

2007 Taste of Northville **"Race to Victory** Lane at the Northville 500"

This business showcase will feature more than 100 exhibits from the community. WHEN: Saturday, March 17, Noon-4 p.m. WHERE: Northville High School 45700 Six Mile Road TICKETS: \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors 65 and over and children under 12; available at the door. Exhibit space still available. Call (248) 349-7640 or visit ww.northville.org

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"Team" Graphic Visions and manager Sue Dillon, top, will show their racing stripes at the race car-themed Taste of Northville this Saturday. From left: Sara Hunter, Tim Finnerty, Kim Koontz and Sandy Mustonen.

START YOUR ENGINES! Taste of Northville March 17 event features racing theme

Businesses put the pedal to the metal

exhibits with racing in mind. Sponsored by the Northville Chamber of Commerce, the noon-4 p.m. event offers busi-

ture more than 100 interactive samples from their menus, and attendees will have a chance to take home hundreds of dollars in giveaways, raffles and promotional items.

Visitors will also have the

Theater moving toward August opening

Entertainment ushered into former downtown industrial district

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

applauded. Cash People flowed. The curtain rose.

On Saturday night, Christina Johnson's dream came true: Her professional theater arrived in Northville.

-The-executive director of Tipping Point Theatre ushered 300 residents, business owners and local officials into the former factory at 361 E. Cady St.

Welcome to my dream, and welcome to your theater," she said tearfully to the standing, clapping crowd.

For three hours, starched shirts and sparkling dresses mingled inside the cinderblock walls, sipping and snacking, eyeing architectural renderings and listening to the venue's potential. Excited chatter revealed the players were reveling in their part of a down-town drama billed as creation of a regional entertainment center. boost for local businesses and catalyst for redevelopment of the city's former industrial district.



Making a Point

Photo by Michael Shuster

Chuck Galdica addresses the packed house at Saturday's Tipping Point gala.

'Fabulous shows'

From the borrowed podium, Johnson and one of the theater's main financial backers, Chuck Gaidica, stressed the need for community support for the venture throughout the evening. The pair led the audience through the concept origin, Tipping Point Theatre board introductions and costs of operation.

"This evening is a wild success," said Gaidica, discounting talk about Michigan's "one-state recession."

"My answer is, 'I'm not going to participate in it.""

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Who is Tipping **Point Theatre?**

Staff

Christina Johnson, executive director

Board of Directors Chuck Gaidica, president

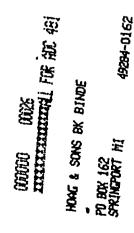
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By Pam Fleming RECORD STAFF WRITER

Get your checkered flags and racing suits washed and ironed. You might need them on

Saturday when "Race to Victory Lane at the Northville 500," this year's theme at Taste of Northville Business Showcase at Northville High School, will feanesses a chance to highlight their products and services to people of all ages.

Janet Bloom, event and marketing director for the Northville Chamber of Commerce, invites the public to get revved up for this year's business expo.

Displays will vary from retail to service to professional businesses in the area.

Several top-rated area restaurants and caterers will provide

opportunity to vote on the Best Restaurant and Best Business displays.

Start your engines

Bloom came up with the idea for the racing theme for this year's Taste of Northville.

"I'm a fan of NASCAR, and with the popularity of the recent

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The fledgling nonprofit theater group's award for the evening: \$70,000 in donations.

Sam Walton, vice president

Karin Pearson, secretary Heather Brenke, treasurer MaryJo Cuppone Susan Gaidica Jennifer Steger Want to volunteer? Call (734) 446-5843.

Area Irish bars ready to roll out green carpet for St. Patty's Day

From brisket to fish 'n' chips

By Pam Fieming RECORD STAFF WRITER

St. Patrick's Day is the one day out of the year when, no matter what your nationality is, everybody gets to be Irish. And local bars and restaurants

are ready to roll out the green carpet for this year's celebration that -- as the luck of the Irish would have it - just happens to be on a Saturday.

Gus O'Connors in Novi, an authentic Irish pub on Grand River Avenue east of Novi Road that's been open for four years, will begin its festivities at 7 a m., said Jamie Grebeck, general manager.

A traditional Irish breakfast, served from 7-10 a.m., will include scrambled eggs, Irish bangers (sausage), rashers

(bacon) and O'Brien potatoes, which consists of diced potatoes with onions and bell peppers.

Entertainment will be provided from noon-5 p.m. and 7-midnight. with the local Irish band The Cork Town Brew performing.

They play a wide variety of music, from Irish to cover songs," Grebeck said.

Lineup starts at 4 p.m.

"We'll have a lineup outside the bar by 4 o'clock in the afternoon," Grebeck said, when the pub usually reaches its maximum capacity on its busiest day of the ycar.

"We count everyone who comes in and everyone who goes out. That's how we determine when we're at capacity."

