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By Pam Fleming RECORD STAFF WRITER

For a freshman, Marc Corriveau (D-Northville) is doing more than just getting his feet wet in the Michigan House of Representatives.

It's more like he's jumped into the deep end of the pool.

Last week, Corriveau was named Chair of the House Ethics and Elections Committee.

This new committee was created to ensure that the House is held to the highest standards and to

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Crowds flock downtown for second annual chamber event

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Rishab Devan watched the winged dragon emerge from blocks of ice in intricate detail

The 8-year-old and his dad, Vasu Devan, were part of the crowd who bundled up and headed downtown Saturday to take in the second annual Fire and Ice Festival

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To a backdrop of Cuban jazz in Bandshell Park, residents tasted recipe competitions, mingled with neighbors and admired custom ice carvings propped outside storefronts.

Devan, a Thornton Creek second-grader, joined spectators gathered around Matt Sokolowski in the Gardenviews W. Main Street lot. The carver transformed five blocks of ice using saws, picks and drills, adding to the icy decorations downtown.

"He was pretty curious about how it's done," Vasu Devan said "He was asking questions. He wanted to see the carving in progress.

The father-son outing started

Horton Street

with a stop in the tent the Northville Chamber of Commerce erected for the annual festival. Devan skipped the chili samples, opting instead for the face painter's treat of a huge eagle on his cheek.

The warmth of Fire and Ice

From the start of the festival at noon, patrons packed the tent for the four-hour festival. Vendors doled out \$1 and \$2 chili and salsa samples, vying for People's Choice award honors. An official panel of judges made the first pass through. In the Fire House Chili Challenge, the Northville Township firefighters again bested their city rivals for top chili honors.

For a video from Saturday's event, please visit our Web site: northvillerecord.com.

They'll return the firehouse alarm award plaque to their Six Mile Road kitchen.

Chamber representatives said they were pleased with the turnout. But, chamber president Jody Humphries acknowledged the heated tent was "tight quar-

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Reusable parts removed Recueing in prep for demolition

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

The yellow and white Cape Cod at 412 Horton Street soon will have a different address.

Several new addresses, in fact. A deconstruction crew recently descended on the remarkable home site to take out the home's guts - from fireplace to faucets and furnace to fixtures --- so they can be resold and reused elsewhere. Only the shell will remain to be demolished, to make way for new construction on the corner lot overlooking Mill Pond where Horton Street curves not h.

Dennis Steinhauser, deconstruction manager for the Detroit Habitat for Humanity ReStore. estimated the nonprofit organiza-

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tion would net \$20,000 in materials salvaged from the Northville home.

"We take a lot of good, usable things out of a house and recycle it, so to speak," he said. "This way

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Preparing for battle: Students hit the books for library contest

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Sarah Boudreau is ready to flip some pages.

The Hillside Middle School sixth grader has books to read, supportive parents and a competitive spirit. She has set aside some of her fantasy favorites to pick up titles the Northville District Library staff selected for the inaugural "Battle of the Books."

Public, private and home-schooled sixth, seventh and eighth graders are invited to form teams and digest eight books to prepare for an April 24 competition. Librarians are compiling a list of questions students will answer as a team vying for prizes and bragging rights.

"It's kind of a different approach than they have for school assignments," said teen services librarian Suzanne Schimanski-Gross. "It's just a different way of encouraging reading books."

The deadline for "Battle of the Books" registration is Tuesday.

Already well-read

Look out for book lovers like Boudreau who know how to practice. She competed in a book battle in her native Florida before moving north last year.

"Normally, I read fantasy and that kind of thing," said Boudreau, 11. "My dad (Paul) does, too, and we kind of guiz each other on it."

Anne Mannisto, assistant library director, said the staff was excited to launch the "Battle" program because it caters to middle school students, who are not typically heavily into reading.

Schimanski-Gross and parttime librarian Karen Fehl

worked with Hillside and Meads contest books. Mill media specialists to pitch the concept to the 1,700 sixth, seventh and eighth graders enrolled in Northville Public

Schools. "They're really behind it," she said. "They're helping us promote it and get the kids excited about it."

The program also is open to parochial and home-schooled students.

"We wanted to make it for the community and include as many kids as we could," Schimanski-Gross said.

Questions like ...

"In 'Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone,' who were Malfoy's friends at Hogwart's?" That was a sample question the librarians floated for potential competitors during their January school visit.

And while parents might respond with knitted brows, the kids quickly replied, "Crabbe and Goyle!" Harry Potter doesn't appear on the eight-book reading list, but that's the enthusiasm battle organizers are seek-

During the April competition at Northville High School, the battle emcees will pose questions aloud and each team will have an opportunity to scrawl their response on a card, collected by a runner and checked by library staff. Prizes --- yet to be determined - will be awarded to the team that scores the most accurate answers.

"It's not like a quiz show in that you have to answer first," Schimanski-Gross said. "They all have an equal opportunity to answer the questions."

In the meantime, the librarian suggested teams gather periodically to compare notes about the

Team players

This is the first Battle of the Books hosted by the Northville District Library, borrowing aspects from similar competitions in other communities and local schools. Schimanski-Gross said the librarians carefully selected the titles to appeal to a variety of reading tastes.

"Some have male main characters, some have female characters. have both," said some Schimanski-Gross. "So, if the teams have a mix, they can decide which titles to read.

"They'll overlap who reads what."

The goal of the contest is to reading. encourage said Schimanski-Gross, minus the academic emphasis on documenting symbolism and theme.

"Maybe they'll still pick up some of those things when they're reading for something else," she said. "Somehow, you stumble across it when you're not really looking for it."

The students and parents who visited the library Friday were looking forward to preparing for the battle.

"I think anything that gets the kids to read is wonderful," said Susan Winkler, mom of Hillside Middle School sixth grader Blair. Angela Boudreau, a former English teacher, also agreed to be a team manager when her daugh-

ter participates in the battle. "I think it's a great program," she said. "This is fun. Now I get to be involved.

"It's a good way for us to share, to talk about the books."

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Battle of the Books

What: Reading competition

Who: Northville community sixth, seventh and eighth graders

How: Each team, comprised of two to six members, reads eight books to prepare to answer questions

Host: Northville District Library Deadline: Registration ends Tuesday Competition: 7 p.m. April 24 Where: Northville High School cafeteria Participate: Sign up at the 212 W. Cady St.

library For info: (248) 349-3020

Teams jump start for 'Battle'

Last week, 11 teams of middle school students had already signed up for the Battle of the Books

Teen services fibrarian Suzanne Schimanski-Gross said kids who want to participate, but can't round up a team, should contact the Northville District Library.

"We'll help you get a team," she said.

Members of three teams took advantage of the day off school Friday to check out books designated for the Northville District Library competition. Some already are planning how they'll come in costume to the competition, vying in a separate prize category.

There are 10 or more copies of all eight titles the teams must read by April 24, Schimanski-Gross said. They can be borrowed for two weeks and then renewed.

Team: Precious Puppies

Members: Nicole Khamis, 11; Blair Winkler, 11

School: Hillside

Game plan: Matching T-shirts. "I already take notes as I read," Khamis said.

Team: Verb ending in -ing Members: Derek Wright, 14; Aaron Kollipara, 14; Colin Weir, 13; Michael Wylie, 13; Eric

Ostrowski, 13, and J.T. Thompson, 13 School: Meads Mill

Game plan: "We're each going to read three, so there will be at least two people on every

book," Weir said. Team: The Outsiders

Members: Mayanna Berrin, 12; Griffin

Gallagher, 12, and Andrew Gutman, 13 School: Hillside



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record Hillside seventh-graders, Mayanna 1 Barrin, right, and Griffin Gallagher will compete as "the Outsiders" in the 3 upcoming Battle of the Books sponsored by the Northville District Library. The contest is to encourage middle schoolers to read more books.

Game plan: "I read two of them in the fourth grade, so I'm going to re-skim them," said Berrin. "We want to take home both prizes."

The books

The reading list for the Northville District Library Battle of the Books is:

Mystery: "Chasing Vermeer" by Blue Balliett Sports: "Crash" by Jerry Spinelli

Adventure: "Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Kropp" by Rick Yancey

Fantasy: "Gregor the Overlander" by Suzanne Collins

Historical fiction: "In My Father's House" by, Ann Rinaidi

Realistic fiction: "No More Dead Dogs" by,... Gordon Korman; "Notes from a Liar and Her Doo" by Gennifer Choldenko, and "Surviving the Applewhites" by Stephanie Tolan. **`**\$? \$



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Reusable parts removed in preparation for demolition

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we generate money for other projects in the Detroit area."

Steinhauser said hauling the obsolete home parts takes them out of the homeowners' way, makes them available to people upgrading on a budget and keeps them out of the landfill. All this while generating funds to help the Habitat mission of building homes for the disadvantaged, he said.

"It's a win-win situation."

Out of the homeowners' way

For several days last month, Steinhauser's crew of four reported to the home Sharon and Jeff Smith purchased in 2004. They loaded up everything they could cost-effectively remove from the 2,500-square-foot residence, including the kitchen sink.

Some of the stuff, you have to judge how long it's going to take you," said Steinhauser, pointing to wood flooring they planned to leave behind. "We have to justify our labor costs."

With the home stripped, Northville-based builder Ed Funke will help the couple take the next step toward demolition. pulling permits with the city. This spring, he'll supervise construction of a two-story home styled with architectural influence of the Victorian era, more characteristic of the neighborhood.

The goal is to have this house



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Anthony Britt, middle and Reginald Poole, right, assist Dennis Steinhauser as they remove a kitchen countertop from the Smith's Horton Street home for Detroit's ReStore program.

Taking the initiative

Meanwhile, the ReStore on Greenfield Road is benefiting from the transition. Truckloads from Horton Street boosted the inventory from which landlords, rental-home owners and cottage do-it-yourselfers will pick implements for improving living conditions.

We're actually helping other people who can't afford to go to Home Depot or Lowe's." Steinhauser said.

From Horton Street, the ReStore workers took appliances, the furnace, the hot water heater, air-conditioning condenser, brick pavers, pil-

Shari Allen said she has heard of salvage projects similar to the Smiths'. She said the city doesn't suggest a method for recycling materials, so homeowners have been taking the initiative to find an outlet.

Out of the landfill

Steinhauser met the Smiths during a home remodeling show last spring at Rock Showplace in Novi when they were still kicking around options for their unique home site.

The original one-story house, remodeled in the 1990s, is perched

"It was a tiny little '50's ranch." Entranced by the site, the home owners opted to start from the ground up. A call to Steinhauser got the ball rolling.

"I think there's probably people doing the same thing we're doing and the stuff is going in the garbage," Sharon Smith said. She approved placement of ReStore signs in the yard to increase aware-

ness of the non-profit cause. "It just lets the other people in the neighborhood know what's going on," Steinhauser said. "The owners here are doing a good thing."

ReStore: Materials source for upgrading

The self-contained fireplace with remote starter removed from 412 Horton Street in Northville might net \$300.

That's the estimate by Dennis Steinhauser, deconstruction manager for Habitat for Humanity's ReStore in Detroit. His crews brought in a lot of the materials to stock bins, shelves and showroom, to the Greenfield Road resale store, which generated \$1.5 million in sale last year.

"A large percentage of our clientele is landlords," Steinhauser said. "It's so somebody else can upgrade their home."

Popular items include doors starting at \$5, cabinets at \$20 and up, windows for \$25 and up, and light fixtures starting at \$10.

But items Steinhauser's crews have salvaged from Metro Detroit homes range from Jenn-Air cooktops and Sub-Zero refrigerators to stainless steel dishwashers and Jacuzzi hottubs.

Donors receive an itemized list for tax-deduction purposes, Steinhauser said.

Currently, ReStore's three-year-old salvage service is free. Steinhauser said. But, that might change.

"We are considering a small service charge to cover some of our labor and insurance costs," he said.

The ReStore's mission is to help people purchase building materials and products they might not otherwise be able to afford. Steinhauser said. Funds generated by the store help continue Habitat for Humanity's larger worldwide goal of helping those in need help themselves.

Starting from scratch

Steinhauser eyes Northville as growing source of materials. Like Birmingham and Plymouth. he said vacant lots are few, the housing stock aging and people want larger homes with proximity to a desirable downtown.

"Eventually, people are going to be tearing down to build new or they'll fix up an existing home with additions," Steinhauser said. The project doesn't have to be a complete demolition for ReStore

to retrieve materials, he said. Familiar as Funke is with his hometown Northville, he said he knows the trend of tearing down to start new.

"The Habitat situation, I've never been involved with," he said. "I wasn't aware they would do this.

"There's just a lot of stuff in this house that can be utilized. It just wouldn't work in the new house.

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BIRTH

ENGAGEMENTS

Samantha Anastasia Jaghab

Doctors Jeffrey and Stephanie Jaghab are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Samantha Anastasia Jaghab, on Aug. 30,



weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces, measuring 20 inches at bìrth. Proud grandparents are Hanan

2006.

Samantha

Jaghab of Livonia and Vassilios and Maria Dionyssopoulos of Plymouth, also proud great grandparent Najla Ghannam of Livonia.

OBITUARY

EVELYN G. KLOCKE-WHITE

Age 78 of Northville/Novi, passed away peacefully on January 29, 2007. She was born April 10, 1928 to Glenn R. and Ida E. (Johnson) Gatrell. Evelyn was a member of the Eastern Star. She enjoyed reading and loved to bake; she would bake and decorate cakes for all occasions. She absolutely adored her grandsons. She is survived by her son, Glenn (Kim) Klocke of Novi; her sisters, Geneva Wolfe of W. Virginia, Juineta (Sam) Glenn of Gladwin, and Betty (John) Hammett of W. Virginia; her brother Jack (Carole) Gatrell of Novi; and her grandsons Blake and Dylan. She was preceded in death by her husband Dean White, husband Ed Wiggle, and husband Ernest Klocke. Visitation will be held Thursday, February 1, 2007 from Noon - 7pm with the funeral service at 7pm at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc., 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to Arbor Hospice, 331 North Center, Northville, MI 48167.

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Koster-Young

Jim and Carol Koster of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Rachel Ann Koster, to Michael Dean Young, Jr. son of Michael and Wendy Young of Frankenmuth.

Needham-Rollins

Grace Needham, to Kyle Greyson

Rollins, son of Philip and Ricki

ate of Northville High School, and

2005 graduate of Purdue

University. She is currently

employed as a Financial Analyst

graduate of Purdue University,

and is a Business Analyst with

A June 2007 wedding is

William Manarina of Northville

Adrienne Leigh

announce the engagement of his

Manarina to Timothy Adam

Schovers, son of Ray and Diane

ate of Northville High School and a 2003 graduate of Kalamazoo

College. She currently teaches at Loy Norrix High School in

The groom-elect is a 1998 grad-

uate of Northville High School.

He is currently a licensed builder

and carpenter contractor

The bride-elect is a 1999 gradu-

The groom-elect is also a 2005

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Schovers-Manarina

Schovers of Northville.

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Kalamazoo.

The bride-elect is a 2001 gradu-

Rollins of Granger, Ind.

The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of Northville High School and 2004 graduate of Western Michigan University. She is currently employed as a seventh and eighth grade science teacher.

The groom-elect is a 2000 graduate of the University of Montana and received his master's degree in 2002 from Western Michigan Unversity. He is currently employed as Vice President with the Young Automotive Group.

A July 14 wedding is planned.





WEDDINGS





Mr. and Mrs. Ethan Daniel Allen

Sarah Ann Boll and Ethan Daniel Allen were married July 15, 2006 at Catawba Island Club, Port Clinton, Ohio. The wedding took place overlooking Lake Erie. with the groom's father, Pastor Jonathan D. Allen officiating. A

Samantha Louise Knighton and Michael John Kapusky were married May 20, 2006 at Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Doylestown, Ohio. A reception followed at the Presentation of Our Lord Orthodox Church.

The bride is the daughter of Dave and Mary Jane Knighton of Doylestown, Ohio. She is a 2004 graduate of the University of Toldeo, and is currently employed by Business Technical Consulting of Toledo as an Accounting and Human Resources Manager.

The groom is the son of John and Carol Kapusky of Northville. He is 1999 graduate of Kettering University, where he received his undergraduate degree, and 2005 graduate of the University of Michigan, receiving a Master of Business Administration and Masters of Science in Engineering. He is currently employed by Johnson Controls as a Product Engineer.

The Matron of Honor was Anne Schroeder, sister of the bride. The bridesmaids were Jacque Soleiman, Patricia Knighton, Lisa Schroeder, Christine Kapusky, and Nina Milbum. Morgan Schroeder and Sophia Soleiman were the Flower Girls.

The Best Man was Yatenda Guru. Serving as groomsmen were Scott Munro, Darcy Arnold, Jason Hogan, Greg Schroeder, and Dan Pilarz. Collin Arnold was the Ring Bearer. The couple honeymooned in

Hawan, and live in Milan.

reception followed at the same location.

The bride is the daughter of Gregory and Susan Boll of Northville. She is a 2005 graduate of Indiana University, and is currently employed in the Human Resources Department Cummins Bridgeway.

The groom is the son of Jonathan and Nancy Allen of Garden City. He is a 2004 graduate of Hillsdale College and is currently employed as a commercial banking analyst at Comerical Bank.

The bride wore a Jim Hjelm chapel length satin gown, decorated with pearl clusters and accented with delicate silver-embroidered thread. She carried a clutch bouquet of white roses with pink accents and Swarovski cystals.

The Maid of Honor was Suzanne Boll, sister of the bride, with Jessica Sheriff, Emily Gaither, Brittany Black, Erin Kolb, Megan Barcus, Caroline Southerland, Amy and Taylor Allen, sisters of the groom, serving as bridesmaids. The groom's niece, Kiera Allen was the Flower Girl.

The groom's brother James Allen served as Best Man, with brother Jonathan Allen, Aaron Sparkman, Michael Huntsman, Steven Ives, Ryan Kolberg, Kevin Roberts, Richard and William Riegner, cousins of the groom, serving as groomsmen.

Serving as Ushers, were he bride's cousins Jacob and Jonathan Robideau.

Also in attendance were the bride's maternal great grandmother Marjorie Stotz from Ohio, grandmother Virginia Heckler from Northville, and paternal grandparents Von and Dawn Boll of Northville. The groom's matergrandmother nal Nancy Kachigian of Garden City was also an honored guest.

The couple honeymooned in Cabo San Lucas. They have made their home in Northville.

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Mr. and Mrs. Michael Michael and Heidi Needham of Kapusky Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Emily

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Join Friends: Learn to snowshoe at Maybury State Park Feb. 10

Tsk, tsk ... shame on the street urchins who knocked over one of the ice carvings downtown merchants propped in front of their stores last weekend. A costly bit of mischief for the store owner who sponsored the temporary sculpture during the Fire and Ice festival ...

Speaking of the festival ... congratulations to the participants of the Polar Bear Plunge fund-raiser the Kiwanis Club's John Miller organized. Great sports, all!

And speaking of sports ... congratulations to the Northvillebased Michigan Rush U11 Boys Swoosh Soccer Team that Jan. 19 won the Detroit Ignition Pre-Game Tournament at the Compuware Arena! Introduced at halftime of the main event, the squad swept past opponents, CW3 Extreme and Plymouth Kicks, in successive 2-0 contests. Goalkeeper Peter Arton tallied two shutouts, while Teddy Molinari, Alex Thompson, Cody Fielden and Dwight Hansell scored Rush goals.

