a shuttle bus you can take from one building to another. Social activities abound and are run mostly by the senior occupants. You never lack for something to do. The environment is quite pleasant, the grounds pleasing, the food is quite good and people living there seem to enjoy the amenities that both places offer. I would be willing to bet that the average age of residents is slightly lower than the "standard" retirement community. I have not researched that fact, but in my tour of Fox Run, it appeared to be so.

There are many choices. It's up to you to assess your wants and needs and make a decision.

Always feel free to call me with questions, and/or contribute information. Feel free to browse my website as well: www.nancyaustin.com.

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HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of May 23-27, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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43680 Amber Ct \$171,000
2393 Arcadia Dr \$62,000
43327 Barchester Rd \$108,000
7982 Brampton Dr \$266,000
1588 Centennial Dr \$383,000
44947 Forest Trail Dr

\$195,000
6802 Fox Path \$225,000
48814 Greenwich Cir \$260,000
4741 Grove Ct \$74,000
1592 Peninsula Ct \$175,000
894 Roosevelt St \$200,000
496 Sheffield Ct \$160,000
4263 Sherwood Cir \$182,000
4495 Sherwood Cir \$186,000
47080 Woodlong Dr \$285,000
GARDEN CITY
31537 Pierce St \$40,000
29664 Rossllyn Ave \$85,000
614 Susan Ct \$70,000
LIVONIA

15151 Alexander St \$29,000
15161 Alexander St \$25,000
14243 Barbara St \$131,000
14275 Beatrice St \$106,000
33002 Brookside Ct \$286,000
36281 Dover St \$110,000
14063 Harrison St \$115,000
37607 Ladywood St \$195,000
39025 Orangelawn St \$118,000
11347 Sunset St \$115,000
15457 Sunset St \$117,000
14100 Susanna St \$120,000
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41944 Baintree Cir \$290,000

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16451 Westminster Dr \$314,000
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11407 San Jose \$28,000
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1675 Elias St \$17,000
8208 Huntington St \$20,000
35070 Lewis St \$48,000
29841 Lonnie Dr \$85,000
8065 N Middlebelt Rd \$300,000
730 Rahn St \$13,000
8280 Vista Ln \$30,000

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

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

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22722 N Nottingham Dr \$215,000
31140 Old Stage Rd \$290,000
32300 Plumwood St \$217,000

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Nurse Practitioner Role Expands In Today's Health Care Setting

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So what does a nurse practitioner do? This career has existed since the mid 1960s when there was a shortage of qualified physicians around the country. Thus, nurse practitioners can be considered as professionals who are capable of providing more acute care than other nurses in order to meet the health care needs of most patients. Individuals with more specialized needs will have to see a doctor, but these professionals can meet most basic needs.

There are many career options for nurse practitioners. The career information generally varies by state and by each health care facility, but a registered nurse, must always undergo advanced education and clinical training before they can embark on this career. Usually, these professionals have master's degree in

nursing www.nursingschoolsu.com before they begin providing preventive and acute health-care services. Some work independently and some work as part of a team, with a specialty ranging from obstetrics and gynecology to geriatric care.

In some common jobs these nurses are responsible for providing complete physical examinations, recording health histories, interpreting laboratory results and x-rays, diagnosing and treating acute and chronic problems, and prescribing medications or therapies. At times, they also counsel patients on ways to prevent illness and live healthier lifestyles when necessary. This is an important nursing position as it offers health care institutions a way to provide high-quality, cost-effective, and individualized care for their patients.

These days, there are numerous job opportunities for nurse practitioners in

every city and state with more than two million jobs in this field overall. The demand is on rise. In fact, even The American Nurses Association reports that between 60 and 80 percent of primary and preventative care is performed by nurse practitioners. If you choose this career, you can expect to make approximately \$86,000 per year or even more with additional experience and work in certain specializations. It is one of the best jobs that a health care professional could currently choose in terms of career outlook, salary, and personal satisfaction. Visit the site NursingSchoolsU.com to know more about the top nursing schools that offers degree programs in practical nursing.

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1 Fabled

2 Speedometer

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10 Exotic

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30 Descendant

31 Hosp. area

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132 Like a wet noodle

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134 He's got a lot of pull

135 Dewy

136 Dull

137 A great composer?

20 Cassidy or Koppel

25 Coal carrier

26 Restaurant

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32 Sicilian

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34 Emulate

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37 Peckie pest

38 "Marlene" (81 film)

39 Gender

40 "Jude the Obscure"

41 Spring flower

42 Deers thing

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44 Pianist

45 Claudio

47 Acts catty?

49 Arctic jacket

50 Sherpa site

51 Singer Kid

52 "Adam"

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54 Elia's

55 "Adam"

