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Food drive

The NHS varsity pom team has been collecting canned goods for Northville Civic Concern. They will also be collecting food with the Novi pom team at tomorrow night's Northville v. Novi football game.

Seasons of the Heart

Mark J. Davio will be in Northville at the State of Mind Art Gallery from 6-9 p.m. Oct. 7. The State of Mind Art Gallery is located at 120 E.

Main St. Northville. Davio will be sharing his poetry and signing copies of his book, "Seasons of the Heart—May Your Light Always Shine for Me", which contains over 100 poems and 36 black-and-white photographs. He will also be featuring a slideshow of his photography. In addition, as a publisher, Davio will be there to answer any questions writers may have about the publishing process.

Jazz at the library

If you like jazz standards performed the way they were meant to be sung you will enjoy hearing Leslie Mason performing at the Northville District Library on Tuesday, Oct. 11. She will be accompanied by her husband, guitarist Jesse Lee Mason.

The program is scheduled for 7 p.m. in the Carlo Room. The concert, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is free, but reservations are needed due to limited seating. Call (248) 349-3020 for reservations.

Schools privatize custodians

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

What was described as a tough decision and done from a position of current and potential financial hardship, the Northville Board of Education unanimously voted to privatize the school district's custodian ser-

vices starting Oct. 15.

Grand Rapids Building Services is now set to take charge of the custodial services under a two-year contract that was bid out annually at \$1.7 million which, according to Assistant Superintendent of Finance/Operations Mike Zopf, will save the district over \$800,000 annually.

On the opposing end was the over-\$2.5 million contract recently agreed to by Local Teamsters 214, representing the current Northville custodians. In a bid to prevent privatization from happening, 214 had agreed to concessions just this past month and in previous years. Their wages have decreased from \$1.8 million

in 2009-10 to the recently agreed upon \$1.3 million.

The district anticipates another budget challenge next year mainly because of rising benefit costs and decreased state funding.

Even though a contract was

Please see CUSTODIANS, A14

New business puts Michigan artists in the LimeLight

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

By showcasing the unique talent of Michigan artists and giving patrons the opportunity to find something unique to take home with them, the LimeLight Emporium is offering the Northville community a distinctive shopping experience.

Located inside Northville Square, this new business is the idea of resident/downtown merchant Margene Buckhave and Karen Slack. Their goal is to create a way for local artists and entrepreneurs to display and sell their products while at that same time giving the consumer a setting that allows them to support and nurture small business.

They believe this is being realized, with even more room to grow.

"There are so many people out there that are creating interesting things and making wonderful art that we wanted to offer something that captures this in a setting where all mediums and price points are available," Buckhave said. "We want



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Margene Buckhave takes a look at some of the "up-cycled" children's clothing of Karen Slack in the LimeLight Emporium artists' gallery inside Northville Square.

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Walkway bridge installed at Seven Mile and Center

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

It came from Alabama and it was hoisted into place by what may be the biggest trucking crane in Michigan.

The bridge that now sits over the creek bed across the road from Northville Downs is a big marking point in the creation of the Northville Bennett Arboretum walkway, and watching it being put in was quite a sight this past week.

The bridge is 137 feet long and 10 feet wide, and weighs in at 60,000 pounds. Last Wednesday morning it was transported in two pieces by truck and parked over at the lot where the Northville farmer's market is located. It sat there until prepa-

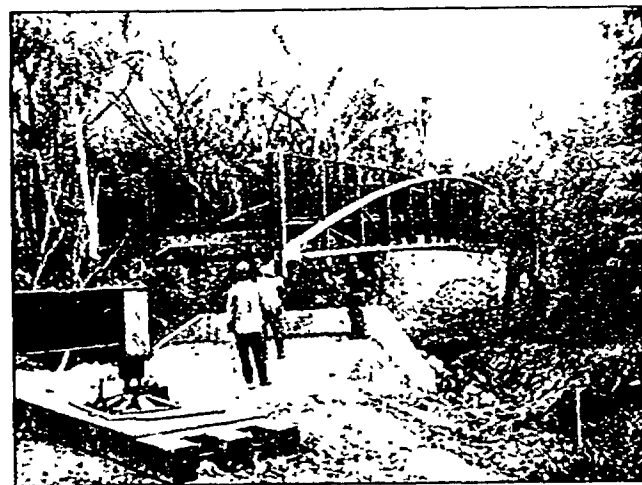
rations could be made just kitty corner to the lot where the walk way reaches into downtown Northville.

Across the Seven Mile/Center-Sheldon intersection is where the team of contractors from Erickson's Inc. of Grand Rapids set up the 550-ton truck crane that extends out 220 feet. It took all morning to prepare the move that would have the bridge swung around and slowly lowered onto the concrete placements constructed at either end of the creek.

In the early afternoon, the bridge was finally taken over to the crane where it was put together into one piece.

As he looked on, Project manager Brandon Rice, of Proline Asphalt,

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Northville channels Halloween Spirit

If you're looking for a treat this Halloween, there's no place like Northville, thanks in part to homeowners who trick out their houses with elaborate themed decor. Every year, a growing number of residents decorate their homes and yards with displays ranging from pirate ships to graveyards, complete with lighting, sound effects, costumed characters and Halloween goodies, making for a seemingly endless spectacle downtown.

The historic district has come to draw so many Halloween trick-or-treaters and curious onlookers that city officials shut down the streets to traffic from 5:30-8:30 p.m. on Oct. 31 each year, creating a jam-packed impromptu festival of fun.

Although it's hard to pinpoint where the elaborate Halloween home decor began, well-known architect Greg Presley, who lives on Dunlap Street near the corner of West, is among residents known for exten-



Two years ago, the Dunlap Street Players led "Northviller," a tribute to Michael Jackson in which they recreated the famous dance from the "Thriller" video.

sive displays. For the past 12 years, Presley and a band of friends and neighbors who dub them-

selves the "Dunlap Street Players" present over-the-top stage shows in Presley's front yard that play on popular TV programs. Past themes have included Halloween of Fortune, The Ed Skul-livan Show, Dancing with the Scars, Monster Makeover, and a tribute to Michael Jackson called Northviller.

So dress up, grab the ghouls, and hit the streets of Northville for some spooky sightseeing.

Skeleton Crew

For the first time this year, the city itself will get into the act by stepping up its own Halloween decorations. The Northville Downtown Development Authority

has partnered with Begonia Brothers of Northville to install 20 skeletons throughout the downtown area. The skeletons, up to five feet tall, will be posed in different vignettes, from skateboarding to kissing under an umbrella, and will make for great photo opportunities.

Aside from the skeletons, the city's fall display, by Stuart LEVE of Milford, is now on view.

Mill Race Village

Historic Mill Race Village is also the site of several other Halloween-themed activities during October.

• Greetings from the Grave: The Northville Historical Society pres-

ents an evening of ghostly stories and a haunting seance hosted by Psychic/Medium Kristy Robinson at the village, 7-9:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9.

• Scavenger Hunt: Historic trivia clues lead families through town on a hunt for tricks – and maybe some treats. The event begins at Mill Race Village's Cady Inn, 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21. \$40 per person.

• Trick or Treat Trail: Mark your calendar and hit the trail 4:30-7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22.

Trick-or-Treating

Children can get a head start gathering goodies in downtown Northville as merchants pass out treats 1-4 p.m. on Satur-

day, Oct. 29. Most businesses, from restaurants and coffee shops to boutiques and banks, will participate, and babies through middle schoolers are welcome to the free event. Look for participating signs on business doors.

Cemetery Walk

Oakwood Cemetery will be haunted with the characters of Northville's past as all-new costumed historical figures share their stories during the entertaining and informative annual Cemetery Walk. The tour wraps with refreshments and shopping at the Northville Art House, 4-7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16, \$10 per person.

Halloween Drama

Children will love the play Annabella Broom, showing live on the stage of the Marquis Theatre at 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, Oct. 8-30. Billed as "not scary Halloween fun," the show is presented by kids and for kids (3 and over please). For tickets (\$8.50) and more information, visit www.northvillemarquistheatre.com.

Tipping Point Theatre will wrap up production of The Mystery of Irma Vep with performances 8 p.m. Thursdays-Sundays and matinees 3 p.m. Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays through Oct. 9. The gothic comedy tells of strange goings-on at the Mandacrest mansion, said to be haunted by vampires, mummies, werewolves and the ghost of Irma Vep herself. Tickets, \$26-\$30, can be purchased by calling (248) 347-0003 or visit www.tippingpointtheatre.com.

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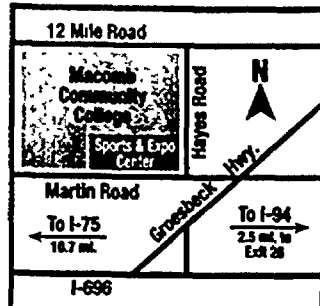
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Beautification Commission Collects 7.5 tons of documents at Shred-It

Cars started lining up before 9 a.m. Sept. 17 in the Northville Township parking lot at 6 Mile and Sheldon. Drivers were anxious to shred papers that they had been storing for years in some cases. The occasion was the Shred-It event conducted by the Northville Twp. Beautification Commission. This was the second year for the event. Last year they had used one truck and shredded four tons of documents.

By the time the event ended at 11 a.m. some 273 motorists had gone through the line, disposing of bag after bag of private and identification-sensitive documents in two giant trucks

that shredded the papers on site. It is estimated that 7.5 tons of papers went through the shredders that morning. Drivers paid a minimum of \$3 for up to six bags plus 50 cents for every bag over six.

Motorists were assisted in getting their bags to the shredding trucks by the Boy Scout Troop 755 (Forrest Ickes and Andrew Slatin, plus Forrest's father, Bill Ickes) and the Northville Rotary Interact Group students from Northville High School (Samantha Kargilis, Madison Oshelsky, Christine Wang, Eric Kariner, Olivia Duquet, Kallie Berger and Kevin Colareno).

Also helping out at the event were Twp. Beautification Commission members Joanne Dayton, Diane Jefferson, Marie Barr, Marge Faessler and James Morche.

"People really seemed grateful to have this opportunity to get rid of their documents in a safe, secure manner, without having to worry about compromising their identities," Marie Barr, Twp. Beautification Chair, said. "I think they felt better that the papers were being shredded here on site."

She said the Beautification Commission hopes to expand the Shred-It program next year both in terms of hours and capacity.



JIM MORCHE

Motorists started lining up before the 9 a.m. start for the Northville Twp. Beautification Commission's Shred-It Event. In all, 273 cars went through the lines in two hours. The Northville Twp. Beautification Commission could not have shredded 7.5 tons of documents without the assistance of Boy Scout Troop 755 and the Northville Rotary Interact Group.

Several modifications already are being considered for the 2012 event.

Another member of the commission, Sue Hillebrand, who is also the township clerk, noted, "This was a win-win situation. People got their confidential documents shredded. This

was 15,000 pounds of paper that did not end up in a landfill. This shredded paper will be sold to paper and card companies, generating more money and jobs... So ecologically and economically this is a program that makes sense - dollars and sense."

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DDA OKs \$18k for business assistance

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

Northville's Downtown Development Authority has approved over \$18,000 in matching funds for projects that will give a facelift to downtown buildings like Main Centre and Edward's Cafe.

The latest round of funding assistance from Northville's business assistance program (BAP) has over 10 downtown merchants requesting help with renovation projects. The city council will need to give its final approval to the DDA's recommendations before the projects can begin.

One of the bigger planned projects is MainCentre. Singh of MainCentre, property owner for 21 years, wants to replace the awnings on its apartment units as well as at Tirami Su, Goldsmith Galleries and Urban Optiques. This

project's estimated cost is over \$6,000, so according to the DDA's matching fund formula, this plan would receive around \$3,200.

Next Chapter Book Store and Bistro wants to build a pergola at the rear of their building. Ward said the idea here is to provide shade for outdoor seating.

Edwards Café is planning to do \$2,100 in repairs that include re-shingling the top of the building and painting the rear façade.

Another significant project would have the Masonic Association of Northville digging up the alley way behind it and Buckminster's. The plan is for new landscaping and a brick paver pathway matching the city's streetscape design.

The DDA has over \$58,000 in funds available for the current cycle of the BAP. Since its inception in 2007, more than \$142,000 has been approved for

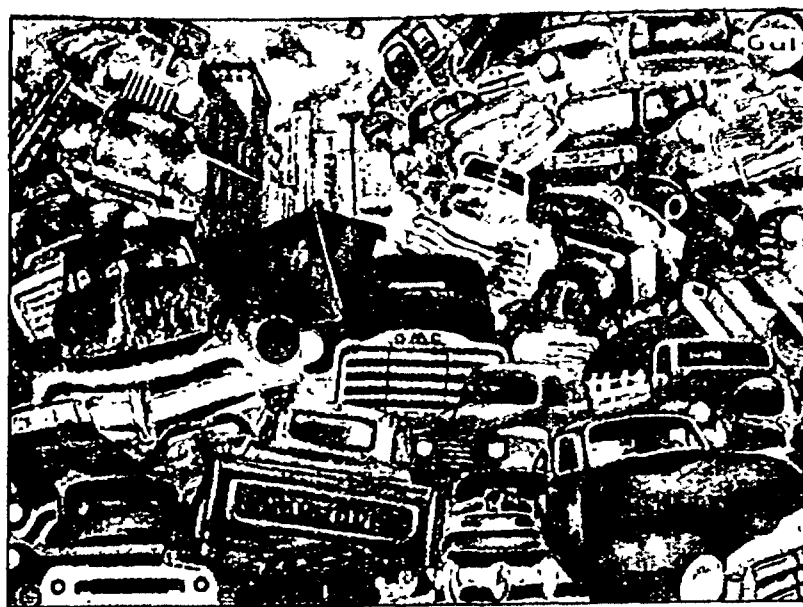
Commercial Improvement Grants and \$5,000 for Technical Assistance Grants. Ward said there is funding left over from this one, so the BAP will be have another cycle of funding available next spring.

These grants are set up as matching ones, in which the business or building owner will spend \$1 and the DDA will match it with \$1 up to half of the project expenditure.

Ward said this program was created to assist property owners and their tenants interested in making physical improvements to their commercial building and/or for technical assistance. This cycle has GardenViews and Breathe Therapeutic asking for assistance in developing their websites.

Businesses interested in learning more about the BAP can contact Ward at (248) 349-0345 or by email at lorwarddda@comcast.net.

Outside In



"Deja vu Detroit" by William Oliver

The Northville Art House presents "Outside In", a landscape show juried by local multimedia and plein air artist, Heiner Hertling. With the work of 40 metro Detroit area artists, Hertling selected paintings, photographs, drawings and mixed media artworks in a variety of realistic, abstract and conceptual takes on the theme "landscape." All works of art in the show encompass either the physical, living or human elements that make up the perceptible features of the land. Featured artists include: Dale Akocer, Topher Crowder, Gerry Culpepper, Ann Davies, Barbara Demgen, Peggy Gray, Barbara Grundeman, WanChuan Kesle, Janey Kohler, Phil Krzeminski, Ruth Krzyzowski, David Laurence, Ellen Leigh, Linda Lemke, Helena Lewicki, Peter Lichowski, Audrey Lorber, Sue Mallick, Nancy Massoll, Tamera Menard, Sandy Miller, Kathleen Montgomery, Carla Morabito, Alica Moss, Carolyn Moss, Barbara Eko Murphy, Kathleen O'Connell, William Oliver, Gerry Pas, Joe Pas, Rosa Paulus, Linda Preece, Mary Relyea, Barbara Gage Rex, Mary Rupp, Jennifer Treece, Priyank Vora, Ann Wallace, Judith Waterman and Tommy Wilson. The show will open in the upper and lower galleries with an artist reception from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7. The show will continue through Oct. 22 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 shows is always free and open to the public.

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Former Scott prison one step closer to sale

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

The sale of the Robert Scott Correctional Facility is looking more and more likely.

By a 23-0 vote, the legislative bill to sell the Robert Scott Correctional property passed through the House appropriations committee and a full House vote on it is expected to come by the end of the month, according to state Rep. Kurt Heise (R-Plymouth).

It also passed through the state Senate with a 25-12 approval vote.

According to Sen. Patrick Colbeck (R-Canton), the sale of this property will remove the state from responsibility for maintenance and upkeep, removing that burden from the taxpayers and opening the land up for private development.

Colbeck said it costs the state \$100,000 annually for maintenance and security of the facility.

House Bill 4689 is sponsored by Heise and Colbeck, and at each step they have been pushing the benefits of selling the former women's prison, which is located on Five Mile and Beck roads.

"The state has placed a \$17.4 million value on the facility," Heise said Wednesday afternoon from the state House floor. "This may be high or not, I'm not sure, but at this point in our state's economic situation we would be happy to see half of that."

The process began last spring when the bill was drafted to sell the near-

ly 48 acres of land for private or public development. The Northville Township Board of Trustees passed a resolution urging Gov. Rick Snyder to sell the property to private interests so it can be developed with a creative and useful economic activity.

Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo said at that time the township was interested in seeing it developed in a way that correlates with its surroundings (i.e., commercial and residential).

"I'm pleased at the backing of this, and we appreciate the efforts of Representative Heise and Senator Colbeck," Abbo said. "Hopefully, it will soon be a revenue-producing property."

Under the legislation, Northville Township will have the first opportunity to purchase the property from the state. Abbo said the township will soon be discussing their potential opportunities regarding the site and what role they could play, so no decision on whether to buy it or not has been made.

According to Colbeck, if the township declines the offer, the property will be sold on the open market. Net revenue from the sale of the property received by the state would be deposited in the state's General Fund.

Heise said the overwhelming support for this sale is evident, and he added the state is fully aware of Northville Township's desires and concerns. One township

concern is the current state of the facility, with its imposing barbed wire fences and general shut-down look.

"Everyone is very excited about this development," Heise said. "It should benefit each party involved. It's a major gateway into these communities, so it will be good to make it look better and more productive."

He said the benefits to Northville and Plymouth townships will come when the sale is completed and the parcel can be developed to add to the community commercial and tax base. One industry the townships are interested in bringing in is high-tech companies. That particular area of the Five Mile corridor is lined with commercial developments.

"This is a prime location in Northville with a tremendous amount of potential for expansion," said Colbeck. "This legislation promotes economic development and job creation in Northville Township and surrounding communities by allowing for private development of the property. The sale of this facility will allow for better use of the land and put the property back on the public tax roll."

The property may become included in the new Wayne County Advanced Technology Park. Colbeck said this joint economic project will develop one of the most comprehensive technology developments in Southeast Michigan.

Challenging



Girl Scout troops in Northville plan to complete the "100 Acts of Community Service Challenge" each month leading up to the Girl Scouts' 100th birthday on March 12, 2012. Last month, the girls collected over 100 bags of soda can tabs for Ronald McDonald House. Shown (l to r) are Charlotte Atkinson, Lauren Atkinson, Laryssa Imbuzeiro, Katie Pflum, Autumn Houghton, Alyssa Budweg and brother Markus Budweg. In September, Silver Springs Brownie Troop 40839 planted 248 flower bulbs at Silver Springs Elementary school.

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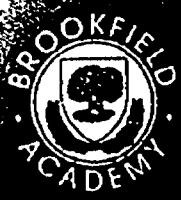
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Peak Performance workshop

Dr. Kenneth Stopa will be conducting a workshop in coordination with October is Spinal Health Care Month at 7 p.m. Oct. 13 at the Northville Library.

Learn how to stay in shape for the upcoming winter months. Bring a partner and learn partner stretching and Trigger Point Therapy.

All attendees who are not already patients of Dr. Stopa will receive a free exam coupon when they come to this free workshop as a new patient.

Call the office (248-735-9800) and sign up as there is limited seating in the library.

NHGC Blood Drive

The fall NHGC blood drive is coming up from 1-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13 at Northville Hills Golf Club Subdivision's Fitness Center, 15561 Bay Hill Drive.

You can give blood every 56 days. You are eligible to give if your last donation was on or before Aug. 18, 2011.

Please make an appointment today. Donors with appointments are given priority so schedule your appointment now for the best selection. Please forward to friends and family who might be able to donate. If you have questions about donor suitability, please visit www.redcrossblood.org or call the Red Cross at 1-866-236-3276.

For online registration, go to www.redcrossblood.org and login to your account (blue box in top right). Use "nhgc" as

Fall art classes



Teacher Julie Woodward instructs a student as registration has begun for fall art classes at the Northville Art House. Instruction is offered for both adults and children in both weekly classes and one-day workshops designed to fit a variety of students' schedules. The traditional drawing and painting classes are available, but additional instruction in calligraphy, doll making, colored pencil, mask making and jewelry making are offered as well. "We've added new teachers and new classes to the schedule," said Art House Manager Joan Potter Thomas. "It's an exciting list with many opportunities to explore a variety of mediums. With classes for people ages 3 and up, we truly have something for everyone." A special class for team mask making is especially intriguing. "We wanted to offer a class that adults could take with their child," said Thomas. "And of course, we've timed it just right so the masks will be finished for Halloween." The first class sessions began the week of Sept. 19, with additional opportunities through December. The full schedule can be found on the Art House website at www.northvillearts.org. For additional information, call (248) 344-0497. The Art House is located at 215 W. Cady Street and is a facility of the Northville Arts Commission.

the sponsor code. Appointments can also be made by contacting Diane Risko 313-549-7052 or riskoD@usa.redcross.org.