On to a different milestone . Best wishes to Roberta "Bobbie" Yarrington Quay, who celebrated her 80th birthday Monday. The longtime Northville resident and retired teacher earned her pilot's license in 1973, enjoys traveling and gardening and serves as a church trustee To add your wishes, go to www.Happy80thBobbie@Comcast .net.

It's the first day of February ... the local schools highlighting contributions to Northville Civic Concern this month are Thornton Creek and the Early Childhood Center. Bins will be available in each location for donations of nonperishable food and household staples to be distributed to clients of Northville's emergency service agency. Send it in!

Brimm-ave artists visited town last weekend ... Robert Perrish sent word the Polar Brush Club. a group of artists who paint outside year-round, selected Mill Race Historical Village for their subject matter last Saturday. The Livonia resident invited anyone interested in the hobby to check out their Web site: www.michiganpleinair com .

Speaking of Mill Race ... work crews will descend on the historical park this weekend to start the project of replacing the time-worn floor in the New School Church. The volunteer effort, to be paid for host Walled Lake poet Lori Goff "A Man for All Seasons" and "The through fund-raising by Bill and Carole Jean Stockhausen, is endorsed by the Northville Historical Society, which oversees the village. The floor planks are there ... anyone with a screw gun, electric compressor, strong back and/or a willingness to help should report at 8 a.m. this Saturday and next.

Just in time for Valentine's Day ... Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art is featuring the works of international metal sculptor Boris Kramer (see photo on page 15). Meet the man and check out his works -remarkably affordable --- during the First Fridays Art Walk 6-9 p.m. tomorrow night at the N. Center Street gallery. During the reception, Northville resident Mark Hurwitz will set the mood with his melodic keyboard performance.

Also during First Fridays Art Walk ... Swearingen Visions will



reading from her new book, "The Heart of it All." Also in the 118 W. Main St. gallery, Novi artist Alcea Hibbeln's abstract expressionist paintings will be on display.

Around the corner and down the block ... The Northville Art House on Cady Street is another Art Walk stop. Artists-in-residence Anita Bates and Stephen Gatny will display their works. The pair also will be giving a gallery talk on their work at 1 p.m. Feb. 17.

Hey, classic movie fans! Starting tonight with "Sleepless in Seattle," the Penn Theatre in Plymouth is launching Movie Lover Thursdays, a four-monthlong movie series. With monthly themes February/romance, March/comedy, April/history and May/mystery, tickets for the 8 p.m. show times are \$3 Upcoming – uthes melude Somewhere in Tiple Has Graduate," 'Young Frenkenstera

Sixth Sense,"

.... This is interesting ... Maybury Farm is in need of docents for its preschool and elementary school programs. In March, the farm will be cranking up a variety of educational programs. No teaching degree required, just enjoyment working with children and nature once or twice a week for three hours. Dana Weeks is coordinating training starting this month. Call (248) 374-0200.

And speaking of Maybury ... Maybury State Park and grassroots supporters Friends are hosting a snowshoe demonstration 10 a.m.-2 p m. Saturday, Feb. 10. Meet at the concession building after entering from Eight Mile Road. Representatives from REI, the outdoor outfitters at Six Mile and Haggerty roads, will offer tips. The only cost is the park entrance fee Friends will provide light refresh ments at the fireplace. Check it out



Northville High School junior Jordan Albright got to showcase his artistic talent at the recent North American International Auto Show at Cobo Center in Detroit. His poster won best theme in the 19th Annual American International Auto Show contest.



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Matt Sokolowski, of Michigan Ice.com, carves structures in front of Northville's Gardenviews.



And the winners are ...

Winners for the 2007 Fire and Ice Festival are: Judges Choice Salsa: Poole's Tavern Chili: NOMI People's Choice Salsa: Sizzing Sticks Chili: Rocky's of Northville Fire House Chili Challenge Northville Township Firefighters

Photos by John Heider/Northville Record

Left, Fire and Ice Festival attendees ge Crowds flock downtown for second annual chamber event

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ters." She said the plan to enlarge the town square currently under consideration by City Council would allow for a different set-up for subsequent festivals

The chamber staff hustles to have everything in place for each community-wide event, said membership director Jeri Johnson But, the weather can make or break a mid-winter festival. "It's all worth it," she said.

"People really have a lot of fun." And while the scent of chili and

sounds of Tumbao Bravo filled the air in the central business district, merchants ushered in Saturday shoppers.

Lori Stempien, co-owner of Pear-aphernalia, was among the merchants who sponsored a signature carving in front of her E. Main Street store. She said the event helped bring people downtown. "We've been busy," she said.

"We've had a lot of traffic."

The chill of Fire and Ice

Earlier that afternoon, a dozen volunteers took a quick dip in the pond behind the Waterwheel office complex at Main and Griswold streets. Final tally for the Kiwanis Club Polar Bear Plunge fund-raiser was not available at press time.

While club members shivered from their icy wade, spontaneous pledging pressed several bravehearts back into the water. Encee Andy Genitti encouraged "full submersion"

"These people paid money they want to see wet and cold," he shouted. "C'mon, Thelma, we got a personal contribution of \$100 to see you go back in."

Township finance director Thelma Kubitskey, dressed as the Statue of Liberty, shed her jacket and blanket to join a handful of her fellow Kiwanis members for a re-dip.

Michelle Miller, clad as a sorceress, Kubitskey, and hula dancer Kris Wilson earned the judges' nod for the best costumes.

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some tortilla chips and salsa inside the big tent in downtown Northville.

Right, Michelle Miller pops quickly out of the frigid waters of the Rouge River during Saturday's Kiwanis Club's Polar Bear Plunge.





Left, Donid Sebest dives into a cup of chill.

Below, Dennis Loveail, 2, is pulled around on his sled by his grandfather, Larry Parks.







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HEALTHY LIVING

Cancer survivor stresses importance of annual exams

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Killar-Arevalo Loran smelling the roses.

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The 49-year-old Northville Township resident, rich with family and professional accomplishments in pharmaceutical research. gained a new perspective during her battle with breast cancer last year. After chucking her 70-hour work week, she's taking her time settling into a new niche.

"Because I was always such a driven career woman myself, 1 couldn't understand the stay-athome moms." Killar-Arevalo said. "What did they do all day? Now I understand.

"I have a definite respect for the women who stay at home now. I applaud them for doing that if they feel it's right for them and their family."

The exam

Killar-Arevalo's 20-year career in immunology research included development of new drugs to battle arthritis and cancer. But when a routine mammogram turned up suspicious results, the terms she had regarded academically took on a personal meaning.

"The message I want to get out to women is just how crucial mammography is." Killar-Arevalo said. "I had actually skipped my mammogram in 2005.

"I don't know if they would have seen anything or not, but

Killar-Arvelo's account of her illness seems like a whirlwind of revelation, contemplation and action stretching from her initial May exam to her September surgery. But, the weeks following her diagnosis were an exhausting struggle to grasp options, quell fear and remain calm

The results

Doctors saw specks on the Xray of Killar-Arevalo's breast. She said there wasn't a lump or any visible signs of the disease, but they ordered a biopsy to find out more.

The patient was first clued something was amiss as a stream of women entered and exited the doctor's office while she awaited her mammography results. And then they asked for more photography.

A biopsy in June and lumpecto-

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Age	In Situ Cases	Invasive Cases	Deaths	
Under 40	1,600	9,510	1,1110	
40 and older	56,890	201,730	39,300	
Under 50	13,760	45,780	5,590	
50 and older	44,730	165,460	34,820	
Under 65	37,040	123,070	17,470	
65 and older	21,450	88,170	22,940	
All ages	58,490	211,240	40,410	

my in July confirmed suspicions. Diagnosis: Ductal Carcinoma In Situ.

New Breast Cancer

"Having done oncology research, I knew the diagnosis wasn't really that bad." she said "It's actually more like a pre-cancerous disease. "In my case, I was lucky."

The decision 👢

Killar-Arevalo was forced to digest treatment option terms like invasive and non-invasive; radical and simple mastectomy: local radiation and reconstructive sureery

"I felt like I owed it to my self to relax, get my head in the right place and go into this healthy." she said. "That's the best thing I ever did for myself."

Killar-Arevalo immersed herself into the University of Michigan's comprehensive cancer treatment approach, changing her diet and increasing her exercise. She took a leave from Pfizer to weigh options and prepare physically for an imminent procedure.

That was a very trying time for me," she said. "I got different opinions from doctors at University of Michigan and St. Joseph's.

"I really wanted to minimize my risk of it coming back."

Opting for a simple mastectomy, Killar-Arevalo said doctors checked her lymph nodes during surgery. She will continue on medication for five years to reduce the change of recurrence in her other breast.

"They didn't find any more cancer in the breast tissue they took out," she said, "My story is a happy breast cancer story."

The change

Without a doubt, Killar-Arevalo 's bout with cancer changed her.

"It's very scary," she said, "It forced me to take a look at how I was living."

Kıllar-Arevalo is now more accessible to her Northville High School sophomore, Adam, and husband, Al. She said the two helped buoy her spirits during the toughest months.

"My husband was very sup-portive," she said. "He went to all the appointments with me.

"He tried to pay attention, too, in case I missed anything."

Killar-Arevalo's experience trying to absorb jargon related to her condition made her empathize with patients who have no med-ical background.

"With my science background, I'm trying to explore how to channel that into helping other people," she said. "It's just so much information to process. It's just overwhelming.

This is you. This is your health. You can't 'not want to bother your doctor."

The hope

· Since resigning from her senior director position in November, Killar-Arevalo said she has been contentedly filling her days with routine tasks like chauffeuring her teenager, putting photographs in albums and unpacking boxes at



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record Northville resident Loran Killar-Arevalo is a breast cancer survivor. She wears a pink ribbon on her lapel to signal her committment to its cure.

all she had hoped to professionally. She's looking forward to new opportunities.

"I don't know if I want to teach or stay at home and volunteer," she said. "I'm taking my time and really thinking about it. "Things work out for a reason."

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Kick off the Super Bowl festivities this year by watching some football favorites. Here's a list of Super Bowl primers, chosen by Suncoast Motion Picture Company, sure to satisfy every pigskin fan in the family.



"Rudy" (1993) The inspirational true story about an undersized underdog who dared to dream about playing football for Notre Dame.



"North Dallas Forty" (1979) Nick Nolte and Mac Davis star in this account of the seedy side of pro football. Nolte plays a gruff and cynical tight end addicted to painkillers.



"The Waterboy" (1998) The goofball antics of Adam Sandler will leave your kids in stitches.



"Jerry Maguire" (1996) The movie starring Tom Cruise that introduced the world to the phrase, "Show me the money!"



"The Program" (1993) James Caan stars as the college football coach of a fictional team, the ESU Timberwolves. This movie provides an inside look at the intricacies of college football

Add pizzazz to your party

Your favorite NFL team didn't make the playoffs. Or maybe you don't have a favorite team. Or perhaps you don't even know the difference between a corner blitz and a shotgun formation.

It makes no difference. You can still enjoy Super Bow1 Sunday by making the game the centerpiece of a dinner party. "You can son a something

"You can serve something beyond the usual, ho-hum chips and hot dogs," says Karen Brown, author of "The Dinner Party Cookbook" (Meadowbrook Press).

"I'm not saying that you should break out the tuxedo," Brown says, "But why not make the party more memorable?"

Brown suggests sending out invitations on stationary adorned with football images or in the colors of the competing teams. Ask your guests to dress in NFL replica jerseys or in the garb of their collegiate alma mater.

Before the guests arrive, decorate your house with pennants, pompoms and toy footballs. On the main table, nestle a real football amidst mums festooned with flowing nbbons and miniature NFL figures.

Once guests show up, put on some college football songs. Or organize a football pool with token bets. Your guests should be getting the impression that this party is far bey ond the routine gather-round-the-tube event.

If there is any doubt about the party's uniqueness, it will vanish when you reveal the appetizers. Brown suggests warm crab dip with pita chips, offered with Bloody Marys. An ideal second course is green beans and potatoes with a light vinaigrette.

Shortly after the game begins, serve the main course: beef tenderloin on rolls. Guests who were expecting bland burgers will be overjoyed. A nice red wine, like a Merlot, goes perfectly with the meat.

As the game enters its final



"The Longest Yard" (1974) Burt Reynolds is a former football player sent to prison for stealing his ex-girlfriend's sports car. The Warden is a football fan who forces Reynolds to organize a team of inmates to play against the guards.

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"Any Given Sunday" (1999) Oliver Stone's realistic look at professional football and the relationships between owners, players, coaches and fans.



"Brian's Song" (1971) The poignant classic about Gayle Sayers and Brian Piccolo of the Chicago Bears. This one will leave even the gruffest members of your family a little misty.



"Horse Feathers" (1932) This Marx Bothers comedy pokes fun at higher education and college football and is as funny today as it was so many years ago.



"Remember the Titans" (2000) The true story about a Virginia high school in 1971 that had to overcome racial barriers on and off the field.











"Necessary Roughness" (1991) Scott Bakula stars as the aging quarterback of a cheating Texas college team forced to play without scholarship players.



"Varsity Blues" (1999) A look at the West Texas high school football way of life and the effects of celebrity on the well-adjusted player. Jon Voight plays the evil coach. "All the Right Moves" (1983) Tom Gruise as the star of a milltown high school team who tries to make sure he doesn't follow the same path as his parents. Craig T. Nelson is the evil coach in this one.



"The Replacements" (2000) Coach Gene Hackman is commissioned to form a team, led by quarterback Keanu Reeves, after a professional football players' strike happens.



"Semi-Tough" (1977) Burt Reynolds and Kris Kristofferson are best friends on and off the . field, and they also compete for the love of Ji'l Clayburgh.



"Knute Rockne - All American" (1940) Ronald Reagan plays the Fighting Irish's first All-American and delivers his classic deathbed plea to "win just one for the Gipper."



"Black Sunday" (1976) Terrorists attempt detonate a dart-firing blimp to wipe out a Super Bowl crowd. Stars Bruce Dern and Robert Shaw.



"Heàven Can Wait" (1978) Warren Beatty stars as a quarterback who meets an untimety death and returns to earth in a remake of the 1941 comedydrama "Here Comes Mr. Jordan."



"Something for Joey" (1977) Made-for-TV movie exploring the relationship between Heisman Trophy winner John Cappaletti and his youngest brother, who was stricken with a life-ending disease.



"The Best of Times" (1986) After reliving the humiliation of a bobbled pass, banker Robin Williams decides to restage the Big Game with quarterback Kurt Russell and thus rewrite history. quarter, present your guests with dessert. Caramel brownies complement the feast and satiate your guests.

"Regardless of who wins the game, your guests will have nothing but praise for your exceptional taste," Brown says. "And you will have succeeded in throwing a Super Bowl party that is unique and enjoyable to diehard fan and sports novice alike." Touchdown!

PARTY TIPS

• Ask guests to dress in the colors of their favorite team.

 Decorate with pennants, pom-poms, and toy footballs.

• Serve food and beverages as a buffet, or assemble box lunches that guests can balance on their laps during the game.

• For a centerpiece, use a real football surrounded by mums, ribbons, and minia-ture football figures.

• Get things started by organizing a pool with low-dollar bets.

• Try a menu of warm crab dip on pita chips, green beans and potato casserole, beef tenderloin on rolls, caramel brownies, and Bloody Marys.

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GRADE 6 Northville State Average	96%* 83%	92%* 74%	95%* 78%	90%* 69%	94%* 74%	
GRADE 7 Northville State Average	93%* 80%	86%* 65%	92%* 76%	85%* 64%		
GRADE 8 Northville State Average	90%* 76%	83%* 67%	89%* 71%	87%* 68%	-	89%* 75%
GRADE 9 Northville State Average				-	91%* 74%	

SOURCE: Northville School District

MEAP soars

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to 24 percent higher than the state average. We're at that enviable position of being very high up in performance, and now the goal is to sustain that high level of performance."

Writing scores were also high

compared to state averages, but fourth grade writing scores were down 13 percent from the previous year.

"We have areas to work on, we always do," said Rezmierski. "For us comes the arduous task of being more critical than anyone else can be and ask, how did this happen? If our standard is to keep it up high and move forward, how come we didn't? The test was taken in October

2006 and illustrates how a district measures up to state standards in English language arts, math, science and social studies for grades third through ninth. Northville students traditionally perform high on the statewide test, said Mary Kay Gallagher, Northville Public Schools assistant superintendent for instructional services.

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Corriveau named chair of House Ethics, Elections Committee

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explore issues of ethics, election reform and access to voting.

"It's an honor that they gave me a chair position," said Corriveau, "especially one that I think will ultimately be passing some important legislation."

As chair of this committee, he will review bills that come through Speaker of the House Andy Dillon (R-Redford Township).

As the chain, you hear testimony, and ultilizery take, a vote in your committee to see if it's going to go to the floor for a vote,"

There are 23 chair positions in the House, with Corriveau also serving on the Education, Health Policy and Judiciary committees.

Since he's an attorney, Corriveau was a natural choice for the House Ethics & Elections and Judiciary committees.



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- Strengthen schools and provide educational opportunities,
- Address Michigan's energy needs, Protect Michigan's Great Lakes
- and fight out-of-state trash dumping,
 - Heighten consumer protections.

SOURCE: Rep. Marc Corriveau

birthright for almost 100 years in Michigan," Corriveau said. "If you didn't go on to get a college degree you could easily support a family. Now there's a real understanding that we're going to have to change and diversify."

He believes investing in higher education and making Michigan a center for high-tech jobs are necessary for the state's economic survival.

every car made is allocated to health care costs," he said. "That's a high percentage when you're trying to compete globally."

One answer is to rework Medicaid so it can function in combination with federal dollars. Another is to help small businesses provide employees with catastrophic health care coverage.

Protecting resources, such as tackling invasive species and banning the bottling of Great Lakes' water, are other items on Corriveau's agenda.

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Corriveau's Top Priorities

Looking back on the election

Corriveau's win last November was considered an upset. He captured 51 percent with 20,051 votes against Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo's 19,140.

"I still feel like I'm livin' a dream," he said. "I've been given a great responsibility, and now I have to validate everybody's faith in me. With great responsibility comes pressure, but I think I'm up to the challenge."

One of his goals is to create and maintain jobs for constituents.

The manufacturing job was a

"It's really not a surprise that Google ended up in Ann Arbor because of the strong university there. Michigan can become a magnet for these types of jobs."

On energy, health care issues

Corriveau also believes Michigan can be at the forefront when it comes to alternative energy.

"I think we can maintain our heritage in the automotive industry but also expand what we do here so we can get everybody a job," he said.

He also believes if the state can't control skyrocketing health care costs, jobs can't exist.

"In the auto industry, \$1,500 for

"We have a strong heritage in our lakes and trees," he said. "We need to protect that." Corriveau said bills in the next legislative cycle could end landfill expansion.

Corriveau also wants the state to expand consumer protection in such areas as identity theft.

"It can be extremely damaging," he said. "Rapid notification is important."

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Town square on agenda

By Maureen Johnston **RECORD STAFF WRITER**

Toni Genitti should have her answer Monday.