The pub can accommodate 489 patrons.

O'Connors will naturally be serving green-colored beer as well as Guinness, the national

brew of Ireland, and other Irish beer.

Their limited menu that day will feature corned beef sandwiches, fish 'n' chips and Guinness Stew, a beef stew made with the Irish beer.

"Pretty much everybody who's employed here will be working that day," Grebeck said.

O'Toole's takes it outdoors

Chuck Bietler, one of the cooks at O'Toole's restaurant and bar on Novi Road just north of 10 Mile Road, said doors open at 7 a.m. for a morning movie and the early-morning celebration called 'Kegs and Eggs."

"The movie title hasn't been selected yet, but it will have an Irish theme," Bietler said. Steve Taylor, a local acoustic

guitarist, will perform from 1-5 p.m., and bagpipers will play at the Novi bar at 3 p.m.

St. Patrick's Day **Festivities**

The following Irish pubs and restaurants in the area will offer special activities:

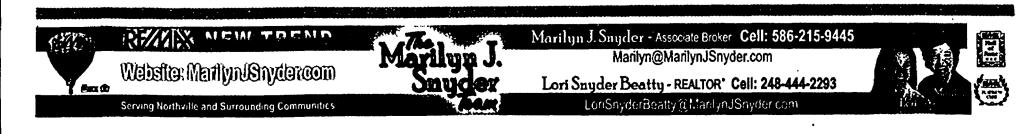


- · Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro, at
- Novi Town Center, 26053 Town Center Drive, Novi, (248) 380-8460. Open 11:30 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday.
- Claddagh Irish Pub, 17800 Haggerty Road, Livonia, (734) 542-8141. Open 9 a.m. Saturday-2 a.m. Sunday.
- Dunleavy's Pub & Grub, 34505 Grand River Ave., Farmington, (248) 478-8866.

Open 10 a.m. Saturday-2 a.m. Sunday.

- Gus O'Connors, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi, (248) 465-9670. Open 7 a.m. Saturday-2 a.m. Sunday.
- O'Toole's, 24555 Novi Road, Novi, (248) 349-7038. Open 7 a.m. Saturday-2 a.m. Sunday.
- · Shanahan's Irish Pub at the Holiday Inn, 17123 Laurel Park Drive, Livonia, (734) 464-1300.
- Open 10 a.m. Saturday-2 a.m. Sunday.
- Sheehan's On the Green, 39450 Five Mile Road, Plymouth Township, (734) 420-0646. Open 10 a.m. Saturday-2 a.m. Sunday.

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Austin Scott, another local acoustic guitarist, will take the stage from 5-9 p.m. and a local deejay will play from 9 p.m-2 a.m. Sunday.

Green beer will be served, and a beer tent will be set up outside on the patio.

The St. Patrick's Day special is a corned beef sandwich for only \$5.50.

Sheehan's On the Green on Five Mile Road just east of Haggerty Road next to the Oasis Golf Center will celebrate its 29th St. Patrick's Day this year.

Irish menu and drink selections will include corned beef and cabbage, Irish stew, green beer, Guinness and Smithwicks Irish ale. Giveaways will feature hats. beads and Irish songbooks, and bagpipers will play throughout the day.

Irish music will be played all day --- from 10 a.m. 2 a.m. Sunday morning — and no cover will be charged, said manager Tim Sheehan.

Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro

Executive Chef Mary Brady and her husband Tom, owners of Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro at Novi Town Center, are going all out for St. Patrick's Day.

Doors open at 11:30 a.m., when they start serving authentic Irish food. Entertainment will include live Irish music from 6-11 p.m. Saturday by Pete Fetters. Guests are encouraged to come and sing along.

Special dishes will include County Cork Gravlox (a smoked salmon appetizer), Irish stew (with lamb), Salmon a la Dublin Bay, Parmesan Seared Sea Scallops Kinsale Style, Beef and Beer and Guinness Stout Chocolate Cake.

Claddagh's homemade hash

Claddagh's Irish Pub on Haggerty Road in Livonia will open its doors at 9 a.m. and serve

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homemade corned beef hash until 11 a.m., said manager Athena Kostoulakis. The full-service bar will be

open from 9 a.m. Saturday until last call at 1:30 a.m. Sunday, with the bar closing at 2 a.m. The pub's full menu will be

served from 11 a.m.-midnight.

Irish specialties include shep-herd's pie, Irish beef stew and corned beef and slaw sandwiches.

"Those are our most popular Irish dishes, but we are also known for our fish 'n' chips, which is dipped in batter with Bass ale," she said.

Live music will include a different band every three hours, and bagpipers will be on hand a couple of times during the day. Irish dancers will perform

about I p.m.

A cover charge of \$5 will begin at 4 p.m.

Several promotional giveaways from various beverage distributors will be available throughout the day, and patrons will have a chance to enter a special drawing for a couple of Guinness jackets that will take place on Sunday.