Comment on 7 Mile property concepts by Oct. 15

Northville Township encourages residents to voice their opinions on

four conceptual master plans for redevelopment of the 7 Mile Road Property before the public comment period closes on Oct. 15. The plans are available for at the Township offices (44405 Six Mile Road, Northville) and on its website at <http://www.twp.northville.mi.us/concept-plans>. Residents should be aware that each of the four plans has a sur-

vey form for comment, and they are encouraged to review and respond to each of the alternatives. To date, the Township has received more than 460 responses to the plans.

The four plans represent different approaches to development of the 350-acre property, former site of the Northville State Regional Psychiatric Hospital. Common elements

among all designs are the preservation of key natural features and resources, while opening the land for community-wide active and passive recreational opportunities.

The information includes a detailed description of each plan's features with conceptual drawings to help readers better visualize the information. Reviewers are asked to compare and rate various elements of the plans.

The plans were developed by Township consultant Stantec, after a months-long public outreach effort including surveys and a Community Design Workshop. The work is being overseen by Township staff and the Twenty21 Green Ribbon Committee (GRC), comprised of 30 community representatives.

At the conclusion of the public comment period, the data will be tabulated and the feedback used to prepare the preferred alternative plan. It is anticipated that the preferred alternative will be a variation of the four concept plans.

A public hearing on the final design is tentatively scheduled for early December.

For more information about the 7 Mile Road Park Master Plan, please visit the Northville Township website at www.twp.northville.mi.us/7milemasterplan.

Have a Heart for Hunger

Northville Yoga Center will host a YOGAthon

from 6-9:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14. Members, friends of members, and any other practicing yogis and yoginis who love children and love to practice yoga, while having fun in the process, are invited to practice yoga for one, two or three hours. All that's required is that you make a donation to support Have a Heart for Hunger www.havea-heartforhunger.org. All of the evening's proceeds will support this huge, heartfelt, local effort to feed hungry children in Metro Detroit and around the world.

The event is recommended for those who have an active (at least once a week) and ongoing yoga practice, either at Northville Yoga Center or elsewhere. You may show up at any time during the evening's practice, which will be continuous, and join the facilitated practice in progress. You may leave whenever it's right for you.

Please see our web site for the details of the event. www.northvilleyogacenter.com.

Consumers awards volunteer grant

The Consumers Energy Foundation has awarded \$850 to recognize outstanding volunteerism by utility employees through its Volunteer Investment Program grants.

Nancy Robinson, compressor station operator, and Dean Robinson, instrument mechanic, both at the Northville Compressor Station, who provided a combined total of 354 hours of volunteer service over the past 12 months with the Northville High School girls soccer program. Both served as a transportation coordinator. An \$850 grant will be used for soccer equipment.

Art appraisal clinic

The Northville Arts Commission will host its third, popular Appraisal Clinic from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18. Proceeds of the event will benefit the cultural and educational programs of the Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street.

Renowned appraiser, Robert DuMouchelle, and other members of the DuMouchelle staff will be available to verbally appraise antiques, art and collectibles. Robert DuMouchelle is well known from his appearances on PBS television, and the family's venerable downtown Detroit gallery and auction house that has served the Detroit metro area for over 80 years.

Guests may bring items such as antiques, collectibles, family memorabilia, furniture and artwork. Large or fragile items should be submitted by photograph. Coins, stamps, and jewelry will not be appraised at this event. Any history one has on an item is important, especially when bringing in artwork. Typically, the appraiser will want to know the history or provenance of the piece. The appraisers can only give out insurance values and fair market values verbally due to the time constraints.

Registration is strongly advised as it is anticipated that the 15-minute appraisal time slots will fill quickly. The registration fee is \$10 per item with a limit of three items per guest. Walk-ins without prior registration will be admitted on the day of the event as time allows. Registration can be in-person at the Northville Art House from 1-5 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays. Call (248) 344-0497 for additional information or to register.

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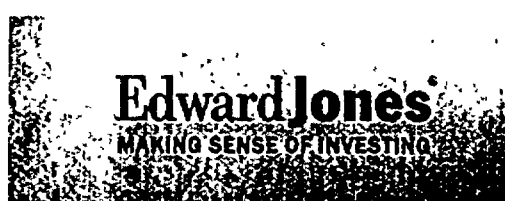
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Shown are (l to r, front) Eric Staszal, John DeSilva, Marlena Falk, Brendan Jenkins; (middle) Max Paul, Tim Eastridge, Jason Miller; (back) Joe Craig, Mike Matejewski and Tyler Osterhoff.

Robostangs do Northville proud at robotics competition

The Northville Robostangs motored away with three of the highest awards presented at the 12th annual Kettering Kickoff FIRST Robotics competition at Kettering University in Flint on Saturday, Sept. 17.

The Robostangs shared No. 1 Top Dog honors with the Grand Blanc Engineers and the Romulus Extreme Eagles as the three-team alliance won the daylong FIRST pre-season robotics event. The Northville team also won the Robot Design Excellence Award and the Number One Seed trophy. Robot Design Excellence Award goes to the team whose robot demonstrates excellence in aesthetics, performance, reliability, simplicity, efficiency and innovation. The No. 1 Seed is the highest seeded alliance during the tournament, based on scoring performance.

About 800 visitors attended the FIRST contest that attracted 40 teams — one from Canada and the rest from Michigan. This year's game was called LOGO MOTION, featuring robots moving inflatable squares, circles and triangles to score points, plus the performance of a team's mini-bot.

Kettering Kickoff founder Bob Nichols said the Kettering Kickoff is a popular pre-season FIRST contest in Michigan. "It matches the 2011 robots from FIRST Robotics with 2011-12 high school teams," he explained. "It allows teams to build skills and teamwork camaraderie

before the new FIRST competition season begins in January."

Overall winners of the tournament, The Top Dog Award, went to the three first-place teams:

Team 326, Extreme Eagles, Romulus

Team 548, Robostangs, Northville
Team 2337, Engineers, Grand Blanc.

The Big Dog Award, second-place in the tournament, was shared by: Team 27, Team Rush, Clarkston
Team 1243, The Dragons, Swartz Creek

Team 1684, The Chimeras, Lapeer.
Other top awards at the Kettering Kickoff went to:

The Robot Design Excellence Award — Team 548, Robostangs, Northville.

The Safety Award — Team 3667, PoHo Robots, Port Huron.

The "Long Shot" Award — Team 1075, Sinclair Sprockets, Whitby, Ontario.

The No. 1 Seed Award — Team 548, Robostangs, Northville.

Top Score of the Day — An alliance of Team 51, Wings of Fire of Pontiac; Team 1075, Sinclair Sprockets of Whitby, Ontario; and Team 2137, TORC of Oxford.

The Spirit of FIRST Award — Team 862, Lightning Robotics of Plymouth.

The "Kick Hunger" Award — a food drive on behalf of the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan was won by Team 314, Big Mo, Flint.

Auditor gives school district an "A" grade

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

Northville Public Schools earned an "A" from its auditors after a review of the district's 2010-11 financial status.

Representatives from Plante Moran recently presented the Northville Board of Education with an overview of the audit they performed over the previous months, saying there are no outstanding issues with the district's financials, even in these difficult financial times.

"The staff has responded well to the new economic reality," assistant superintendent of finance and operations Mike Zopf said.

Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher added good strong fiscal management from every department has helped lead to these audit results.

Zopf said the audit allows everyone to see exactly where the money is being spent. He said salaries, classroom

BY THE NUMBERS

The numbers for Northville Public Schools 2010-11 financial status, audited by Plante Moran.

Total Assets: \$27,683,963

Total Liabilities:

\$23,898,725

Overall Fund Balance:

\$3,785,238

instruction and benefits make up 65 percent of the total expenditures. Just over \$750,000 was spent on retirement costs.

He said that number will escalate even more this coming year. The projected increases made the teacher cuts necessary if the district wants to maintain an above-water fund balance.

"Unfortunately, we are in this quandary...we are trying to kind of catch up where the funding has taken us. And we are doing the best we can," Zopf said.

The benefit costs have increased over the years, according to Zopf. These expenditures have increased by \$2.3 million since 2009-10 with over \$20 million now being spent on benefits. It was pointed out that if the recent staffing reductions had not been made, retirement costs would be even higher.

Northville has seen its per-pupil state funding decrease in recent years, which has greatly added to the financial challenges. It currently is \$8,218.

Bloomfield Hills' public schools are the highest in the area with \$12,324 and South Lyon is the lowest at \$7,370 (these numbers do not reflect the executive order cut.)

"Everyone in this district acknowledges the financial difficulties we're facing, and I think that communication and attention to the business practices, and the bottom line, has been very helpful in reversing the trend line of our fund balance," Gallagher said.

O'Neill accepts assistant principal role at Hillside

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

Brad O'Neill knows it's going to take a lot of hard work for him to match what his predecessor, Heidi Capraro, had brought to Hillside Middle School.

O'Neill recently had the interim tag lifted off of him, making him the new Hillside assistant principal. Now he looks forward to honoring the outgoing Capraro by bringing the same approach she did to the duties entailed in this important leadership role.

In an open letter to the Hillside community, Principal Jim Cracraft stated Mrs. Capraro had every intention of returning this fall after she had been on leave due to her battle with cancer; however, she cannot because this battle continues.

Therefore the district offered the role to O'Neill because he was the natural fit. And in a bitter sweet moment, he accepted.

"I have enormous shoes to fill," O'Neill

said at the Sept. 27 school board meeting.

He went on to say Capraro had a positive influence on him and the entire school. He says will continue on with the hard work ethic she had established.

This shouldn't be difficult because it is his work ethic that got him the district's full backing and support. Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher said O'Neill has shown his leadership time and again.

She said he has, "demonstrated leadership in every aspect of his work...when he was a teacher or serving in the interim role. He was a person who made a difference in whatever role he was asked to serve in. He always stepped up, and went above and beyond."

Cracraft said O'Neill brings a wealth of familiarity with athletics and student activities, and said his extensive middle school experience, work ethic and child centered philosophy make him the ideal fit.

It will greatly help that he already has first-hand

knowledge of the position's day to day duties.

Since coming to the Northville in 1994, he has served in a variety of capacities, including acting as the interim assistant principal at Hillside this past year and at the high school in 2009-2010. He has degrees from Eastern Michigan University and Marygrove College, and he is currently working on his second masters, in educational leadership, at Michigan State University.

"I've had a few occasions to serve as interim assistant principal, so I understand the importance of this position and how it relates to ensuring the students have a great educational experience," he said.

Stepping in for Capraro will also be made easier because of the Hillside team led by Cracraft, which he says is a fantastic one. O'Neill is looking forward to maintaining the school as a great place for learning and growth.

"The main goal," said O'Neill, "is student success."

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Time/Date: 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9

Location: Maybury State Park (concession building off 8 Mile Road entrance)

Details: Guided and self-directed hikes leave the building at 5. Dinner at 6. Friends of Maybury is providing the entree and bot-

tled water. Please bring a dish to pass, dinner service, and your favorite beverage. Held rain or shine. RSVP to George at 248-347-0899 or gmccarthy@comcast.net by October 7th, but feel free to come at the last minute.

WHOOOOO'S THERE?

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 15

Location: Maybury State Park (concession building off 8 Mile Road entrance)

Details: Come learn all about owls. You'll even get to dissect an actual owl pellet. Free and open to the public, scouting groups, etc. No RSVP required. Put on by Maybury State Park and the Friends of Maybury. **Contact:** Tracy Ball (734) 787-0062

CEMETERY WALK

Time/Date: 4-7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16

Oakwood Cemetery

Details: Don't miss this year's exciting all new Cemetery Walk. Who are the pioneers buried at Oakwood Cemetery? Tickets (\$10; \$8 for groups of 10 or more; \$15 day of event) are still available at Knightsbridge through Saturday; in front of Art House during First Friday Art event; and at the gate of Oakwood Cemetery on Sunday beginning at noon. **Contact:** (248) 348-1845 or visit www.millracenorthville.org

3RD ANNUAL HAVE A HEART FOR HUNGER

Date: Saturday, Nov. 12

Location: Northville High School

Details: Soup supper from 4-7 p.m. Pack meals for the hungry. NHS production of "It's a Wonderful Life" at 2 and 7 p.m.

Contact: www.HaveA-HeartForHunger.org

NORTHVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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

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

Annual Farmers Market

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

Location: northwest corner of Sheldon and Seven Mile roads

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

TGIF (small group networking)

Time/Date: 8-9 a.m. Friday, Oct. 7

Location: chamber office

Details: This popular networking forum returns to the Northville Chamber on the first Friday of each month. TGIF is limited to the first 12 participants to RSVP. Each participant is provided five minutes to discuss their business. TGIF forums include one representative from each company and/or business classification. Please RSVP by email to chamber@northville.org

Rise and Shine Networking

Time/Date: 8 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12

Location: Northville Hills Golf Club 15565 Bay Hill Drive

Details: Join other Chamber members for light breakfast treats and small group networking. Event is free; please RSVP by Oct. 11 to chamber@northville.org.

Chamber Annual Meeting

Time/Date: 5:30 P.M. Wednesday, Oct. 19

Location: The Inn at St. John's

Details: The Citizen of the Year announcement is made, along with brief Chamber business that includes election of new Board of Directors. Cost is \$35; registration deadline is Oct. 12.

Joint Mixer

Time/Date: 5-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 26

Location: Karl's Cabin 6005 Gotfredson Road, Plymouth

Details: Members of the Plymouth and Northville Chambers will meet for a joint mixer. Event is free; registration by Oct. 25 chamber@northville.org

Lunch and Learn Seminar

Location: Northville District Library

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 27

Details: Dan Vigil of Dan Vigil's Academy of Tae-KwonDo, will provide a presentation on "Finding Your Business Vision". Cost is \$15; includes box lunch; registration deadline is Oct. 21

Holiday Lighted Parade

Date: Friday, Nov. 18

Details: Downtown Northville gears up for another parade by kicking off to the Holiday season with the Annual Lighted Parade. Application forms are available on the Chamber website at www.northville.org.

MARQUIS THEATER

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Contact: (248) 349-8110 or visit www.northvillemarquistheatre.com.

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11 a.m. Saturdays, Oct. 22, 29; 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30; 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28

Details: A fun-filled, not scary, live musical, "Annabella Broom" - the story of a little witch with a big heart. Meet Annabella and our friendly ghosts and skeletons as they dance and sing on stage. Tickets are \$8.50 each; group rates and reserved seating available for 20 or more.

GET LISTED!

Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail to ctstone@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.

MILL RACE HISTORICAL VILLAGE

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

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

Contact: (248) 348-1845

Weekly Events

(*Grounds closed to public)

Thursday: 9 a.m. Archives Open

Friday: 9 a.m. Archives Open; 4:15-6:15 p.m. Wedding*

Saturday: 10-11:30 a.m. "Civil War" Children's Class;

2:30-4:30 p.m. Wedding*; 5-7 p.m. Wedding*

Sunday: 1-4 p.m. Village Buildings Open Free to the Public; 7:00 p.m. "Greetings From The Grave" by www.hauntedhideaways.com in Church

Monday: 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Northville Garden Club; 7 p.m. Lions Club

Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang; 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts #473 in Cady, 7 p.m. Cub Scouts 755 Den 4 in Church

Wednesday: 1-2:30 and 4:15-5:45 p.m. "Harvest Days" Children's Classes; 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation Group

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Location: 215 W. Cady St., Northville

Contact: Northville Art House (248) 344-0497 or www.northvillearts.org for on-going art classes, lectures, events, rentals, volunteering.

Hours: 1-5 p.m. Saturdays; 1-9 p.m. on first Fridays of each month

Details: Admission to Art House exhibits are always free and open to the public

Landscape Juried Exhibit - "Outside In"

Opening Reception: 6-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7 (exhibit continues through Oct. 22)

NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY SENIOR CENTER

Location: 303 W. Main Street

Contact: (248) 349-4140

Hospice 101

Time/Date: 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11

Details: Free; ice cream social

Contact: (248) 349-4140

GENITTI'S HOLE-IN-THE-WALL

Location: 108 E. Main, Northville

Contact: (248) 349-0522

Murder on the Rocks

Date: now through Nov. 19

Details: An interactive comedy; \$49.95 per person; lunch theater \$35

Children's Lunch Theater "The Misadventures of Magnet Man"

Times/Dates: 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 15; 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9; 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 29 (wear your Halloween costume)

Details: \$14.95-children; \$17.95-Adults

Dinner and Doo-wop - "The Reflections"

(Just like Romeo and Juliet)

Date: 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15

Details: \$49.95 per person

MAYBURY STATE PARK

Location: Eight Mile Road (between Beck and Napier roads.) State Park required park entry; \$6 daily, \$24 annually (\$6 annually for seniors 65 and older).

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Age 59 of Howell, formerly of New Hudson, passed away unexpectedly at his home Monday, September 26, 2011. He was born March 15, 1952 in Pontiac, MI, the son of Vernon L. and Virginia (Tyler) Blaisdell. Paul was a 1971 graduate of South Lyon High School. He was a truck driver for C & M Sand & Gravel Inc. in New Hudson and a fire fighter for Lyon Township for 21 years. Beloved husband of Mary Jane (Fitzsimmons) Blaisdell whom he married February 28, 1970 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Milford. Loving father of Joseph (Tammy) and Ann (Tony) Weaver, grandfather of Charles, Paul, Haileigh, Chelsea, Joseph, Gabriel, Cassie and Bradley. Also survived by his siblings, Mary (Claude), Clair, Kathy, Joan, Mark (Debbie) and Lisa (Mike). Services were held Friday, September 30th at MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell (517-546-2800). Memorial contributions may be made to Paul's wife, Mary Jane. Please sign the family's online guestbook at macdonaldsfuneralhome.com

FORTUNA, MARY

9/26/2011, age 96. Funeral was at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home. Donations to Residence Council at Grand Court of Farmington Hills. Online condolences: obnensullivanfuneralhome.com

GERACI, SUSAN E.

Age 72, of Novi, passed away 10/1/2011. Funeral mass held 10/5/2011. Contributions to ALS of MI or Angela Hospice, Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon

HEASLIP, WILLIAM H.

Age 85, of New Hudson, passed away 9/30/2011. Memorial service was held 10/1/2011. Donations to St. John's Hospice, Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon

KENNEDY, PATRICK

9/27/2011, age 46. Beloved son of Robert and Ann Soulmate of Sarah Earle. Funeral was at St. James Church, Novi. Condolences: obnensullivanfuneralhome.com

KIMBALL, ARLENE

(NEE CASWELL)

Age 75, a lifetime resident of the Milford and Highland area, passed away on September 29, 2011. Survived by her beloved husband, Gordon, loving children, Bryan (Ella), Lisa (Alan) Crow, Debbie (John) Daul, Shawna (Tim Karoly) Kimball, grandchildren, Carol (James) Goody, Chrissy (Mike) Collier, D.J. (Amanda) Lipka, Rachel, Ross, Tommy, Lindsay Lawney, Josh and Alanna Crow, Johnny and Dina Daul, Andrea, Kayla and Michelle Karoly and brother, David (Margaret) Colby. Also survived by her sister-in-laws, nieces, nephews, extended family members and many dear friends. A Funeral Mass was held at Church of The Holy Spirit, Highland, October 3, 2011. Fr. Leo Lukko officiated. Bunal Highland Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Michigan Humane Society or ASPCA. For further information please phone Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

KINSEY, DR. LYLE

9/22/2011, age 79. Beloved husband of Frances for 57 years. Funeral at St. James Church, Novi. Donations to St. John Hospice or MI Parkinson. Condolences: obnensullivanfuneralhome.com

KLINE, RICHARD V.