At the 7:30 p.m. regular Northville City Council meeting, leaders are expected to act on the plan for a downtown facelift. During a special meeting last Monday, strategic planning committee members briefed the council on the status of projects so far, potential phasing, associated costs and funding options.

Downtown business owner Genitti and 40 other residents and business owners attended the special session, expecting word on whether council planned to proceed with the town square expansion part of the plan. When Mayor Christopher Johnson told the audience council would not take formal action that night, almost everyone left.

Planning ahead

Council wrapped up the twohour meeting with a review of goals, objectives and action steps all city department heads had outlined for the 2007-08 fiscal year. The annual exercise kicks off the city's budget planning process.

The goals presented by Northville Downtown Development Authority director Lori Ward were based on tasks developed by design, marketing, business mix and parking committees formed to respond to inadequacies documented in the city's 2006 strategic plan,

On next week's agenda, council will discuss hiring Northvillebased consultant, Grissim, Metz, Andriese and Associates, to undertake the design development phase of expanding a town square beyond current Main Street Bandshell Park bounds, a project with an estimated \$1.7 million price tag.

Specific next step

On Dec. 11, Grissim Metz delivered to council a \$4.1 million conceptual design package, including the town square expansion, enhancing the Ford Field

Meeting Monday

Who: Open to the public What: Northville City Council meeting When: 7:30 p.m. Where: City Hall council chambers, 215 W. Main St. For info: (248) 349-1300

Also on the agenda

CVS: The plan for CVS to move from the current location to front Duniap Street also is expected on the Feb. 5 Northville City Council agenda. As part of the citys planned-unit-development process, the council reviews project details before final review by the city planning commission, a public hearing and final council action amending the city's zoning map.

City Manager Patrick Sullivan

said the public will have an

opportunity to comment on the

renderings at the Feb. 5 meeting.

Mayor Protem Carolann Ayers

said she is hopeful at least the

town square improvement project

could begin this spring. "I see no

reason why we shouldn't," she

Council member Tom Swigart

"I think you have to ask the

renewed his objections about how

community's permission to pro-

ceed," said Swigart, referring to

the city's ability to fund the town

square project without a referen-

dum, "I really don't want us to get

the priorities were designated.

For months, CVS representatives, city officials and adjacent property owners have been hammering details from shared parlong arrangements to drive-through access and building appearance to traffic circulation.

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Historical district: Council is expected to clarify ordinance language regarding district boundaries, a tweak without practical ramifications.

Recreation software: Council also is expected to consider a joint purchase with the City of Plymouth software that would allow residents to register online for parks and recreation programming.

entrance, improved streetscape into the position where we have a and reconfigured Mary Alexander half-done town."

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NAMES IN THE NEWS

A look at Center Street's ever-changing business lineup in downtown Northville

Danielle M. Spehar has been elected a shareholder of Maddin, Hauser, Wartell, Roth & Heller P.C., a Southfieldbased law firm Spehar concentrates her prac-



completing a full range of real estate D. Spehar acquisition.

construction, leasing and development transactions. A resident of Northville.

Spehar earned a bachelor of science in businessa dministration. summa cum laude, from Central Michigan University, a master's degree in business administration from Wayne State University, and her juris doctor, magna cum laude, from University of Detroit Mercy School of Law in 1998. She is a member of the State Bar of Michigan and the American Bar Association.

Five engineers from Ford

Motor Company. including Nonhville resident William Clarke, have been selected to receive SAE



Clarke works for Ford's advanced product creation department as the platform migration supervisor. Previously, he served as Ford's GT body engineering supervisor. After the GT was launched, Clarke remained with the program as the plant vehicle team's engineering supervisor to support the production of the vehicle. Prior to joining the GT team, he was the vehicle engineering supervisor for the Mustang plant vehicle team and a body systems engineer for var-

ious truck programs. Clarke received his bachelor's and master's degrees in mechanical engineering from the Pennsylvania State University, and his master's in business administration from the University of Michigan.

Bob Pegrum of Visteon has been elected to serve as

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Pegrum, a Northville High School graduate, has been with Visteon Corporation of Van Buren Township for seven years serving the company in many different roles. Currently Pegrum is the regional sales manager in the Aftermarket Division managing 10 states, exporting product into the fareast and selling other manufactories.

Northville resident Laura J. Eisele has joined the law firm of Kerr, Russell



L. Eisele

and Weber, PLC as a member. Eisele practices in the areas of business reorganization. finance.

bankruptcy

and commercial law. Her practice includes out-of-court restructurings and sales, chapter 7 and 11 bankruptcy and issues involving the uniform commercial code.

Eisele graduated from Michigan State University in 1984 with a bachelor of science degree in engineering arts. Eisele is also a 1989 graduate of the Wayne State Law School, magna cum laude, where she was a member of the Wayne Law Review.





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Village of Hope in need of help

Special Ed school needs funds to continue programming

By Renee Gates RECORD STAFF WRITER

Randy Johnson has special needs. The 10 year old is severely multiply impaired and severely cognitively delayed. He cannot talk. He needs help to walk and help to get dressed.

But Randy is a very special boy. He has special people who love him and he goes to Old Village School, where, through special programs, he and his peers learn to reach their potential.

This school is a wonderful school. It makes a huge difference in a lot of people's lives," said Jo Ann Johnson, Randy's mother. "What's wonderful about Old Village is that the kids are always greeted with respect and care."

Special place

For 31 years, the school, located on 405 Main Street in Northville, has provided special center-based educational programs for students who are severely physically and mentally disabled and live throughout Northwestern Wayne County.

The 125 students enrolled at Old Village receive an adapted special education curriculum focusing on activities of daily living. In February, 2005; the Northville Record ran a series of stories on Old Village School, calling it a Village of Hope.

"As a parent, when you have a child with special needs, its wonderful to know that, outside of your home, there is a group of individuals who truly care about the wellbeing of your son - not just academic wise, but his true well-being all around," said Johnson who is also a member of the school's



Photo by JOHN HEIDER Northville Record

Teacher Lori Farrow cradles Old Village School student Ethan Marleau as they get ready to part at the end of the day and get ready for the buses to show up.

needs. That is another reason for for the kids to have," he said. its expense. The program costs the school \$11,000 a year. But at \$19,000, the more expensive of the two programs, and the first to be cut in a shortage, would be music therapy, the fundraising committee said.

"That will probably be the first to cut," said Johnson. "We've never had it cut but that's always been the thinking. Nothing has been cut, to date; we mange to find the funds somehow."

Fischer said music therapy is a school value but not a state requirement.

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Community component

"We are trying to reach out to the community to have them go on-line," said fundraising commit-

tee member, Beth Bentley. The program, she said, is not just important for the development of Old Village students, but also the development of the larger Northville community. "As much as you can get the kids out in the community, it also builds

empathy," Bentley said. "If you're seeing kids with disabilities when you're in elementary school, and you make a connection with those kids, as you grow older you're less likely to be teasing other kids because you know somebody who has trouble walking or talking or whatever the case may be."

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How to support **Old Village** School

General Mills, through Hamburger Helper, is giving away up to \$15,000 to fund community projects. Each application will be judged based on the submitted information and how much community support is given in response. Community members have to go to the Hamburger Helper Web site and write a comment in support for a program in order for the program to be chosen. The more comments, the better the chances of a program being funded.

· Go to "myhometownhelper.com" and click on "Find A Project" • Type in 'Old village

School' - a screen will come up

 Click on the project, "Kids Are Special" — A description of the program and how it can help children and the community will appear. Scroll down to the bottom of the screen where you can add your comments.

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Special needs

Each year the school's fundraising committee organizes monthly fundraisers to cover an annual \$30,000 deficit in the school's \$10 million budget.

The deficit comes from covering programs the school deems necessary for its student's development but are not covered in the special education operating millage provided from Wayne County that supports the school.

We raise about \$9,000 to \$11,000 a year in 'fundraising money. That's it, that's all I raise, and I have an overage of \$30,000, so you see something's not right there," said Arthur Fischer, Old Village School principal.

The programs not covered in the school budget are the leisure recreation program and the music therapy program.

These are all activities that we feel are valuable to the kids. If I didn't have the fundraising money, I wouldn't be able to support them doing those kinds of things."

The leisure recreation program is a part of the community-based program at Old Village. It allows for students like Randy to be involved in recreational physical activities like swimming, bowling and roller-skating with their peers. like they would do in a traditional elementary school environment, Fischer said.

On these outings, everything is adapted to fit the student's special

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English Language Arts: Marks change the grade

New system shows progress

By Renee Gates STAFF WRITER

Winchester Elementary School parent Leslie Moran knows her children's report cards will be marked differently on Monday, and she is excited about the change.

For English language arts, her children will no longer receive a letter grade on their report cards; instead they receive a marker indicating where her child is in relation to a learning continuum for reading and writing.

"I think this is awesome," Moran said. "The word continuum is the right one to describe it because this process shows you how your child is doing on a continuum of expectation.

A letter of explanation about the change went out with the report cards during the first card marking, and teachers handed out information during parent teacher conferences, according to learning consultant representatives from the English language arts committee.

"This is really a communication tool. That's the whole purpose of a report card; its another way to communicate with parents on how their child is doing," said Janice Henderson.

This marking is the first time teachers are using the reading and writing continuum charts for

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you have a parent-teacher conference, said Jay Hillard, ELA learning consultant at Winchester Elementary School.

Home-school partnerships

"The continuum helps us really

form a partnership with parents," said Henderson. "Kids can't be successful just within a school day. They really need the parents to be on board as well. All these descriptors in some ways give parents things they can be looking

for, things they can be doing with

their child at home, because we've got to have that homeschool bond."

A list of books that corresponds with the reading continuum has been distributed to the parents of kindergartners and first and second graders so they can continue

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iges from "pre-emergent" to "advanced" in reading and "pre-emergent" to "proficient" in writing. Shaded areas of the continuum appear on the charts and indicate the stage where ELA

learning consultants expect a child to be performing, depending on the child's grade level. Parents should look for the location of an "X" under the continuum stages. For example, on the second grade report card, on the reading continuum chart, the two shaded stages are "Early and Transitional," indicating this is the level where most second graders

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After assessing the child's reading ability through class assessment, performance and

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reading with their children at home.

If parents want to know more about their child's reading comprehension and performance they should talk to their child's teacher. For questions about the new report card marking for ELA, they should contact the learning consultants at their child's school.

The change in assessing ELA in grades K-5 occurred after several years of extensive research into best practices for teaching children reading and assessing their performance, committee members said.

The continuum was birthed out of the writing and reading workshop programs implemented in Northville Public Schools in 2005-06. Teachers and ELA consultants needed a way to communicate to parents that their students were reading and writing at different levels and yet still learning and improving at those levels.

With the continuum parents should gain a better understanding of what their child can do, committee members said.

"Not only what they can do today, but will continue to do. [The continuum] is hopefully going to show [the child's] growth. If not, then we need to find out why not." said Henderson.

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WHERE WE STAND

City: Let's take the first step

Mary Starring put it in a nutshell Monday night. The long-time Northville resident and newly-elected president of the Northville Central Business Association said nobody has a crystal ball and we need to find a way to attract more people downtown.

Not startling revelations, to be sure. But on the eve of the City Council's decision whether to proceed with downtown improvement plans - on point.

Starring responded to naysayers urging more study and data to back up decisions. After years of study by professionals, exploration by volunteers and consideration by officials as to how to ensure longterm economic vitality downtown, it is time to do something.

Leaders have developed a step-by-step plan --- starting with expanding the town square - that's neither overly ambitious nor forces the city deep into debt. Anyone who squished through the crowded tent crammed into a handful of parking spaces alongside Bandshell Park during last weekend's Fire and Ice Festival could deduce there must be a better way.

Creating a wide-open, welcoming park at the core of the central business district could serve as a needed spark for activity in an oftentimes sleepy downtown. Sure, there are details to fine-tune in the plan consultants presented to the council. Sure, it is an investment without certainly documented returns. But, it's a step stakeholders can take together — hopefully binding them with common purpose during mid-construction inconvenience.

Mayor Christopher Johnson said it's not realistic to believe that in 2007 we have all the answers for five years out. He also said we'll need to watch the impact of projects carefully and manage results aggressively. With due diligence done on hiring the best professionals to lead the improvement efforts, council should proceed with the town square project.

As the adage goes ... if nothing ever changes, nothing ever changes.

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Public program excludes private student

Our family has lived in Northville since 1995. Our daughter has been attending Kids Club, the before and after school program, since the fall of 2003. She has also attended Summer Kids Club for the last three summers. These are excellent programs provided by the Northville Public Schools-Early Childhood Center for a very reasonable fee. Our daughter loves these programs and has never been a problem. We have always paid the fees on time and abided by all the rules.

We recently received a letter from the Program Coordinator advising us that our daughter is no longer eligible for these programs. The only reason given is that we are a "private school family". While it is true that our daughter attends Our Lady of Victory School, it is also true that we pay our local school taxes as well as the fees charged for

these programs. As a matter of fact, it could be argued that by paying the school taxes but not attending the public schools, we are confer-ring a benefit on the Northville School District.

There is no legitimate basis to distinguish our daughter from the other students in these programs. Indeed, the timing of this change in policy (after completion of the new OLV school building) suggests that the basis or excluding our daughter from these programs is an improper one.

We recognize that these are very popular programs that fill up quickly and we are very sympathetic to parents who cannot get their children into them due to size limitiations. However, the solution to this problem is to make the programs bigger, not exclude children based on where their parents chose to send them to school.

We therefore ask the Northville School District to reconsider this decision.

> Mark and Sheila Crowley Northville

What do you think?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content.

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Leadership trumps ideology

February 19, 2007, marks the tenth anniversary of Deng Xiaoping's death. "Deng who?" you ask. Don't

feel alone if you do not recognize the name. Deng Xiaoping is hardly a household name in the US.

However, it should be. Deng Xiaoping, by changing the course in China, changed the course of the world.

Deng Xiaoping, the de facto leader of China after the death of Mao in the midseventies, set into motion the world's most massive economic, social, and political tsunami in the history of man --- the true awakening of China. The China waves he unleashed are pounding the shores of Michigan and lapping at every state and nation. He believed the criteria for

success was determined by common sense and flexibility rather than by rigid political ideology. Deng is credited with pioneering socialism with Chinese characteristics," a "socialist market economy," the economic reforms that opened up China to the world. He dramatized this philosophy by insisting, 'No matter if it is a white cat or a black cat; as long as it can catch mice, it is a good cat. Deng moved China away from its ideological Mao straitjacket into the world of industrial growth and international trade. He began the process that has lifted more people out of poverty than any other nation in the world. He had a vision of a modern nation and

used all his strength to drag a resistant group of Mao loyalist, communist and socialist ideologues along with his dream.

Mao once described Deng. who was small in stature, as a 'cotton ball and a needle," soft on the outside but with the strength of steel within. Under his steadfast leadership, China emerged from the horrors of the Cultural Revolution. He set his country on course to becoming the fastest growing economy in the world and on a path to surpass the United States economically by 2025, according to Oded Shenkar in his book, The Chinese Century.

Deng Xiaoping, unlike Mao, shunned the cult of per-sonality; Yet his presence is felt by the everyday citizen of China whose life has improved appreciably since he shifted the ideological axis, unleashing world-wide capital infusion and freeing the entrepreneurial spirit of his own people.

Like leaders in China before him, his greatest fear was chaos and loss of control to the masses. He was ruthless in the internal power struggles



brutal repression of the students, Deng should be remembered for much more than that. He is credited with creating the world's most dynamic, fastest growing and largest emerging market, and position-ing China to play an increasingly important global role geopolitically. As one Chinese educator recently 'told me, 'he was'a great man, who made mistakes." The economic rise Deng Xiaoping put in motion is clearly one of the most critical developments in the latter part of the 20th century and has positioned China to dominate the 21st century.

Michigan's reality

us forward. Michigan, as we seek to transform ourselves, needs to take a page from Deng Xiaoping and be willing to break from the ideologue left and right that created the mess we are in today. Like Deng, we can choose to cast)² off the negative ideology of the past and forge a bold new future for Michigan. Doing, what we have always have done, will not get us to where we need to go.

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If China, with its convulsive history, can change course and not only survive, but thrive, then Michigan with innovative ideas and decisive leadership can overcome its current economic setbacks, regain its footing, and sail boldly into the future.

The 21st century will be driv-

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and was stained by the blood that was spilled in Tiananmen Square in 1989 when he ordered the Peoples Liberation Army to turn against the students demonstrating for democracy and an end to corruption. They asked for freedom and he answered with tanks.

Although known for his

Today Michigan's reality is bleak. The competition we face from China and other nations is here to stay. What we make of this reality is up to us. Make no mistake, Michigan is under going a massive disruptive, transformational sea-change that is washing over many good people, families and communities. Nothing short of bold new thinking will truly move

en by leadership, innovation, cre ativity, knowledge, change and China. As we acknowledge Deng Xiaoping's mark on the world, we should rededicate ourselves to harnessing these 21st century ingredients necessary to help put Michigan and America back in the driver's seat. To paraphrase Lee Iacoccoa, "Michigan can lead, follow or get run over."

Broad changes will help our state's future

Fact: We need fundamental reforms in how Michigan both spends and collects our taxes and we need these reforms now.

This is something of immediate concern to all of us, and not just some obscure argument best left to academics and bureaucrats. It's at the core of such living room issues as the rising costs of college, how dependable our local cops and firefighters are, and the security of all our jobs.

What to do? We have a choice. We can keep staggering along, patching the state budget year after year, the quick-anddirty way we patch potholes, repairs that somehow never seem to last very long.

Or we can truly transform the way our state works. To do that - to find a solution that will last for some time - will require finding common ground, far away from the normal partisan, backstabbing Lansing politics.

We need to start talking about how to get it done — and here are eight thorny ideas to jumpstart the discussion:

1. Reduce Prison Spending. The state spends \$1.9 billion a year to warehouse some 125,000 prisoners, parolees and probationers. The state spends another \$1.9 billion a year on community colleges and universities educating around 300,000 students.

Which is the better investment? Our incarceration rate is 40 percent higher than neighboring states, in large part because of the great numbers of folks serving time for fairly small-time drug violations.

2. Keep Better Score. Michigan automatically sends billions in sales taxes straight to school districts and local governments. Wouldn't it be better to have a statewide scorecard to measure what we spend and what we get back --- and then reward local efficiencies in budgets, staffing, pay and benefits? Money should follow results.

3. Erase Unnecessary Borders. Michigan has 83 counties, and more than 1,200 townships, more than 500 cities and villages, more than 550 public school districts, more than 200 charter schools, and 57 intermediate school districts.

That makes for a lot of bureaucracy and red tape and despite a lot of talk about cooperation, much duplicated bureaucracy remains.

Enlightened school leaders have been calling for largescale consolidation of business operations. That's an idea that could gain traction and save us all dough - if state aid were tied to proven efficiencies.

4. Critically examine public sector pay and benefits. Right now, Michigan taxpayers are on the hook for \$35 billion in unfunded public sector pension and health care costs. Local government costs in Michigan are hundreds of millions of dollars above those in many other states.