Irish singers at Dunleavy's

Dunleavy's Pub & Grub on Grand River Avenue in Farmington will serve Irish specialties such as corned beef and cabbage. Irish stew, fish 'n' chips and green beer all day.

Entertainment will be provided throughout the day and evening, and will feature Irish singers. dancers and a bagpiper. The fes-tivities will begin 10 a.m. until 2 a.m. Sunday.

Shanahan's Irish Pub in Livonia serves traditional Irish fare in an authentic Irish pub-style atmosphere. Doors will open at 10 a.m. Saturday, with a live band playing about 10:30 a m. and a deejay on hand that night. A \$10 cover charge begins at 3 p.m. and includes the buffet served from 4-9 p.m., said Chris Muzzin, supervisor.

Located in the Holiday Inn by Laurel Park Mall at Six Mile and Newburgh roads, Shanahan's will be open for the holiday celebration until 2 a.m. Sunday.

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Racing game scheduled

Davis Auto Care in Novi will provide a video racing game that two-four people can play during Saturday's Taste of Northville Business Showcase at Northville High School.

"You race on a course and can see other competitors' cars race," said Jim Davis of Davis Auto Care. "It's a real sophisticated video racing game."

Davis Auto Care staff will have heats throughout the day. At the top of each hour, a runoff will take place between winners of the most recent heats.

Each of the heat winners will receive a Mobile One NASCAR cap. Hourly winners will receive Davis Auto Car gift cards.

Players won't be charged to play the game.

Taste of Northville '07

The following restaurants and vendors have signed up for the March 17 Taste of Northville Business Showcase:

- Busch's deli and catering selections
- Caribou Coffee
- . Edward's Cafe and Caterers
- · Fleming's Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bar
- Genitti's
- Independence Village of Plymouth
- Jet's Pizza
- LaBistecca Italian Grille
- · Little Italy, Bacchus Bar, & Hutton Street Market
- Northville Gourmet & Cicero's Chicago Pizza
- · Portofino on the River
- Rocky's of Northville
- Schakolad Chocolate Factory
- Station 885
- Wildflours Bakery & Cafe

Taste of Northville March 17 event features racing theme

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movie, 'Cars,' it seemed like a good theme for this year's event," Bloom said.

"The idea is for businesses to rev up their sales and marketing.'

If you ever wanted to dress up like Ricky Bobby from the hit comedy movie "Talledega Nights," this is your big chance. "Talledega

"All the vendors do get immersed in the theme, so they will tailor their decorations and interactive exhibits with racing in mind," Bloom said.

Food exhibits will feature small sample of dishes, so attendees can try all of the offerings. "The Business Showcase is an

affordable marketing tool for area businesses," said Jody Humphries, Northville Chamber of Commerce President.

"With more than 1,200 attendees and networking opportunities with other exhibitors, it's a wonderful opportunity to connect with the community."

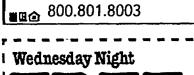
Proceeds from the event will support Northville Chamber of Commerce programs and func-

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Lucky dog: Annual honor goes to 'cat-like' Clement Court Shar-Pei

City notifying owners late registering their pets

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Mei-Li Keranen is living every gal's dream: fewer wrinkles as she ages.

The 7-year-old's sagging fur has tightened considerably since she was a puppy, said the Shar-Pei's owner, Linneya Keranen. Beyond her pink nose, she barely resembles the honey-colored ball of skin the Northville family brought home from the breeder.

"But we knew," said Linneya Keranen, estimating Mei-Li's weight at 45 pounds, "We saw Mom and other older Shar-Peis.

"They're just so cute when they're little," Named "beautiful" in the lan-

guage of her breed's Chinese origin, Mei-Li recently earned a new title. She is the 2007 City of Northville's Lucky Dog.

Deadline met

Clerk Wendy Gutowski, who handles dog registrations for the city, called the Keranens last week to inform them Mei-Li won the 10th annual contest. Owners qualified their pets by meeting the city's March 2 deadline for dog registration.

By the deadline, only 312 pet owners had paid the license renewal fee, Gutowski said, below last year's tally of 418 dogs.

We have a few that are going to be delinquent," she said. "We have about 100 to go. I'll be sending them a letter."

The city created the contest as a fun incentive to remind dog owners to pay up. The March 1-Feb. 28 license costs \$11 or \$8 when proof



Photo by Maureen Johnston

Linneya Keranen recently learned her family's Shar-Pei. Mei-Li, was selected as the City of Northville's 2007 Lucky Dog.

of neutering or spaying is provided. Police Chief Gary Goss drew Mei-Li's number from the registrations submitted in time.

'More cat-like'

The Shar-Pei has called Clement Court home since Ted Jr., Linneya, Erin and Ted Keranen III picked her up from a Charlotte breeder at just a few weeks old.