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64 Porro's

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Car Report

SMART MARKETERS WANT TO PROVE THAT IT IS

By Dale Buss

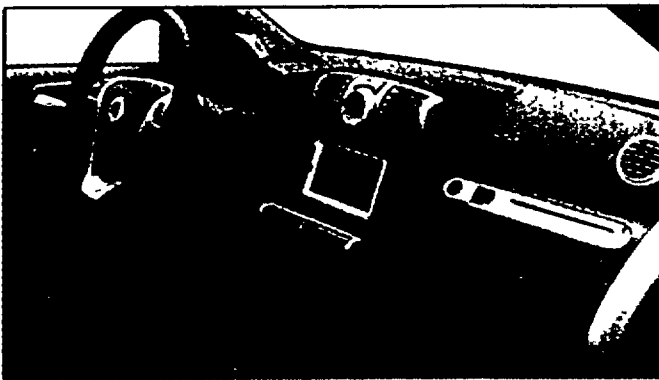
The new team running Smart USA for Daimler AG believes that Americans have been shunning the Smart ForTwo mini-car not for what they know about it but for what they don't know about it. So, launching a major, national, traditional marketing campaign for Smart sometime this fall will be the most important order for business for the new team of executives who have been running the operation since the German automaker took over U.S. responsibilities for its Smart brand from Penske Automotive Group last month.

"You very rarely get a second chance to make a first impression, but this is where we have a chance to do that," said Tracey Matura, the new general manager for Smart USA and a

veteran Mercedes-Benz executive. "We can put the full suite of our marketing efforts behind it, and that's the good thing about having an organization like Mercedes-Benz USA behind (Smart). They're known for marketing. And marketing and advertising opportunities will be first and foremost" in attempting to pull Smart out of its swoon.

The brand is troubled, to put it lightly. Daimler awarded U.S. distribution of Smart to Penske in 2008 and, as gasoline prices spiked, sales of ForTwo soared to nearly 25,000 units that year when enthusiastic Americans anted up sticker prices starting at about \$12,500 for a "city" car that could traverse 41mpg.

But then gasoline prices fell and recession struck, and Smart's quirkiness and schizophrenic practicality plunged from favor. Without a real auto-marketing pedigree and an under-established



The interior of the car seems more spacious than you might think from the outside.

brand, Penske couldn't bring Smart back. Sales dwindled to fewer than 6,000 last year, and for the first seven months of 2011, ForTwo sales were only 2,883 units.

Matura asserts that a turnaround is still possible, based not only on Daimler's takeover of the Smart operation in the United States but also on her brand-building plans, the inherent attributes of ForTwo, an expansion and recommitment of the dealership network, and even the arrival of new competitors in the tiny-car segment including the Fiat 500 and Scion iQ.

The biggest reason Smart wasn't able to build on its quick sales success in 2008, she said, is that Penske didn't simultaneously establish the brand solidly or even expand awareness of it. Thus, soon, Matura said, Smart will be introducing TV and print advertising and competitive

financing programs that will be a first for the brand in the United States.

With its iconoclastic design and basic proposition - a fuel-sipping, tiny car that nevertheless is safe for conventional driving -- such psychographic appeal should already be a strength for Smart, but it's not. And with its breathtakingly small and convenient footprint, just under nine feet long and about five feet wide, Smart should be a big hit with young urbanites - but, so far, it's not.

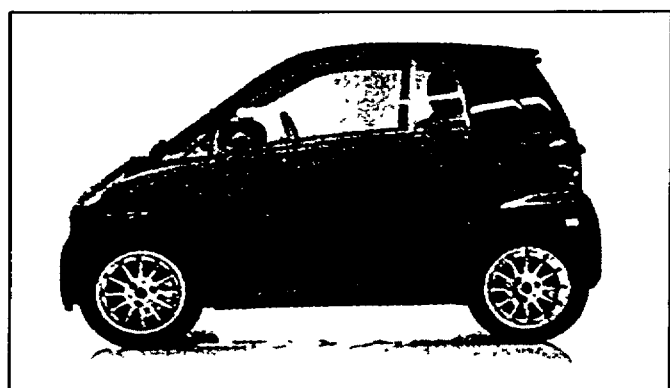
Instead, most Smart buyers are 45- to 50-year-old men living in the suburbs. "There's been more awareness in the suburbs, but we think there are lots of opportunities in urban areas," Matura said. "It's the easiest car in the world to park," she noted.

Still, raising awareness of Smart and making it easier for

Americans to buy the ForTwo is only half the battle for the brand's new hopefuls. The vehicle definitely can be an acquired taste. Edmunds.com's evaluation of ForTwo complains, for example, that the car has a "rough-shifting transmission" and an "awkward floor-pivot brake pedal" as well as "an unpleasant highway ride."

And there's more than a dubious comfort level that keeps many consumers from purchasing Smart for anything other than surface-street driving: Many of them simply can't see themselves getting behind the wheel of something that is so small, and joining traffic comprised of vehicles that are almost all significantly bigger, even though ForTwo meets U.S. crashworthiness standards.

Matura acknowledged such hesitance but compared it to consumer reluctance to purchase, say, an SUV for various reasons. "They have a perception about that kind of vehicle; and [ForTwo] isn't for everyone," she said. "The key here is that when you get someone in a Smart, a lot of those perceptions go away. I tell people to close their eyes, get in, and then open their eyes. And people always say it doesn't feel like a small car inside. And as we give people more opportunities to experience the vehicle, we'll eliminate some of that" reluctance. "We will embrace it being small. That also means it's fun and addictive."



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