The difference? Michigan has binding arbitration in contract disputes. That may work fine for Major League Baseball. But it is poor public policy, and we should consider repealing the law that requires binding arbi-



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5. Sales Tax. Lower the rate and broaden the base. All but 11 states impose sales taxes on more types of services than Michigan - things like getting your lawnmower fixed and cutting your hair.

Significant sums could be raised by taxing more items while lowering the rate, perhaps from 6 percent to 5 percent.

6. Business Tax: Same Refrain. Lower the rate, broaden the base. Fewer than 500 Michigan businesses pay more than a third of the entire Single Business Tax. More than 80,000 businesses pay none whatsoevсr.

That's ridiculous. What's even more ridiculous is that the legislature repealed our main business tax last year (effective this December) without having the slightest idea how to replace it

7. Fix the income tax. By changing deductions, Michigan could raise the state tax rate for those with highest incomes. They, in turn, would likely see little or no actual tax increase because state taxes can be written off on their federal returns. Thirty-seven states do this now.

8. Consider beverage taxes. Some states tax beer at five times Michigan's rate of two cents per bottle. Others raise

significant cash through sales taxes on soda pop. It's hard to imagine businesses leaving or avoiding Michigan because our taxes on unhealthy beverages are too high.

A paper containing full discussion of these ideas is online at

www.thecenterformichigan.net. I'd welcome probing questions, vigorous debate, and improvement of these concepts. It's our collective future.

Let's face it - and make it a better one - by working together as citizens engaged in making government work better for all of us.



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HOT TICKET:

MMUNITY CALENDAR

Downtown Northville's monthly First Friday event - enjoy the art until 9 p.m. tomorrow

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NORTHVILI_E **EVENTS**

Art Walk

DATE: First Friday of every month TIME: 5-9 p.m. LOCATION: Downtown

Northville DETAILS: Art galleries, arts and

crafts stores and restaurants will be open; art demonstrations and exhibits available in shops. CONTACT: Tom James, Gallerv

of Fine Arts, (248) 349-0105

Northville Arts Commission Exhibit Opening Reception

DATE: Friday, Feb. 2 TIME: 5:30-8:30 p.m. LOCATION: Northville Art

House DETAILS: The exhibit will feature two artists-in-residence, Anita Bates and Stephen Gatny, and will run through March 4. CONTACT: (248) 344-0497

Swearingen Visions LLC Evening

DATE: Friday, Feb. 2 TIME: 6-9 p.m. LOCATIONS: Swearingen Visions LLC, 118 W. Main St. **DETAILS: Walled Lake poet** Lori Goff will present readings from her new book of poetry and prose, and Novi artist Aleea Hibbeln's abstract expressionist paintings will be featured. CONTACT: (248) 347-1642

Northville Newcomers and Neighbors

CONTACT: Nancy Murphy, (248) 305-5460 Meet and Greet

DATE: Tuesday, Feb. 6 TIME: 10 a.m. LOCATION: Member's homes

DETAILS: Members and guests are invited for a morning of socializing and learning of the many activities and interest groups the club has to offer.

Women, Power, and Money DATE: Wednesday, Feb. 7 TIME: 1 p.m.

LOCATION: Member's Home DETAILS: This is a complimentary workshop provided by Community Financial of Northville on managing personal finances and investments. R.S.V.P. required.

TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Northville **Township Hall** DETAILS: The topic will be "Fly Fishing and Illicit Connections!

How are the related?" The speaker will be Mike Schultz from Hanks Fly Fishing. CONTACT: www.jcpg.org

American Association of

University Women Meeting DATE: Tuesday, Feb. 13 TIME: 6:45 p.m. LOCATION: Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road. DETAILS: The meeting will feature discussion on diversity awareness, with Sharon Belobraidich speaking. CONTACT: Beth, (248) 305-8992

Northville Pure Barre Grand Opening

DATE: Friday, Feb. 16 TIME: 6:30-8:30 p.m. LOCATION: 113 W. Main St., Ste. 240 **DETAILS:** The studio offers classes in the Pure Barre Technique, which fuses Lotte Berk excercises with dance and Pilates for an intense and effective one-hour workout CONTACT: (248) 305-8514 or www.purebarre.com

New Book Club

DATE: Friday, Feb. 16 TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Starbucks, 302 East Main St., Northville DETAILS: The book for February will be "In Cold Blood." CONTACT: northvillebookclub@gmail.com

Daughters of the America Revolution

Northville/Plymouth DATE: Monday, Feb. 19 TIME: 10:30 a.m. LOCATION: Ptymouth District Library, Main Street, Plymouth DETAILS: This event will be the Good Citizen reception. CONTACT: (734) 459-4764

Northville Arts Commission Lecture Series DATE: Wednesday, Feb. 21

TIME: 7:30-9 pm. LOCATION: Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady St. DETAILS: Popular art historian Building off Six Mile Road DETAILS: Try out the latest in snowshoeing equipment available from REI. Light refreshments provided courtesy of the Friends of Maybury.

NOTE: The Maybury Farm will be closed through Feb. 28, 2007.

LIBRARY LINES

LOCATION: 212 W. Cady St., near Northville City Hall; parking off Cady Street TIMÉ/DAY: 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m.-Friday-Saturday; and 1-5 p.m. Sunday

CONTACT: For information or to register for programs and request or renew library materials, (248) 349-3020

Winter Tot Storytime SESSIONS: 10:15 a.m. Mondays, Jan. 22-Feb 26; 10:15 or 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 24-Feb. 28; 10:15 a.m. Thursdays, Jan. 24-March 1

DETAILS: This is especially for children 2 and 3 years of age accompanied with a parent or care giver. Babies, additional siblings, or nonregistered children may not attend. Registration is required. Winter Story Time

SESSIONS: 4 p.m. Mondays, Feb. 5-March 12; 10:15 a.m. or 2 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 6-March 13 DETAILS: This storytime and activity session is for children who are 4 and 5 years old, or are in kindergarten, and are comfortable attending without a care giver present. Siblings, or nonregistered children may not attend. Please call to register.

Battle of the Books: Middle School Challenge

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 6

DETAILS: This is the kickoff meeting for the Battle of the Books open to students in grades six through eight. Learn how to form a team for the competition to be held in April.

Valentine Crafts for Kids TIME/DATE: 4-5 p.m.; Thursday, Feb. 8

DETAILS: Children of all ages are invited to make a Valentine finger puppet. Children ages 5 and under must be accompanied by a care giver. No registration required.

Friends Presentation on Machu Pechu

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., Feb. 8



Sherrus Gallery Exhibit Opening

DATE: Friday, Feb. 2

TIME: 6-9 p.m.

LOCATION: Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art, 109 N. Center Street DETAILS: Sculptor Boris Kramer's forged metal pieces featuring family and other human relationships will be exhibited Feb. 2-28.

CONTACT: (248) 380-0470

TIME: 9:30, 11 a.m. Single Place Events CONTACT: www.singleplace org **Divorce Recovery Workshop** TIME/DAY: 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday

LOCATION: Emeritus Room DETAILS: This seven-week workshop will cover a range of topics presented by a variety of speakers. The cost is \$35 per person, including the book, "Growing Through Divorce." Child care will be available for toddlers through children in sixth grade, with registration at least two weeks before

month

TIME: 4 p.m. Suicide Loss Support Group DATE: Second Thursday and fourth Monday of every month TIME: 7-8:30 p.m. DETAILS: New Hope Center for

Grief Support is offering this support group to those who have lost a loved one to suicide.

Registration is not required. **CONTACT: New Hope Center for** Grief Support, (248) 348-0115 or www.newhopecenter.net

Career Ministry Meetings DAY: Sunday TIME: 1:30-3 p.m.

DETAILS: The Career Ministry program is to help meet the needs of job seekers and others in career transition. It is free of charge and is focused on providing career development resources, programs and networking opportunities to anyone in the Northville/Novi area. **Red Cross Blood Drive** DATE: Sunday, Feb. 4 TIME: 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

DETAILS: Walk-ins welcome.

SENIOR **EVENTS**

Thursday 9 a.m.: Take Off Pounds Sensibly 9:30 a.m.: Yoga 10 a.m.: Bowling 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle 1 p.m.: Tai Chi 1 p.m.: Computer II By appointment: Massage Friday 9: 30 a.m.: Strength Training 11 a.m.: Poker 11 a.m.: Computer II 1 p.m.: Movie Monday 9:30 a.m.: Strength Training 9:45 a.m.: Oxycise, New Enrollees 10 a.m.: Line Dance 10 a.m.: Oxycise 11:30 a.m.: Book Club 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle/Euchre Tuesday . 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle 1 p.m.: Computer I Wednesday 9:45 a m.: Öxycise New Enrollees 10 a.m.: Oxycise 11 a.m.: Empty Nest Workshop noon: Bridge 1 p.m.: Computer 1 и р.ш. вноуе

Country Garden Club of Northville

DATE: Tuesday, Feb. 6 TIME: noon LOCATION: Mill Race Village Cady Inn DETAILS: Speaker Mary Glesmann will present silk flower arranging. CONTACT: Sue Witek, (248) 349-7783

Empty Nest to Boomerang Program

DATE: Wednesday, Feb. 7 TIME: 11 a.m. LOCATION: Northville Senior Community Center DETAILS: This program will be

presented by Caryn Doehler, a licensed master social worker, who will discuss the trend of adult children returning to live in their parents' homes and how to cope.

CONTACT: Caryn Doehler, (248) 982-1029 or Dennis Smith, (248) 349-4140

Plymouth Symphony at

Northville High School DATE: Saturday, Feb. 10 TIME: 8 p.m. LOCATION: Northville High School Auditorium DETAILS: The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra will perform an evening of classical and new music by Grammy winner and guest composer, William Bolcom. Before the performance, patrons are invited to hear a talk featuring Nan Washburn and William Bolcom. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors and free for students through 12th grade. Tickets can be purchased through www.plymouthsymphony.org, or via e-mail to info@plymouthsymphony.org or at the number that follows.

CONTACT: (734) 451-2112

Johnson Creek Protection Group Meeting

DATE: Monday, Feb. 12

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Michael Farrell will present a series of lectures focusing on American art from 1600-1860. The lectures will be held on the third Wednesday of every month, January through May. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.

CONTACT: (248) 344-0497

Marquis Theatre

LOCATION: 135 E. Main St. **Raggedy Ann and Andy** SCHEDULE: 2:30 p.m.

Saturdays, March 17-April 28: 2:30 p.m., Sundays, March 18-April 29; and 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, April 9-13

DETAILS: Tickets are \$8 each. No children under 3 years of age. CONTACT: (248) 349-8110 or www.northvillemarguistheatre.com

Genitti's Little Theater

LOCATION: 108 E. Main St. 2007 Dinner Theatre -"I.aw & Disorder"

TIME/DATES: 6:30 p.m.every Saturday through March 31

DETAILS: Interactive comedy for \$45 per person. Call for reservations.

A Tribute to Frank Sinatra TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9 and Saturday, Feb. 10 **Genitti's Acting Workshops** DATE: We will open any date for 10 or more.

DETAILS: Enjoy our famous family-style lunch or dinner, then practice voice and body movement with one of our actors on stage. Play theater games. Take a backstage tour. \$16.95 per person. Everyone gets a Genitti's fun patch.

CONTACT: (248) 349-0522 or www.genittis.com

Maybury State Park & Farm

LOCATION: Eight Mile Road, between Beck and Napier roads CONTACT: (248) 349-8390 **Snowshoe Demonstration** DATE: Feb.10 TIME: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. LOCATION: Concession

DETAILS: Travel expert Kathy Thornton will present pictures of Machu Pechu, Peru, the lost village once inhabited by the Incas. The program is free, but reservations are recommended.

Between the Lines Book Discussion

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., Monday, Feb. 12

DETAILS: The featured title will be "Leaving Cecil Street" by Dianne McKinney-Whetstone. All are welcome.

All About Oscars

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 15

DETAILS: Oakland Community College Film Professor Lawrence Jeziak will present insight into the history of the Oscars and will predict this year's winners. The program is free, but preregistration is necessary.

Friends Store

DETAILS: The Friends Store, located inside the library, offers a variety of gifts for all ages. All proceeds benefit the library.

Book Donations

DETAILS: Used books and materials are needed by the Friends of the Library. The library contributes to the collection and donates the rest to the Friends for sale, with proceeds benefiting the library. Donations are tax deductible. If you need assistance unloading books from your car, call (248) 349-3020 in advance to make arrangements

Library Board of Trustee Meetings

DATE: Fourth Thursday of every month TIME: 7:30 p.m. DETAILS: Open to the public.

<u>CHURCH</u> **EVENTS**

First Presbyterian Church of Northville LOCATION: 200 E. Main St.

CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 Sunday Worship

the workshop begins. Upcoming topics are:

Tonight: Pot Luck Dinner and Legal Aspects of Divorce, presented by attorney David Jerome

Feb. 8: Church and Divorce, Spritual Help and Forgiveness, presented by W. Kent Clise Feb. 11: Helping Children Through Divorce, presented by Sharon Bergman, clinical psychologist

Feb. 22: Relationships Old and New, presented by Sadie Bolos.

Walking Group TIME: 11:30 a.m. LOCATION: First, second and fourth Saturday, Big Apple Bagel Shop, 2334 Farmington Road,

Farmington; Third Saturday, Panera Bread Co., 34635 Grand River Ave., Farmington DETAILS: This is a walking/social group. Everyone is invited.

First Baptist Church of Northville

LOCATION: 217 N. Wing Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. and 6

p.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study: 9.30 a m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays

Mens Bible Study: 9 a m., first Saturday of every month

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene

LOCATION: 21260 Haggerty Road.

CONTACT: (248) 348-7600 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship: 10 50 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study, Youth & Children Ministries: 7 p.m.

Ward Evangelical **Presbyterian Church**

LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile Road

CONTACT: (248) 374-5966 "From Grief to New Hope" Workshop DATE: Begins Monday, Feb. 5 TIME: 7-8:45 p.m.

DETAILS: Presented by Cathy

tional organization that provides support and encouragement for mothers of young children. Meet other moms like you and share experiences. Speakers present topics relevant to you and your role as a mom. MOPs is about celebrating motherhood, meeting needs, making connections, experiencing God's love. Leave feeling valued, pampered and recharged. CONTACT: Keli Plansinis,

Clough, Director of New Hope

Center for Grief Support. The free

Carol (248) 374-5966. For infor-

support groups, call New Hope

Center for Grief Support (248)

MOPs (Mothers of

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Preschoolers)

of the month

TIME: 7-9 p.m.

mation on other loss-specific grief

DATE: First and third Thursday

LOCATION: Room C307-309

DETAILS: MOPs is an interna-

CONTACT: For registration, call

workshop runs for eight weeks.

atplayintennis@comcast.net or Women's Ministries (248) 374-5978

WOW Tuesdays

DATE: Tuesdays

TIME: 9:30-11:30 a.m. LOCATION: Chapel, NE corner of church

DETAILS: WOW Tuesdays offer seven different classes, four new. Something for everyone, Bible veterans or wanting to learn more. Small groups enable richer, deeper understanding of God's Word and how we can apply it to our everyday lives.

20s and 30s Women's Bible Study

DATE: Tuesdays TIME: 7-8:30 p.m. LOCATION: Room C317-319 DETAILS: Study scriptures in this 12-week program through "Breaking Free," a video series by Beth Moore. Reserve workbook. CONTACT: Women's Ministries (248) 374-5978 Single Adults DATE: Sunday TIME: 11:30 a.m. CONTACT: (248) 374-5920 **College Age** DATE: Sunday TIME: 10:20 a.m. CONTACT: Mark Tarpinian, (248) 347-3525

First United Methodist Church

LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 Sunday Worship DETAILS: 8, 9:15, 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. **Healing Service** DATE: First Monday of every

Valentine's Luncheon

DATE: Wednesday, Feb. 14 TIME: 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. LOCATION: Northville Senior **Community Center**

DETAILS: There will be games, prizes and lots of fun. The luncheon will serve lasagna, salad, roll and dessert followed by the movie "Sleepless in Seattle." The cost is \$10 per person, and preregistration is required.

CONTACT: (248) 349-4140

Spaghetti Dinner DATE: Thursday, Feb. 22 TIME: 4-7 p.m. LOCATION: Northville Senior Community Center DETAILS: The dinner will

include spaghetti by Genitti's, salad, garlic bread, dessert, coffee, tea and punch. All proceeds will benefit the Senior Adult Services Program. The cost is \$8 per person.

Board Games

DATE: Tuesday, ongoing TIME: 1 p.m. LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St. CONTACT: (248) 349-4140

Ongoing Card Games

Bridge TIME/DAY: 12:30 p.m., Monday Euchre TIME/DAY: noon-3:30 p.m., Wednesday Pinochle (double deck) TIME/DAY: 12:30-4:30 p.m., Monday and Thursday Pinochle (single deck) LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

Co-ed Adult 50+ Volleyball

TIME/DAYS: 10 a.m.-noon, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday LOCATION: Recreation Center and Hillside

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DETAILS: All levels of play are Thursdays, through March 29 welcome. Bring your friends. Cost is \$1.

CONTACT: Northville Parks and Recreation, (248) 449-9947

Co-ed Adult 50+ Basketball

TIME/DAY: 10 a m.-noon, Thursdays LOCATION: Senior Community Center DETAILS: All levels of play are

welcome. Bring your friends Cost is \$1.

CONTACT: Northville Parks and Recreation, (248) 449-9947

Health Walking

DATE: Monday-Friday TIME: 8-10 a m. LOCATION: Senior Community Center gym, 303 W. Main St.

MILL RACE MATTERS

Mill Race Historical Village LOCATION: 215 Griswold

Avenue, north of Main Street. near Ford Field

DETAILS: Office hours Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-1p.m.; Archives Open Thursday-Friday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

CONTACT: (248) 348-1845 Thursday: 9 a m. Archives Open: 10 a.m. MOMS Club: 4 p.m. Brownie Scout Meeting; 4:15 p.m. Private Tour; 6 p.m. Rehearsal

Friday: 9 a.m. Archives Open: 3-30-5:30 p.m. *Wedding Saturday: Church Reflooring

Day Sunday: 10 a m. Mill Creek Church; 4 p.m. Cub Scout Meeting

Monday: 9 a.m. Hands All Around Quilters; 9 a.m. Cluster Scout Meeting

Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang; 11 a.m. Country Garden Club Wednesday: 9 a.m. Mill Race

Basket Guild; 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation; 7 p.m. Mill Creek Church

Grounds closed to the public

LOOKING FOR

Northville Yoga Classes

LOCATION: American Legion Hall, 100 Dunlap **Class for All Levels** TIME/DATE: 5:30-6:45 p.m. Mondays, through March 26 Yoga II TIME/DATE: 7-8.30 p.m. Mondays, through March 26 Northville Senior Center

Yin Yoga TIME/DATE: 5:20-6:45 p.m.