Age 52, passed away September 28, 2011. He was born on October 3, 1958, in Grand Haven son of Vernon and Sally Kline. Richard was an avid traveler and an excellent cook and could often be found at the grill preparing food for family gatherings. He will always be remembered as a very generous man that would always put the needs of others before his own. He is survived by his beloved wife of 21 years, Mary Jane; his parents Vernon and Sally Kline; his brother David (Julie) Kline; his father-in-law and mother-in-law John P. and Mary Jo McGowan; his brother-in-law John C. (Susan) McGowan; and his sister-in-law Christine (Barry) Witt. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews and loving friends. He was preceded in death by his brother Jeff Kline in 2006 and his nephew Zachary Kline in 2011. Visitation was held on Thursday, Sept. 29, and Friday, Sept. 30, at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. A funeral service was held on Saturday, Oct. 1, at 1:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

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MARTIN, LAURA

(NEE JAYNES)

9/22/2011, age 76. Funeral at Corpus Christi Church, Detroit. Donations to Great Lakes Caring Hospice, Bingham Farms, MI. Condolences: obnensullivanfuneralhome.com

MCCAFFERY, ELIZABETH THERESE

(NEE RAYMOND)

Age 57, of Milford and East Tawas, MI died at her home in East Tawas, MI under the loving care of her family on Thursday, September 29, 2011. She was born the daughter of George Alva and Nora Aileen (nee McAuliffe) Raymond on January 14, 1954 in Detroit, MI. Elizabeth graduated from Wayne Memorial High School in Livonia, MI and earned her Bachelor's Degree in nursing from Madonna College in 1976. She worked at Oakland County Health Department as a Public Health Nurse. Elizabeth enjoyed traveling and loved to read, she devoured books and loved everything DISNEY!! She married her husband Ken on May 21, 1976 at St. Kevin's Catholic Church in Inkster, Michigan and together they shared 35 years of marriage and raised two sons Ryan and Keith both of Milford. She is survived by her mother Nora Aileen Raymond and three brothers Chris, Gordy and Mike Raymond and two sisters Lillian Torzy and Mary King and many very special nieces and nephews. Elizabeth is preceded in death by her father, sister Nora and brothers George, John and Jim and her brother-in-law Bruce Torzy. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2011 at 10:00 AM at the St. Theodore Catholic Church in Westland, MI. If so desired memorial contributions may be made to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation At Donor Services PO Box 650309, Dallas, TX 75265-0309. Condolences may be offered at www.bureshfuneralhomes.com. Cremation arrangements were handled by the Buresh Funeral Home in Tawas City.

MCMILLION, OLIVE M.

Age 80, passed away October 3, 2011. A private family service was held. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

MITTLEMAN, MICHAEL E.

At age 63, of Northville, passed away suddenly September 28, 2011. He was born August 17, 1948 to Marshall and Margaret (nee Schulz) Mittelman. Mike received a Bachelor in Management Marketing from Western Michigan University. He retired after 36 years of service from Marathon Oil Company where he served as an executive for Speedway SuperAmerica, a subsidiary of Marathon. Mike married Cindy on October 14, 2006 and they shared a strong compassion for life and great love for each other. Known as "Uncle Mike" to many; he was very kind and generous, and a wonderful friend to all. Mike's zest for life, strong work ethic, and "can do" attitude endeared many people. He was a volunteer with the Northville Optimist Club and a board member for the Stonewater Homeowners Association. Mike was very athletic and active; he and Cindy enjoyed following the Tigers, Red Wings, and Lions. His favorite pastime was walking his dog, Shadow. He and Cindy also enjoyed many vacation trips together. Mike is survived by his beloved wife Cindy Mittelman; his step-children Theresa Snyder, Adam Snyder, Michael (Patry) Cattell and Lisa (Charlie) Otto; his siblings Marshall (Lisa) Mittelman, Mark (Margaret) Mittelman, Margaret (Steve) Marschke, and Marty (Linda) Mittelman. He was loved by numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and his dog Shadow. He was preceded in death by his parents, his grandson Michael Cattell, and his first wife Paulette Mittelman. A funeral service was held Monday, October 3, 2011 at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville. Pastor Drex Horton from All Saints Lutheran Church in Hartland officiated the service. Burial would be at Gleaners and the Wounded Warrior Project.

NUNEZ, RAYMOND WILLIAM "BILL"

Age 79 passed away September 29, 2011. He was born on September 29, 1932, in Pawtucket, Rhode Island to the late John and Ida "Trett" Nunez. He attended Springfield College graduating in 1954 upon which he entered and served in the U.S. Army. He returned to Massachusetts and married his beloved wife Claire. He then began his teaching career at Pontiac Public Schools, eventually retiring as an Associate Superintendent for Southfield Public Schools in 1988. He is a long-standing member of The Lions Club receiving an award for his many years of service. Bill is survived by his loving children Wayne (Betty Jo) Nunez of South Lyon, Paul (Shirley) Nunez of Cumming, GA, Sue Nunez of Marquette, Lezie (David) Clifton of Rochester Hills, Steve (Jill) Nunez of South Lyon; siblings: Joan O'Neill of Pawtucket, RI, Mary Lou Calandra of Seattle, WA; Ray Nunez of Pittsburgh, PA; sister-in-law Lois LaFleur of O'Fallon, IL, 12 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife Claire in 2007. Visitation was held on October 3, Monday, from 3:00 - 8:00 pm. A Liturgy of the Word funeral service was held on October 4, Tuesday at 11:00 am at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street (10 mile), South Lyon. Memorial donations may be made to the Lions Club of Michigan or St. Joseph Mercy Hospice. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

ORDAN, ALFRED GORDEN

Passed away October 3, 2011. Funeral is tentative for October 6, Thursday, at Phillips Funeral Home. Please call funeral home for details 248-437-1616

REYNOLDS, GARFIELD CLAYTON

9/20/2011, age 81 of Brighton. Respected and well-known man of integrity, honesty & respectfulness. Funeral held at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi.

SULLIVAN, JOHN "JACK"

9/27/2011, age 83. Funeral was at St. Valentine Church Redford. Donations to Capuchins Online condolences: obnensullivanfuneralhome.com

SWOPE, THOMAS M. SR.

September 27, 2011, Age 86. Beloved husband of the late Mae Lois Howitz Swope (and mother of his children) and Georgeann Howard Swope. Father of Janet Ann Torsch, Patricia Lee Majtyka, Thomas M. Swope Jr., Katherine Ann Hess, Anthony John Swope and Michelle Marie Swope. Grandfather of eleven and great-grandfather of ten. Brother of Leo P. Swope. Son of the late Katherine E. and Joseph J. Swope. Mr. Swope was a WWII combat veteran in the United States Army, and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. He achieved a Bachelor's degree from Cal Poly Tech. A past parishioner of Our Lady of Victory Church and member of the Knights of Columbus-Fourth Degree Knight, Novi Library Board of Directors, Novi Historical Society and the Crosswinds West Condominium Community. Visitation was held at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi (248) 348-1800. Funeral mass was held at Our Lady of Victory Church, 133 Orchard St., Northville. Memorial donations may be made to Our Lady of Victory Church or Autism Society of Michigan. Online condolences: www.obnensullivanfuneralhome.com

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in Family
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BOZYMOWSKI, STEPHEN T.

Passed away September 25, 2011, his 26th birthday. He was born on September 25, 1985 in Toledo, son of Thomas and Cheryl (Carbone) Bozymowski. Stephen was known for his great sense of humor and his generous, outgoing and loyal spirit. He was traditional in his values and beliefs. He loved to play with his new puppy Benji, and in his spare time enjoyed playing hockey. He had many interests in life, but his true passion was his loving wife Brenna. They would have celebrated their 1st anniversary on October 2nd. He is survived by his beloved wife Brenna; his parents Thomas and Cheryl Bozymowski; his sisters Nicole Sherlock and Kristen Bozymowski; his grandparents: Charles and Jane Carbone and his goddaughter Athena. He is also survived by his mother-in-law Anne Lyke and his father-in-law Mark Fitzgerald and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and loving friends. He was preceded in death by his grandparents Edward and Virginia Bozymowski. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, September 28 from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. and Thursday, September 29 from 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St. (Ten Mile) South Lyon. Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, September 30 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Online Guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com



CAUDILL, GARDNER

Age 82, passed away October 1, 2011. He was born on February 10, 1929, in Knott Co., Kentucky, to the late Jasper and Lula (Short) Caudill. Gardner was very involved with his family. He never missed an event with his children or grandchildren. He was a wonderful husband and father. He loved to bowl and spent his winters in Lakeland, FL. Gardner is survived by his beloved wife Gloria Kingsley-Caudill; his sons: Dale (Lisa) Caudill, Larry (Cheryl) Caudill; 4 grandchildren: Amy (A.J.) Spolsky, Casey Caudill, Jessica (Mustafa Dakroub) Winn, Ben Winn; and his siblings: Oliver, Lila, Helen, Delmar, and Devo. He was preceded in death by his first wife Cecelia "Bernice" Caudill in 1989, and his 2 brothers and 2 sisters. Visitation was held on October 5, Wednesday, from 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. A funeral service will be held on October 6, Thursday, at 11:00 a.m. with final visitation at 10:00 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church of South Lyon, 640 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

Emotional pain similar to physical pain

By Gloria Danna Brooks
Guest Columnist

As children, many of us are reminded that "sticks and stones may break my bones, but names will never hurt me." While it's true that physical pain can leave us miserable and scarred, emotional and spiritual pain can be just as damaging.

New brain scanning technologies allow scientists and doctors to analyze the brain during physically and emotionally painful events. Results are beginning to explain why those experiencing emotional distress describe their pain as an "awful headache," "ongoing stomach pain" or "heartbreak." Brain scan studies from the University of California, Los Angeles and the Uni-

versity of Michigan both reveal that we process emotional pain similar to physical pain. Thus, the brain does not distinguish between physical and emotional pain.

Yet, many people fail to recognize emotional and spiritual pain. In my line of work, it is common for end-of-life patients to experience physical pain, as well as emotional and spiritual pain. Physical pain is often easier to detect and treat than emotional and spiritual pain, but each are equally important. Physical pain can be exacerbated by emotional or spiritual pain, and the inability to manage physical pain may be the result of emotional or spiritual distress. This September, during National Pain Awareness Month, I encourage those experiencing any kind of pain to

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seek help, and urge others to be vigilant for signs of physical, emotional and spiritual pain.

Those experiencing emotional or spiritual distress often exhibit anger, agitation, guilt, helplessness, confusion, change in appetite, fatigue, depression, isolation or fear. For many, emotional and spiritual pain can be the cause of, or result in legal or financial problems and relationship difficulties. Specifically, in end-of-life patients we look for restlessness, denial, refusal to take pain medication, power struggles with caregivers,

statements about "not wanting to be a burden" or "not wanting to live like this," and symbolic language suggesting distress or unresolved concerns.

Like physical pain, emotional and spiritual pain can be treated. When pain is identified, physical pain symptoms can be treated to allow patients and families to focus on their relationships. Volunteers, spiritual care coordinators and social workers offer their assistance, with activities, such as meditation, prayer, music therapy, massage therapy, pet therapy and art therapy, which can

help reduce despair and distress.

We need to begin by understanding and accepting that emotional and spiritual pain is real and can hurt just as much as physical pain. Overlooking or ignoring signs of emotional and spiritual distress do nothing to improve quality of life or patient care. Name-calling may not break a bone, but it leaves a scar no different than sticks and stones.

Gloria Danna Brooks is president and CEO of Arbor Hospice, which serves communities in Jackson, Lenawee, Livingston, Monroe, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne counties, with offices in Ann Arbor, Monroe, Plymouth and Woodhaven. For more information, visit www.arborhospice.org or call (888) 992-2273.

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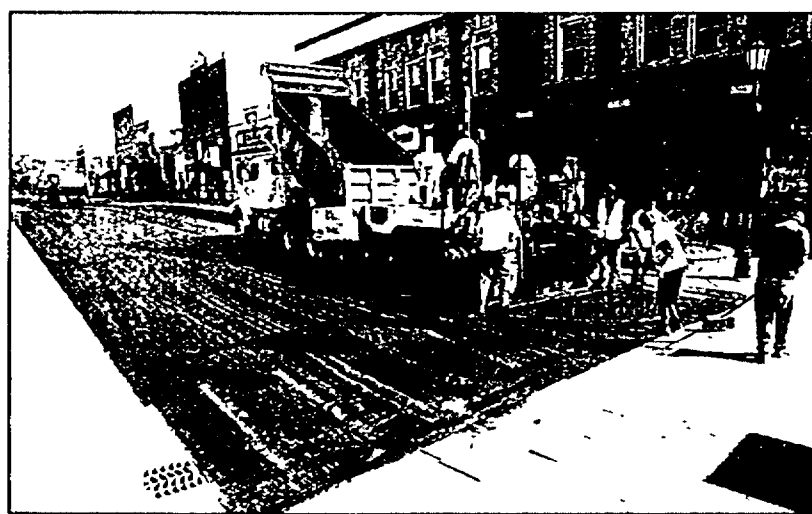
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Paving work



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Workers with the Nagle Paving Company complete a section of downtown Northville's Center Street near Main on Oct. 4. The downtown area's seen a lot of construction equipment and closed streets over the summer and early fall, but with the completion of its repaving and brickwork on its intersections, the effort will soon come to a close.

Work continues on Beck through Friday

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

There have traffic delays on Beck Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads since Monday and it will last through Friday, according to Northville Township deputy director of public services Tom Casari.

The Wayne County Department of Public Services, Roads Division has informed Northville and the residents along the route of its project to carry out deep strength asphalt repairs on that

section of the highly-traveled road from Oct. 3-7. Casari said it is not a complete resurfacing, but more of a patching of the problem areas.

"Much of the work will be done between Main Street and Eight Mile, but there will be a few patch areas near Seven Mile," said Casari.

The county road crews will have both lanes closed at different times with flagmen directing traffic. During the closures workers will saw cut pot holes out and broken

up sections, and then put down stone and new asphalt.

Casari said the county has been getting complaints on this area of Beck for some time and wanted to repair it before winter. The weather next week is expected to be decent enough for it to be wrapped up by Friday.

"But knock on wood... we don't want drivers to be held up much beyond that time, it's a very busy road," Casari added.

For more information, contact Casari at (248) 662-0497.

NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

Larcenies from Automobiles

1 During the last week of September, Northville Township police had reports of three larcenies from vehicle incidents.

The first one occurred on Sept. 27 or 28 at a home on Lake Success Drive. A Northville man told police his front, left tire and rim had been stolen, and the vehicle was damaged around the fender from it being dropped to the ground.

The other incidents involved unlocked vehicles parked outside the home. The unknown suspects took such things as

a purse, credit cards and GPS devices.

Minor Intoxicated

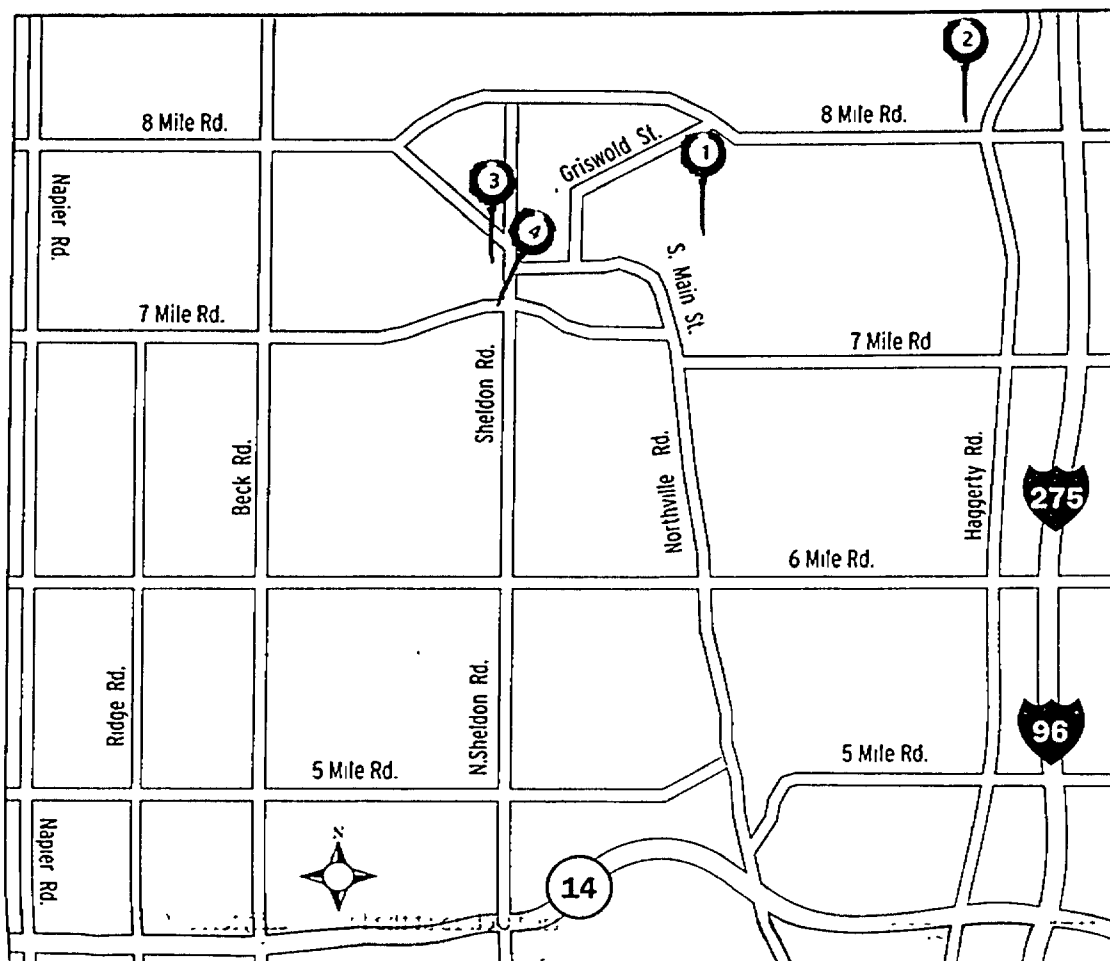
2 An 18-year-old Walled Lake teenager is cited for minor in possession after Northville Township police find him trying to get inside a vehicle not belonging to him.

On Oct. 1, police responded to a report of an intoxicated man trying to get into a vehicle at Office Depot on Haggerty Road. The teen thought it was his friend's car, but it wasn't. The report stated the officer smelled intoxicants on the teen's breath and his speech was slurred.

The police cited the teen after the breathalyzer registered a blood-alcohol content of .147 percent.

Pumpkin Larceny

3 A Northville man attempted to steal a pumpkin on Oct. 2, but



was stopped after police spotted the man running down the street with it.

A police officer was going eastbound on

Dunlap Street when he observed the 25-year-old man running down the street with a pumpkin, which turned out he tak-

en from Orin Jewelers in downtown.

The police made the man put the pumpkin back and asked Orin if they wanted to press charges. They did not.

DWLS

4 A multi-offender for traffic related offenses is nabbed by the Northville city police.

On Sept. 28, an officer was posted at Edward Hines Drive and S. Wing Street when a vehicle driven by a Howell man was spotted with expired

tags on its license plate. The man told the officer he was suspended and had two warrants out for his arrest for traffic-related offenses.

He was taken into custody and later released after the two other police departments stated they did not want to pick up the 60-year-old man on his warrants. He was cited for an expired plate and no insurance. The case is still open.

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Lonnie Huhman

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Fashion's Night Out



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While it was Fashion's Night Out across the country, locally, many fundraisers were held throughout Metro Detroit in conjunction with the nationwide event. Saks Fifth Avenue hosted an evening of "Substance and Style" to benefit the Children's Miracle Network at Beaumont Children's Hospital in Troy. Pictured (l to r) are Northville residents Eileen Petroff, Keith and Adele Kwasny and Kathleen Foland.



Katie Bischoff of St. Clair Shores and Joanna and Laura Dembrowski of Northville.



Evan and Laurie Lyall and Todd and Kathleen Foland of Northville.

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Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: City Hall, 215 W. Main St.

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Time: 8 a.m.

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Contact: downtownnorthville.com

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Location: City Hall

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Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Old Village School

City of Northville CITY COUNCIL

WEDDING

Hooper & Datson

Lori Ellen Hooper and William Henry Datson III of Taylor Michigan were married 2 p.m. Sept. 24, 2011, in historic Northville by Reverend Alex Riegel of UUCF Church, Farmington Hills. The Detroit Tigers-themed wedding was held at the Northville Senior Center.

The bride, daughter of Sue and Kirk Hooper, of Northville, wore a satin strapless sweetheart wedding gown with a chapel length train, which was embroidered with a navy blue old English D. Her bridal bouquet was orange and white roses with the stems wrapped with her great-great grandmother's handkerchief.

The groom, son of Judith and William Datson II, of Taylor, wore a navy blue tuxedo with a white tie and handkerchief embroidered with a navy blue old Eng-

lish D.

The bride's friend, Grace Peruski of Linden, was matron of honor. The bridesmaids were friends Lisa Gardner of Taylor, Melanie Lamanski of Warren, and cousin of the bride Marci Stier of Laingsburg. The attendants wore navy blue gowns embroidered with an orange old English D near the hem and carried orange gerber daisies.

The groom's friend Jason Suiter, of Taylor, was best man. The groom's brothers Judd Gardner of Taylor, Timothy Datson of Toledo and the bride's brother Tyler Hooper of Northville all served as groomsmen. The groomsmen all wore navy blue tuxedos with navy blue ties and handkerchiefs embroidered with the orange old English D.

The bride's brother, Lieutenant Seth Hooper USN, of Monterey, Calif., and her



William Henry Datson III and Lori Ellen Hooper

uncle, David Hooper, of Haslett, served as ushers for the wedding.

The Detroit Tigers-themed reception was held at the Wixom Community center with guests from across the country in attendance.

The couple will honeymoon in California where they will attend two Major League baseball games as well as visit other southern

California attractions.