She wanted to interview us to see if she was comfortable placing the dog with us," Linneya said. Before bringing her home, they met with the breeder three times.

"My husband decided he wanted something different," she said. recalling the Labrador they owned prior to Mei-Lei. "He definitely got something different."

Keranen said the lone family pet is protective, barking an alarm when a stranger approaches. She's also independent.

"My husband describes her as being more cat-luke," Keranen said. When she wants attention, she comes around. She doesn't come when you call her when you want to play. "She comes when she's ready."

The city's 'Lucky Dog'

Linneya Keranen laughed when she received Gutowski's phone call. "She informed us that it was extra special this year because it was the 10th year," she said. In addition to the usual prize of dog biscuits, Mei-Li also earned a \$25 Petsmart gift certificate, which her owner said

may go toward a new leash. Unaware of the "Lucky Dog" hoopla, Keranen said she had always viewed the registration as a routine task. Now, she's taking Northville's

most fortunate pooch out for a stroll.

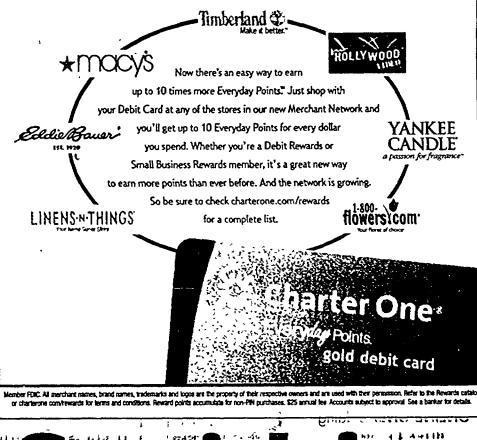
"People always ask, 'What is she?'" she said. "She still has some wrinkles around her face. "She used to have so much excess skin. Then, she looked a

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lot different." Maureen Johnston can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 107,

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Haggerty Road Uno's employees Ashley Kinzel, left, and Amanda Pokryfky check out some of the goodies donated by nearby Trader Joe's market for their upcoming auction to benefit St. Jude Children's Hospital on March 25.

Uno Chicago Grill sponsoring March 25 St. Jude's benefit

■ Live auction, 99.5 deejay set

By Pam Fleming RECORD STAFF WRITER

Ashley Kinzel says bring your purse or walket and appetite and come to Uno Chicago Grill on March 25.

That's when the Northville Township eatery will sponsor a special fund-raiser for St. Jude's Children Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

The restaurant at 20420 Haggerty Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads, which opened two years ago in July, is planning the all-day benefit from 11 a.m.-11 p.m.

"We'll have special drinks and special drink prices all day," said Kinzel, one of the Uno bartenders.

Trans-Con of Dearborn, the local distributor of the single malt whiskey Tullamore Dew, will help provide the drink specials.

A live auction will take place from 5-8 p.m.

Items so far include gift certificates from Snipp-its, a children's hair salon in Northville; beer and liquor memorabilia; an Uno's gift bag with T-shint, sweatshirt, beer glasses and gift certificate for the restaurant; a bag of products from Trader Joe's Market, located next door to the restaurant; and a chocolate basket with chocolate products from the store Schakolad.

"We have more stuff coming in from local businesses," Kinzel said. "Big Boy," the nighttime deejay on WKQI 95.5-FM radio known for his crazy weekly appearances at local clubs, will guest bartend and help with the auction from 5-8 p m.

10 percent of sales donated

The restaurant will donate 10 percent of its sales for the entire day, and employees will give all of their tips that day to the children's hospital.

Kinzel said St. Jude's Children's Reseach Hospital was selected for the fund-raiser on the suggestion of 99.5's Big Boy, who has participated in fund-raisers for the hospital in the past.

the past. "He feels it's a worthwhile cause," Kinzel said, noting that the hospital has a Metro Detroit office in Madison Heights.

First eatery opens in 1943

In 1943, Ike Sewell opened a restaurant called Pizzaria Uno at the corner of Ohio Street and Wabash Avenue in Chicago, according to the restaurant's Web site.

Back then, Americans ate pizza mainly as a snack.

But Sewell figured if he combined some of Italy's old, authentic recipes with impressive quantities of the finest meat, fresh cheese, ripe vegetables and flavorful spices, pizza could become a hearty meal.

"When the restaurant chain spanned out across the country, the name was changed to Uno Chicago Grill," said Amanda Pokryfky, bost-

. Now there are more than 200 Uno Chicago Grills in 30 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, South Korea and the United Arab

Eat pizza, make a difference

Uno's Chicago Grill in³ Northville Township is still seeking donated items for its March 25 auction for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital In Memphis, Tenn. Bartenders Ashley Kinzel or Christen Carr can answer any questions from local businesses or diners about the event at (734) 432-6091. The benefit is from 11 a.m.-11 p.m

Emirates.