Thursdays, through March 29 All Levels

TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, through March 29 **DETAILS:** The winter session registration rate is \$96. The drop-in rate for unregistered students is \$11 per class. There is no charge for the first visit. CONTACT: Diane Seigel-DiVita, (248) 344-0928 or e-

mail trianglesix@sbcglobal net

Susan B. Galli Angel Fund

DETAILS: Hidden Springs Veterinary Clinic has created a fund to assist families in need with medical expenses for their pets. The fund is in memory of one of their longtime clients and friends, Sue Galli, who passed away in November. Hidden Springs welcomes all donations from the community to help build this fund and help as many pets as possible. Please make checks payable to Hidden Spring Vet Clinic SGA Fund and mail to: 48525 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167. CONTACT: (248) 349-2598

Friends of the Northville **District Library**

DETAILS: There are openings for the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Northville library. The Friends are a volunteer organization that promotes reading, supports programs in the library and provides financial support to projects not covered by the library's regular budget. Board members attend a monthly meeting and are also expected to serve on a committee. The only requirement for becoming a Board member is an interest in the libray and a willingness to serve as a volunteer. Those interested should send a letter to James Morche. President of the Friends, c/o Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St., Northville, 48167.

Northville Colts Football

DETAILS: The Colts are expanding their teams in 2007 and are looking for good people with a willingness to serve as coaches and on the Board of Directors. The organization is currently made up of teams in the brackets as follows: Freshman; ages 8-10; Junior Varsity, ages 11-12; and Varsity, ages 13-14; also cheerleaders in these age groups.

CONTACT: www.northvillecolts.com and click on "Contact Us."

Northville Newcomers and

Neighbors DETAILS This aroun is for rounding communities. Activities include monthly coffees, various interest groups and special programs. New and potential members are welcome. **CONTACT: Nancy Murphy,** (248) 305-5460

Hospice Volunteers Needed

DETAILS: Heartland Hospice Services, Inc., of Southfield is looking for caring, compassionate and dedicated individuals to be trained as hospice volunteers. Volunteers provide services such as visiting, companionship, and support for clients and care givers. Office support volunteers are also welcome. CONTACT: (800) 770-9859

Mentor Volunteers DETAILS: The Oakland County Youth Assistance is looking for volunteers for their Mentor Plus program, Training and orientation sessions will be held at the Oakland County Courthouse, 1200 N.' Telegraph Road., Pontiac

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m., Feb. 10 CONTACT: (248) 858-0041

Angela Hospice Groups

DETAILS: Grief support groups include general grief, loss of a spouse, women's grief, parents who have lost a child and a grief support quilter's group. All groups are led by bereavement professionals and trained volunteers.

LOCATION: Angela Hospice Care Center, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia

CONTACT: Joan Lee, (734) 953-6012

Anxiety Disorder Support Group

TIME/DAY: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, weekly LOCATION: Faith Lutheran

Church, 30000 Five Mile Road, Livonia

DETAILS: A.I.M. (Aim for Recovery) is an organization that will be holding meetings to offer support and recovery for those suffering with anxiety disorders, and their families. The meetings consist of planned behavioral lessons and discussions. Educational material will be available. Donations for the program and materials are accepted.

CONTACT: Robert Diedrich at robtddrich@msn.com-

New Hope Center for Grief Support

DETAILS: The New Hope Center for Grief Support offers age-and loss-specific groups for men and women whose spouse

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has died, parents who have lost a child, those who have lost a loved one to suicide and other specialized groups. The groups meet on a regular basis in various schedules locations. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants.

CONTACT: (248) 348-0115 or go to www. newhopecenter.net

Support for Loved Ones of Dying

DATE: Second and fourth Monday of each month

TIME: 7-8:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Sunrise Assisted Living Center, 16100 Haggerty Road

DETAILS: This New Hope Center for Grief Support group is for those facing the impending death of a loved one to help deal with the emotional, spiritual and medical issues they may be facing. Educational material will be provided. Participants have the opportunity to ask questions and share dialogue. Registration not necessary.

CONTACT: (248)-348-0115 or vist www.newhopecenter.net

YWCA of Western Wayne County

DETAILS: The YWCA is looking for volunteers to assist with office help, after-school programs, building projects, communications and marketing in its various locations throughout western Wayne County. They are also offering internships for college students in communications, media relations and computer information service. Additional opportunities are available in early childhood education and education administration. CONTACT: Tabatha Manuel, (313) 561-4110, ext. 20 or tmanuel@ywca-wwc.org

Meals-On-Wheels

DATE: Ongoing TIME: 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **DETAILS: Permanent and** substitute drivers are needed. **CONTACT: Eileen at Allen** Terrace, (248) 231-9950, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday through Friday or Judy LaManna, (248) 348-1761

Northville Downtown **Bevelopment Authority** DATE: Tuesday, Feb. 40 Meeting TIME: 8 a.m. LOCATION: City Council

Chambers, 215 West Main St. DETAILS: All are welcome to attend the monthy meeting of the DDA.

CONTACT: (249) 349-0345 or go to Downtownnorthville.com

Camera Club

DATE: Second Tuesday of every month

CONTACT: Tom James of Northville Camera at northvillecamera@sbcglobal.net, or Northville Arts Commission, (248) 449-9950

Arts Commission

DATE: Second Wednesday of every month TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.

Art House Store

LOCATION: 215 W. Cady St. DETAILS: Looking for volunteers to work four hours per month. Meet interesting people. Get 10 percent off store purchases

CONTACT: Carol Kendra (248) 760-2106

Beautification Commission

DATE: Second Tuesday of every month TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Northville City

Hall, 215 W. Main St., Meeting Room B

Housing Commission

DATE: Second Wednesday of every month

TIME: 3 p.m.

LOCATION: Allen Terrace, 401 High St.

Youth Assistance

DATE: Second Tuesday of every month TIME: 8 a.m.

LOCATION: Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile

Road CONTACT: (248) 344-1618

Parks and Recreation

Commission DATE: Second Wednesday of every month

TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

PARKS AND RECREATION

LOCATION: 775 N. Center St., **Total Golf Adventure's Golf** back entrance of Hillside Middle Enrichment Program School DATE: Mondays, Uan, 22-Mar. 12 and Tuesdays Apr. 24- Jun 5

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CONTACT: For registration and information on camps. classes and activities, (248)

'n 349-0203 or visit www.northvilleparksandrec.org

Northville Ski and **Snowboard Club**

DETAILS: Call the office for more information or to register.a

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Open Basketball

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Saturdays

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Open Volleyball

per person.

DATE: Every Sunday TIME: 6-9 p.m. LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St. DETAILS: The fee is \$3 per

Open Family Basketball

Community Center, 303 W. Main

DETAILS: There is a fee of \$21

DATE: Every Sunday

TIME: 4-6 p.m.

LOCATION: Senior

Open 40+ Basketball

TIME: 7-9:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Senior

DATE: Every Wednesday

Community Center, 303 W. Main

DETAILS: The fee is \$3 per

TIME/DATE: 7-10 p.m.,

LOCATION: Recreation Center

DETAILS: There is a fee of \$4

per person for Thursday and \$4

DATE: Every Tuesday and

per person for Saturday.

TIME: 7-9:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Hillside

Recreation Center, 700 W.

DETAILS: Competitive style

badminton is available. All skill d

levels are welcome. The cost is

TIME/DAY: 6-10 p.m.,

Monday and noon-4 p.m.,

LOCATION: Hillside

Recreation Center, 700 W.

DETAILS: Eight tables are

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TIME: 4-5 p.m. **

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Open Badminton

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Baseline Road

Saturday

Thursdays; 10 a.m-2 p.m.,





CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Northville Planning Commission will consider a request for change of zoning for 361 E. Cady St. (Lots 62 and 63). The requested change of zoning is from PR-1 Performance Regulated Industrial to CBD Central Business District Zoning

The request for rezoning will be considered by the Planning Commission at a public hearing on February 20, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 West Main Street, Northville, MI 48167, 248-349-1300. The purpose of this public hearing will be to receive public input on the zoning application. The complete application can be reviewed at the Building Department during normal business hours of 8 00 a m. until 4:30 p m. Monday through Friday, local prevailing time. Written comments will also be received at the above address during normal business hours

This notice is sent as required by Article 29 of the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance to all persons to whom real property is assessed with-in three hundred (300) feet of the boundary of the property in question, and to the occupants of all structures within three hundred (300) feet.

(2-1-07 NR 334348)

RICHARD STARLING, BUILDING OFFICIAL DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK



anaged, women and their babies are not at an increased risk for complications. However, since poorly managed asthma can negatively impact a baby, women most control their synaptoms. Because a fetus receives its oxygen from the blood of its mother, any decrease in the mother's oxygen causes the fetus to receive less oxygen, which can lead to impaired growth. One study showed that about one third of pregnant women's asthma symptoms remained the same during pregnancy, about one third of the women had worse symptoms, and about one third had fewer symptoms. It is important to visit a doctor for any medication adaustments

Today's topic is of particular concern to expectant women. If you have any trouble breathing and you think it may be asthma, you need the proper diagnosis. Call the ALLER-GY AND ASTHMA CENTER OF MICHI-

your regular screener and messive, we may note and treat patients of all ages. Same day, early morning, evening, and Saturday appointments are available. For further infor-mation, call (24) 473-6400. Our office is locat-ed at 24120 Meadowbrook Road, STE 201, Novi. New patients are welcome. "The Caring Allergist Who Gets Results."

P.S. Asthma problems during labor and deliv-ery are rare in women who have controlled their asthma well during pregnancy.

www.allergyinfo.org



LOCATION: RCH Waterford Room

DETAILS: TGA introduces students to the game of golf through a five-level enrichment program that promotes advancement and achievement while teaching the game in a fun atmosphere. TGA's program promotes values, life skills, coordination and achievement. Equipment provided. Fees from \$160-\$170.

CONTACT: (734) 459-2128; toaofmichigan@sbcglobal.net; www.totalgolfadventures.com

Theatre Basics Class

DATE: Begins Feb. 10 DETAILS: The class will explore the fundamentals of acting, and culminate in a "showcase" for parents and friends. Instructed by Christina Johnson, the theater director at Northville High School. The fee is \$95 per resident student, additional fees for nonresident. Preregistration is required.

CONTACT: (248) 349-0203 or go to www.northvilleparksandrec.org 💡

Master Plan Public Hearing

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., Feb. 14 LOCATION: Northville Senior **Community Center**

DETAILS: A draft version of the Northville Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2007-2012 is available for review on the department's Web site at www.northvilleparksandrec.org. The plan will be reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Commission at the hearing. Public comment and feedback is encouraged.

Princess Ball

DATE: Saturday, Feb. 24 TIME: 3-5 p.m. or 6-8 p.m. LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside

DETAILS: Dads, grandpas, or uncles can bring their special little girl to this Daddy Daughter dance. Each little girl will receive a gift bag, cookies and crafts. There will be a DJ to provide music for dancing. The cost is \$10 per person. Register by going to the Parks and Recreation office.

REGIONAL

Business Networking International

TIME/DAY: 7-8:30 a.m. every Thursday LOCATION: Eastern Michigan

University, Livonia campus, 38777 W. Six Mile Road, Suite 400 **DETAILS: Visitors are welcome** to all meetings. Reservations

required. CONTACT: Jim Green, (248) 345-3302

Plymouth District Library **Baseball Series**

LOCATION: 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth

The following programs require advance registration by calling the library, online at plymouthlibrary.org

Let's Book This One to the O's:

Tales from the Booth with Mike Reghi TIME/DATE: 2 p.m., Sunday,

Feb. 11 DETAILS: Mike Reghi has been

the broadcast announcer for the Baltimore Orioles and Cleveland Cavaliers and was recently inducted into the Radio and Television Broadcasters Hall of Fame. He will take you behind the scenes of broadcasting baseball.

CONTACT: (734) 453-0750, ext. 4

Great Books Discussion Group

TIME/DAY: First and third Thursday of every month. LOCATION: Livonia Civic Center Library, Five Mile and Farmington Roads

DETAILS: Discuss novels, plays, poetry and nonfiction, CONTACT: (248) 349-3121

Business Networking International

TIME/DAY: 7-8:30 a.m. every Thursday LOCATION: Eastern Michigan University, Livonia campus, 38777

W. Six Mile Road, Suite 400 DETAILS: Visitors are welcome to all meetings. Reservations required.

CONTACT: Jim Green, (248) 345-3302

Managing Our Growth school meetings

Time

6-8 p.m.

Northville school families and community members can give their input on managing the school district's growing elementary school enrollment during a series of community forums being sponsored by the Northville Public Schools Board of Education.

Day/Date Thursday, Feb. 1 Monday, Feb. 5 Monday, Feb. 5 Tuesday, Feb. 6 Wednesday, Feb. 7 Thursday, Feb. 8

Master Gardener Association

Environmental Interpretive Center

University of Michigan-Dearborn

campus, 4901 Evergreen Road.

between Ford Road and Michigan

Swing City Big Band Concerts

LOCATION: Village Theater at

Cherry Hill, Canton DETAILS: A 19-piece band

brings back the music of the

ty_bigband@yahoo.com or

DETAILS: Team Farmington

Special Olympics is hosting their

funds for its program. Proceeds

will be used to purchase training

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items necessary to keep the ath-

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Farmington

TIME/DATES: 8 p.m. Feb. 10; 8

at the northwest corner of the

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Avenue.

p.m. March 31

TIME: 7 p.m.

DETAILS: Meet at the

DAY: Second Thursday of every

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1:30-3:30 p.m. 6-8 p.m. 9:30-11:30 a.m. 6-8 p.m. 6-8 p.m.

teams of five bowlers to participate. To become a sponsor, or register a team, please contact the the Team Farmington office as follows CONTACT: (248) 489-3849 or

e-mail bowl-a-thon@sbcglobal.net

Yankee Air Museum Hosts "The Great Escape" with Sonny Eliot

DATE: Saturday, Feb. 10 TIME: 6 p.m. LOCATION: Hangar Two, Willow Run Airport

DETAILS: This movie night will be a fund-raiser to support the rebuilding efforts of the historic Yankee Air Museum, WWJ Newsradio personality Sonny Eliot will share his experiences as a members and \$10 for nonmembers. Seating is limited, and reservations are required.

DATE: Saturday, Feb. 10 TIME: 8 p.m. LOCATION: First United Methodist Church of Farmington, 33112 Grand River Ave . Farmington DATE: Sunday, Feb 11 TIME[,] 4 p m

LOCATION: First United Methodist Church, 5005 Chicago Road, Warren

ture songs of love and romance. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$15 for seniors and students.

www.cantataacademychorale.brav

Annual Benefit Dinner Dance

TIME: noon LOCATION: Italian America

DETAILS: The dinner dance is held to benefit the special needs Center in Chelsea. Money raised enhancements. The event will start with Mass at noon, followed by a seven-course meal and entertainment. Tickets are \$45, or \$450 for a table for 10.

(866) 990-4222, ext. 2, or Joseph Yukelis, (734) 475-8430

Red Cross Blood Drive

DATE: Monday, Feb. 12 TIME: 2-8 p.m. LOCATION: St. John's DETAILS: Make an appointment CONTACT: Carolyn Libeau,

CONTACT: Gianna Prokop,

Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth or just drop in.

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Schoolcraft Community College

How to Start a Small Business Seminar

SCHEDULE: 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Feb. 7; 6-9 p.m., Feb. 21; 9.30 a m.-12:30 p m., March 7; 6-9 p.m., March 21

DETAILS: The seminar will cover the basics of starting a business, the advantages of networking and when it is necessary to use community resources in developing a new business. The fee is \$30 per person. Advance registration is required.

CONTACT: Schoolcraft College Business Development Center, (734) 462-4438

Learn to Write a Business Plan Seminar

SCHEDULE: 6-9 p.m, Feb. 14; 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., March 14

DETAILS: The seminar will provide an overview of what makes a dynamic, realistic business plan. Participants will receive worksheets that outline the basic items in a business plan and fine tune the document with their own market research and financial information. The fee is \$40 per person.

Advance registration is required. CONTACT: Schoolcraft College **Business Development Center** (734) 462-4438

Women's Resource Center Winter Luncheon Series DATE: Tuesday, Feb. 23 TIME: 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

(Doors open at 11:15 a.m.) LOCATION: VisTaTech Center, Schoolcraft College

DETAILS: Daryl and Sherrye Bailey will narrate a presentation on the history of Westland with rare photographs. Prepaid registration is required, and the cost is S15.

CONTACT: (734) 462-4443

Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@gannett.com; by fax to (248) 349-9832; or by mail to Northville Record, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167. Items must be received by noon on Tuesday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

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CONTACT: (734) 483-4030

Special Olympics Bowl-A-DATE: Saturday, Feb. 10 LOCATION: Drakeshire Lanes, 35000 Grand River Ave.,

Cantata Academy Chorale Love Songs Concert



Thornton Creek Elementary Cooke School **Ridge Wood Elementary Ridge Wood Elementary** Silver Springs Elementary

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Location

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DETAILS: The concerts will fea-

CONTACT: (248) 358-9868 or

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othe Web at northvillerecord.com for updated news and information

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REPORT CRIME:

Cal Stone, editor (248) 349-1700, ext 113 cstone@gannett.com

Call (248) 349-5100 (city) or 349-9400 (township) for non-emergencies

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Thursday, February 1, 2007 www.northvillerecord.com fax. (248) 349-9832

NORTHVILLE CITY POLICE REPORT

From bad to worse

Northville police are continuing to investigate a Jan. 23 theft from a Battleford Lane home.

Northville police reports indicated the 68-year-old homeowner witnessed two teenagers take two 12-packs of Budweiser light beer from her garage, leaving in a tan passenger van. The report included the woman's description of the white teen male who entered her open garage as "skinny" with dark curly hair.

The woman, who had been home from her volunteer hospital job about an hour, told police the beer left over from her husband's funeral the week before was clearly visible from the road.

Miata on blocks

Northville police are continuing to investigate the theft of rear tires and rims from a red Mazda Miata parked on the lower level of the Cady Street parking deck.

Police reports indicated the 42-year-old Northville woman who leases the convertible discovered the car up on blocks last Thursday morning. She told police the theft occurred after she left the car intact at 1:30 p.m Jan 24.

Officers contacted the woman's ex-boyfriend, a 46year-old Northville man, after she told them she has a court protection order against him. The report indicated the man told police he was not involved.

Too much 'girlfriend thing'

A 34-year-old Canton woman is expected in court today to face drunk driving charges.

Northville police reports indicated the driver of a black Saturn Vue was headed eastbound on Dunlap Street about 1 a.m. Jan. 24 when she allegedly failed to stop for a flashing red traffic signal.

After stopping the woman for the traffic violation, the officer reported smelling intoxicants coming from her vehicle. According to the report, the woman told the officer she been "doing the girlfriend thing" and consumed vodka and lemonade.

After administering sobriety tasks, the officer arrested the woman and transported her to the Northville Township police station where her blood alcohol content was measured at .21, above the .08 legal limit. She was held until posting a \$500 bond.

> Compiled by staff writer Maureen Johnston



Northville firefighters during the Northville Chamber of Commerce Fire and Ice Festival in downtown Northville

Repeat is sweet and spicy!

Saturday.

Northville Township firefighters Jason Hendrian (left), Adam Burton, Jesse Marcotte and Finley Molina hcist their plaque in victory, winners for the second year of the Fire House Chili Challenge against the City of

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Mustang hockey's sophomore sensations: Wes Gates, Drew Lamoureux, and Matt Kreager, right.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Mustangs beat Plymouth, WL Western

By Jeff Theisen RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville cagers continue to mow through the WLAA portion of its schedule with a pair of wins against Plymouth (Jan. 23) and Walled Lake Western



Photo submitted by Lynn Kirkpatrick

Northville's Alvin Storrs shoots for two of his game-

Storrs leads

way to pair

of victories

high 36 points against Plymouth.

