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News

The Ark hits the Ark: Three of the teachers at the Giffelder music store in downtown Northville are slated to appear at the Ark in Ann Arbor this week as part of "Old Home Week."

To celebrate its 25th anniversary, the Ark has invited every performer who ever played there back for a return engagement. "Old Home Week" started Friday and continues through this weekend.

The Giffelder contingent at the Ark consists of Matt Watroba, host of WDET radio's "Folks Like Us" program, appearing Wednesday; Jim Perkins, a professional musician, also appearing Wednesday; and Betsy Beckerman, also a professional musician, appearing Thursday. Music starts at 8 p.m. each night.

The Ark is located at 637 1/2 S. Main Street, above the South Main Market, in Ann Arbor. Tickets, available at the door, are \$6.50 for weekdays and \$7.50 for weekends. For more information call 761-1451.

Council to review library: The Northville City Council will review the status of the community library as part of its shared services review at its meeting tonight, June 4.

The library's overcrowded conditions, level of use, and its potential relocation are likely topics of discussion. But, said City Manager Steven Walters, "There's not a whole lot that we'll be able to talk about really, without township participation, in terms of future site locations."

Also on the council agenda are discussion of the planned parking area at the Scout Building, a report from the recreation commission, renewal of the city's liability insurance, and amendments to the 1989-1990 budget.

The council also plans to discuss leasing the former site of the Phil's 76 service station at the corner of Main and Wing streets for temporary public parking.

Grief seminar: Bereavement counselor Michael Meyer will be speaking about the stages of grief in a mini-seminar to be conducted over the radio Wednesday, June 6, through Friday, June 8, at 5:50 a.m. on WQRS-FM (105.1). His talk is geared for both those who are grieving the death of a loved one and for those who would like to better understand how to deal with grieving people.

Schoolcraft volunteers: Schoolcraft College honored approximately 90 volunteers at its 15th Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. The college acknowledged volunteer contributions and appreciation of volunteer support.

Volunteers from Northville are: Mary Baughman, Paul Dawson, Dorothy Flattery, Dorothy Gray, Betty Griffin, Glenna Grosh, Betty Hancock, Doug Hansford, Barbara Jackson, Frances Johnson, Suzanne Kaley, Rita Ketterer, Robert Ketterer, Margot Pearsall, Mary Perna, Jackie Simpson, Kim Whit and Elizabeth Willerer.

Volunteers from Novi are: Anita Lumpkin, Marie Byron and Myrtle Locke.

DARE fundraiser: Card exhibitors and dealers are being sought for Novi's first trading card show scheduled for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., July 7, in the Novi Civic Center. There will be a small fee for participation and entry, with all proceeds benefiting Novi's Drug Abuse Resistance Education program.

Former Detroit Tigers Mickey Stanley and Larry Pashnick, as well as other sports celebrities, will be on hand to sign autographs.

Interested dealers or collectors should call Novi Police Officer Bob Gatt at 347-0534.

Sports Briefs

Mustang Sports Wrap-up: Expectations did not meet reality when the Northville boys track team competed in the Western Lakes Meet on May 30 at Livonia Churchill. The Mustangs — who finished 5-2 in the conference — were looking for a top-half finish in the 12-team event but wound up all the way down in 10th place with 37 points. First place honors went to Westland John Glenn with 148 points. The team's top finish was a pair of thirds in 400-meter relay and the mile relay. . . . The Mustang girls placed 11 out of 12 at the WLAA Meet on May 30. The locals scored 18 points, which was 136 points out of first place. Northville's top finisher was Ris Fleming, who placed third in the 300 hurdles.

Sports Physicals: All Northville High School students who plan to participate in athletics during the 1990-91 school year can get their physicals on June 5 at TRACC. The girls physicals will be held at 4 p.m. and the boys at 5 p.m. There will be a \$5 charge.

For more information, call Mustang Athletic Director Dennis Colligan at 344-8403.

Wildcat Sports Wrap-up: Both the Novi baseball and softball squads headed into action last weekend just two victories away from a district title. The baseballers were scheduled to take on South Lyon in the semifinals on June 2 (after deadline) with the winner to battle the Brighton-Milford survivor in the finals later that day. The Ladycats were to tackle Howell in the semis with the prospect of taking on the Brighton-Lakeand winner in the finals.



Photos by CHRIS BOYD

For the love of ivy

There wasn't much to smell, but 2-year-old Erik Borg took a deep whiff from this ivy geranium anyway. The occasion was the Farmer's Market in Northville last weekend.

(Road) Rallying for a cause

Racers join fund-raising drive for kids

By MAUREEN NASZRADI
Staff Writer

Several area residents recently participated in a three-day road rally to raise money for an organization that benefits Michigan's troubled children and families.

The Grand Tour for Children raised more than \$30,000 to benefit the Michigan Association of Children's Alliances, according to preliminary estimates.

The MACA is a non-profit organization committed to improving and protecting the quality of life for children and families, according to Steve Purdy, organizer of the rally.

The association is based on the belief that all children and families have the right to opportunities and services which strengthen and encourage a child's physical, social, emotional and intellectual development.

To this end, the group provides training and other programs to public and private member agencies, and individual members throughout the state, explained Barbara Steencken, a Northville resident and rally participant.

The group also monitors the development and implementation of laws



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Randy Davis was rally master at the Novi Hilton for the MACA fund-raiser

and policies affecting children and families.

Steencken said she participates in the rally to show her support for the group's efforts.

"The kids in the state need all the help they can get," Steencken said, "whether it's a latchkey program or a

substance-abuse problem, anything to make their life less threatening."