The bride, a Northville High graduate class of 2000 is employed by Smile Programs Mobile Dentists as logistics coordinator. She is also a part-time employee for the Detroit Tigers.

The groom, a graduate of Taylor's Truman High class of 1994, is an estimator for The Envelope Printery. They will make their home in Taylor, Mich.

ENGAGEMENT



Emily Smith and Stephen Hamilton

Smith & Hamilton

Emily Ruth Smith, of Northville, and Stephen Joseph Hamilton, of Novi, are engaged to be married Oct. 15 at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville with a reception in Novi.

The bride-to-be's parents are Troy and Denise Smith, of Northville. She graduated from University of Michigan - Dearborn with a bachelor's degree in business administration. She is a data manager at Thomson Reuters, Ann Arbor.

The groom-elect is the son of Matthew and Kathleen Hamilton, of Novi. He also graduated from University of Michigan - Dearborn with a bachelor's in business administration and is a mortgage banker at One Reverse Mortgage, Detroit.

WEDDING



Steven Bonventre and Jessica Hagan

Hagan & Bonventre

Jessica Hagan, of Novi, and Steven Bonventre, of Northville, were married May 14, 2011, at Academy of the Sacred Heart, Bloomfield Hills, with Monsignor John Budde officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Catie and Rick Hagan, of Novi. She graduated in 2002 from Novi High School and in 2006 from Michigan State University. She is a certified public accountant.

The groom is the son of Joyce and Joe Bonventre, of Northville. He

graduated in 2003 from Divine Child High School and in 2007 from Aquinas College. He is also a certified public accountant.

The bride's attendants included Christina Hagan and Kaitlyn Hagan (co-maids-of-honor), Joanne Fowler and Erin Rheumie.

The groom's attendants included Dan Fowler (best man), Chris Essenberg, Micah Stedman and Dev Shah.

A reception was held at Meadowbrook Country Club, Northville. The couple honeymooned in the Bahamas and now reside in Northville.

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OUR VIEWS

Ready for Nov. 8?

Register by Tuesday to vote in Northville election

With the Nov. 8 election fast approaching, the *Northville Record* will be providing profiles and endorsements of candidates for Northville City Council and Board of Education as well as a millage vote. Candidate Q&As will be published in our Oct. 20 edition; endorsements will run the following week.

The polls will be open on Election Day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Northville residents will vote for two Northville City Council candidates (Nancy Darga, Robert Grant or Ryan McKindles); Mayor Christopher Johnson is running unopposed; Anita Bartschat and Scott Craig are the only two running for two seats on the Northville School Board; and there will be a Northville Public Schools Operating Millage Renewal Proposal on the ballot.

Of course, as much information as we provide readers, it won't matter if you're not registered to vote (and, of course, go to the polls and cast your vote). Passing on this privilege would be a shame. Here are the details you need to know:

Michigan residents have until Tuesday, Oct. 11, to register in order to vote in the Nov. 8 general election. To register, applicants must be at least 18 years old by Election Day and be U.S. citizens. Applicants must also be residents of Michigan and of the city or township in which they wish to register.

Voters may register by mail, at their county, city or township clerk's office or by visiting any Secretary of State branch office. The mail-in form is available at www.Michigan.gov/elections. First-time voters who register by mail must vote in person in their first election, unless they hand-deliver the application to their local clerk, are 60 years old or older, are disabled or are eligible to vote under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act.

To check their registration status, residents may visit the Michigan Voter Information Center at www.Michigan.gov/vote. Residents can also find information there on absentee voting, Michigan's voter identification requirement, how to use voting equipment and how to contact their local clerk. In addition, they will find a map to their local polling place and a sample ballot.

Voters who qualify may choose to cast an absentee ballot. As a registered voter, you may obtain an absentee ballot if you are:

- age 60 or older.
- physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another.
- expecting to be absent from the community in which you are registered for the entire time the polls will be open on Election Day.
- in jail awaiting arraignment or trial.
- unable to attend the polls due to religious reasons.
- appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct outside of your precinct of residence.

Those who wish to receive their absentee ballot by mail must submit their application by 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5. Absentee ballots can be obtained in person anytime through 4 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 7. Voters who request an absentee ballot in person on Monday, Nov. 7 must fill out the ballot in the clerk's office.

Emergency absentee ballots are available under certain conditions through 4 p.m. on Election Day.

As a reminder, voters will be asked to provide identification when at the polls on Election Day. They will be asked to present valid photo ID, such as a Michigan driver's license or identification card. Anyone who does not have an acceptable form of photo ID or failed to bring it with them to the polls can still vote. They will be required to sign a brief affidavit stating that they're not in possession of photo ID. Their ballots will be included with all others and counted on Election Day.

Voters who don't have a Michigan driver's license or identification card can show the following forms of photo ID, as long as they are current:

- Driver's license or personal identification card issued by another state.
- Federal or state government-issued photo identification.
- U.S. passport.
- Military identification card with photo.
- Student identification with photo from a high school or an accredited institution of higher education, such as a college or university.
- Tribal identification card with photo.

Additional election information can be found at www.Michigan.gov/elections.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What do you think of political yard signs?



"They're free speech, but I wish they would pick them up as soon as the election is over, maybe a three-day window."

Alicia Zagar
Canton



"It's interesting to see who your neighbors support."

Jim Hodson (with grandson Camron)
Royal Oak



"I think they're trash and they clutter. I don't think a lawn sign changes anybody's mind."

Eleanor Pluta
Commerce Township



"I don't care for them. It's (candidate preference) not something I care to share."

Angela Koerner
Canton

LETTERS

Responding to Dr. Katz

This is in reply to your opinion noted in a recent Hometown paper thanking the Tea Party for the recent issues relating to the value of your retirement funds and entitlements. Apparently you should look at what is happening in Europe. Greece and Spain are having problems since their government didn't start to talk about their debts and entitlements. Now they have significant issues as they never address their spending issue/entitlement mentality. So you think it is better to start standing and forcing our government to spend less than they take in? Then our dollar will be worth more in the world economy. Then your retirement investments will start to grow again instead of weakening.

Don't trust everything the major media or our leaders say. Listen to what they are not saying or who is saying it. That is where the real information can be gained.

Also, you should check into your comment - "We serious should put the blame on the favor of Tea Party crazies and the irresponsibility of the Republican-dominated Congress and defeat them in November". Only half is controlled by Republicans, the Senate is still controlled by the Democrats. It's our leader that needs to lead and unite the country as we are all Americans and should not be jealous of those that have more. We should all be given the opportunity to be wealthy and not taxed by a government that wastes our money. Don't you agree, Doctor Katz?

Kenneth Gutowski
Northville

Taxpayer money takes wrong path

As I was looking at my damaged front rim on my bicycle which was caused by hitting a huge pothole at the Seven Mile and Sheldon Road intersection, I noticed what appeared to be a bridge and path in the woods. Where could this path lead too? Was the bridge an attempt to by-pass the destroyed intersection that more resembled a goat path in Afghanistan than a road in Michigan? After much contemplation, it appears that this bridge and path do nothing for the heavily-destroyed intersection.

Where does this path lead to, where does it come from and why was it built? I have a hard time believing that the \$1.13 million dollars for this project is a good use of taxpayer dollars. I also question the thinking that this is a "world-class" project sitting in the near distance of the craters and holes that make up the Seven Mile-Sheldon Road intersection. As beautiful a pathway as this is, it seems to be more of a nice-to-have than a must-have. More misspent tax dollars at work!

Tim & Lori Sullivan
Northville

Right to Work wrong

When a constant Republican claims that Right to Work laws will create more jobs, one may infer that three people will be working for the same total cost of two employees. The ultimate goal: an increase of profits

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for his supporters - the employer and his investors

That the wage-earners' standard of living goes downward is not the concern of Right to Work advocates. Wage-earners are more apt to be Democrats and, if so, their economic status is a concern.

Patrick M. Downey
Novi

Teen driving curfew too early

The new law that gives a 10 p.m. driving curfew to 16-year-olds is ridiculous. Parents should be able to decide if their teenager is responsible enough to drive after 10 p.m. The law creates a safety issue because teens are rushing and speeding to get home at such an early time. Many activities like sporting events and movies don't end before that time, and it makes life more difficult for parents that have to drive at that time. The curfew for 16-year-olds needs to be changed back to the previous law when the curfew was 12 a.m.

The two additional hours will create improvement in driving skills, and allow the driver to get more experience with night-time driving. Also, the two extra hours don't require the driver to have any more experience.

The law that allows only one other passenger in a vehicle with a 16-year-old also makes night-time driving safer, as there is less distraction in the vehicle. At that time of night there are fewer vehicles on the road, which means there is less chance of an accident.

As 16-year-olds, we can continue to prove to our parents that we are responsible drivers by obeying the current driving laws and rules. We can get our parents to write letters and make phone calls to our local government officials and Congressmen. We can create awareness in our schools by asking our Student Council to get this message out to students by email or other school communications. With a continuous effort by all students through these channels, we can improve our lawmakers' awareness that 16-year-olds are more responsible and safe. With this effort we can get them to change the curfew back to 12 a.m.

Brooke Laney
Novi High School student

Show pom some respect

After bringing home two back-to-back state champions and working

hard three to six days a week, Novi varsity pom deserves more respect as a team. Although pom may not be as popular as football or basketball to people around the community, pom means a lot to many people at our school and in the city of Novi. In our eyes, pom is the hardest sport there is and should be recognized because of it.

In 2010, Novi varsity pom took home their first state championship since 2001. In the pom community, this was unheard of. Although this was so important to the team, coaches, and friends and family it was barely recognized within Novi High School and the city of Novi. This was very hurtful to Novi Pom considering all of the hard work that was put into that competition. Novi pom's next wins were in June 2010, November 2010, and again winning States in February 2011. This gave Novi varsity pom an undefeated season. And not to our surprise, we were hardly acknowledged among our other winning peers.

I hope that people around the city of Novi will begin to recognize our sport and come to support us. On Oct. 7 this year Novi varsity pom will be performing at our Friday night football game with Northville varsity pom, and again on Oct. 21 will be walking in the parade and performing at Novi's homecoming game. Finally, on Nov. 6, the varsity and junior varsity teams will be competing at MAPP High Kick competition at Eastern Michigan University. It would be greatly appreciated if fans came to these performances and supported Novi pom just as much as they support other sports.

Gillian Auttersson
Novi Varsity Pommer

Smog leaves kids gasping for breath

Every day should be a safe day to breathe, but on far too many days, children and seniors in the Detroit area and across Michigan are exposed to dangerous smog pollution. According to a new Environment Michigan report, residents in the Detroit area were exposed to air quality that made it dangerous to breathe on 12 days last year, ranking it the 23rd smoggiest large metropolitan area in the country. Smog pollution leads to more asthma attacks, increased respiratory difficulty, and reduced lung function, and the impacts are worse for children, the elderly and people with respiratory illnesses.

Rather than updating smog standards this year, President Obama abandoned any strengthening of the standard until 2013. Michigan's children deserve better; President Obama should establish an updated standard for smog pollution that is based on the science. Additionally, Michigan's members of Congress should stand up for Michiganders' health and oppose any attacks on the Clean Air Act - including the "TRAIN" Act (H.R. 2401) - which would roll back existing clean air protections for smog-forming pollution and other deadly pollutants.

Jessica Summa
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LIMELIGHT

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to appeal to all people and tastes."

The idea came about after Buckhave realized the potential of taking the work displayed and sold by artists at the various summer festivals and putting it into a year-around store front.

LimeLight has approached artists with the slogan, "It's time... to be in the LimeLight!"—meaning, it's time for small entrepreneurs and local artists to showcase their talents and wares at the downtown store in its offered rental spaces. This is what LimeLight is doing. Each space has a fee according to the size used. The store also takes a small commission from the generated sales.

The venue offers enough space for up to 50 artists with room to grow into other areas of Northville Square. Art studios are also in the works.

At LimeLight, the artists and entrepreneurs have arranged their work into individual vignettes. One is Detroit artist Patti Kay, who is the featured

artist for the store's opening on the First Friday on Oct. 7.

She thinks this new store is a great thing for everyone involved.

"It's a collaborative idea that's good for everyone," Kay said. "It's good for the artists because it gives us a store front and wider opportunity. It's nice to be supported this way."

Kay's main pieces of work are her vintage Detroit bus scrolls that display the street names and destinations from the city's historical past. She said this "History made. Simply chic." scroll idea is not original, but the localized look take is.

The scrolls were formerly used by the bus drivers to indicate the stops along the route. They are from the 1940s through 1960s. She has received many emotive responses to these causing her to expand the idea into making custom-made scrolls for people who have specific names and places in mind.

To see more, go to the opening on Oct. 7 or contact the store by email at limelightemporium@gmail.com.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Margene Buckhave takes a look at some of the reproduction print works of Detroit Bus scrolls of artist Patti Kay at Northville Square's LimeLight Emporium. Buckhave, who will have the art gallery up and running full time by this month's First Friday night - will feature local artists in the ground level shop.

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said this overall project is one of the most unique ones he has worked on.

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He said there are still a number of things to do before the project is

completed, including landscaping and paving of the pathway. Early November is the projected completion date.

When it came time to set the bridge, the crane was about 198 feet extended and Northville police had to close down that section of the road as it was briefly lifted into the air.

The bridge is strong and big enough to support an emergency vehicle, according to Rice, so it attracted some onlookers with their cell phones and cameras.

CUSTODIANS

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reached with 214, the board of education still had the ability to go ahead with privatization.

Joan Wadsworth, board president, said they value the work that has been done by the outgoing staff, but the district has been put into this position by the funding cuts made

by the state.

"We have struggled mightily to balance what we believe is in the best interests of our students," Wadsworth said of the board's mindset in making these budget-driven decisions.

In the end it came down to the selection committee picking GRBS over Enviro-Clean.

In a released statement, the committee stated they made the recommendation to the board of education: "Largely because of the anticipated increases in hourly wages, lower employee contributions to health care, and the perceived employee-focus that should positively increase retention after a 'settling in' period."

The committee stated the main factors that separated the two final bids were feedback from other districts who already use the private services, operational differences, health insurance plans and employee earning potential to improve retention.

Both companies received positive feedback. However, Enviro-Clean proposed a staff of around 50 while GRBS said it could meet the district's needs with 41 employees. Currently, the staff is at 39.

What tipped the scales in favor of GRBS is that they would be offering regular wage increases to employees and a higher percentage (80 percent) of employer-paid insurance. Both of these are thought to help with retention.

This decision was made at the last board meeting, and many in attendance were wondering how this will impact the everyday lives of the students and those custodians who have made a living out of keeping the buildings clean.

"They have forged relationships with the kids and teachers," Northville

resident Tom Hughes said to the board. "Every time I walk into a place it's clean."

Even though his five children have graduated, he went on to express his concerns by emphasizing the custodians have families and deserve jobs that pay decent money. He believes the starting hourly rate planned to be offered by GRBS is not going to attract the type of employees needed to maintain what has been established by the outgoing staff.

GRBS is proposing a starting rate of \$9.25 for full-time custodians.

Chris Bernard, whose son attends Moraine Elementary, said in addition to the teachers, the custodians there have stood as good examples for the students. He is concerned about the change in staff and new faces coming into the school.

Zopf said the outgoing employees would get first priority in hiring consideration. Wadsworth did note they are a little concerned with the initial turnover rate reported by GRBS; it is in the area of 10-15 percent in the second year of a contract.

Many of the custodians attending the meeting wondered about their future.

Carla Macintosh, a district custodian for 17 years and longtime resident, told the board she has a vested interest in the district. She thinks the custodians have given back a lot to help make Northville a great school system.

Mary White, another longtime custodian, said if she does come back as an employee with GRBS she would probably have to take a significant pay cut to stay on and do the job she has done for so long.

"A lot of us will probably have to go elsewhere," White said of their future.

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Lego art



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Andrew Crieghton, 7, works on a Lego spaceship during a Sept. 21 event at the Northville District Library called "Hooray for Legos." Kids got to go to create their own piece of Lego art, and then submit it to judges to see who came up with the most creative construction.

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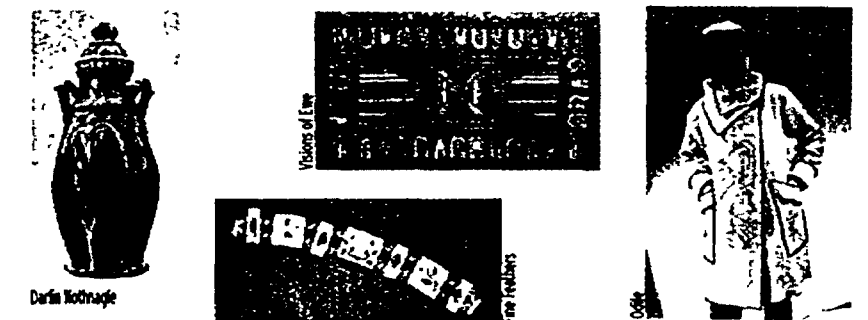
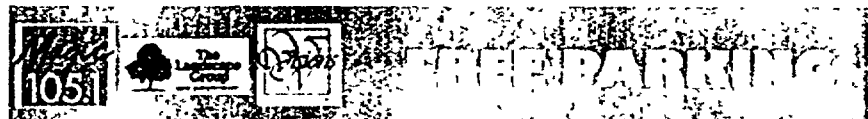
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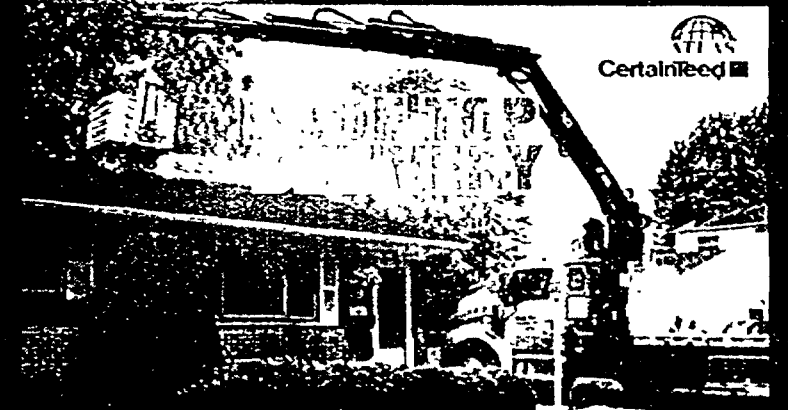
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A quartet of dogs and their owners enjoy a nice night at the Northville Dog Park off Cady Street recently. At right, it may look scary, but Northville resident Bob Grant's simply having fun with his Portuguese water dog "Jala" on Aug. 30 at the city's dog park. Grant was running around getting his 10-month-old puppy wound up so she'd be more relaxed at home.



Wicked run



Local school of dance, Piazza Dance Company, is getting ready for a wicked Halloween. Twenty five of Piazza's intensive-level students will be performing a ghastly piece to Michael Jackson's "Thriller" at the Wicked Halloween Run in downtown Plymouth. The piece will be choreographed by popular Piazza instructor Lindsey Humpert. The performers will dance before each of the three races taking place on Oct. 30. Among the performers are, Rachel Szopko, a sophomore at Churchill High School in Livonia, Lily Sheppard, a sixth grader at St. Fabian in Farmington Hills, Katie Orlich, a seventh grader at Holmes Middle School in Livonia and Morgan Besant, a fifth grader from Novi. More than 15 of the dancers reside in Northville. Some of these students include Paige Antilla, a freshman at Northville High School, Sarah Peterson, a sixth grader at Meads Mill and Rachel Gunder, a fifth grader at Moraine Elementary. Piazza Dance Company draws dancers from many communities with their wide range of dance genres and dedicated teaching staff. Owners, Gina Piazza and Marilyn Piazza-Esper, encourage their dancers to embrace every performance opportunity available.

Winning ways



Ashley and Carter Martin-Borghi of Northville were winners in the Victorian Festival's duck race, held Sunday, Sept. 18, at Mill Race Historic Village.

Civil War presentation



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History buffs attend at Sept. 14 presentation at the Northville District Library on the pre-history of the U.S. Civil War presented by Al Smitley.