Young blue-liners stepping up for 'Stangs

By Jeff Theisen **RECORD SPORTS WRITER**

Most varsity coaches worry when they have to use under-

classmen in the regular lineup. Northville hockey coach Clint Robert isn't worried, he's enjoying it.

tions." Lamoureux is the lone varsity returnee of the three.

"Going in, I knew Drew was on the team before. And, I kind of knew what he was going to bring - a little bit more of a grittier style to the game." Robert said. "I'd seen Matt and Wes play in the past ... they've completely exceeded my expectations, as well as Drew has." Gates is enjoying this season, but knows he and his fellow sophomores have a chance to be something special for the next couple of years.



(Friday).

On Friday, Alvin Storrs had another strong game, ripping the nets for 26 points in a 52-47 win at Western that was much closer than the final score indicates.

The Warriors hit nine 3-pointers to stay close throughout and trailed by just two with 10 seconds left.

Mustang junior Dan Kirkpatrick went to the line and sunk both free throws to give Northville a two-possession lead that the Warriors couldn't overcome.

The game went back and forth in the first half, 18-17 halftime score.



hoto submitted by Diana Birdsall Alvin Storrs throws down a dunk against Plymouth.

Storrs started to heat up late in the third quarter, and the

1ustangs pulled ahead 31-26 going Mustangs into the final stan-Z3. Northville (10-1.6-

1) never trailed in the fourth. though Western managed to keep the game close

throughout. But the with the Warriors clinging to an Mustangs remained poised and continued on 3

Going in we thought, boy. we're going to have a young defense," Robert said. "We kind of had an idea of what we had

but no idea of how well they were going to perform.

"I think it's one of the strengths of our team. We feel comfortable putting them out in any situation."

Sophomores Matt Kreager, Wes Gates and Drew Lamoureux are all blueliners for the 8-7-1 Mustangs.

We're pretty much rotating the starting positions every other game." Lamoureux said. "It's good to know that (Robert) has trust in us and he knows that we can handle some sticky situa-

"I think it's really cool that three sophomore defensemen are doing pretty good together," he said. "I think it's

something to look forward to in the future, seeing us three together.

Robert took it a step further, saying the three could be All-State caliber by their senior years

Photo submitted by James Deneau

Northville's Andrew Lamoureux skates with the puck during a recent game.

"A lot of times, good teams are built on defense, from the net out," Robert said. "We've got a couple of young goaltes that we expect to be with us for awhile, 1 think these guys could definitely take us to a place where we have

a real good shot at states the next year and the following year. "It's nice to know that our blue line, at least half of it, is solid for the next three years."

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Northville hockey splits pair

Submitted to the Northville Record

The Mustangs notched another win against Walled Lake Western this past Saturday night at Lakeland Ice Arena after dropping a game to Plymouth on Jan. 24.

Northville outshot Walled Lake by a wide margin, but the Warriors' goaltending withstood the pelting and kept the final score at 2-1 Mustangs.

The Mustangs dominated the play early on. Their first goal went in about halfway through the first period when senior Steve Dawson pulled the puck out from a struggle in the corner to get a pass to senior Anthony Deneau, who took it across for a pretty deak.

With about five minutes left on the clock, Walled Lake looked like they were going to tie things



Submitted photo

Northville's TJ Hohl controls the puck against Plymouth.

up until sophomore defensemen Drew Lamoureux made a great first period, sophomore defenseplay to shut down a threatening 2- men Wes Gates made a quick pass on-1.

With only a minute to go in the



Submitted by James Deneau

continued on 2 Northville's Steven Dawson, middle, and Anthony Deneau head up the ice.



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Northville JV hockey beats U-D Jesuit, 4-2

Submitted to the Northville play against U of D Jesuit High Record

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The Northville junior varsity hockey team split a pair of games in the past week. The Mustangs knocked off U-D Jesuit but came up short against Walled Lake Northern.

Northville 4, U-D Jesuit 2

The Northville junior varsity hockey team traveled to City Arena on in Detroit on Jan. 27 to school.

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Josh McMullen scored first for Northville at 13:35 in the first period with the assistance of Troy McMullin. U of D did not score until the second period at 14:49.

The Mustangs came back with three goals. At 7:25, defenseman Nick Gumina passed the puck to Troy McMullin who ht the red light. Then at 5:21. Matt DeSpirt scored a goal with assists from

Matt Rosiar and Tyler Jones.

Less than two minutes later, McMullen passed the puck to Nick Vitale who slammed it by the goalie.

U of D scored again with only a minute left in the game.

Northville goalie Andy Bray made a number of good saves in the winning effort.

Walled Lake Northern 3, Northville 1

Walled Lake Northern came to Suburban Ice Arena to play

against the Mustangs on Jan. 28. Northern scored first with a short-handed goal at 9:28 in the first period. Northern tallied another on a power play goal with only 44 seconds left in the period.

Northville got its only goal in the second period when Nick Vitale scored at 10:34 with assists from McMullen and defenseman Kevin Andrews.

Northern capped off the scoring and skated away with a 3-1 win.

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to junior TJ Hohl who was ready in the slot and fired it home for a 2-0 Mustangs lead.

The second period was a frustrating one for the Mustangs, who dominated the play, kept the puck in the Warriors' zone, and had plenty of scoring chances, but the score remained at 2-0.

The third period was much the same until about half way through when Walled Lake got control of the puck and popped it in to trail 2-1. The Mustangs responded with a more aggressive defensive game, shutting down the Warriors the rest of the way.

Plymouth 5, Novi 3

The win followed a home-game loss to the Plymouth Wildcats on the 24th.

Highlights from that game included a goal from Hohl in the first period on a power play with an assist from sophomore defensemen Matt Kreager.

The Mustangs notched a second period goal when Dawson scored



Northville goalie Teddy Keranen prepares to stop a shot.



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Submitted photos

'Stangs stomp Novi

Pair of wins put Northville's swim and dive team at 9-0

By Jeff Theisen RECORD SPORTS WRITER

The Northville swimming and diving team improved to 9-0, 4-0 with a pair of wins, including a victory against rival Novi.

The Mustangs earned a 121-65 win Jan. 23 at home against the Wildcats. Northville won all but 2/3 of the events.

The 200 medley relay team of Will Blickle, Brody Blickle, Chris Keady and Chris Culkin started the meet off with a win in 1:42.89.

The Mustangs went 1-2-3 in the 200 freestyle with John Bardsley 1:52.27.

Greg Sheppard won the 200 individual medley in 2:08.63. Culkin edged teammate Kyle Adams in the 50 freestyle by 0.1

seconds at 23.00. Novi won the diving competition, but Will Blickle started a 1-2-3 finish in the 100 butterfly, fin-

ishing in 54.32. Keady won the 100 freestyle in

48.07. Brody Blickle won the 500

freestyle by more than 35 seconds in 4:41.70. The 200 freestyle team of John

Bardsley, Adams, Chad Black and Patrick Keady won in 1:36.88.

Sheppard started a 1-2-3 finish in the 100 backstroke with a finish in 59.72.

Erik Peterson won the 100 breaststroke in 1:10.31.

In a 117-69 win at Wayne, the 400 freestyle team of Bardsley, Keady, and the Blickle brothers setting a new Zebra pool record in 3:16.90.

Other highlights included Culkin winning the 200 freestyle in 1:48.26 and Nate Lunn winning the 500 freestyle in 5:28.42.

Northville Volleyball

The Mustang volleyball team went 7-1 last week, improving to 26-3-2 and 3-0 in WLAA play.



Mustand Chris Keady swims the anchor spot (freestyle) for the team's 200 yard medley in a home meet against the Warriors of Walled Lake Western.

Northville won a pair of league games before finishing runner up

at the Kettering tournament. The Mustangs beat Franklin in three games Jan. 22 at home, 25-13, 25-17, 25-12.

Two days later, Plymouth pushed the Mustangs to four games but fell 25-9, 25-14, 23-25. 25-14.

On Saturday, Northville blasted through to the finals with five straight wins. The Mustangs beat West Bloomfield 25-15, 25-18, Walled Lake Western 25-11, 25-21, Lake Orion 25-20, 25-21, Southfield 25-14, 25-14 and Lake Orion again in the semifinals 25-8. 25-15.

Lakeland knocked off the Mustangs in the finals 25-19, 25-

Northville Gymnastics

Northville gymnasts posted provided a 32.7 overall.

their best score of the year in a meet at Hartland on Jan. 24. The Mustangs combined to score 142.5 points.

Senior Julie Foucher led with a season-high overall score of

36.3, including a 9.45 on vault. Freshman Cassidy Winter also produced a season-high 35.45 points, including 8.85 on both floor and bars and 8.75 on vault.

Other season-high scores included freshman Caileigh Deacon with a 34.15, including 9.2 on floor, freshman Michelle Steslicki with a 33.0. including 8.6 on beam and 8.4 on vault, freshman MaKenna Pohl with a 9.1 on vault, sophomore Amy Reynolds with an 8.3 on vault, and freshman Brittany Kronner with an 8.3 on vault.

Sophomore Julie Davison

Becky Murphy did not compete due to an injury, but she may be back soon.

Northville Wrestling

Northville wrestling took on some top-notch competition against Livonia Franklin and in a weekend tournament at Dexter.

Northville lost 65-12 against Franklin.

Winning by pin for the Mustangs were Jonny D'Anna and Brian Bagian.

"Franklin is an outstanding program," Northville coach Jeff Balagna said. "They are the cream of the crop in the WLAA. I felt we wrestled them really tough and was pleased with our performance.

"Jonny and Brian have been simply amazing for us this year. They are both putting together

outstanding seasons, and it is nice to see them peaking towards the end of the season." At Dexter, Northville beat

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

three teams and lost a pair. The Mustangs won 45-18 against Ida, 45-24 against Chelsea and 53-15 against Ann Arbor Huron. Hartland beat Northville 70-7, and Freeland won a squeaker, 39-37.

"It was an outstanding day for the Northville wrestling program," Balagna said. "We really wrestled well and won a lot of matches.

"Joe Gholami and Dan Dulzo both won great matches against Hartland It was great for our guys to pick up wins against teams like Ida and Chelsea. Both teams beat us last year, so it showed me how much we have improved from last sea-

son.



PLANET FITNESS

Helping to delete the energy gap in children

aving over 20 years in the fitness industry, every December I find my email jammed with year-end summary statistics related to health and fitness from a variety of sources. I reviewed them quickly to search for relevant material to share, (the DELETE button firmly in touch with my index finger)

adult obesity on the rise ----**DELETE**, adults not exercising enough ----DELETE, adult sedentary related disease on the rise - DELETE.



Don't get my Chris quick **DELETE** Klebba finger confused

with the importance of these messages, but they have basically not changed much in the last 10 years. I compare these messages to how numb we have become to the well known dangers of smoking, the evidence is certainly in on the threat of smoking, accounting for approximately 1 out of 5 deaths today and yet over 24% of adults in the U.S. still smoke! Most adults already know they need to eat better and move more, and then one message stopped my DELETE finger in its tracks ... the message titled, "Energy gap with children continues to grow."

Being a father of three, the "energy gap" among children is something I have been concerned with and tracking for years. It basically means if food eaten is calories, (described here as energy in) and movement is energy out (calories burned) a gap in the wrong direction (more energy in than out) results in weight gain and a host of potential health problems. Many American kids are suffering from this "energy gap," in which they take in more calories than they burn through growth and daily living. A recent study shows over a 10-year period the average child consumed up to 165 calories more than he or she needed each day. And the most overweight teens took in as many as 1,000 calories more each day than they needed --- almost as much as two Big Macs. And the trend won't be easy to reverse, said the study's lead author, Dr. Y. Claire Wang, a researcher at the Harvard School of Public Health. I found this statistic alarming. Somehow if



Northville Junior Greg Hasse goes up for a shot against Walled Lake Western.

Submitted photos Northville's Mike Rogers holds the ball in the lane.

■ BASKETBALL: Northville beats WL Western, Plymouth

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held on for another league victory thanks to 11-for-14 free throw shooting during the game.

Junior Greg Hasse recorded nine points, and Kirkpatrick finished with eight for the

Mustangs. Darryl Warthen led the Warriors with 20 points, including five three-pointers.

Northville 58, Plymouth 42

At Plymouth, Storry poured in 36 points in a 58-42 victory. He converted 16 of 19 free throws in the win.

Plymouth scored the opening points of the game for its only lead of the night.

Storrs was fouled on the next possession and sank both free throws. He would score seven more points in the next couple of minutes, and the Mustangs held a 14-11 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Storrs stayed hot and scored 13 of the Mustangs' 17 points in the second quarter for a 31-25 lead at the half.

Both teams played tough defense in the third, but the Mustangs pushed the lead to 39-30 heading into the fourth.

Northville quickly pushed the lead to 12 on a hoop and foul converted by Storrs, and the rout was on. A basket by Kirkpatrick pushed the lead to 17. Storrs capped the evening with a big dunk off a steal for his 36th and final points of the night.

David Burke was next highest with six points, and Hasse scored five.

Roberts Brandon led Plymouth with 17 points.

JV Basketball

nated Western 57-29 but lost to Plymouth 55-50 in double overtime.

The Mustangs are 8-3, 5-2.

something is happening that is a risk to us as parents the risk is accepted, but when our kids are facing the same kind of risk the stakes get much higher.

This continuing "gap" among our children becomes even more evident in terms of daily movement when you consider that less than one-fourth of the nation's elementary schools provide daily physical education and then we need to consider the toys and activities of today's children. I quickly scanned our children's recent Christmas presents...Let's see ... I-Pod, Video games, DVD's, toy pets that move on their own. Not a Hula-hoop, jump rope, or pair of skates to be found.

An estimated one in three American kids is either obese -a step beyond overweight - or in danger of becoming obese, and one in eight or nine children is actually obese. When I review the year end statistics, keeping our children moving and eating better not only escapes my DELETE trigger finger but moves to the top of the "COPY" button to every parent, teacher and coach to help do their part to close the "gap" in 2007.

This column was written by fitness expert Chris Klebba. Chris owns and operates Planet Fitness in Northville, and is a regular columnist and public speaker. For more information call 248-449-7634 or go to www.planetfitness.com.



The Northville JV team domi-





Mustang Erin Hietala collides with and falls to the ice with an Ann Arbor Pioneer girls varsity hockey player at the Novi Ice Arena.





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A couple of Mustangs, including captain Danielle Hirka, right, surround a Pioneer heading into their zone.



Mustang Leanne Ellison fires a puck to clear the zone.





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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

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Oh-So Testive Floribbean Fare for Super Sunday



Winter sweet onions add zesty crunch to this game-day menu

FAMILY FEATURES By Aliza Green

'n honor of this year's big game in Miami, kick up your Super Bowl festi-vities with colorful Floribbean fare, a cooking style combining the best of Florida's traditions with Caribbean and Cuban flavors.

These recipes feature Oso Sweet onions, the winter sweet onion from Chile that's in season January through March. Oso Sweets are grown at the foot of Chile's Andes Mountains where growing conditions produce large, juicy onions with record-high sugar content, crisp texture and mild flavor.

Never had an orange salad before? Try this surprising, tart-sweet orange and onion salad. Find out why empanadas, the Spanish hand-held meal-in-a-pocket (here made with chicken and corn), are snapped up from Buenos Aires to Miami.

Florida Flounder Sandwich With Lime and Sweet Onion **Tartar Sauce**

A pan-fried fish sandwich is a beach shack favorite in Florida, often made with native grouper. In other parts of the country, flounder fillet works just fine. The crunchy crust made from Japanese panko breadcrumbs holds in moisture so the fish is juicy inside. For those who love lime, increase the amount to the juice of two lunes and don't forget the sweet onions, which add their own sweet, mild crunch to the sauce. Serves: 6

Tartar Sauce

- 2 tablespoons each chopped parsley,
- green olives and pickle relish 2
- hard-cooked eggs, peeled and chopped Juice and grated zest of 1 lime
- 1/2 cup finely diced Oso Sweet onion
 - teaspoons dry mustard
 - teaspoon hot pepper sauce (optional)
- 3/4 cup mayonnaise Kosher salt and ground black pepper to taste

Fish

- 2 1/2 pounds lean, firm white fish fillet, such as flounder, fluke, halibut, grouper or cod, cut into (2- to 3-ounce) pieces Salt and pepper to taste
 - 2 eggs
- 1/4 cup milk
- cup all-purpose flour 2 cups Japanese panko breadcrumbs or
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Tired of the same old ground beef dishes? This chunky Cuban beef picadillo fragrant with oregano and cumin is so good, you may want to make a double batch.

Can't get to the beach this winter? Our Florida fish sandwich with its tangy fresh lime and Oso Sweet onion tartar sauce

will bring back memories of sand and surf. Best of all, Oso Sweet onions contain so little pyruvic acid

the substance that causes tearing, harshness, and indigestion --- that they are gentle enough for people of all ages. The whole family can kick back and enjoy this make-ahead fresh and spicy but not fiery - menu.



Chicken and Corn Empanadas Empanadas, which come from the Spanish word for "bread," are baked or fried turnovers made from bread. pastry, phyllo or even pizza dough. Here we prepare these make-ahead Latino favorites with flak, defrosted frozen crescent rolls, but feel free to substitute your own favorite savory dough Makes: 8 large empanadas

- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- cup diced Oso Sweet onions
- diced red bell pepper
- teaspoon hot red pepper flakes
- (optional) 1 1/2 cups frozen corn kernels
 - 2 teaspoons oregano
 - cups (1 pound) diced cooked chicken 6 ounces shredded Monterey Jack cheese Kosher salt and black pepper to taste



Florida Orange and **Oso Sweet Onion Salad**

Serve this cheery, bright-colored salad on dull, dreary mid-winter days. You won't believe how sweet. mild and deliciously crunchy the raw sweet onions marinated in Iemon and olive oil can be. Series: 6

1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil, divided

- Juice of 1 lemon Kosher salt and black
- pepper to taste 1 thinly sliced Oso Sweet onion
- tablespoons red wine vinegar
- Grated zest of 1 orange Salt and black pepper to taste
- large navel oranges tablespoons chopped
- dill

Combine 2 tablespoons olive oil with lemon juice, salt and pepper; pour marinade over onion and marinate 20 minutes. Whisk together remaining oil, vinegar, orange zest, salt and pepper for dressing. Remove rind and white membrane from oranges and cut into thin slices. Arrange orange slices on serving platter, drizzle with dressing, top with onions, sprinkle with dill and serve.

- 1 cup vegetable oil (for frying)
- 2 long French baguettes or Italian breads, split open with some of soft insides removed
- Oso Sweet onion, thinly sliced 2
- tomatoes, sliced Green leaf lettuce, separated into individual leaves, washed and dried

For tartar sauce, stir all ingredients together and refrigerate.

Season fish with salt and pepper. Lightly beat together eggs and milk. Set up three bowls: flour, egg mixture and half the panko. Dip each piece of fish into flour, shaking off excess. Next, dip into egg mixture, allowing excess liquid to drip off. Finally, dip in crumbs, coating well on all sides. (Add second half of panko to bowl as needed, so crumbs stay dry.) Arrange fish on a waxed paper-lined baking tray and chill for at least 30 minutes or overnight.