Selections on the new menu, introduced vin 2005, include Chicago-style deep-dish pizza, burgers, pasta dishes, sandwiches, salads, steaks and desserts.

The restaurant offers \$1.99 and \$2.99 appetizer specials from 4-7 p.m. at the bar every day but Saturday.

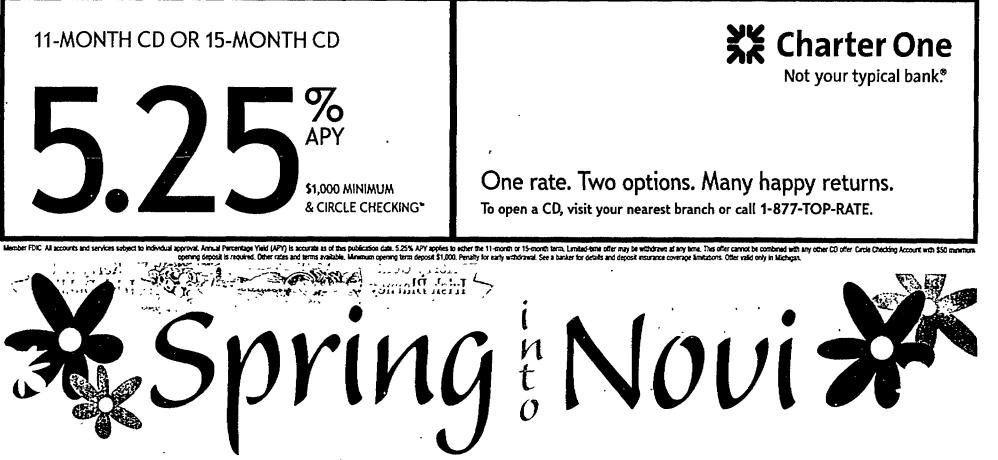
Uno Amber Ale is brewed especially for the chain by Samuel Adams Brewery, and all restaurants feature a full-service bar.

A room is available for private parties, and the restaurant also provides carry-out service.

The Northville location can accommodate 291 people. Those who want to contribute an

item to the auction can still do so.

"We'll be taking donations from local businesses or individuals until the day before the event," Kinzel said.



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Dave Beardsley, construction manager for Northville Hills Estates, will feature a Mustang room - a Northville High School sports room with murals and Jerseys and equipment - in the Toll Brothers open house on March 15.

Toll Brothers open house home features Mustang-theme room

Public invited to today's event

By Pam Fleming RECORD STAFF WRITER

If you're the parent or parents of a Northville High School student in the market for a new luxury home, Colleen Weber has just the house for you.

Weber, sales manager of the Toll Brothers Northville Hills Estates subdivision in Northville Township, has a home with a bedroom designed with a Mustang-theme.

An open house will take place from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. today at the newly remodeled home at 45443 Tournament Drive on the west side of Sheldon between Five and Six Mile roads.

The home was built about six years ago but has been completely remodeled and updated, including new hardwood floors, kitchen and bath tile and a new fireplace.

"That's the reason for the big party on the 15th --- to introduce the remodeled house to clients, Realtors and neighbors," said Jim Gualdoni, one of the hosts at various Toll Brothers homes.

It's open to the public, and refreshments will be served.

The Mustang-themed bed-room was the brainstorm of David Beardsley, construction manager for the Northville Hills Golf Club.

The bedroom has real uniforms from various athletic teams hanging on the wall, and a local artist has painted a couple of murals of three or four Gualdoni said. scenes,"

Northville Hills Estates is located on the 18-hole Arnold Palmer-designed championship course.

The two-story house features a two-story family room that overlooks the golf course, a curved staircase inside the front door, Weber said.

The master bedroom suite features a sitting room, walk-in closets and a private bath with shower.

The house also includes a finished basement with a putting green outside the walkout.

The home can be viewed daily from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. and by appointment by calling (734) 254-9100.

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Indoor soccer facility possible at Northville Community Park

Board requests field house plan

By Pam Fleming RECORD STAFF WRITER

Terry McGinn's job is much like a conductor's — to take a roomful of people and bring them together to achieve harmony.

McGinn, a consultant from Career Directions in Ann Arbor, guided Northville Township leaders March 8 to establish top goals for the next five-year Northville Community Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan goes to the township board of trustees for approval tonight, then to the Northville City Council on March 19. Deadline for submittal of the plan to the state is March 31.

The big questions were, "What comes first, and what order can we afford to do them in?" said Mark Abbo, township supervisor. Near the end of the meeting, rep-

resentatives from Northville Soccer Association presented the idea of an indoor soccer facility in Northville Community Park at Five Mile and Beck roads.

The representatives said the facility is greatly needed because Michigan has so many months during the year when athletes can't play soccer outdoors. They would rather have residents

use a Northville facility than the Soccer Zone in Novi.

Abbo asked the association to come back to the township with a plan and outline what requests the representatives would be making of the township.