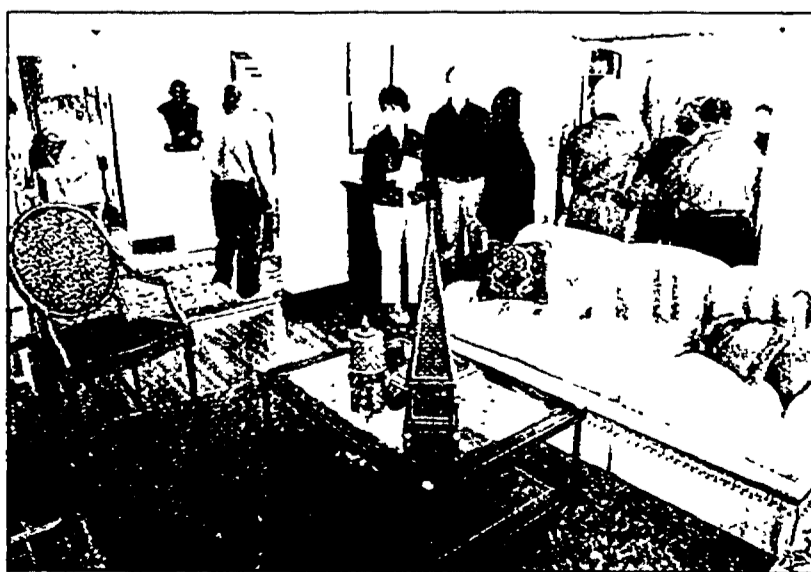
With a banjo in one hand and a laptop in front of him, former Northville District librarian and historian Al Smitley hosts a Sept. 14 event at the library that looked at the pre-history of the Civil War. Using visuals, music and actors from the audience, Smitley gave a concise lead up to the nation's bloodiest conflict. It was part of the NDL's efforts for that week's Victorian Festival.



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Vickie Dickenson leads a tour through the Demray mansion on Griswold on Sept. 24 as part of an American Association of University Women fundraiser. The Northville branch held a home tour in Northville that day in four different homes. The Demray mansion hosted a charity preview event on Sept. 23.

Mansion tour



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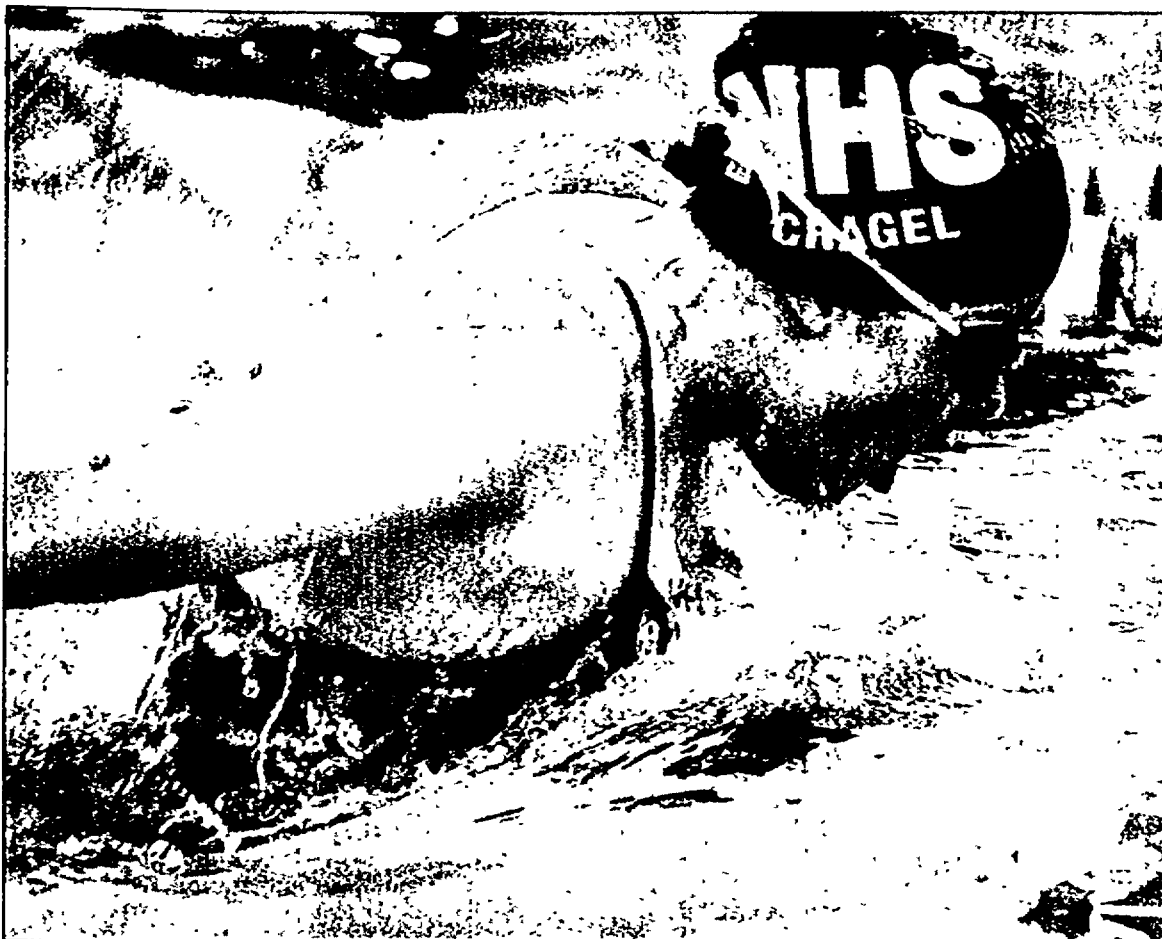
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Northville Mustang Megan Cragel swims the butterfly portion of a 200 yard team medley during a Sept. 27 home meet.

'Stang tankers dominate Walled Lake Western

Squad gets the chance to have a little fun with mixed up lineup

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Sports are meant to be serious, of course, but it's always nice when a varsity team can have a little fun while they're competing, too.

The Northville Mustangs girls swimming and diving team got to do that last week when they swam against the Walled Lake Western Warriors. The team added to the fun by dominating the meet, 137-47.

"I was able to let the girls choose what events they wanted to swim, which always means that the girls will have fun and usually swim fast," said coach Brian McNeff. "I was also able to put some girls in varsity heats that aren't usually in them. Those swimmers responded well and swam fast." It's a pleasure when this kind of opportunity arises, said McNeff, and boosts confidence all the way around.

"This kind of meet shows my girls that just because you swim exhibition for our team does not mean that you are a bad swimmer," he said. "A lot of our girls would be top swimmers on a lot of different teams, but because of our depth, they don't always see that."

The meet started with a second place finish for the squad as the 200 medley relay team of Shilpi Sharma, Shelby Mroz, Megan Cragel and Arlexis Branson finished with a time of 2:15.2, followed by the Northville team of Tess Breuch, Natalie Filipowicz, Chandler Hilton and Hannah Mullally in third with a 2:15.59.



After winning her heat of the 50 yard freestyle on Sept. 27, Mustang Briana Schoenek looks up to the board for her exact time.

In the 200 free event, Maevie Nichols took first, followed by Sarah Jane Jones in second, Maddie Rainey in third and Hope Miller in fourth for a full sweep of the event. Jessica Yan led the Mustangs in the 200 individual medley, taking a first place, while Megan Conner took second and Mroz was fourth. The 50 freestyle found Briana Schoenek taking first place while Elizabeth Hetu finished third and Lily Chen was fourth.

In the diving event, Andrea Meister took first with 229.85 points, followed by Mattison Boucha in second with 229.3 and Erin Aquinto in fourth with 149.1.

"A common theme from this meet was the impressive diving," said McNeff. "Andrea and

Mattison continue to improve with each meet and I am really excited to see what they are going to accomplish by the end of the season."

The meet continued with Schoenek taking first in the 100 butterfly, followed by Nichols and Maria Gutowski in third and fourth, respectively. In the 100 freestyle, Leah Erlandson was first while Michelle Song finished second and Filipowicz was fourth. Grace LaFreniere led all comers in the 500 freestyle, taking first, while Susan Morris was second and Lauren Jarzembowski finished the sweep with a third.

Northville also took first and second in the 200 free relay before Madison Schulz took first in the 100 backstroke, fol-



Mustang Erin Aquinto dives on Sept. 27 against Walled Lake Western.

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls swimming and diving team will be back in the pool when they visit Salem at 6:30 p.m. today before hosting Canton Oct. 11 with a 6:30 p.m. start.

lowed by Breuch in third, Miller in fourth and Jena Drago in fifth.

In the 100 breaststroke, Sarah Lohman captured the top spot while Loren Evans finished second and Simone Young was fourth.

Northville concluded the meet with a first and second in the 400 freestyle relay. The team of Katie Butler, Sarah Cullet, Maria Gutowski and Emily Mulcrone took the top spot, followed by the team of Emily Iverson, Blair Winkler, Breuch and Ashley Moore.

Mustangs whip Spartans

Northville cruises, 49-7

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Unbeaten Northville dominated in all phases of the game on a damp and chilly Friday night and the result was a convincing 49-7 victory over host Livonia Stevenson.

The Mustangs, who galloped to a 42-0 half-time lead, improved to 6-0 overall and 4-0 in the KLA's Central Division.

"I'm really proud of the way our team played tonight," Northville coach Matt Ladach said. "We came out and played a good, over-all football game — offense, defense, special teams. They all did well and I'm very proud of them."

Stevenson (2-4, 1-3) was minus starting junior quarterback Joe Mims, who got injured on the final play of the Spartans' 16-14 loss the previous Friday against South Lyon.

Backup quarterback Adam Wheeler was thrown into the fire and Northville scored its first touchdown just 1:32 into the game,

when senior Jeffrey Hewlett jumped a sideline route and returned the interception 31 yards for a score.

That catapulted the Mustangs to a 27-0 first-quarter advantage.

Senior quarterback Jeff Gertley hit Brett MacDonald on a 16-yard TD pass. Jack Henderson then blocked a punt and MacDonald scooped up the loose ball and returned it 15 yards for another score, followed by Gertley's 1-yard TD sneak.

Northville's no-huddle, fast-paced offense tacked two more scores on the board in the second quarter, including a 32-yard run by Gertley followed by a 5-yard run by Brandon Love with only 19 seconds left in the half for a 42-0 advantage.

"That is our philosophy — we try to be high-tempo as we can be — and we were really able to execute well tonight," Ladach said.

Gertley was 4-of-8 passing on the night for 108 yards and added a

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Northville hires new girls tennis coach

Brady Crosby replaces veteran coach Sandy Woolfall

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Northville High School has been lucky to field some incredible talent on their tennis courts over the years, especially in the girls varsity ranks.

This spring, that tradition will continue both on the court and on the coaching staff. The athletics department announced Monday that a Brady Crosby has been hired as the new head coach for the girls' varsity tennis team.

Crosby, a graduate of Livonia Stevenson and Western Michigan University, replaced longtime head coach Sandy Woolfall.

Crosby is no stranger to the demands of high school sports. While a Spartan athlete with Stevenson, Crosby was an All-State selection in both soccer and high school and was named the Michigan Athlete of the Year in 2003. At Western Michigan University he was team captain, first team All-Conference, ranked

as high as 52nd in the country in Division I singles and winner of the Mid-American Conference Sportsmanship Award.

"The Northville athletic department is very excited to have Brady Crosby as the head coach of the Northville High School girls tennis program," said athletics director Bryan Masi in a prepared statement. "Brady is a well-respected teacher and coach in the tennis community. We believe his experience, knowledge, and character will help our program to continue to achieve at a high level."

Crosby is likely familiar with many members of the team already as he is currently a tennis professional with The Sports Club of Novi and Meadowbrook Country Club.

"I am really excited to work with such a successful program and I am looking forward to the spring and the start of what should be a great year for the girl's tennis team," Crosby said.

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Mustangs boys cross country running well

Squad overcoming conditions, illness and injuries to win

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Sometimes it just feels like everything is stacked against you — just ask the Northville Mustangs boys cross country team.

Over the past couple of weeks, the Mustangs have not only had to take on some of the toughest teams on their schedule, but also combat injuries, illness and the weather in order to earn wins. This past week, unfortunately, that was no different.

But, under the guidance of coach Chris Cronin, the Mustangs have proven that they won't be deterred. Despite rainy, sloppy conditions last Tuesday, the squad earned a 15-48 victory over the Novi Wildcats in divisional action. In addition, they went out and raced in the Coach-

ing Legends Invitational where they finished fifth out of a field of 22 teams. "We had several outstanding performances," said Cronin of the dual meet against Novi.

Leading the charge for the Mustangs were Dan Sims, who ran a 16:41, and Edward Clifton, who ran a 16:47. Sims' time makes him 11th best on Cass Benton for a Northville runner.

"Today was simply a microcosm of Dan's season; he pushed it from the opening gun to the finish line," Cronin said. "That's what he does."

Clifton was a few meters behind Sims as they crossed the line.

"Edward continues to look strong," the coach continued. "We have the strongest one-two punch in the KLAAs, and their success will direct our

sails as a team."

Third for Northville was young gun Nick Noles, who ran to third with a 17:13. Noles eclipsed the previous freshman record on Cass Benton, which was set in 2003 by Jasen Turnbull.

"Nick has been so steady for us all year," Cronin said. "Today he took it to another level. He is the fastest freshman I've ever coached, and he currently owns one of the 10 best freshman times in Michigan this year."

Rounding out the scoring for the Mustangs were Jason Lerner, who finished fourth with 17:21, followed by Neson Nesmith in fifth and Jason Ferrante in sixth. It was the first time in Northville boys cross country that the Mustangs took the top six spots against a team



A pack of Mustangs leads a few Wildcats in the rain at Cass Benton on Sept. 27.

from Novi.

At the Legends Invitational, the Mustangs had four medalists with Sims in sixth place (16:13), Noles in 31st (17:03), Lerner in 34th (17:05) and Clifton in 35th (17:06).

"Sims went out and ran with Saline's number one (runner), Nick Renberg,

for the first mile, but the pace was too much and he had to back off," Cronin said. "I think it was good for Dan to test his limits today. The first mile was 4:59, and that is the fastest he has gone all year. He will need to be around 5:00 for the regional if he expects to be in the lead

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs boys cross country team will be running again when they visit South Lyon East at 5:35 p.m. Oct. 11. They will then run in the conference meet Oct. 20.

group. Having the experience of that speed now is a bonus."

Clifton's time was slowed by illness after recently recovering from a minor injury. He found out later he was suffering from the flu.

"Edward gave us his best, but his body wouldn't let him run his normal pace today," said Cronin.

The junior varsity team also ran well at the Legends invite, taking third of 18 teams with Jimmy Castellana finishing third (17:50), Alex Chevor taking 10th (18:01), Drew Kanya finishing in 14th (18:03) and Austin Kittrell running to 38th (18:40). All of those runners medaled.

Mustangs girls harriers have another strong week

Squad running on all cylinders with win over Novi, fourth at invite

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Bad weather? Injuries? Illness?

These are all things that can hamper a sports team's success — unless, of course, they are the Northville Mustangs girls

cross country team.

Not rain nor mud nor haggard cough could keep the Mustangs from running to victory last week as they defeated cross-town rival Novi last Tuesday before going on to take fourth in the Legends Invitational.

Last Tuesday, the squad was hampered with sickness and injury and foul weather, but they still managed to secure another dual meet win — their third in a row — as they edged the Wildcats, 26-33. The victory puts the Mustangs in the catbird

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls cross country team is scheduled to be back out on the race course when they run in the Wayne County Invitational Saturday. The team will then run at South Lyon East Oct. 11 with a 5:35 p.m. start.

seat as far as the division standings go with just two dual meets remaining against South Lyon East and South Lyon.

Novi did manage to take the top two spots in the race, but the Mustangs secured the win by playing seven runners in the top 10. Leading the way for Northville was young Rachel Coleman, who took third with a season-best Cass Benton time of 19:54. Behind them was

Taleen Shahrigan in fifth (20:08), Gina McNamara in sixth (20:15), Katie Vandervoort in eighth (20:37), Alex Rodriguez in ninth (20:38) and Nicole Mosteller in 10th (20:40).

"The entire squad ran great today with 25 athletes running better times than the previous week at Cass," said coach Nancy Smith.

On Saturday, the Mustangs ran to fourth place at the Legends Invitational and the junior varsity team ran to second place. The competition was stiff with seven of the top 10 ranked teams in Michigan racing. Saline won the meet with 71 points, followed by Grosse Pointe South with 92 and Seaholm in third with 94. Northville finished with 102 points.

The Mustangs were a bit under the weather as McNamara was running with an illness and Shahrigan was hobbled by a sore knee, but the squad

still managed to run well as a whole.

Coleman ran to 12th overall as the first Mustang across the line (19:08) while Erin Dunne was 19th with a career-best 19:27. Zimmer finished 20th with a season-best 10:20 while Alison Robinson was 25th with a career-best 19:34. Shahrigan finished the day in 26th (19:34) while McNamara was 35th (19:51) and Vandervoort was 51st (20:15).

"There were a total of 210 runners in the varsity race," Smith noted. "I think that if we can get everyone healthy at the same time, we are a totally different team."

In the JV race, Grace Doolittle led the charge of the Mustangs, crossing the line in fifth place in 21:05, followed by Kate Knoth in sixth in 21:16, Kria Slatin in 12th in a season-best time of 21:34, Emily Mosteller in 15th in 21:40 and Clare Naughton in 16th place in 21:41.

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team-best 75 yards rushing on seven carries.

"That speed messes with you," Stevenson coach Matt Fielder said. "It's hard to get a (defensive) call in and hard to switch personnel in. It has to do with the personnel you have on the field. It's tough."

Northville also got another two points, leading to its final TD of the half, when Andrew Poterala blocked a Stevenson punt for a safety.

"They (Northville) came off the edge," Fielder said. "Joe (Mims) is our punter and the timing was a little off, too, so we weren't getting the ball off like we normally do."

With a running clock for the entire second half, Northville got its final TD with 7:05 left in the third quarter on sophomore QB Joseph Hewlett's 7-yard run, giving the brothers each a score on the night.

The two also excelled on the defensive side of the ball as well.

"Those kids are tremendous kids," Ladach said of the Hewlett tandem. "I can't say enough about those two boys as people or as football players. I love those boys — great kids. Our society needs more kids like the Hewlett brothers."

"And just like the Hewlett boys, I can't say enough about Jeff Gertley. He's in my opinion the best quarterback in this conference, and there are some good ones."

Stevenson averted he shutout with 10:04 left in the first quarter on Devin Kelly's 1-yard run.

Wheeler was 9-of-16 for 85 yards passing and rushed six times for a net of 25 yards.

"We tried to do some things to fit Adam (Wheeler) a little bit," Fielder said. "The fact that we threw an interception early kind of shook us up a little bit, but he did everything and worked his butt off with preparation and stuff. It's tough because you haven't got a lot of reps and all a sudden you're responsible. He did everything he could. We didn't carry him enough as a team and getting a break early would have helped."

Fielder said that Mims, who started all during his sophomore year, will be back for Friday's game against Salem. (Game time is 4:30 p.m. at the Plymouth JV field.)

"We're hoping he's back," Fielder said of

Mims. "We can still have a winning season. That's what our goal is going to be and move forward. We've had some bad losses, but our kids are with us and they keep on working hard. They're beaten up a little bit."

Meanwhile, Northville's defense held the Spartans to only two first downs in the first half and 103 yards total during the opening half.

"Our defensive staff does a really good job," Ladach said. "I cannot say enough about the job they do. And I'm very pleased with the way our players were prepared. A tribute goes to our entire team and the defensive staff, and our players as well."

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Northville's freshmen on a winning streak

The NHS Freshmen Football team had their first victory Thursday evening September 22nd against the Salem Rocks. On the opening drive, Northville scored a touchdown when Ben Lippert ran 45 yards to put the Mustangs up early. Northville scored shortly thereafter with a 3 yard touchdown run by Aaron Huggins. Aaron then mounted a comeback, scoring two quick touchdowns to take the lead. In the second quarter, John Henderson, ran 8 yards for the Mustangs third touchdown. Steve Grosz recorded an interception with less than a minute left in the first half giving possession of the ball back to Northville's offense. This allowed Aaron Huggins to throw a 65 yard touchdown pass to Ryan Dodge on the last play of the half, giving Northville the lead of 26 to 16.

In the second half, Salem scored a touchdown and a two point conversion to cut Northville's lead to 26 to 24. The Defense then took over and the Mustangs stopped the Rocks in Northville territory as time ran out when defensive tackle, Chris Patsalis, sacked the Rocks Quarterback on 4th and long, sealing the Mustang victory. The next game Freshmen game is at home against Livonia Stevenson this Thursday.

Last Thursday, the Northville Freshman Football team made it two victories in a row by defeating the Livonia Stevenson Spartans 43-30 despite muddy wet conditions. The first half saw most of the scoring as Northville's Aaron Huggins scored the first touchdown running 30 yards into the end zone, followed by another touchdown by Ben Lippert going 35 yards. Stevenson countered with a few scores of their own bringing the score to 22-13. The Mustangs rallied with a touchdown pass by Aaron Huggins to Kevin Bak for 65 yards. Steve Grosz recorded a key interception allowing Marcel Simmons to run 80 yards to put the Mustangs up 27-22. As the rains continued to fall in the second half, the defenses began to take over. Kevin Bak played great defense on Stevenson's best receiver holding him to no receptions in the second half, along with making a key interception. Northville would score again on Lee Moore's 65 yard run, followed by Ben Lippert's 10 yard run. The offensive line allowed the Mustangs to run the clock out and seal the victory.

The next game is scheduled for Thursday, October 6 at home against Novi.

Northville soccer goes on scoring fest against South Lyon schools

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Northville soccer coach Henry Klimes would never say it out loud to a member of the media, but there is no doubt he was disappointed in the outcome of his team's first meeting with South Lyon earlier this year.