In large, heavy skillet, heat half the oil until shimmering. Lay fish pieces in oil without crowding, turning pieces as they brown. Fry until firm and well-browned, about 6 minutes; repeat with remaining fish. Drain and keep warm in 200°F oven. Spread baguettes with tartar sauce on both sides. Arrange fish in single layer on each bread, top with onion, tomato and lettuce; close, cut in portions and serve.

Cuban Picadillo

Picadillo is a tasty mixture of ground or finely chopped meat, often beef, simmered with aromatics like sweet onion and garlic and seasoned with the bold flavors of cumin and sherry vinegar from Spain that are a big hit throughout Latin America. Picadillo comes from the Spanish "picar," which means "to cut into small pieces."

Serves: 6 to 8

- 2 pounds ground beef
- 1/4 cup olive oil, divided
 - cup diced Oso Sweet onions
- green pepper, diced
- tablespoon chopped garlic
- 15-ounce can tomato-sauce
- teaspoons ground cumin
- teaspoons dried oregano
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1/2 cup chopped pimentostuffed green olives
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar Kosher salt and fresh ground black pepper to taste

In large skillet, brown beef in 2 tablespoons olive oil over high heat; drain and reserve. In same skillet, lightly brown onion, pepper and garlic in remaining oil. Add sauce, cumin and oregano; bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer

2 14-ounce packages frozen crescent rolls, defrosted 1 egg, lightly beaten with 1 tablespoon water

In large skillet, heat oil and lightly brown onions. Add pepper, pepper flakes, corn and oregano and cook 5 minutes over moderate heat or until liquid has mostly cooked away. Remove from heat; stir in chicken and cheese, season to taste and chill.

Unroll crescent dough into two perforated squares; Place one square over second. Roll out with a little flour to form a single, large rectangular sheet. Cut out four circles about 5 inches in diameter; repeat with remaining package of rolls. Refrigerate circles on waxed paper until firm, about 30 minutes.

Spoon 1/4 cup filling into center of each circle, leaving 1-inch border. Brush edges with egg mixture. Fold over to seal, stretching dough slightly. Press edges together while pushing out any air pockets; seal by crimping with tines of a fork. Brush top with egg wash and prick with fork. Arrange empanadas on buttered and floured baking pan. Refrigerate until ready to bake, up to two days ahead of time. Preheat oven to 400°F. Bake 25 to 30 minutes or until puffy and brown and filling is bubbling hot.

Tip: Use rotisserie-roasted chicken

20 minutes, stirring occasionally, until mixture has thickened. Stir in beef, raisins, olives and season to taste with salt and pepper. Bring back to boil, simmer 10 minutes and serve over steamed rice with sauteed sliced ripe plantains and black beans.

Tip: Make a double batch and freeze half for up to three months. Defrost in microwave

Tip: Use Texmati rice, a hybrid of American long-grain rice with Indian basmati, for perfect, fluffy results.



Starting With Onions

Most savory recipes around the world start with onions. They provide a welcome edge of sweet-sharp flavor when raw and an underlying rounded, sweet-savory flavor when cooked. Sweet onions are the most versatile of all --mild enough to eat raw, in salads, sandwiches



or salads yet versatile enough to cook by any method from caramelizing, sauteing, grilling and frying to baking, steaming, roasting or even barbecuing. For more information about Oso Sweets and other seasonal sweet onions, go to sweetonionsource.com.

For more about onions and 99 other essential ingredients, pick up a copy of this season's hot new cookbook "Starting With Ingredients," which includes more than 550 outstanding recipes by award-winning chef and author Aliza Green.

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It's football's finest hour, and here's the game plan for scoring extra points: serve super delicious food starring MVPs, like beef and cheese.

You can't lose with pre-game nibbles of First Down Fondue and Beef & Cheese Touchdown Toasts. Later, fans can huddle over hearty Football Heroes and Smoky Chili Bowly as they enjoy halftime entertainment.

Total preparation and cooking time: 6-1/2 to 8-1/2 hours 3 to 4 pounds beef for stew, cut into

- 1- to 1-1/2-inch pieces 2 medium sweet onions, cut into
- 1/2-inch wedges 2 red peppers, cut into 1-inch-wide

Total preparation and cooking time 35 to 45 minutes

- 2 pounds ground beef teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil

 - 3 cloves garlic, minced
 - 2 cans (14.5 ounces each) diced tomatoes with gree

When the final whistle blows, everyone will cheer these winning recipes.

Sideline Pointers

- Bold, high quality, natural shredded cheese blends from Sargento are real time-savers for entertaining just right for topping Smoky Chili, Football Heroes or Touchdown Toasts. Choose basics like Cheddar Jack or Swiss or try one of the new Bistro Blends such as Mozzarella & Asiago with Roasted Garlic as a great way to add flavor in a flash.
- Shredded cheeses make preparation of many favorites much quicker and simpler. Ready to use, they melt evenly and quickly, which is especially important for creamy First Down Fondue.
- Cooking pieces of beef for stew in the slow cooker yields a juicy, tender filling for Football Heroes with no fuss. The cooked beef mixture can be held safely for two hours on low so it's easy for serving.
- To ensure perfectly cooked beef for Touchdown Toasts, place steaks the correct distance from the broiler (2 to 3 inches). If they're too close, the beef
- For additional recipes and product information. visit www BeefItsWhatsForDinner com and www.sargentocheese.com.



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- 1/3 cup soy sauce 1/4 cup tomato paste
- 6 cloves garlic, minced 8 to 10 French rolls
- Toppings:
 - 2 cups (8 ounces) Sargento ChefStyle Cheddar Jack Shredded Cheese or Sargento Bistro Blends Cheddar & Monterey Jack with Tomato & Jalapeño Pepper Shredded Cheese Pepperoncini, pepper rings, assorted olives
- I. Place onions in 4-1/2- to 5-1/2-quart slow cooker; top with beef for stew, then pepper slices. Combine consommé, soy sauce. tomato paste and garlic; add to slow cooker. Cover and cook on HIGH 6 to 7 hours or LOW 8 to 9 hours or until beef is fork-tender. (No stirring necessary during cooking.)
- 2. Serve in rolls with cheeses and other toppings, as desired.
- Makes 8 to 10 servings

Cook's Tip: Beef mixture can be kept hot on LOW for up to 2 hours

Beef & Cheese Touchdown Toasts

Total preparation and cooking time 30 to 45 minutes

- 2 boneless beef top sirloin steaks, cut 3/4 inch thick (about 1 pound each)
- 32 slices Italian bread (1/2 inch thick)
- 6 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1-1/4 cups drained giardiniera
- 3-1/2 cups (two 7-ounce packages) Sargento Bistro Blends Mozzarella & Asiago with Roasted Garlie Shredded Cheese
- 1. Place bread slices on two 15- by 10- by 1-inch jelly roll pans. Brush tops with butter. Toast bread slices in 425°F oven 6 to 8 minutes or until golden brown. Set aside.
- 2. Place beef steaks on rack in broiler pan so surface of beef is 2 to 3 inches from heat. Broil 9 to 12 minutes for medium rare to medium doneness, turning once.
- 3. Carve each steak into 32 thin slices. Season with salt and pepper as desired.
- 4. Ton toast slices evenly using 1 package of cheese. Top each toast slice with 2 steak slices and I teaspoon giardiniera. Sprinkle remaining package of cheese evenly over toasts
- 5. Place 1 jelly roll pan on rack so cheese is 2 to 3 inches from heat. Broil 1-1/2 to 2 minutes or until cheese is melted. Repeat with remaining pan. Serve immediately.

Makes 32 appetizers

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- onions, undrained
- 1 can (15 ounces) black beans, rinsed, drained
- can (14 ounces) ready-to-serve beef broth
- tablespoon minced chipotle peppers in adobo sauce
- tablespoons adobo sauce
- 3 tablespoons masa harina or cornmeal
- 2 cups (8 ounces) Sargento Taco Shredded Cheese or Sargento ChefStyle Chipotle Cheddar Shredded Cheese, divided Dairy sour cream
- 1. Brown ground beef in stock pot over medium heat 8 to 10 minutes or until no longer pink. breaking up in 3/4-inch crumbles. Remove from pot with slotted spoon; pour off drippings. Season with salt. Set aside,
- 2 Heat oil in same stock pot over medium heat until hot. Add garlie; cook and stir 30 to 60 seconds. Add beef, tomatoes, beans, beef broth, chipotle peppers and adobo sauce. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, 15 to 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in masa harina; return to boil. Reduce heat: stir in I cup cheese. Simmer 3 to 5 minutes or until slightly thickened, stirring frequently.
- 3. Serve with remaining cheese and sour cream, as desired.

Makes 6 to 8 servings

First Down Fondue

Total preparation and cooking time, 15 minutes

- 2 cups (8 ounces) Sargento Fancy Sharp Cheddar Shredded Cheese
- cups (12 ounces) Sargento Fancy **Colby Jack Shredded Cheese**
- tablespoon cornstarch
- bottle (12 ounces) beer teaspoon hot pepper sauce Dippers: Assorted breadsticks, bell pepper pieces, sugar snap peas and cherry tomatoes
- 1. Toss cheeses with cornstarch in medium bowl: set aside.
- 2. Pour beer into fondue pot; bring to boil over high heat. Reduce heat to low; add cheese mixture. Cook 2 minutes or until cheese is melted, stirring constantly. Stir in hot sauce.
- 3. Keep fondue over low heat. Dip breadsticks and vegetables into fondue.

Makes 8 servings

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No-Sweat Guide to Hosting

FAMILY FEATURES

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ports fans know that the best game-watch gatherings offer a winning combinaion of camaraderie and great food. Celebrity chef Sandra Lee says the role of a host is a bit like that of the coach. When strategizing for the big showdown, it's a fine balance of preparation, discipline and spirit that ultimately yields a successful gathering. Start with a playbook that's heavy on convenient, makeahead dishes

My secret to winning game-time entertaining is semi-homemade cooking. Take a nosweat approach by combining convenient store-bought or ready-made ingredients with fresh and creative personal touches. It's my secret for delivering easy, delicious dishes that spectators love," Lee says.

Although the game-time menu may not call for a sit-down meal, the spread should still provide the fuel spectators need to survive into overtime. Smaller, handheld servings of protein-packed favorites, such as Home on the Ranch Pork Sliders and Show-Stopping Barbecue Shrimp Skewers will help satisfy big appetites. Lee's recipe for Benchwarmer Artichoke

Ranch Dip offers a creative twist on a classic baked dip with extra tangy zip thanks to a packet of ranch salad dressing and seasoning mix.

For a game day gathering that's easy on the host while still delivering all the good tood and fun guests expect. Lee suggests a lew easy tips:

- No Interference. In the heat of the action, spectators need free hands for clapping and high-fiving, so nix any recipes that call for flatware and focus on handheid foods.
- Defend the Viewing Zone. Keep die-hard fans in good spirits by setting up multiple viewing and seating areas for guests. Dedicated game watchers will appreciate a conversation-free zone around the TV during regularly scheduled play, while casual spectators



may prefer an area where non-sports chatter is welcome.

- Assemble a Starting Line-Up Near the TV. For spectators who don't want to miss a moment of the action, be sure to stock essentials - such as extra napkins, condiments and beverage refills -- within viewing distance of the game
- Pre-Game Warm Up. Novice fans don't have to feel intimidated. Hosts can provide fodder for game-time banter by providing the day's sports section and printing online game previews so that everyone has access to team trivia and key stats on star players.

Benchwarmer

Artichoke Ranch Dip

Makes: 10 servings

- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 I-ounce packet Hidden Valley **Original Ranch Salad Dressing**
- & Seasoning Mix 1 tablespoon lemon juice, or more if desired
- 2 15-ounce cans artichoke quarters in water, drained and chopped
- cup chopped roasted red hell 1/2 peppers
- 1 1/2 cups shredded Swiss cheese
- 1 1/2 cups french fried onions, divided Tortilla chips

Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray 1-quart baking dish with olive oil cooking spray; set aside In medium mixing bowl, whisk together

mayonnaise, sour cream, seasoning mix and lemon juice until smooth. Stir in artichokes, reppers, cheese and 1/2 cup french fried onions Transfer to prepared baking dish and top with remaining french fried onions Bake 40 to 45 minutes, until set and top is golden brown Serve with tortilla chips

Recipe created by Sandra Lee on behalf of the makers of Hidden Valley Original Ranch dressings

Home on the Ranch **Pork Sliders**

Makes: 4 to 5 servings

- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons sour cream
- 1-ounce packets Hidden Valley **Original Ranch Salad Dressing** & Seasoning Mix, divided
- 1/2 cup cracker meal
- eggs
- pound pork tenderloin, trimmed, sliced I inch thick
- 1/4 cup canola oil, for frying 8 to 10 Hawaiian sweet rolls or
 - dinner rolls

In small bowl, whisk together mayonnaise, sour cream, and 2 teaspoons seasoning mix Refrigerate ranch mayonnaise until ready to serve.

In shallow bowl, combine cracker meal and I tablespoon seasoning mix: set aside. Lightly beat eggs in shallow bowl; set aside.

Between two pieces of plastie wrap, pound pork tendertoin slices to 1/4 inch thick; set aside. Heat canola oil in large frying pan over medium-high heat. Empty remaining seasoning mix packets onto large plate. Dredge each pork patty into seasoning mix to coat both sides. Dip each into egg mixture then press into seasoned cracker meal.

When oil is shiny, place pork patties in frying pan. Cook 3 to 4 minutes per side. Remove and place on a paper towel-lined plate. Serve on desired rolls with ranch mayonnaise, lettuce, tomato and condiments of your choice.

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Polenta Crostini With Sausage Topping

Serves: 12

- 1/2 pound Italian sausage, removed from casing
- cup onion, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup tomatoes, chopped and seeded
- 1/3 cup KC Masterpiece Original **Barbeçue Sauce**
- package (1 pound) prepared polenta
- 3 tablespoons shredded Parmesan cheese

Cook sausage in skillet over medium heat 7 minutes or until meely browned, stirring often. Remove sausage to a cutting board and coarsely chop. Drain fat and return sausage to skillet; add onions and cook over medium heat 5 minutes, stirring often. Stir in tomatoes and barbecue sauce. Heat until bubbling: set aside.

Preheat oven to 400 F. Slice polenta into 12 1/2-inch thick rounds and place in single layer on baking sheet. Top each round with I tablespoon sausage mixture, sprinkle with cheese and bake 10 minutes or until hot Serve warm or at room temperature

Show-Stopping **Barbecue Shrimp Skewers**

Serves: 6

- 1/2 pound bacon slices pound large shrimp, peeled and
- deveined cup KC Masterpiece Original 1/2
- **Barbecue Sauce** 1/4 pound snow peas, optional

Preheat broder and line broder pan with foil; set aside. Partially cook bacon in a large skillet over medium heat about 5 minutes, without ensping. Drain on paper towels and cut bacon strips in half.

In small bowl, toss shrimp with barbecue sauce until coated. Wrap bacon strip around shrimp with one snow pea, if desired. Secure with toothpick. Brothwrapped shrimp 3 to 4 minutes turning once or until bacon is crisp and browned.

downloadable guide to hosting winning game-time gatherings. visit HiddenValley com and kemasterpiece com

Show Your Team Spirit. To help rev up fans, show spirit by decorating with team colors. Lee also suggests creating an unexpected tabletop twist by securing rolled up napkins with terry cloth sweathands in team colors.



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For small business owners, a visit to a certified public accountant can be a nerveracking experience. Some proprietors avoid consulting a CPA, or put off the chore until a day that they are better organized.

clients on the go

But delaying the process of getting help can be costly. Knowing how to manage the financial aspects of a business makes a difference in overall success. The staff at Smith & Company, P. it much easier to run a business.

"It's a good opportunity for the client to interview us to see if there's a good personality fit," she said. "It's very important that they can communicate comfortably with their advisors."

For start-up businesses Smith and her staff answer questions about what type of business entity will work best in the situation, how to keep records, and what taxes are required. If the business is already in operation, staff will look over prior returns or financial statements and answer questions about management, computerized accounting systems, and planning for the future.

SMALL BUSINESS SPECIALISTS

Smith is the owner of a small business herself and understands the everyday struggles that business owners go through. put together a compre plan that includes everyday record keeping and periodic tax payments. The friendly, personable staff can assist clients with numerous questions. There are many times when a client needs to resolve a problem, but doesn't know where to turn. "We can usually put them in touch with the right person, even if it's not us," Smith said. "We're a touchstone for all those other services, such as legal, financial services or even computer maintenance."

QUICK DATA ACCESS

In today's world, a business must have quick access to decision making data.

"If someone is still doing books manually, they're spending time writing and adding, and they are not getting the benefit of instant information," said Smith.

Computer-based accounting software alleviates much of the manual work, and, once implemented, can save time and increase accuracy tremendously. Smith recommends that small businesses use some kind of computer software right from the start - while the business is small.

"It's easier to learn when working on a smaller scale," she said.

The selection, set-up and training for computerized accounting systems is another area of expertise for Brenda W. Smith & Company. Mary Nolff, CPA, and nda Smith

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Getting help from the CPAs at Brenda W. Smith & Company will go a long way to preventing unnecessary audits.

CONSULTATION PREVENTS ERRORS

A good accounting strategy is key to a small business. While some may delay in getting help, those who start off right will be a step ahead.

"Mistakes made in the first year cost more than doing things right by setting up an initial consulting arrangement," said Brenda Smith, owner of the accounting firm.

Brenda W. Smith & Company offers a no-cost, no-obligation, hour-long consultation with potential business clients. This is one way Smith puts customers at ease.

MAKING TAX FILING EASY

Brenda W. Smith & Company offers complete services for accounting and taxes. This includes bookkeeping, quarterly payroll taxes, financial statement preparation, business and personal-tax return preparation, and IRS problem resolution.

The firm can help keep clients in compliance with all government regulations and obligations for tax returns. It can facilitate various tax filings, such as state. local, sales tax and personal property tax.

"There are many different taxes that a small business should be aware of, keep up with, and pay," Smith said. "That's one area where our experience shows --- we excel at keeping people in compliance with taxes."

Advisors for QuickBooks.

"We deal primarily with QuickBooks and Peachtree accounting software products, but work with other software as well," Smith said. "We can help our clients convert from manual books to a computerized system or help them improve their existing computer system. This will provide the business owner with the right information and reports needed to better manage their business."

EXPERIENCE COUNTS

Brenda W. Smith & Company can handle a variety of accounting situations because of the depth of experienced staff. The firm has over 60 years of experience in bookkeeping, accounting and taxation. Staff can help guide emerging businesses toward planning for future growth and owner retirement planning.

Although small businesses make up a large portion of the practice, Brenda W. Smith & Company also handles nonprofits, estates and trusts, and all types of personal tax issues.

"People tend to match their accounting firm with the size of their business," said Smith. "Our fit is small to medium businesses. We do as much or as little for a client as they need.

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OFFICE SOLUTIONS

Brenda Smith & Company seeks to help small-business owners contain costs yet project a professional image by offering shared office space. The firm provides telecommuters and small business clients with office and conference room space. Flexible rental plans are available for both facilities.