Priorities set in only two hours

With only two hours to work with, McGinn was able to help township leaders establish the following short-term priorities at Northville Community Park: • make repairs to all three soccer

fields (one per year); • pour gravel on half of the park-

ing area near the south end of the park where patrons now park on grass; and

construct new sand volleyball

courts and basketball courts.

Other priorities were to make improvements to one park shelter, one play area and the nature trail. The recommendations were forwarded to LSL Planning Inc. in Royal Oak on Friday so they could be incorporated into the plan before tonight.

Mid-term, long-term goals set

The group decided that mid-term oals for Northville Community Park were to: expand parking;

· build another restroom/concession stand at the north end of the park:

· construct an amphitheater and a ring road through the park; convert one of the existing grass

soccer fields to a synthetic one; and build the proposed soccer field

house. Long-term goals were to:

• build a skate park, additional

shelters and play areas;

· construct a deck and boardwalk by the detention ponds in the park; · add a shelter in the dog park

area and irrigation so grass can be replaced faster; and

· construct a water spray park and pathways.

The dog park may become a higher priority if need is demonstrated and dollars are made available.

Thayer's Comer Park reviewed

Another major decision was to have the Friends of Thayer's Park possibly fund improvements to the Thayer's Corner Park at Six Mile and Napier roads with some "seed money" possibly being provided by the township.

A public hearing is scheduled at tonight's township board meeting on the applying for a grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for the park.

Resources for the park. The grant proposal is for a \$250,000 project; \$125,000 would be provided by the state, with matching dollars of \$100,000 pro-vided by the Friends of Northville Parks and Recreation and \$25,000 from the traumching the state with the state of from the township.

The grant would be received in 2008 if awarded by the state.

Abbo believes township leaders should establish criteria for the park before the Friends of Thayer's Park get started on a plan. "They have to match the budget

(for operating costs) we're willing to give them with their plan," Abbo said.

If the plan is not something the Friends of Thayer's Park can produce, the township board would make improvements to Thayer's Corner Park a long-term goal.

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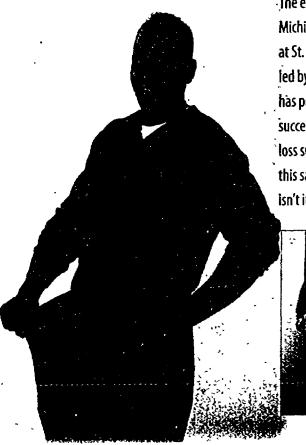
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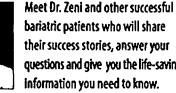
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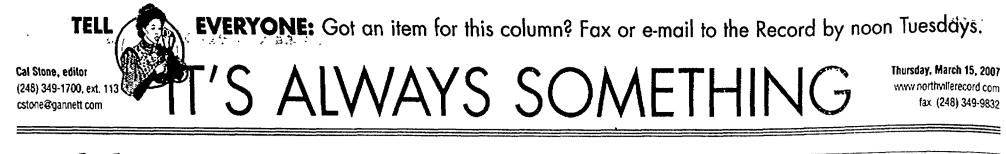
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Hookah craze? Havannah Lounge opening soon on Center Street

What's going on with the town square? Last we heard, city leaders were hoping to begin expanding Bandshell Park across from the Main Street clock this summer. The city council is supposed to talk about hiring a project construction manager Monday night Also next week, revised drawings --- showing a sheltered, permanent performance platform and brick-colored surface will make their way to downtown development authority and historical district commission meetings ...

That's the official word on the project progress ... Behind the scenes, it seems local architect Steve Lomske's renderings displayed in the March 1 Northville Record caused a little buzz around town. Although some complimented the design based on the city's historic Stinson aircraft factory, the plan submitted by consultant Grissim Metz's design team is the one moving forward. Their key words are "open space, flexibility and timelessness" ...

.... Speaking of timing ... if you're traveling for spring break, you better have passport in hand. City hall clerk Wendy Gutowski said new laws created a mad dash for the required paperwork. Applying by the standard process means about 10-week turnaround time. If you need it sooner than that ... think road trip to Chicago or hiring a courier service. Need details? Call 877-487-2778.

Yes, you'll be looking for munchies to justify your \$5 ticket

price. But ... there's so much more to see and do at the Taste of Northville Business Showcase Saturday. The annual noon-4 p.m. event at Northville High School 18 a chance to learn about businesses that are based in your community And, representatives of the local non-profit organizations are on hand to describe their passion. Time for a new hobby? Check it out!

Wow, what a turnout at the Tipping Point Theatre fund-raiser Saturday night! Event chair David McKnight of Emerald City Designs worked wonders with the atmosphere - the gala guests hardly noticed they were standing in a vacant factory. Of course, part of the aura came from Chuck Gaidica and Christina Johnson's descriptions from the podium about the fabulous entertainment on the way to Northville

And speaking of Tipping Point ... when it was time to draw the name of the winner of the diamond pendant necklace donated by Orin Jewelers, who's name came up? The theater executive director's mom. Judy Lombardo! But. appearances of propriety and all ... they re-drew.