Then, the two teams ended with a 0-0 tie, a bit of a foreshadowing for a few tough games to come.

Of course, the Mustangs have had a few growing pains since that game, having been knocked out of the running for the division title. When they met up with South Lyon again last week, the team was determined to not have a tie and they walked away with a convincing 3-0 victory.

"The first time we played we had some missed opportunities and their goalie made some great saves,"

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs soccer team will be back on the pitch when they host Salem at 7 p.m. today before playing in the conference cross over next week. The team will then play in the district tournament with their opening game against Ann Arbor Huron being played at 7 p.m. at Canton High School Oct. 17.

Klimes noted.

This time, no opportunities were missed as Jeff Sims pounded home the first goal in the early minutes of the second half, followed by a goal by Chris Palushaj and another by Daniel Kubert.

Just a couple days later, the Mustangs went on another scoring frenzy, pounding out a 4-0 victory over South Lyon East at home.

The first goal of the game also happened to be Jimmy Fiscus' first goal of the season as he popped in the opening score off a header. Eric Tang added another goal before the game closed out on two more Mustang scores.

"I was very happy with how we played," said Klimes. "It was a nice week to recover. We got a lot of playing time and we were able to rest up a lot of players for our tough week this week."

Northville's goal, at this point, is to be prepared for a very tough district tournament.

"We have to be prepared," said Klimes. "We definitely have the group of death (with several ranked teams in Northville's district). It doesn't matter if you're 17-3 right now or 3-17 — you have to get prepared for the post-season."

Autumn Blast champs



TRACE SWIECKI

The Northville Rush U12 girls soccer team took first place in the Petoskey Autumn Blast Tournament last weekend in Petoskey. The girls won in a double overtime shootout. Pictured (from left, back) are Megan McHugh, Carson Beller, Emily Engler, Coach Janelle Harwood, Kirin Olson, Hannah Dryer, Sydney Price; (front) Jessica Fisher, Sofie Swiecki, Angela Li, Chandlyr Cummins, Taylor Rathwell and Avery Rentz.

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Northville golfers wrap up conference matches

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs girls golf team can sit back and take note that they remained undefeated in dual matches.

The squad, coached by Mary Jane Ossola, finished 10-0 this season, winning the Kensington Division of the KLA. The team was slated to play in the conference meet this week, but details were not available as of press time.

"Even though we won our division, the other division has some very strong teams," noted Ossola. "Especially Plymouth — they are one of the best teams in the state."

The team had a nice warm up leading into the conference tournament, however. Last week the squad beat Stevenson and South Lyon by scores of 172-191 and 179-194, respectively.

Against Stevenson, the Mustangs had the luxury of home-field advantage as they hosted the Spartans at Tanglewood. Leading the way was match medalist Lindsey Matych, who shot a 38 to lead the way. Shannon Williams carded a 43 while Camilla Zhao shot a 45 and Bailey Winter recorded a 46.

Two days later, Northville visited South Lyon at Cattaits and followed Matych's 39 to victory while Emily Foland shot a 43, Zhao recorded a 47 and Winter shot a 50.

"It was very tough conditions to play in as it was rainy and windy," noted Ossola. "It was



JOHN HEIDER
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Northville Mustang varsity golfer Lindsey Matych.

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs were scheduled to play in the conference meet this week and will play in the regional tournament today at 9 a.m.

"The tough challenge at the regional is that the number two and number three (ranked) teams in the state — Grosse Pointe South and Troy — are competing," said coach Mary Jane Ossola. "We hope to be able to get the third spot for a trip to the state tourney. There are other strong teams, so we will have to play our best."

a great round of golf by Lindsey, especially under those conditions."

Matych finished the regular season with a team-best nine-hole average of 41.6.

"She has helped herself using a driver off the tee — she did not do that last year," noted Ossola. "We sure hope this trend continues as she has three scores in the 30s in her last four rounds."

Cougars remain undefeated by topping Shrine Catholic

Northville's Our Lady of Victory Parish ("OLV") 6th Grade JV Cougar Football Team remained unbeaten on the season moving their mark to 6-0 with a strong 13-0 shutout victory over the talented Shrine Catholic Knights.

On the road and away from the familiar home field "carpet" of Catholic Central, the speedy Cougars found themselves in Royal Oak on a muddy grass field with high winds. Their answer was a healthy mix of ground and air attack punctuated by a talented defense. The Cougar "O" opened the game at their own 37-yard line. They moved the ball deep into Knight territory on their first possession but stalled just outside the red-zone. Shrines first offensive possession was met with the tackling of Tyler Walton and Matthew Stinebiser each registering three early tackles accompanied by hits by Patrick Brandemihl and Nick Sovis turning the ball back to the offense at mid-field.

In the second quarter it was more of the same as the Cougar offense was able to move deep into the Knight's end of the field yet were unable to put points on the board. The three Knight possessions of the quarter yielded less than 40

yards on a combined 16 plays highlighted by Cougar tacklers Defensive-End Zachary Peurach and John Jeannotte pressing from the Safety position registering four and three tackles respectively just before the half the Knight's moved into Cougar territory but a hard hit by Stinebiser forced a loose ball and the alert Peurach recovered the fumble at the 30-yard line. The game went into half-time with a 0-0 scoreless tie.

The Cougar "D" took the field to start the second half after a deep boot by kicker Matthew Skarnulis and picked up deep in Shrine's end and where they left off in the first half as Domenic Skrelja, Colin Gardner, and Brandemihl allowed just one yard on 3 plays and it was a three and out for the Knights. The determined Offensive Line anchored by Center Robert Pousak and Guard Joey Mascari stepped back onto the field ready to open holes for their two speedy backs in Garner and Walton. Four plays into the drive it was Walton on an 11-yard touchdown run and after a successful plunge by Peurach for the extra point the Cougars were up 7-0. On the next Knight possession it was Sovis putting a helmet on the ball and Peurach recovering his second fumble of the game to turn the ball back to the eager Cougar ground game. Again a steady

dose of the two Cougar backs and 29 yard later it was Gardner this time taking it into the end-zone on an 8-yard touchdown run and the 13-0 lead. The 3rd quarter belonged to Cougars who posted two scores with the ground game and yielded a net (2) yards against.

The Shrine Knights had no answers for a two score deficit or the confident and aggressive Cougar "D" as they gained just 7 yards of net offense on their final three possessions. When the final buzzer sounded the score read 13-0; OLV had pitched an impressive shutout on their host's field and allowing only 5 yards in the second half and just 70 yards overall on nine Knight possessions throughout the game.

On the day, the Cougar Offense was led by Gardner's 4 receptions for 71 yards, 35 yards rushing and 1 TD; Walton's 52 yards receiving, 34 yards rushing and 1 TD; and Stinebiser's 7-23 passing for 128 yards. Eleven Cougar's registered tackles lead by Stinebiser (7); Brandemihl and Peurach (6) each; Walton and Jeannotte (5) each; Skrelja and Garner (4) each; and Mascari, Sovis, Cornellier, and Pousak rounding out the effort.

The Cougar's next game is scheduled for Oct. 16 with a possible home date this weekend.

— By Chris Brandemihl

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CATHOLIC CENTRAL ROUNDUP

Shamrocks finish with tie in CHSL tennis tourney

It was one of those days where the best of the best came out to play—and it just so happened that two teams proved to be the cream that rose to the top of the Catholic High School League tennis championship tournament last week.

The Shamrocks of Detroit Catholic Central and the Brother Rice Warriors tied for first in the District I Catholic League boys tennis tournament last week. Both teams finished with 40 points. U-D Jesu-it was third with 13 points while DeLaSalle finished in fourth with seven points and Notre Dame Prep was fifth with four points.

The Shamrocks won two flights with Michael Dube taking the top spot at No. 1 singles and the team of

Willy Willson and Kevin Hodges taking first in the No. 1 doubles flight.

Football team undefeated

It's old hat for the Shamrocks at this point in their football history, but the squad, under the guidance of coach Tom Mach, secured a playoff spot with their sixth victory of the season last Sunday.

The team had some miscues and their opponents were up for the fight, but the Shamrocks prevailed in the annual Boys Bowl at Ford Field as they topped Catholic High School League rival University of Detroit Jesuit, 20-13.

The Shamrocks, who are ranked first in the state in Division I, are now 6-0 on the season. They will Friday at 7 p.m. when they host rival Brother Rice (4-2).

Brother Rice has wins over Detroit

Martin Luther King (28-21), Ann Arbor Pioneer (27-14), Toledo St. Francis DeSales (42-9) and U-D Jesuit (42-7). They have losses to DeLaSalle (21-20) and Orchard Lake St. Mary's (10-9).

Shallman offered scholarship to U-M

ESPN reported that Shamrocks' junior running back Wyatt Shallman has received an offer from the University of Michigan to join the Wolverines' football ranks after graduation.

No details about the offer were available as of press time. Shallman has several pending offers from multiple collegiate programs.

Catholic Central senior defensive lineman Matt Godin is committed to play for U-M next season.

— By Sam Eggleston

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Varsity outplays Walled Lake Braves, earns fifth victory, 25-12

After a cold, windy and sometimes tense game in Walled Lake, the Colts finally brought home another win and maintained their undefeated status. The Colts lost the toss but the Braves deferred, electing to receive the kickoff in the second half. The Colts offense, used to scoring in their first few plays, made little progress, and were forced to punt. Justin Zimbo kicked the football a short distance, and the Braves looked like they were poised to score. Then the Colts took advantage of the Braves' errors, including taking ten yards after a holding penalty. When Colt Mason Pitt recovered a Braves fumble, the energized Colts were on the move, with a pass from QB David Dillon to receiver Alessandro Gonzales, and runs by the Colts' invaluable Zachary Prystash. The momentum culminated in a touchdown brought in by Zimbo. The windy conditions pushed Cole Gingell's extra point attempt wide and the score was 6-0.

The Colts defense shut down the Braves, with key tackles by Thomas Rys, Michael Minick, and Zimbo. The Braves punted and again the Colts came on with a passing play by Colts QB Isaiah Popp to receiver Austin Hayek. Now Zimbo carried the ball, jumped over the Braves and secured a first down. Then, Alec Coppock, with blocking provided by Timothy Elliott, dodged several Braves and ran into the end zone. Despite the 12-0 score, the Braves continued to fight as halftime approached. The Colts defense stepped up, with a key tackle by Benjamin Cracraft. The Colts forced a punt, but then lost possession after the Braves intercepted a pass attempt.

In the second half, Prystash not only recovered a Braves fumble, but then ran the ball dozens of yards for another touchdown, and the score was 18-0. Despite the lopsided score, the Braves continued to look competitive, and did finally bring in a touchdown quashing the Colts' hope for a shutout. A Braves' onside kick attempt failed when Colt Gonzales recovered the ball on the 50 yard line. The Colts made little progress and the Braves forced a turnover on downs. Colts defensemen Mason Williams and Joey Nelson held the Braves briefly but then they continued to inch on with first downs until they were within spitting distance of the goal line. Still, the Colts stopped them by piling on the ball carrier, who could not move in the face of more than 450 pounds of Colts



Quarterback Abe Khoury (10) laterals the ball for the undefeated JV Colts of Northville this past weekend.

defense in the form of Minick, Coppock, and Jeremiah Dunne. A turnover on downs gave the Colts possession, but they were backed up against the goal line, with only 12 inches of territory. The Colts again used the Braves' errors to keep out of their own end zone, including a Braves' offside penalty. The Braves could only take so much, and finally scored again and now the scoreboard was a more equal 18-14. Fortunately, the Colts maintained their advantage with a late 4th quarter touchdown by Prystash, and the final was a comfortable 25-14. Next week the Colts host local rivals the Novi Bobcats.

—Submitted by Kristina Dunne

Determined JV tops Braves, 25-6

The quote "It's not the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog" couldn't sum up the JV Colts effort any better against the Walled Lake Braves. The undersized Colts (5-0) played a determined and disciplined game for four quarters and beat the host Braves 25-6. Coach Al Khoury's team played their best game of the season, utilizing skill, speed, team toughness and determination to spoil the Braves' homecoming.

The Colts started on defense to start the game and quickly established their presence with tackles from Elijah Gash, Jeffery Varner and Abe Khoury. The Colts forced the Braves to punt on fourth

down. A fake punt was stuffed by the smart defensive play of Ben Brady and the Colts took over on offense on the Braves 30 yard line. After carries from Joey Borthwick and Khoury through the heart of the Braves' big defensive line the Colts found themselves at the Braves 3-yard line. Khoury followed the block of Drew Atkinson and lit up the scoreboard 6-0 Colts. The Braves failed to record a first down on their next possession and the Colts defense led by tackles from Gash Patrick Walker and Ryan Silberg forced another Braves punt. After the Colts took over, Khoury connected with Nick Prystash on a pass and the quarter ended 6-0 Colts.

Robert Johnson opened the second quarter with an 18-yard run behind the lead block of Marcello Gonzalez and Colts were back in business. Runs from Khoury, Gash and Borthwick drove the ball to the Braves 11. The Braves defense held ground and stopped the Colts on downs at the Braves 8-yard line. Khoury recorded consecutive tackles for loss and Jett Giammarusti stuffed a third down run to again force a Braves punt. The Colts began their next offensive drive at the Braves 26 yard line after the punt. Gash ran for 15 yards but again the drive was stalled by the Braves' defense. The Braves' offense was no match for the Colts' stellar defense. Jeffery Varner broke through the line for consecutive tackles for loss pinning the Braves on the 1-yard line. The Braves punt snap was mishandled and Elijah Gash dove on the loose ball in the end zone for the Colts' second score and a 12-0 lead. The Braves took over on their own 35-yard line. Ben Brady broke up a trick play followed by consecutive open field tackles from Nick Prystash and the Colts went into halftime with a 12-0 lead.

Alex Schoenberger recovered the kickoff to start the third quarter on the 40-yard line. The offensive line of Drew Atkinson, Patrick Walker, Alexander Bayer, Emil Rizk, Ryan Doroudian and Jeffery Varner continued the line dominance opening holes as Gash ran for 15 yards, and Gonzalez for 8 more. The Braves dug in and stopped the Colts on fourth down. After the Braves took over, Joey Borthwick recovered a fumble on first down and the Colts took over on the Braves 32 yard line. The offense couldn't move the ball and Gash punted to the Braves 5 yard line. Khoury and Johnson stuffed runs on first and second down and Khoury forced a fumble on third down and the Colts recovered. Gash drove it home for the

Colts, increasing the lead to 18-0. With the Colts Pull Card team on the sideline, the Braves were able to sustain a drive and record their first and only touchdown of the game, closing the gap to 18-6 Colts to close the third quarter.

The Colts defense continued their dominance in the final quarter with Johnson making multiple tackles and recording a sack with Jeffery Varner. The Defense forced the Braves to punt deep from their own territory. Gash ran for 8 yards and Gonzalez broke tackles for 13 more yards to the Braves 1 yard line. Khoury scored on a quarterback sneak and the Colts took a commanding 25-6 lead. Anthony Abbott and Evan Carson sealed the game recovering a Braves fumble late in the game and the Colts won 25-6.

Dimitri Asimakis, Nolan Scott and Jake Khoury added tackles for the Colts.

—Submitted by Joe Lack

Freshmen beat Walled Lake, 19-16

It was a cold and blustery Saturday morning in Walled Lake with the Freshman Colts (5-0) fans huddled under blankets in the stands sipping hot coffee. The Braves were in control of the ball on the opening drive and despite big tackles by Ayden Oliver and Zachary Shoemaker, the Braves scored a touchdown and two point conversion early in the first half. On the Colts' possession they could make little progress and fumbled the ball, turning it over to the Braves on the Colts 28 yard line. The Braves managed to take the ball down to the Colts' 5 yard line but a fumble on the next play was recovered by Isaiah Gash and the Colts had a chance to make something happen. On that drive and the Braves' next drive, neither team could score and the second quarter began with the Colts controlling the ball.

Ryan Logan impressed Colts' fans with two nice long runs into Braves' territory and with Jackson Weedmark powering through their defensive line, the Colts were looking like they'd warmed up. Gash on the ball carry scurried down to the 2 yard line and Nick Lauderback on a QB keeper expertly got the Colts on the scoreboard. There was no extra point, so the Colts were still trailing. On the next play, the Colts' kickoff was returned by the Braves' ball carrier for a 60 yard touchdown run with no extra point. The kickoff by the Braves was returned by Logan and on the

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The Colts celebrate their homecoming vs. the Novi Bobcats — freshman (1 p.m.) followed by JV (3 p.m.) and varsity (5 p.m.) on Saturday, Oct. 8 in Northville.

next play a strong pass into the wind by Lauderback to receiver, Brady Withey, got the Colts a first down at the Braves' 35 yard line. But despite the good field position, the Braves' defense proved too strong for the Colts' offense and the Braves took over on the Colts 27 yard line with 2 minutes left in the half. The Braves were met by the defensive force in Shoemaker who tackled the ball carrier in their backfield and, ultimately, the Braves were forced to punt. Despite another amazing pass by Lauderback to the able hands of Withey, the Colts could not score and the Braves were up by 10 points going into the half.

Early in the second half, Gash and Logan had some strong runs and, with the help of some expert blocking, Gash was able to weave his way through a field of Braves for a 60 yard touchdown run with no extra point. On the ensuing kickoff return, Farrell brought down the Braves' ball carrier and the Braves' offense got nowhere on the drive with Aidan Hayek and Shoemaker allowing little gain. The Colts took over on a fumble recovered by Gash at the 45 yard line and with decent yards gained by Logan and Gash, the Colts sent Lauderback into the end zone on a QB keeper. The extra point attempt by Gash was good and the Colts had finally taken the lead. But with 10 minutes left, the fans knew this was still anybody's game, so they hung around in the biting cold. After the kickoff to the Braves, the Colts' defensive stars in Hayek, Gash and King kept the Braves from much forward movement and King toppled the Braves' QB in the backfield to allow the Colts to take over on downs on their own 43 yard line. But, again, the strength of the Braves' defense kept the Colts from scoring on the drive and with 1½ minutes left in the game, the Braves had control of the ball. It was a nail biter until the end but Joseph Chiaravalle made a key stop and Withey sealed the game for the Colts by recovering a fumble, thus allowing the Colts to take control of the ball in the last seconds of the game. Final score Colts 19, Braves 16.

—Submitted by Amber Slusser

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Varsity suffers blow from Novi Bobcats, 0-22

On the first blustery and cold Saturday afternoon in Novi, Northville Stallion (0-5) Michael Townsend kicked off the fifth game of the season against the Novi Bobcats at the Novi Middle School Field. The Northville Stallions offense easily rushed to attain their first down within the first minute of the game with Evan Simoff carrying the ball. A turnover was forced by the Bobcats resulting in their first touchdown. Their kick was good for two extra points. The Stallions offensive line was ready to push into Bobcats territory and did so with several key carries by Jordan March, Simoff, JaQuan Crawford and Jack Peterson also executed carries and had great runs. After an interception by the Bobcats, the Stallions defense rallied, led James Lewis and Mark Merritt, who brought the Bobcats' offense down. Nonetheless, the Bobcats gained their second touchdown with four minutes left in the first quarter. The Stallions came back with a strong return of the ball by March and completed a first down and 10, carried by Simoff. The offense continued to have key carries by Brennan Pelland and Simoff, who were then brought down by a host of Bobcats. After a flag on the play, the Stallions attained another first down and 10, with Simoff rushing the ball on second down Jack Barnes carried the ball on third down and then an incomplete pass was made, and a timeout was taken on the field by the Stallions. The first quarter ended with a score of 0-14.

The second quarter began with the Bobcats being swiftly brought down by Stallions' George Metrusias and several members of the Stallions' defensive line, including Parker Meyers, Crawford and March. Although the Bobcats got a first down, they were tackled by Connor Elliott and Simoff. Stallions recovered the ball, which was carried by Simoff for a first down. Simoff and Townsend carried the ball several more times, moving the Stallions down the field. After an interception by the Bobcats, the Stallions defensive line knocked down their opponents led by Elliott, March, Simoff and Rami Alawadi.

The next pass was completed by the Bobcats for a score and the kick after was good. The Stallions offensive line came back for a long battle with carries by Crawford and Barnes. A turnover resulted, but Crawford brought the Bobcats down, ending the second quarter with a score of 0-22.

The Stallions began the third quarter with a strong defense, led by Metrusias making several tackles alone. A throng of Stallions brought down another Bobcats carry. The defense continued its Bobcats smack-down, led by Nicholas Green, Crawford, Metrusias, March and Townsend,

to avert any Bobcat scores. March then secured the ball with an interception and made a run for the Stallions. Carries were also made by Simoff, ending the third quarter with the score unchanged from the second quarter score of 0-22.

A fourth quarter punt was recovered by the Stallions to begin a tough offensive run led by Simoff, March, Crawford and Barnes. The last quarter ended with no allowance of additional scoring from the Bobcats by the Stallions for the unchanged score of 0-22. The Stallions Water Boy entertained the Varsity fans by rolling on the ground with his humorous antics. He kept the crowd amused and laughing amidst the cold and wind - thank you for your efforts and assistance to the team!