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The office space offers a distractionfree setting for business people to meet with customers, check in with a home office, return e-mail or compose correspondence. Copy, fax and notary services are also available.

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With Michigan's first snowfall still fresh on the ground, now is the time for home sellers to take a photo of their home to showcase the beauty of the property and its amenities during all four seasons.

Showcasing the home's features during all four seasons can be a selling advantage

The pictures can be placed in frames or photo albums near the information sheet for your home.

for homeowners. Just as a beautiful sandy beach can be shown to buyers in the winter, photos of a sledding hill and ice-covered trees may entice

buyers touring your home during the summer. The pond behind the home may be great for ice-skating in the winter and fishing in the spring and summer, so demonstrate these advantages in pictures.

Realtor Nanci J. Rands of SKBK Sotheby's International Realty in Birmingham suggests that potential sellers think ahead and take photos of their home and the surrounding area during each season.

For winter:

Take the pictures with fresh, fallen snow and no tracks



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Photos can help perspective buyers see a home in all four seasons.

Following an ice storm, wait for the sun to shine and grab your camera for some stunning nature shots

Consider shooting the view from a particular window, then framing that photo and placing it near that window in a different season

The pictures can be placed in frames or photo albums near the information sheet for your home.

A potential buyer wants to know everything about the home they may be purchasing, and that includes the property, said Rands. A potential seller should ask themselves what they love about the home in the fall, winter, summer and spring and show that off.



A winter photo of a pond can help perspective buyers see the potential of a yard all-year long.

Home sales fall statewide; Detroit resists downward trend

DETROIT (AP) - It was tough to sell a home last year in Michigan.

Sales of existing single-family homes were down nearly 14 percent from Jan. 1-Nov. 30, 2006, compared with the same period in 2005, the Michigan Association of Realtors said recently.

Home sales fell even more sharply in some parts of metropolitan Detroit. In Monroe County, sales for the first 11 months of 2006 were down nearly 30 percent from year-earlier levels; in Livingston County, the year-to-year decline was nearly 25 percent, according to Realtors associations in those counties.

The city of Detroit resisted the down-

ward trend. Existing-home sales in Michigan's largest city were up 7.6 percent in the first 11 months of 2006 compared with a year earlier.

Weak demand for housing made 2006 a slow year for builders in metropolitan Detroit. Builders in nine southeast Michigan counties took out 48 percent fewer permits in 2006 than in 2005, according to Housing Consultants Inc. of Clarkston.

Slumping home sales, while hard on sellers and home builders, are a potential bonanza for buyers, said Irvin Yackness, executive vice president of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan,

"All of these things make this a great time to buy," Yackness told a metro daily newspaper recently. "Interest rates historically are very low. That is a very positive reason for buying."

U.S. Census figures released in October said Detroit had the least expensive homes among America's 15 largest cities, with a median value of \$88,300. San Francisco had the most expensive homes, at \$726,700.

The National Association of Realtors reported in November that the median home price in metropolitan Detroit from July-September was \$154,100. That was down about 10.5 percent from the same period in 2005.

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These are the area residential real estate clos- ings recorded the week of Oct. 2-6, 2006, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

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3431 Parklawn Dr	\$199,000	29927 Balmoral St	\$87,000
44757 Patrick Dr	\$228,000	31974 Barton St	\$125,000
4398 Pond Run	\$310,000	29701 Brandt Ct	\$110,000
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Condominium/cooperative issue takes expert advice

Q. I own a co-op in New York and understand that the mortgage having been paid off the co-op is thinking about a conversation but I am not sure what they mean. Do you have any information?

A. As you may know, the cooperatives in New York were extremely popular for many years but many cooperatives are now being converted into condominiums because it increases the marketability of the units and also makes financing easier. In addition, based on my recent analysis and visit to

New York, it appears that most new developments in Manhattan are going condo as opposed to cooperative. You are best advised to consult with your real estate regard to the

staying as a cooperative and advise your association accordingly.

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A Best Financial Corp.	(800) 839-8918	5.625	1.75	5.25	1.75	J/A
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American Home Mortgage	(877) 478-7289	5.875	2	5.5	2	J/A/V/F
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Q. I am interested in living near Soldier Field in Chicago and note that there are a number of new developments. Do you have any information regarding the availability of condo units in downtown Chicago?

A. You are correct in that there is a tremendous amount of development on the south side of the Loop area near Soldier Field and McCormick Place. There are several high rises, as well as mid-rises, and the prices seem to be stabilizing because of the potential glut in the market of condominiums in downtown Chicago. You may well be in a position to negotiate your price given

the real estate market and you should obtain the services of a knowledgeable real estate agent to assist you in that process.

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A free reverse mortgage seminars will be held at 6 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 1, 8 and 15, at Colonial Mortgage, 33919 Plymouth Road Livonia. RSVP with John McParland at 1-800-260-5484.

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Ronstadt, 50, apparently took the words to one of her early hit singles, "I Never Will Marry,"

singles, "I Never Will Marry," Linda Ronstadt remains single. to heart. Though linked romantically to several high-profile boyfriends over the years—including former California Gov. Jerry Brown and Hollywood director George Lucas—she has stayed single. A prolific recording artist who's performed rock, pop, country, orchestral standards, mariachi songs and Latin music, her latest CD, Adieu False Heart, is an album of duets with Cajun artist Ann Savoy.

Q One of my co-workers remembers Dancing With The Stars' Joey Lawrence from Blossom, and I said he also had a sitcom with his real-life brothers. For the life of me, I can't think of the name of the show. Can you help? -Burndean Tellison, Meridian, Miss.

That was *Brotherly Love*, which aired on NBC from 1995 to 1997, then switched to the WB network and finally was syndicated on the Family Channel. Joey played the character Joe alongside his real-life brothers Matthew and Andrew. His more recent TV work has been as Brett Mahoney on *Half & Half*.



* Cover photo by John Curry



Q I know I've seen the actor who plays Tony DiNozzo on NCIS on a soap opera. Can you tell me what show it was?

-Martin D., Wheaton, Wash.

Michael Weatherly played Cooper Alden on Loving from 1992 to 1995. It was the first major role for the New Yorkborn actor, whose interest in performing began in college after following an attractive girl across campus and ending

up in her acting class. Since his two-year marriage to *Loving* costar Amelia Heinle ended in divorce in 1997, he's been linked romantically to actress Jessica Alba and supermodel Rachel Hunter, ex-wife of rocker Rod Stewart.



Is the band Def Leppard still around? How did they get their name?

—Dan Reagen. Wilmington, Ohio

The British rock band still is going strong, celebrating 30 years of making music and touring with an arsenal of popmetal hits, including "Photograph," "Rock of Ages" and "Pour Some Sugar on Me." "We still get along together. It's all about the common goal," says lead singer Joe Elliott. "We came from a very gray, industrial town and a working-class background. I think the fear of going back to that keeps you motivated." Elliott conjured up the band name "Deaf Leopard" as a young art student in Sheffield, England. "Honestly, I don't know where it came from. It could have been 'Blind Tiger' just as easily." The band later changed the spelling because they all thought it looked cooler as "Def Leppard."

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Odd Prospecting Jobs for Space Rocks

by MARTI ATTOUN Contributing Editor Steve Arnold, 40, drives across a farm field ear Haviland, Kan. (pop. 612), listening intently to the hum from the nome-built metal detector pulled behind his all-terrain vehicle. Suddenly, Arnold stops to listen as a whine emanates from the machine. Loud and annoying, the sound is sweet music to the meteorite hunter's ears.

Something metal is buried beneath the wheat stubble and, if Arnold is ucky, it will be another rock from outer space.

"Forty-nine times out of 50, it's what we meteorite hunters affeccrystal-embedded meteorite





tionately call a meteor 'wrong," says Arnold, describing the hodgepodge of metal objects-iron wagon wheels, coyote traps, broken plows and pitchforks-he's unearthed while searching for celestial treasures in Kiowa County.

But Arnold has hit the jackpot, too.

In 2005, Arnold followed the whine of his metal detector to a 1,430-pound meteorite that fell to Earth more than a thousand years ago, originating in the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter. After digging with a shovel and picking up stronger signals, he brought in a backhoe to unearth the massive chunk of iron, embedded with green crystals, the largest meteorite of its kind found on the planet.

"You can have absolutely no interest in meteorites and see this one and it's 'Wow," says Arnold, one of only a few professional space-rock hunters in the workd. "It's extremely gorgeous. It's nature's art."

The rare rock, which has been exhibited at museums in Kansas and Texas and at the Tucson Gern and Mineral Show in Arizona, is



Arnold tows a wheeled metal detector behind his all-terrain vehicle.

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While he didn't find any space rocks, he didn't return home empty-handed, either. A farmer gave him a 4-ounce meteorite, which he sold for \$121.

During the last 15 years, Arnold has traveled the globe in search of meteorites. He discovered his first in Chile in 1993 and since has found more than a thousand space rocks in the United States and abroad. While traveling through Greensburg, Kan. (pop. 1,574), in 2005, he stopped to tour the Celestial Museum, home of a rare 1,000-pound meteorite discovered in a local field in 1949. Arnold speculated

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On a crisp, sunny day on a quiet street in

Atlanta, about two dozen people gather in the driveway of a light yellow house with white trim to celebrate move-in day with the owner, Martha Renderos, and her three sons, David, 16, Jose, 13 and Samuel, 8.

When the Renderos family arrives, the group of friends and volunteers burst into applause as a beaming Jose and Samuel

Dunn hands overthe house keys to Martha Renderos.

take their mother by her hand and guide her through the well-wishing crowd. Martha, an industrious 36-year-old nanny and housekeeper who long has

dreamed of owning her own home, is near tears. David puts his arm around Martha and leads her to the front door. Then a polite, unassuming man, not much taller than David, smiles and presents Martha with the key to her new Habitat for Humanity home built entirely by volunteers.

'Would you like a tour?" the man asks. "Yes!" Martha says excitedly.

He even stocks the fridge

Now the man-Atlanta Falcons running back Warrick Dunn-is beaming, too. He is about to do his favorite thing: surprise a single mom with a \$5,000 check toward the down payment on her new mortgage. He identifies deserving recipients by teaming up with charities, such as Habitat for Humanity, that build affordable homes for low-income working families. Then, with the help of sponsors and contributors to his Warrick Dunn Foundation Homes for the Holidays project, he fills their new homes with furniture and other essentials. He even stocks the refrigerator.

"Now you have everything you need," Dunn says, showing Martha the sparkling laundry room complete with brand new buckets, mops and six months worth of laundry detergent.

Martha whispers "thank you" over and over, as Dunn points out her cozy bathroom, complete with fluffy towels, a robe and a basket of bath beads.

"Home ownership is the American dream," says the soft-spoken Dunn a few minutes later. "Setting people up in their own home can have a 10- or even 15-year positive effect on their lives. That's major change."

"This program helped stabilize our lives, and I will always be grateful," says Renee Tulloch of Tampa, Fla., a single mom who returned to college to complete her nursing degree after Dunn helped her into her first home in 2002.

Dunn, 32, the oldest of six kids, grew up in Baton Rouge, La. His mother, Betty Dunn Smothers, was a single mom working as a police officer in addition to several side jobs to provide for her family. Long workdays didn't stop her from being a constant presence in her children's lives, chief among them her eldest son, Warrick, a high school track and football star.

A bedroom any boy would love-complete with Atlanta Falcons collectibles!

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Cover Story

NFL running pack Warrick Dunin fioliors his mother by fulfill others' dreams

Pro football player Warrick Dunn, in rear, proudly presents a new home to single mom Martha Renderos and her three sons.


The Renderos family now has a house to call home.

"Betty never missed any of his events," remembers Dale Weiner, Dunn's high school coach. "They were very, very close."

Honoring his murdered mom

Then, in January of Dunn's senior year, tragedy struck. Moonlighting as a security guard, Betty was escorting a grocery store manager to make the night bank deposit when she was shot and killed during a robbery attempt.

Despite his grief, Dunn quickly turned his focus to the care of his three brothers and two sisters.

"I was amazed at how he immediately assumed the mantle of head of the family," coach Weiner says. "He was always mature and responsible. But that was quite a burden for an 18-year-old kid."

Dunn briefly considered skipping college so he could work to support his siblings, but a visit from Florida State University football coach Bobby Bowden assured him he would have time for family during the school year. So Dunn accepted a scholarship to Florida State, helping his team win the national championship his freshman year. He went on to become a three-time All-American, setting several school records along the way.

In 1997, after graduating with a degree in information studies, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers picked Dunn in the first round of the NFL draft. He immediately moved his siblings to Tampa and settled them into his apartment. Between making dinners and supervising homework sessions—not exactly the responsibilities most people imagine for a professional football player— Dunn had an outstanding first year as a Buccaneer, making the Pro Bowl and being named Offensive Rookie of the Year by the Associated Press.

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Dunn gives new homeowners everything they need to start keeping house—including a well-stocked kitchen pantry.

As his dream of playing in the NFL became a reality, Dunn was grateful and wanted to honor his mother, who despite years of hard work was never able to afford her own home.

"Owning a home was my mom's dream," he says. "I'm happy to represent her and represent her name."

His Homes for the Holidays program, which began in 1997 in Tampa, at first featured Christmas home giveaways, but since has grown to include Mother's Day and Thanksgiving presentations. Dunn, who signed with the Atlanta Falcons in 2002, further expanded the program to include Atlanta and his hometown of Baton Rouge.

Several other NFL partners, including Arizona Cardinals quarterback Kurt Warner and Kansas City Chiefs wide receiver Dante Hall, signed on as partners in their playing cities, and Tampa Bay Buccancers linebacker Shelton Quarles carries the torch in Tampa and in his hometown of Nashville, Tenn. To date. the Warrick Dunn Foundation, which has a fulltime director and depends on dozens of volunteers, has helped more than 65 single moms and some 160 children begin a better life.

"We're just helping them get down the road," says Dunn modestly. "But they have to steer. They're still driving the car. We're just giving them a boost."

And what a boost for the Renderos family! Martha works six or seven days each week, often taking on extra babysitting and cleaning jobs that keep her working until 8 or 9 p.m. Until recently, she and her sons rented an older home that often had no heat. The three boys shared a single bedroom their entire lives.

That is, until the family moved into its new Habitat for Humanity home.

As Jose walks into his own room for the first time, he makes a beeline for the mountain bike propped up against the wall. He then notices the Atlanta Falcons bedspread and matching beanbag chair in the corner. "You better be cheering us on," Dunn prods playfully.

An outstanding athlete

Dunn's fellow NFL players agree that he's a good guy. But he also is a good football player—really good. His high school coach calls him one of the

most gifted athletes he's ever seen. Florida State coach Bobby Bowden says he's the best offensive player he'd ever coached. Just last year, Dunn made yet another trip to the Pro Bowl for the Falcons.

"Warrick doesn't like attention, but if he gets noticed for something, he wants to be known for his playing abilities," coach Weiner says. "He doesn't do charity work so people will make a big deal. He does it because of who he is."

Still, especially in an era when professional athletes often receive attention for their not-so-charitable escapades, Dunn has set the bar extremely high. He has received dozens of major awards for his good works, including the 2004 Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year trophy, one of professional football's highest honors, which recognizes both community service and on-field performance.

"If I could do this quietly, behind closed doors, I

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Crack cleaner

Cleaning the expansion joints in a sidewalk or the spaces between deck boards doesn't have to be a tedious, on-your-knees job. Insert a "screwin" hook into the end of a broom and drag the hook through the cracks. The hook will pull out debris, which then can be easily swept up.





Safety glasses insurance

Protect safety glasses by storing them in an old sock. Hang the sock on the wall in your workshop, and they'll remain scratch-free, dust-free and easy to find.



Out-of-the-way paint brush storage

Hang your paint brushes up out of harm's way by installing screw eyes or cup hooks on the bottom of a couple of rafters or floor joists. Then thread the brush handles through a stiff wire (such as a welding rod) and hang it all up.



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INDIANA—Orleans (pop. 2,273) blooms as the official "Dogwood Capital of Indiana." The native trees adorn public parks, cemeteries, roads and streets, and star in an annual spring festival.

IOWA---In 1984, Peter Feldstein set out to photograph every person in Oxford, then population 676, to document small-town life. Twenty-one years later, Feldstein began re-photographing as many of the same 670 people as he could find, while author Stephen Bloom started interviewing the subjects for the Oxford Project, which has attracted national fame to the town.

KANSAS-Built just after the Civil War of hand-hewn cottonwood logs, the C.N. James Log Cabin in Augusta (pop. 8,423) housed the city's first school, post office and general store. The pioneer cabin remains on its original site.

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MINNESOTA-Explorers Lonnie Dupre and Eric Larsen, both of Grand Marais (pop. 1,353), became the first people to trek to the North Pole in summer when they journeyed in 2006 by canoe and skis. Their expedition focused attention on global warming, which they say threatens the existence of polar bears.

MISSOURI-The state's longest covered bridge is the 151-foot Locust Grove Covered Bridge near Laclede (pop. 415). Built in 1868, the bridge originally was called the Linn County Bridge and is one of four surviving covered bridges in the state.

NEBRASKA-One of the nation's best-known manufacturers of windsocks is Huffy's Airport Windsocks Inc., in Spencer (pop. 541). Customers include airports, hospitals with helicopter landing pads, harbors and oil rigs. The company has been in business since 1985.

NORTH DAKOTA-The state's official railroad museum is the North Dakota State Railroad Museum in Mandan (pop. 16,718). The museum features displays of train cars, uniforms, photographs, timetables and handmade models of railroad cars.

OHIO-For clumsy people who fret about tripping while jumping rope, Lester Clancy of Mansfield (pop. 49,346) patented the solution-a cordless jump rope-last year. The handles are weighted and exercisers get a workout jumping an invisible rope.

SOUTH DAKOTA-The George and Eleanor McGovern Library and Center for Leadership and Public Service at Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell (pop. 14,558) opened in October. McGovern served three terms as a U.S. senator and ran for president in 1972.

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would," Dunn says. "For me, it's a higher calling—how can we change and affect lives for the future?"

Back at the Renderos home, Samuel motions to Dunn to come into his room and see his new pet goldfish.

A serious look comes over Samuel's face. "What will I feed it?" he asks. With a grin, Dunn points out a jumbo jar of fish food nearby.

For Dunn, the thoughtfulness and attention to detail is how he honors his mother and fulfills the dreams of other working moms. "I'm just living the way that my mom wanted me to live." \Rightarrow

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Arnold, who lives part of the year in Kingston, Ark., bought a home in Greensburg to be closer to his meteorite hunting grounds. Sometimes his wife, Qynne, and home-schooled daughters, Lauren, 14, and Kelsey, 9, join him on his quest. Lauren recalls one trip in 2003 when her dad heard on the news that a meteorite had showered Park Forest, Ill., and hurled a rock through a roof. The family jumped in the car.

We had these long broomsticks and taped magnets to them and walked along the streets with our sticks," Lauren says, "We'd find meteorites and put them in our pockets."

Arnold expects to spend the next two years exploring farm fields around Greensburg in hopes of finding another out-ofthis-world treasure, rather than a pioneer's buried plowshare, "Every time I go out there, I'm an optimist," he says.

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