..... At the Cady Street shin-dig ...

word is the emergency rescue crew that flashed into the parking lot in the middle of the fund-raiser went away empty. The theater guest who got weak in the knees recovered onsite, remained at the party and drove himself home.

.... And finally ... the city police department didn't receive any complaints related to the three-hour event attended by more than 300 arts supporters. Parking-related or otherwise. Think the valet system quelled those concerns ...

Been to the Northville District Library lately? March is Reading Month ... lots of special programs, reading groups and probably a resource you haven't yet explored They're open until 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Check it out!

Hey, merchants! Time to reenlist, so to speak. The Northville Central Business Association's roster is looking a little slim, down to 28 members from 69. The newly elected slate of officers is setting their agenda for the year - coordinating events and projects, working together to promote the downtown and sharing resources and ideas. For \$75 annual dues ... share

What's with the eggs? Seems some urchin has been lurking around Elmsmere Drive mulhoxes, stuffing threatening messages in plastic colored eggs. Surely, there's a better hobby out there

He is listening! Latest item on state Rep. Marc Corriveau's agenda . . getting rid of those pesky automated political phone calls, 'If we want to restore our residents' - they're just annoying.

Spring sign

Ready to laugh? Genitti's on E. Main Street is billing it as "grown up comedy for a little kid's cause." Their dinner and comedy show benefit for the Children's Miracle Network is 7 p.m. Friday, March

30. It's a \$45 night out for a good cause ... Check it out!

As spring approaches, the Maybury Farm welcomed a sure sign: one of its ewes

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All depends on the weather ... Maybury Farm is gearing up for a spring opening, possibly next week Northville Meanwhile. the Community Foundation is arranging maple syrup tours at the farm for schools, scouts and other groups. The Easter Egg hunt is set for April 7 and coming in May ... a new community-wide event Details to follow in a future issue of the Northville Record. Interested? Call (248) 374-0200.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER Northvulle Record

People passing W. Main Street restaurant NOMI have seen the bookahs in the window. Word is ... a new establishment for smoking the glass-based water pipes, the Havannah Lounge, is coming soon to the Singh building on Center Street Hmmmmm, interesting trend to reach Northville



X Physical Inerapy. Rehabilitation Update

by Dennis Engerer, P.T.

DOES SITTING PLACE YOU IN AN AWKWARD POSITION?

Even though most people find sitting posture. to be more comfortable than standing, , This finding is insightful for those who sitting places more stress on the lower suffer from lower back pain. If you have back than standing. North research goes " distances about anything discussed in " one step farther to say that sitting up straight is not the best posture for sitting. While many people consider a 90-degree body-thigh sitting posture to be correct, a 135-degree body-thigh sitting posture aces less stress on the back and spine, armed different sitting postures. A B. New patients are welcome. new form of magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) helped researchers see the impact of these various postures on the spine. If you sit for long periods and lower-back pain, have a

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PS. Sating with correct posture is essential because the strain put on the syme and its associated liga-ments from incorrect pusture over time can lead to part, deformity, and chronic illness.

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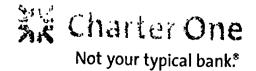


The Cancer AnswerLine provided Lisa with information on alternative treatments for fier mom, Juli's, rare form of sarcoma. Lisa's e-mails to Kim, one of our oncology nurses, helped her discuss options and make informed decisions with their doctor. Lisa says Kim's personal responses were quick, thorough and gave her peace of mind. And she's happy to report that her mom is in remission. The nurses of the Cancer AnswerLine — another reason we say, at U-M what stays with you are the people who are there for you along the way. That's the Michigan Difference.



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MAKING A POINT

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Gaidica, weathercaster for WDIV-TV4, said it was at Joseph's Coney Island on Main Street that he and lifetime Northville resident Chuck Lapham forged the partnership to create a home for the theater group. Until the theater becomes self-sufficient, the landlords pledged to subsidize the non-profit venture as a way to give back to the community.

"We're going to do try to do this right," Gaidica said. "You're going to see some fabulous shows."

'Starting tonight'

Tipping Point organizers are targeting an August start of professional shows in the approximate 140-seat theater, contingent upon completion of plans for interior and exterior renova-

show production.

"We're hoping to raise \$30,000 to \$50,000 more by opening night to make it through the build-out and first season," Johnson said. "But, we're well on our way!"

Northville Mayor Christopher Johnson welcomed the venture, describing city leaders' vision for redevelopment of the former industrial district as "Cadytown," a shopping and entertainment destination.