— Submitted by Kathy Crawford

JV beats Novi, 18-6

The Junior Varsity Northville Stallions (2-3) practiced in rainy, cold, muddy conditions all last week, so when they took the field against the Novi Bobcats at Novi Middle School, they were well prepared to spoil the homecoming festivities for Novi. At least the day was sunny and dry and they were especially inspired by the overtime win by the Stallions freshman team. Jacob Moody kicked off for the Stallions all the way to the Bobcat 30 yard line and Jonathan Michalak and Shane Rankin held the Bobcats to a five yard return. Then the Stallion defense, led by Cameron Dixon and Tyler Troyer, moved the Bobcats steadily backward with two five yard losses in a row, ending in a Bobcat fumble, recovered by Aaron Moore. The Stallions took over with great field position on the Bobcat 24 yard line. The Stallions were unable to capitalize though and turned it back over to the Bobcats on downs. The Stallions defense was ready again though with Brady Leverton sacking the Bobcat quarterback for a seven yard loss. Then Jack DeBrabander and Moore prevented the Bobcats from making the first down and the Bobcats punted the ball away to their own 40 yard line. The Stallions started their drive with short carries by Rankin and Ben Schmidt, then Rankin broke through the middle for an eight yard gain and the first down. Starting at the Bobcat 27, Dixon carried the ball, first for four yards, then found a hole right through the middle all the way to the Bobcat end zone and with 2:15 left in the quarter, scoring the first touchdown for the JV Stallions. The Stallions' kick for two points was blocked, so the score was Northville 6, Novi 0. The Bobcats received the 25 yard kick off by Moody and the Stallions once again showed aggressive defense. On the first play, the Bobcats fumbled and lost five yards but recovered the ball. Dixon and Rankin combined to prevent the Bobcats from advancing, then Schmidt nearly intercepted a long Bobcat pass and possession was turned back Stallions 6, Bobcats 0.

The Novi Bobcats tried to move the ball again early in the second quarter, but they were frustrated by the Stallion defenders Michalak, Rankin and Moore, who ended a 15 yard Bobcat run and the ball was turned back over to the Stallions. The mid 40 degree weather conditions combined with a sloppy, wet field began to affect both teams. The Stallions lost their possession due to a fumble, then the Bobcats fumbled, but recovered; they were unable to make the first down and had to punt the ball back to the Stallions. Rankin and Dixon made small gains, but the ball was stripped on the Stallion 41 yard line. Stallions Moore, Andrew Mertz and Dixon combined to force a turnover on downs. The Stallion effort to move down the field was also unsuccessful so Troyer punted the ball back to the Bobcat 31 yard line. The Bobcats advance was thwarted by strong defensive play in this series by Leverton, Schmidt, DeBrabander, Michalak and Rankin. A time out was called with 12 seconds left in the half after a Bobcat first down. The half concluded with an interception of a Bobcat pass by Stallion Moore on the 44 yard line, half time score. Stallions 6, Bobcats 0.

The Bobcats kicked off 15 yards to Stallion Erik Sparschu to start the second half. Starting from the Stallion 45 yard line, Stallion Rankin carried for the first down to the Bobcat 45. Then Rankin made a 20 yard run to move the ball deep into Bobcat territory, but the promising drive ended on a fumble, recovered by the Bobcats. On the next series though, the Bobcats were again unsuccessful in moving the ball, stopped by the Stallion defense, led by Rankin and Leverton. The Bobcats punted away to their own 29 yard line. The Stallions started with excellent field position and Rankin made a first down on the first carry of the series. The next two plays were not as successful and ultimately ended with another Stallions fumble, recovered by the Bobcats. The Bobcats made the first down in four plays then made an 11 yard run for another first down, before being forced out of bounds by Stallion Alex Iafraite. The third quarter ended with the Stallions defense holding strong and the score remaining Stallions 6, Bobcats 0.

The teams changed ends of the field to start the action-packed fourth quarter where Stallion Saaz Malhotra tackled a Bobcat ball carrier. The Bobcats' possession ended with Iafraite forcing a turnover on downs on the 42 yard line of the Stallions. Again the Stallions had difficulty moving the ball and turned it back in the Bobcats' half. The Bobcats had almost no gain on the first two plays but on third down, they completed a pass with a run afterwards, totaling 25 yards. The Bobcats continued to move the ball deeper into Stallion territory until they were six yards out with goal to go. It took all four plays, but the Bobcats ultimately scored a touchdown; the kick for the extra point was blocked by the Stallions, so the score was now tied up 6-6 with just under 3 minutes left in the game. The Stallions struck first as Cody Reitzloff collected the opening kick and burst through a flurry of tacklers for 20 yards, making a strong opening statement. The energetic Stallions followed with patented running attacks from the likes of Brett Rankin and Jack Bugar. As the Stallions kept pounding away, they met strong resistance from an oversized Bobcat team that forced Northville's engine to start slow. Then suddenly like a lightning strike, Novi's quarterback launched a pass to the right flat that was tipped and almost picked off. But as the ball fluttered back up into the air, it conveniently landed in another Novi receiver's arms who dashed for a 55 yard score. After the extra point conversion, Novi jumped ahead 7-0 and that score held through the first quarter.

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lions got right back to work; Dixon caught the Bobcat kickoff and ran 50 yards up the side, dodging Bobcat tacklers, to put the Stallions back ahead, 12-6. Northville kicked off and the Bobcats made a 10 yard return, before fumbling the ball - recovery: Northville! Starting midfield, Rankin made a 36 yard gain then another 18 yard run, and Northville went ahead by yet another touchdown, score Stallions 18, Bobcats 6. Moody kicked off back to the Bobcats but Stallions defenders Alex Ajlouni, DeBrabander and Moore insured the Stallions victory, spoiling Novi's Homecoming, final score Northville Stallions 18, Novi Bobcats 6. Next week will be the Stallions Homecoming against the Multi-Lakes Gators.

— Submitted by Marnie Mertz

Freshmen stun Bobcats in OT Thriller, 19-13

Northville's formidable Freshmen (3-1) tangled with the Novi Bobcats this past Saturday morning, amidst gusty winds and unseasonably frigid weather. Despite adverse conditions, the Stallions stamped onto Novi's muddy home turf with clear plans to add some Northville rain on Novi's homecoming parade. This epic game would prove Northville's biggest to date and a tale of two very different halves. More than that, it was a lesson how determined teammates work together when they want something bad enough and why a team should never give up.

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Mitch DeGroff. Yet Novi pressure was relentless and the Stallions offensive unit was held in check. But Northville's defensive unit was now firing all cylinders and swarming like hornets, with explosive tackles by Josh Morrissey, Owen Steele, Parker Marquette and, of course, Nick Gattioni, who's career day included another tackle forcing a 9 yard loss. Despite all these fine efforts, the halftime score still stood with Novi on top 7-0.

Knowing this to be a vital game for the Stallions, the halftime meeting across coaches and players was heard to be both motivating and inspirational. Adding to the drama, the Stallions were now missing key players to injury or sickness including Gabe Xuereb, Alex Gentner, Brendan Darr, Harrison Asher, Cameron McMahon and Harrison Zoltowski. With these sidelined teammates cheering on, and just before the second half kick, the Stallions took to the bull ring circle squaring off on hits and getting adrenaline levels jacked up. John Hamilton provided a memorable moment as he dug deep in that final circle and yelled at the top of his lungs "Yes I'm ready coach!" At the end of intermission, each player marched back on the field committed to deliver his personal best for the sake of team and Stallions pride.

But on the opening kick, Northville's world was suddenly rocked. The Bobcats took the ball the distance for a stunning touchdown that felt like a painful blow to the stomach. While Brett Rankin was able to stuff the Bobcat extra point attempt, the score read Novi 13, Stallions 0. Northville's tribulations weren't over yet as on the ensuing kickoff, Rankin darted sideline for a 60 yard touchdown on what appeared to be a quick Stallion reprisal, but it was called back on penalty. These setbacks caused Stallion Nation to regroup and remember the clear words heard at half-time - "Don't Ever Give Up."

As the third quarter played on, the Stallions defense shut down Novi like a big brick wall. Hunter Galindo was brilliant on the end, providing not a ray of daylight. The gritty Stallion linebacking team of Leverton and Baker, along with speedy defensive backs Jack Rathwell, Zach Jones, Vos and DeGroff, denied anything going up the middle or through the air. But now it was the towering Stallion offensive line's turn to strap hard hats on and go to work winning battles in the trenches. Spencer Thakady was seen blowing up the Bobcat nose tackle while tackles Domenic Rodriguez and Hamilton overpowered Novi defenders to open running lanes for the Stallion backfield. The Stallions now began to dominate play, but going into the fourth quarter, Novi still commanded what appeared to be an overwhelming lead.

As doubts crept into some onlooker's minds, Northville's cheer team kept the faith and got louder with their calls to "Fight Team, Fight!" That's precisely when Northville's offense, defense, coaches and cheer team came together in the bone chilling winds for a heart-warming rally. And so this storybook final quarter led off with Northville trailing 13-0. The Stallion offensive lineman seized the moment first, led by Smith, Rodriguez,

ON TAP

The Northville Stallions play the MultiLakes Gators for homecoming on the Northville High School field on Sunday, Oct. 9 beginning at 11 a.m. with freshmen, followed by JV at 1 p.m. and varsity at 3 p.m.

Thakady, Hamilton, Reynolds, Galindo and Baker who began rolling over Novi for a last quarter push. Like a steam engine gaining speed, they helped running back Leverton rack yards pounding left, right and center. As Leverton began to draw triple-teams, quarterback Tyler Vos broke a 40 yard sweep left side that finished with a hard-nosed lunge to the Novi 7 yard line. During huddle on the next play, Vos looked into the eyes of lineman Smith, Rodriguez and Thakady, needing them to block like bulldozers. They delivered brilliantly as Leverton took the handoff and creased into the end zone putting Northville on the board. Mitch Degroff cut back for the extra point, narrowing the score to 13-7.

With time ticking away and a big play needed urgently, Stallion placekicker Galindo delivered a perfect and chopping outside kick down the right side. Nick Senawi sprinted downfield faster than the gusting wind to wrestle a pivotal recovery for the Stallions as the crowd went wild. The Stallions were now in possession at the Novi 42 yard line with just 4:30 showing on the game clock. The Stallion warriors had one final chance to mount a comeback and they needed powerful running from thoroughbreds Degroff and Leverton. The Stallions quickly advanced 54 yards to set up a fourth and goal situation on the 4 yard line with just one minute to go. With the game hanging in the balance, Leverton took that handoff, squared his shoulders and crashed across the goal line, tying the score. The extra point was denied so this nail-biter was left tied 13-13 at the end of regulation.

Electricity filled the air as the game went to overtime. Stallion defenders had fire in their eyes and summarily shut down Novi's opening bid from the 10 yard line. Amidst deafening noise from both sidelines, it was now Northville's chance. Stallion players knew they had one shot, one opportunity, to seize what they wanted and capture it with just 10 yards. Like a well-oiled machine, the big boys in orange nailed every block enabling Leverton to charge like an unstoppable freight train into pay dirt. The Stallions established a sudden victory sending their sideline into flurry of hugs and high-five celebrations. With the game now over, Stallion players galloped off the field in unison with heads held high, fist pumps of pride and even a few tears of joy. This one was a game to remember, and one defined by those life lesson words from half-time, don't give up - don't you ever give up! Final score Northville 19, Novi 13.

— Submitted by Greg Baker

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Schoolcraft College announces that the financial audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, has been completed by Plante & Moran, LLP, Southfield, Michigan. It has been presented to the College Board of Trustees and has been accepted by them.

Notice is hereby given that the audit is available for public inspection in the Office of the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer in the McDowell Center at the College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, Michigan, on weekdays, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Glenn Cerny
Vice President and CFO

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, October 19, 2011 at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The ZBA will consider a variance request, for a resident at 18750 Beck Road, to Chapter 170, Zoning Ordinance, Article 28, Private Roads. Written comments regarding this request will be received by the ZBA at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The meeting will begin at 7:30 PM.

Paul Slatin
Zoning Board of Appeals

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THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ANNOUNCES THE AVAILABILITY OF THE DURABLE COATINGS SITE ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD

The Administrative Record file for the Durable Coatings Site in Northville, Wayne County, Michigan includes documents that the EPA considered in selecting a removal action at this site. The Administrative Record file is available for review during normal business hours at:

Northville District Library
Reference Department
212 W. Cady St.
Northville, MI 48167
(248) 349-3020

A copy of the record file, along with any guidance and technical literature, is available at the U.S. EPA - Region 5 Office. Written comments and questions on the record may also be sent to:

Evette Jones
Acting Chief, Enforcement Service Section #3
U.S. EPA - Region 5 (SRC-7J)
77 W. Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, IL 60604-3590
(312) 886-7572

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011 (2010 TAX YEAR)

A Revenue		
Captured Property Taxes		
Captured Property Taxes (2010 tax roll - July)	\$	678,805
Captured Property Taxes (2010 tax roll - December)		87,309
		766,114
Delinquent Personal Property Tax (Pre-2010 tax roll)		395
Reserve - Property Tax Appeals		(22,328)
		744,181
DDA 2-mill Operating Levy		67,537
Operating Transfer from DDA Construction Fund		739,108
Federal Grants		359,564
Other Income		
Interest Income		6,524
Other Income		17,038
Total Revenue		<u>\$ 1,933,952</u>

B Bond Reserve	\$	-
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C Expenditures		
Business Mix Committee	\$	44,374
Design Committee		1,219,208
Marketing Committee		150,149
Parking Committee		89,110
Organizational Committee		53,006
Public Works Activities		30,663
Debt Service - Town Square Project		43,200
Transfer to Debt Service Fund		166,900
Total Expenditures		<u>\$ 1,796,610</u>

D Outstanding Bonded Indebtedness		
Principal	\$	1,900,000
Interest		786,429
Interest Subsidy		(275,248)
		<u>\$ 2,411,181</u>

E/F		
Ad valorem homestead	Captured Value	Initial
Ad valorem non-homestead	\$ 910,701	Assessed Value
	\$ 29,026,390	\$ 4,279,631
		Current
		Taxable Value
		\$1,020,737
		\$33,306,021

G Tax Increment Revenues Received From		
County		206,080
City		455,926
Library		40,906
Huron Clinton Metropark Authority		6,423
Community College		53,787
Wayne County Zoological Authority		2,992
Total Captured Taxes - 2010		<u>\$ 766,114</u>

H Number of Jobs Created	<u>117</u>
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I General Obligation Streetscape Improvement Bond Amortization		
Fiscal Year	Principal	Interest Due
2012	115,000	43,779
2013	115,000	42,744
2014	120,000	41,335
2015	120,000	39,415
2016	125,000	37,255
2017-2021	675,000	142,662
2022-2025	630,000	46,025
	1,900,000	\$393,215
		Interest Due
		4/1
		43,779
		42,744
		41,335
		39,415
		37,255
		142,662
		46,024
		\$(275,248)
		Net
		Interest
		56,912
		55,567
		53,736
		51,240
		48,432
		185,461
		59,833
		\$511,181
		Annual Debt
		Service
		171,912
		170,567
		173,736
		171,240
		173,432
		860,461
		689,833
		\$2,411,181

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Northville Physical Rehabilitation continues to flourish after 26 years

Physical Therapist Dennis Engerer believed from his beginning 26 years ago that treating patients like he would like to be treated and keeping up with the latest techniques and technology would be the key to his success. He opened Northville Physical Rehabilitation in 1985 in a small location on Center Street in Northville. His business quickly expanded and he relocated to a 4,000 square foot location at 215 East Main Street in Northville.

As business continued to grow and new equipment was needed, Engerer decided to take over the adjoining 2,000 square foot space when it became vacant, adding new equipment, services and personnel. Eventually Engerer added a second 2,000 square foot location at 300 East Cady Street, also in Northville, which features an underwater treadmill.

"We see a lot of clients for neck and back care, total joint replacement therapy, generalized weakness, sprains/strains, osteoarthritis, stroke rehab - everything from very simple to very involved physical rehabilitation, and people of all ages," said Engerer.

Northville Physical Rehabilitation has seven full time physical therapists, 25 full-time employees and five part-time employees. The business had an increase of 10 per-



(From the left) Joe Stanislawski, physical therapy tech; Arielle Iafate, patient; and Dennis Engerer, physical therapist.

DETAILS

For more information about Northville Physical Rehabilitation, call (248) 349-9339 or visit www.northvillephysicalrehab.com.

cent in 2010 and is projecting the same or better for 2011. Each location offers comprehensive physical rehabilitation services, and the hydrotherapy pool at the Cady Street loca-

tion. The company has invested in the latest laser technology, including lasers to treat inflammatory diagnosis.

"Our new hydrotherapy underwater treadmill helps many clients. It's used for partial weight bearing to the lower extremities following joint replacements, for example, or for anyone who has difficulty walking with full weight bearing. It works very well."

Another part of Engerer's success is his thirst for knowledge and desire to keep current with the latest techniques. He and his staff regularly take continuing education courses for new treatment techniques and breakthrough technologies.

"A big part of our success is our entire staff. Our office has very well trained and experienced physical therapists who utilize the

latest equipment to provide care to treat any diagnosis requiring physical rehabilitation. We provide immediate care in our clinics or in a patient's home, and we design individual treatment plans for every patient and provide one on one patient care. We also provide free shuttle services to and from our office for patients without transportation who live within a five-mile radius to our facilities."

NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

Rising costs squeeze Michigan retailers

More than 75 percent of Michigan retailers say they are unable in the current marketplace to pass along the majority of cost increases on the goods they purchase, according to the latest Michigan Retail Index survey conducted by Michigan Retailers Association (MRA) and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

Forty-two percent said they are unable to pass along any cost increases, while 17 percent said they are able to increase prices to offset all of the rising costs of merchandise. Thirty-four percent reported they can pass along less than half of increased costs and 8 percent said they can pass along most, but not all, of their higher costs.

"Most Michigan retailers continue to be caught between rising costs of merchandise and a highly competitive marketplace that prevents them from raising their prices," said MRA President and CEO James P. Hallan. "While that may be good news for consumers in the short term, it's not sustainable for already strained retail businesses."

The Michigan Retail Index for August found that 46 percent of retailers increased sales over the same month last year, while 29 percent recorded declines and 25 percent saw no change. The results create a seasonally adjusted performance index of 55.9, up from 53.6 in July and 52.1 in June.

TAKIN' CARE OF BUSINESS

The image and impression manager

By Rick Radners
Guest Columnist

Today's business schools take great pride in the curricula they develop. Many of the basics include classes in marketing, accounting, finance, production, distribution, and strategy. In addition to these core principles, academia peppers their programs with ethics, management styles, and data development. Once these students leave the hallowed walls of their respective institutions, they must take their new found skills and put them into motion in hopes of carving out a career that will sustain and entice them for many years. In some instances, these new recruits are immediately faced with a particular kind of animal they did not encounter in the safety of their classrooms, the image and impression manager.



Rick Radners

This creature is politically perceptive when it comes to the dogmas of the office. They can manipulate situations to deflect and defer to team members and, in most cases, the sorry victim doesn't see it coming. Mission statements are frivolous and core principles sit on their work stations for "impression" points only. They consistently work around the concepts of "team" and prefer to rail or derail according to their personal and professional desires. They are constantly dressed to "impress" and will only coffee and lunch with the elite. They seek to worry about what their boss will hear versus what the company will experience. They smile, nod, and can be seen dashing through the workplace giving the "impression" that the company will collapse without them. What else are these managers capable of?

This type of manager can serve a minor purpose however, in many cases the costs out way the benefits. The image and impression manager can usually contrive a little 'team spirit' when conducting day to day business. They are careful not to distract attention from themselves. They will give a subtle shove to underperforming team members, especially if it has an unhealthy

impact on their overall image.

They are often first to step up for assignments and are willing to take on any daunting task especially if that task is offered from a superior. Whether the resources are available, the image and impression manager will step up just for the sake of stepping up!

Finally, the image and impression manager has a skill set for the extracurricular activities. Team picnics, departmental parties, and out of office, activities are ideal for this type of manager. Seeking to show that team spirit and involvement are more important than profits and progress, this type of manager will always run the grill at a party and be the first on the dance floor.

Taking assignments, motivating employees, and participating in activities are all situations that sound like positive things for any company however, in this case the reasoning is a little off center. Do these managers actually serve a purpose? The image and impression manager needs a little coaching from the experts.

Many great LEADERS of the past century have indicated that the only way to promote yourself is to promote your team. Leadership tasks should focus on what makes a team perform and what makes the company experience a positive return. Setting up your subordinates to achieve allows you to achieve, the formula is rather simple. The leader lets subordinates take leads, organize events, and take on tasks from superiors. The leader will coach and counsel them along the way only if it's necessary.