Steencken and approximately 48 other entrants paid \$600—personal contribution or raised through sponsors—to join the rally, sponsored in part this year by Uniroyal-Goodrich and Buick.

Departing from the Novi Hilton on May 18, the drivers covered 800 miles before their return two days later. The tour stopped in Flint, Lansing, Jackson and Adrian as well as other cities where some of the the association's member agencies are located.

Thorton House needs a home

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

With any luck, the pioneer-era Thorton home may be entering another phase of its nomadic existence. Or 1990 could be the end of the line for the 150-year-old structure.

Novi Historical Society president Kathy Mutch is hoping that members of the community will care enough to join her newly-organized "Friends of the Sally Thorton House." The group's first meeting is on Thursday, June 28, at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

"When I think about the Yerkes house — so many people passed by and said something should be done — if the Thorton house is ultimately saved, it could be the oldest existing house in Novi," Mutch said.

The elegant late-Victorian era Yerkes house fell prey to an arsonist in fall 1989.

Built circa 1838, the two-story frame farmhouse now sitting behind Home, Sweet Home restaurant was owned by Sally Thorton, a widow who came to Novi in 1827 with her five teen-aged children. The house, apparently located at the northeast corner of Novi and Nine Mile Roads, was an

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upscale move for the family, who previously lived in the frontier settler's standard log cabin.

A hundred years later, the house was moved for the first time — several hundred feet south — to make way for the construction of the Rogers mansion, now the Home Sweet Home restaurant. Owner Charles Rogers was married to Harriet Thorton, great-granddaughter of Sally Thorton.

In 1988, it was transferred from its location behind Arkin Distributing Company at 43100 Nine Mile Road closer to the corner of Novi Road to clear space for the company's expansion. Today, the small building stands to the left and rear of Home

Sweet Home. Two years ago, company president Irwin Arkin sought to sell the house but with no offers coming in, he relocated rather than razed the 2,000 square foot structure.

Now Arkin said the land the historic home sits on is needed once again. But it seems as if he can't give the house — which is in sound condition — away.

"I'd like to see the city use it somehow. I'd like to see it be saved, in a park as an office building. I just hate to see it destroyed," he said. "It can't stay there."

"All they have to do is pick it up and take it away."

While Arkin declined to say what

the land the Thorton house is sitting on is needed for, he'd like to see the home moved "as soon as possible" or it will be leveled. However, Home, Sweet Home has been meeting with the city's planning concepts committee to discuss a proposed banquet and catering addition to their building, as well as a parking lot to the west of the site.

But Novi City Manager Edward Kriewall said that at present the city has no plans for the house.

Arkin has unsuccessfully offered the Thorton home to neighboring historical groups. Livonia's Greenmead won't accept structures from outside that city. Northville's Mill Race Village also has refused custody of the quaint building but will strip it for doors and frames to use to repair houses already in place in the village. Arkin said. But that's a last resort, he added.

And the most logical choice, the Novi Historical Society, simply doesn't have the funds to take over and restore the Thorton home, Mutch said, or for that matter any available land. Mutch also serves on the Novi Historical Commission,

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THIS THURSDAY: Take a look at what high school kids do in co-op programs.

MONDAY EDUCATION



Songs in their hearts

Amerman Elementary School recently held a very special concert. Highlighting the show was the performance of the "MercyAires" choral group...



Photos by CHRIS BOYD

OCC's latest budget debuts

Oakland Community College's Board of Trustees has approved a \$6-million budget increase for the 1990-91 school year.

The \$62-million budget includes a \$2-per-credit tuition increase to help pay expenses that fringe state appropriations and depleted millage won't cover, officials said.

Historic Thornton house needs a home

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There's no room to place the house next to the historical Nov/ Town Hall, which sits on the library's property, she added.

ate the Thornton house's potential. Hoyer took first place in 1989 in the National Trust for Historic Preservation's annual Great American Home Awards...

Suburbs could bear brunt of funding bill

LANSING — The state House of Representatives is facing a proposed constitutional amendment requiring "equal opportunity for education" amid fears it will hurt affluent suburbs in the name of helping the poor.

Another suburbanite Rep. William Bryant, R-Crosse Pointe, said earlier the measure practically invites a lawsuit against the state.

Among opponents were two members from out-of-formula suburban Wayne County districts — Lynn Banks, R-Livonia, and James Kosteva, D-Canton.

Local resident plans grassroots tax protest

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

Move over, Dick Headline. Make room, Brooks Patterson. Village Oaks Subdivision resident Oliver Hayman is hoping his friends and neighbors will join him for a local-scale tax revolt.

The millage, as finally adopted after much council wrangling, is 10.8035 — down from the originally proposed 10.8879, as well as from last year's 11.1761.



The ditch draining the Wikom wetland site was dammed up last Thursday

Drainage starts and stops

By SHEILA PHILLIPS Staff Writer

Wetlands drainage near Beck and West roads continued May 29, despite issued violations and Department of Natural Resources intervention, according to one local resident.

However, when the Novi News examined the Wikom site on May 31 the ditch was diked and no longer draining. Two nearby sites in Novi were not accessible.

School Calendar June 4-10. Includes dates for Northville High School, Winchester Elementary School, and Moraine PTA events.

Housewares Plus Soft-White Light Bulbs. Advertisement for GE light bulbs with prices and locations.

Social Security. Advertisement for Social Security information with phone number and slogan 'Many people only know half the story.'

Civic Calendar June 4-10. Lists various city council and community meetings.

Bridal Seminar. Advertisement for a wedding planning seminar with contact information for Jacobson's.