Companies need all the resources they can muster, even the image and impression manager. The best defense is identifying one of these wild cards and guiding them to the idea that if one can succeed, we all can. Also, be careful not to become one yourself. Strive for integrity and know when to say "no" for the sake of the company.

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Protect electronics from clever thieves

As students across the nation make their way back to school, many will carry cell phones, iPads, iPods, laptops and other electronic devices everywhere from the classroom to the car. Your Better Business Bureau (BBB) reminds students and their parents to talk about ways to keep electronics out of the wrong hands.

College campuses, cafeterias, local hangouts and even classrooms can be an easy target for those looking to snatch expensive electronic devices. Theft is common on any campus, alerts the Wayne State University Police Department. They advise students to never leave property unattended in any campus building or in your car. Not only can thieves steal your personal property, they could gain access to sensitive information such as e-mails, text messages, calendars, photos and even social media network logs.

"Students need to be on-guard when it comes to securing their electronics," said Patrick Bennett, BBB director of Community Relations. "Electronics are a huge investment and they shouldn't be treated any differently than carrying around a wad of cash."

BBB offers the following advice to students and parents on how to keep personal property safe at school:

- Keep it off the floor. No matter where you are in public — a large study hall in school, a conference, a coffee shop, or a registration desk — avoid putting your electronics on the floor. If you must put it down, place it between your feet or at least up against your leg, so that you're aware of it.

- Leave it at home. In some cases, school districts may have strict policies about students bringing electronic devices to campus. Be sure to find out what is allowed



while on campus and in the classroom. Also, determine if you really need your electronics during school hours or if they can wait until you get home.

- Get it out of the car. Don't leave your electronics in the car — not on the seat, not in the trunk. Parked cars are a favorite target of thieves; don't help them by leaving your property unattended.

- Don't leave it "for just a minute." Your classmates seem trustworthy, so you're comfortable leaving your electronics on the table while you go outside for a break. The people at the coffee shop seem nice, so you ask them to keep an eye out while you use

the restroom. Don't leave your laptop, iPad or other tablets unguarded — even for a minute.

- Use bells and whistles. Depending on your security needs, an alarm can be a useful tool. Some laptop alarms sound when there's unexpected motion, or when the computer moves outside a specified range around you. Or consider a kind of "lo-jack" for your laptop: a program that reports the location of your stolen laptop once it's connected to the Internet.

For more consumer tips and news, visit BBB's news center at <http://easternmichigan.bbb.org/bbb-news/>.

Utilities regulate solar panels

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: I am interested in what, if anything, you know about photovoltaic policies for townhouses?

A: What I think you are really talking about, with regard to the installation of photovoltaic systems for townhouses, is solar panels or things of that sort that can be installed on a limited roof space. Does the association have control over the side of the roof that can be utilized and, what if the optimum roof side faces the street? Can the manual shutoffs be located at each unit or altogether on a separate panel, and can the association require the use of micro-inverters? Generally speaking, these issues are regulated by utility company tariffs or rules. In some states, there are statutory limits on the association's power to regulate placement of renewable energy facilities including PV panels. You are advised to do your own investigation and then confront the association with your request to the extent that you would need authority from the association to embark on this type of program or, for that matter, the association may wish to consider doing so itself.



Robert Meisner

HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 27 to July 1, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices

CANTON	
50548 Baywood Blvd	\$550,000
45608 Amherst Blvd	\$270,000
49651 Garfield Ln	\$65,000
4191 Lonebridge Cir	\$216,000
1625 Manton Blvd	\$150,000
4758 Sherwood Cir	\$184,000
47903 Stratford Ct	\$317,000
42282 Willowood Ct	\$140,000
6134 Willow Creek Dr	\$160,000
40353 Winfield Rd	\$165,000
GARDEN CITY	
5741 Gilman St	\$67,000

30641 Pardo St	\$83,000
6507 Sharon St	\$78,000
LIVONIA	
11303 Cranston St	\$139,000
11325 Flamingo St	\$117,000
14135 Houghton St	\$130,000
29721 Hoy St	\$140,000
27855 Perth St	\$110,000
16450 Rougeway St	\$135,000
18310 University Park Dr	\$46,000
20211 Weyher St	\$50,000
NORTHVILLE	
42147 Brampton Ct	\$293,000
44617 Broommoor Cir N	\$360,000
17047 Brooklane Blvd	\$450,000
44302 Deep Hollow Cir	\$425,000
17407 Deer Path Dr	\$475,000
46425 Pickford St	\$86,000
16123 Portis Rd	\$214,000
PLYMOUTH	
1450 Ann Arbor Rd W	\$20,000

278 Blunk St	\$214,000
466 Blunk St	\$110,000
11985 Leighwood Dr	\$285,000
15094 Thornridge Dr	\$155,000
REDFORD	
19635 Brady	\$34,000
20421 Dalby	\$29,000
18272 Gaylord	\$37,000
18697 Gaylord	\$25,000
11739 Grayfield	\$22,000
19354 Kinloch	\$20,000
18642 Lexington	\$41,000
19992 Norborne	\$14,000
11302 Sioux	\$46,000
20477 Sumner	\$35,000
WESTLAND	
8275 Melvin Ave	\$70,000
27595 Powers St	\$43,000
8750 Summerfield Dr	\$52,000
850 Superior Pkwy	\$45,000

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 20-24, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices

BEVERLY HILLS	
19481 Beverly Rd	\$272,000
17193 Buckingham Ave	\$216,000
16007 Elizabeth St	\$62,000
17005 Elizabeth St	\$180,000
32060 Waltham Dr	\$371,000
BIRMINGHAM	
267 Abbey St	\$425,000
1247 Bird Ave	\$197,000
375 Catalpa Dr	\$550,000
400 Hamilton Row	\$379,000
411 S Old Woodward Ave	\$270,000
955 Suffield Ave	\$506,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
4906 Charing Cross Rd	\$633,000
340 Chesterfield Rd	\$450,000
149 Marblehead Dr	\$1,000,000
3 The Oaks	\$320,000
1560 Trailwood Path	\$90,000
718 Westview Rd	\$300,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
1777 Alexander Dr	\$315,000
422 Fox Hills Dr N # 3	\$26,000

1287 Greenglen Ct	\$195,000
560 N Gengarry Rd	\$863,000
5595 Raven Rd	\$330,000
1214 S Timberview Trl	\$215,000
COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP	
1836 Alsop Ave	\$326,000
138 Demarist St	\$88,000
3749 Gulfwood Dr	\$256,000
9030 Marilyn Ter	\$384,000
1445 Woodcrest Ln	\$194,000
FARMINGTON	
33247 Cloverdale Ave	\$124,000
23194 Floral St	\$60,000
23036 Frederick Ave	\$87,000
34036 Glenview Dr	\$120,000
32000 Grand River Ave	\$22,000
25911 Power Rd	\$81,000
22511 Violet St	\$62,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
22734 Ashley St	\$91,000
36083 Castlemeadow Dr	\$255,000
32740 Frohman Rd	\$155,000
31210 Craftsby Dr	\$157,000
32383 Farmersville Rd	\$100,000
38074 Halsted Road	\$464,000
29316 Laurel Dr	\$64,000
32000 Rocky Crst	\$182,000
32475 Scottsdale	\$420,000
30952 Tanglewood Trl	\$194,000
29482 Valley Bnd	\$200,000
30515 W 14 Mile Rd # 29	\$21,000
22159 W Brandon St	\$58,000

27231 Winterset Cir	\$250,000
FRANKLIN	
17023 Marguerite St	\$189,000
MILFORD	
400 Burns Rd	\$180,000
1488 Hunters Lake Dr	\$500,000
734 S Milford Rd	\$65,000
2601 W Buno Rd	\$330,000
NOVI	
24252 Bashian Dr	\$60,000
22646 Bertram Dr	\$335,000
22843 Brookforest	\$155,000
42038 Cherry Hill Rd	\$216,000
22619 Chestnut Tree	\$180,000
39450 Country Ln	\$70,000
22626 Deerfield Rd	\$180,000
1259 E Lake Dr	\$30,000
41588 Hamlet Ln	\$120,000
26000 Island Lake Dr	\$425,000
42878 Ledgewood Dr	\$261,000
26285 Mandalay Cir	\$115,000
27891 Middleton Dr	\$149,000
27893 Middleton Dr	\$154,000
27895 Middleton Dr	\$148,000
27897 Middleton Dr	\$152,000
27991 Middleton Dr	\$152,000
23503 N Rockledge	\$25,000
25584 Portico Ln	\$97,000
30971 Tanglewood Dr	\$149,000
23409 Whitehall Dr	\$450,000
42599 Whitman Way	\$234,000
28255 Wolcott Dr	\$84,000

28334 Wolcott Dr	\$160,000
SOUTH LYON	
777 Heights Ct	\$158,000
59894 Mulberry Ln	\$38,000
912 Oak Creek Dr	\$190,000
23676 Prescott Ln W	\$410,000
23422 Sawgrass Ct S # 6	\$300,000
358 Stanford Ave	\$135,000
52690 Trailwood Dr	\$2,000
52690 Trailwood Dr	\$83,000
388 Winchester St	\$124,000
SOUTHFIELD	
18660 Autumn Ln	\$129,000
27705 Berkshire Dr	\$70,000
15977 George Washington	\$70,000
WHITE LAKE	
30515 Old Stream	\$125,000
30265 Spring River Dr	\$135,000
19305 Starlane St	\$82,000
29131 Stellamar Dr	\$110,000
15649 Stone Crossing Dr	\$33,000
16905 W 12 Mile Rd	\$30,000
16145 W 13 Mile Rd	\$55,000
WHITE LAKE	
8821 Arlington St	\$50,000
130 Huronview Ct	\$150,000
2228 Kingston St	\$242,000
11409 Lakeland Dr	\$164,000
8112 Springdale Dr	\$75,000
411 Woodsedge Ln	\$220,000

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

New face

Carlina (Carol) Boji, broker/owner of RE/MAX Classic, has announced that top-producing Realtor Delilah Milne has moved her business to the Farmington Hills office. Milne, who was previously affiliated with a local real estate brokerage, made the transition to a RE/MAX brokerage to access the educational programs, and for the benefits of working with the largest RE/MAX brokerage in Southeastern Michigan — RE/MAX Classic.



Delilah Milne

"RE/MAX is not only synonymous with real estate, but at RE/MAX Classic we are provided marketing assistance to grow our business and resources for technology," said Milne. With over 10 years of experience in the real estate industry, she specializes in residential and condominium sales, luxury homes and buyer representation.

"Delilah came to RE/MAX Classic this year and from the moment I met her she has been professional, educated, ethical, and caring about the clients she works for. Delilah is a full-time Realtor and makes sure she knows the real estate market for her clients," said Boji. "We are happy to have her

join our elite group of Realtors at RE/MAX Classic. Her knowledge and integrity are a perfect fit."

The firm of RE/MAX Classic encompasses four metro Detroit offices located in Farmington Hills, Novi, Canton and Milford.

Investors

Learn from Jerry Norton "How To Rehab and Flip Properties For Profit." Sponsored by Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland on Thursday, Oct. 13, 5:30-9:30 p.m. at Club Venetian, 29310 John R, north of 12 Mile, Madison Heights. Seminar free to members. \$20 nonmembers.

Real Estate Career Seminar

Keller Williams Realty will offer a Career Seminar 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, at 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth. Learn about the \$50,000 income guarantee and free pre-licensing course. For information, contact Lesley Aiello at (734) 459-4700 or laiello@kw.com.

BIA

• Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present the Real Estate Continuing Education Course on Thursday, Oct. 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Association Offices, 2075 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield.

Lori Chmura of Middleton Training will present an update on real estate law and practices as required for six hours of state-mandated Real Estate Continuing Education.

Registration is \$80 per person for BIA members and \$125 per person for guests. Continental breakfast and lunch are included in the registration. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org.

AAM

• Apartment Association of Michigan (AAM) will sponsor Leasing 101, a seminar for apartment leasing professionals, on Tuesday, Oct. 11, from 9 a.m. to noon at Association Offices, 2075 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield.

Kathleen Mabie of Ann Arbor-based Success On Site will provide guidelines to increase occupancy immediately. The entire leasing process will be covered with emphasis on these topics: outsmarting the competition; closing starts at the beginning; being the best people and product; building trust; know your non-verbal communication.

Registration fees are \$75 for AAM or Building Industry Association members and \$95 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org.

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

3 Words That Will Kill Your Job Search

By: Beth Braccio Hering,
CareerBuilder

It's not unusual for job seekers to reach a point in their searches when they stop hoping to land a coveted job and resign themselves to considering any position. In theory, this "I'll take anything" attitude sounds promising: Less selectivity means greater possibilities, right?

Not so fast. Before spending precious time applying to jobs for which you're not qualified, consider these ways that a cast-your-net-everywhere tactic can backfire:

1. Employers don't care if you're desperate.

"Hiring managers are looking for one thing: a good match between the job and the applicant," says Catherine Jewell, author of "New Resume New Career." "Employers want to know that you will fit in and feel comfortable with their culture. The more you sound like them the better."

So just because you're willing to settle for anything, don't assume your value has increased. If you aren't well-versed in the field, your inexperience is bound to be noticed either on paper or in conversation. Conversely, shooting too low in a job search reeks of neediness and raises red flags as to whether you'd be happy in the position or are simply buying time until you can bolt to a more suitable job.

2. Untargeted applications aren't going to be noticed.

When quantity starts taking precedence over quality, the product is going to suffer. A general resume that could fit any position at any company is simply not going to make a hiring manager choose to

interview you over countless others.

"The targeted application helps you stand out from the talented pool of applicants," says Joel Garfinkle, founder of DreamJobCoaching.com. "You can highlight specific experiences that relate to what is outlined in the job description, and the employer can easily see how your qualifications fit what he desires." Garfinkle also recommends learning as much as possible about the company before submitting an application in order to tailor your application to its needs.

3. Busy work takes away from profitable actions.

Most candidates have a certain amount of time and energy they can devote to job searching. If

they waste it on generic mass mailings, less is left for activities that could generate good leads.

"Focus on the positions you really want instead of applying for something you don't want," says Richard Deems, co-author of "Make Job Less Work for You." "Use the same amount of time to network for introductions into organizations that hire people who do what you want to do. Research companies of interest. Find out their unmet needs, think of how you can meet those unmet needs and then present yourself."

4. People may see you as wishy-washy.

Networking means reaching out to others and letting them know what you have to offer. An elevator pitch of "Help! I need a

job" is unlikely to convince anyone that your skills are worth remembering. Likewise, contacts may be less inclined to think of you or to offer a recommendation if they are unsure what type of job you actually want.

While you may view yourself as flexible by trying to get a foot in any door at places you'd like to work, others may think differently. "If you apply for just 'anything,' you are wearing out your welcome with that employer," Jewell cautions. "It's tricky to present one image -- say, marketing -- one day, then turn around and present yourself for another opportunity -- such as customer service -- the next week. It leaves the impression that you don't know who you are and what you are about."

5. The strategy can create deceptive hope. Finally, be aware that churning out applications can do a number on your mind. Initially, the boost in productivity may make you feel as if you're gaining more chances in the job-hunt lottery, but if most of what you've sent out is destined for somebody's wastebasket because it lacks the qualities needed for genuine consideration, your odds of success have not improved.

Garfinkle notes that constantly applying for a job may make you look impressive on the surface. "At the end of the day, your spouse will ask you, 'How's the job search?' and you can respond, 'I sent out 10 resumes today,'" Garfinkle says. "This provides a false sense of feeling good about yourself and the progress you are making on this job search."

Worse yet, the corresponding rejection can damage your self-worth. As Deems warns, "For every 100 you send, you'll only hear from five to seven of them. If that many. And for every one you send that you don't hear from, you'll get a bit more depressed."

So look for opportunities that offer real hope and put in the effort needed to be a viable candidate. True satisfaction comes from landing a job -- not counting the number of attempts you made.

Beth Braccio Hering researches and writes about job search strategy, career management, hiring trends and workplace issues for CareerBuilder. Follow @CareerBuilder on Twitter.



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Car Report

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FOCUS HEADS UP FORD'S FIVE-HEADED MONSTER

By Dale Buss

Ford has decided to shelve Doug, the orange spokespuppet for the Focus, after a six-month run that did wonders for consumer interest in the car, exceeding the company's initial expectations. But Doug's demise is only the



Dale Buss

beginning of the prospects for the hot 2012 Ford Focus.

The company just released the last two new videos featuring the smart-alecky mascot for Focus and "John," his human handler. Doug is being retired from active duty as a branded entertainment experiment only after a phenomenal run of webisodes.

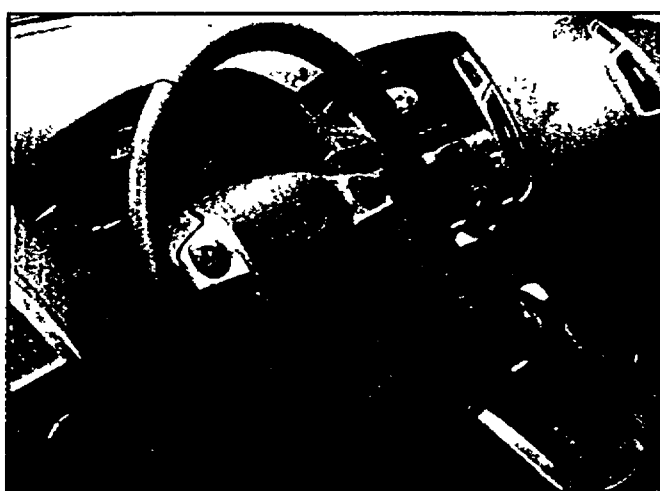
Ford targeted the generation of 10,000 Facebook fans for Doug; he now has 43,000. According to Scott Monty, Ford's head of social media, people have engaged with

Doug on Facebook at a rate three times greater than for the vehicle itself. About 40 percent of online "conversation" about Focus has been about Doug.

Also, 77 percent of people who saw the 48 Focus Doug videos to date said their favorability toward Focus has risen, and Doug's adventures have prompted a 61 percent increase in Focus consideration. "We've even had a handful of people say that they bought a Focus just because of Doug," Monty said.

But Ford can afford to let Doug go quietly into the night - or wherever he is. That's because the spokespuppet has succeeded so mightily in promoting Focus. Thanks to the Doug campaign, good early feedback on the car, gas prices that remain stuck at around \$3.50 a gallon and other factors, Focus continues to demonstrate incredible retail-sales momentum.

Ford reported inventory



Inside, the Focus provides more than small-car buyers are used to.

shortages of Focus in August, when the company actually sold 9 percent fewer Focus units than a year earlier, and only 5 percent more for the year to date over the old version in 2010.

"But Focus production has been fully launched, and August was the highest production month so far," said Ken Czuby, Ford's vice president of U.S. sales. "There are more Focus units headed to Ford dealers ... We expect to be able to close the gap between supply and demand for Focus and Fiesta, and there is little doubt that Focus and Fiesta sales will increase [relative to a year ago] as inventories are normalized. Both cars increased their retail share as we progressed through August."

Inventory levels of the new Focus are only about 75 percent of the inventory levels of the old Focus, a year ago, "yet generated almost as many sales" so far this year, according to Ford's U.S. industry analyst, George Pipas.

"That's an amazing fact. I'm trying to figure out myself how we can sell so many cars with so little inventory, and the answer is that Focus is the fastest-turning vehicle in the Ford showroom."

Moreover, Ford likes who's showing up to buy Focus: About one in six sales are to Millennials, Czuby said, which "is important." The average age of the Focus buyer is a stunning eight years younger than for the version it just replaced; there has been a 50-percent improvement in the conquest rate; and 8 percent of Focus retail sales are coming from the crucial California market versus just 5 percent for its predecessor.

Fiesta sales were up 76 percent, reflecting the established popularity of Ford's new subcompact compared with its launch year in 2010. But Czuby said that inventory tightness restricted Fiesta from even more

sales.

And with both Fiesta and Focus, what's especially encouraging Ford about their performance is their profitability as well as customer demand. About 35 percent of Focus sales now are for the two highest-end models, with August representing the strongest take rate yet for the two premium versions. "Customers are choosing higher fuel efficiency in our small vehicles," Czuby explained, "but they want all the technology Ford can deliver."

Such a performance, said Edmunds.com's U.S. industry analyst, Jessica Caldwell, "builds a strong profitability case for these small cars, a segment that has been criticized historically - both internally and externally - as bringing little profit to automakers."

Meanwhile, in addition to the strength of Focus and Fiesta, Ford's Fusion mid-size car and Ford Escape small SUV joined its best-selling Ford F Series pickup truck line as franchise vehicles. Both Fusion and Escape appeared to be closing in on 200,000 sales for the year, according to Pipas, and if they joined F Series in passing that mark, it would be the first time since 2004 that Ford achieved such a sales level for a year with three different vehicles.

F Series sales enjoyed what Czuby called "another strong month" despite economic turmoil, and now 57 percent of engines for the F150 are one of Ford's new V-6 power trains; current order rates from dealers, Pipas said, indicate that this level may rise to 60 percent soon.



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