"This whole area in 20 years probably will be unrecognizable," he said. "It's starting tonight, and you're all part of it. "We're looking forward to many great things."

A dream come true

Johnson opened the evening by introducing four comedie improvisation actors who pre-

tion, parking arrangements and micred professional entertainment in the former car wash parts production facility.

> When the samural with Jell-O hands, dyslexic proctologist and manic depressive realtor ---identified with audience partici-pation — left the stage, Johnson described how she had envisioned a performance arena over the years, maybe in an old barn or a church.

She also recalled Gaidica's initial call last fall after he learned of her goal to establish a permanent venue for professional theater in Northville.

"It's being realized here in this moment, in this theater, here with you," she said. "Four months later, I'm standing in the middle of my dream."

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Gala highlights

 For their contribution in excess of \$361 (the theater's address), Janet and Paul Gingell were selected from a pool of donors as the winners of a \$2,500 diamond pendant necklace donated by Orin Jewelers.

· Shari Peters, president of Northville Community Foundation, presented to the theater a \$2,500 donation from the organization's newly-created performing arts endowment with the pledge of more to come.

 Good Time Party Store and Five restaurant donated the beverages and hors d'oeuvres.

• David McKnight of Emerald City Designs, who served as event chairman, sponsored the gala, sprucing up the vacant building with oversized ferns and candlelit red-draped cocktail tables.

· From the podium, Chuck Gaidica called on his building partner Chuck Lapham to ante up another \$5,000 to match spontaneous cash contributions. up to \$10,000.



PHOTOS BY MIKE SHUSTER

1 - Two key players behind the formation of the Tipping Point Theatre, Chuck Galdica, president of the board of directors, and Christina Johnson, executive director.

2 - City of Northville Mayor Christopher Johnson welcomes the theater project, calling it a catalyst for the redevelopment of the former industrial district envisioned as a new shopping and entertainment destination dubbed Cadytown.

3 - Theater supporters who purchased \$100 tickets to attend the gala enjoy hors d'ouevres and beverages courtesy of Tom Mackinnon's Five restaurant and Jim Roth's Good Time Party Store.

4 - Northville builder Mike Miller and his wife, Trina, join donors contributing in-kind services toward the project.

5 - Renee and Dan Beazley of Keller Williams Realty (left) and Julie and Dave Cole, owners of Great Harvest Bread Company, view architectural renderings of the Griswold Street theater facade.

6 - The Tipping Point Theatre's inaugural live performance, a live comedic improvisation act that enticed audience participation.

7 - Donors of a diamond pendant necklace presented during the gala, Orin Jewelers family members attend-ing the event include Wesley Nardoni (left), Gina Mazzoni, Tina Mazzoni, Orin Mazzoni III and Orin Mazzoni Jr.

8 Tim (left) and Michelle Aniol and Mike and MaryJo Schuster mingle prior to the start of the program.



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Halfway: Northville Square continues quest for tenants

Developers add restaurant on lower level

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Northville Square is another kid for Bob Buckhave.

Powerless over the 90,000square-foot baby's outcome to a certain extent, the downtown developer's guts twist with pride and anxiety as he watches it grow.

In December 2004, Buckhave and his wife, Margene, began investing in the \$8 million redevelopment project at the corner of Main and Wing streets, transforming the block-long indoor mall-turnedwholesale-showroom back into a shopping, dining and service destination. Two pairs of partners later, the couple alone is notching their offspring's half-occupied mark.

We have so many people who are interested in coming here." Buckhave said last week. "But, because of the economy, they're afraid to pull the trigger."

No reason to discontinue the introductions. Convinced of the appeal of the former Elias Brothers site facing Cady Street, the couple has been talking to restaurateurs for months, seeking to round out mainfloor offerings of upscale NOMI and coffee shop Solid Grounds, scheduled to open yet this month.

Buckhave announced last week they signed a five-year lease with a start-up bar and grill, The Chase, with plans to open this summer.

A solid atta-boy.

Drawing tenants

The kitchen and service staff to be employed by The Chase will bring to 150 people the number of employees reporting to Northville Square, Buckhave said.

As much as he counts employees hired by new businesses as a point of pride, the Northville Square developer is keeping an eye on park-

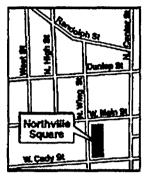
said. "And we're 52 percent filled."

He's been pitching the building's north-south stretch as a walk along a city street because he knows shoopers' preference for proximity to their destination. And convenient parking is a concern for prospective tenants.

Buckhave has been sprucing up his progeny to the best of his ability.

Inside Northville Square

Belli Couture: open Madilu & Ethan Too!: open NOMI:open Solid Grounds: this month Pure Barre: open GG Resort: April 1 Main Street Bank: open CVMedia: open Plymouth Physical Therapy: open The Chase: this summer



ly owns the Stampeddler store in the couple's other retail development, Old Church Square on Center Street, is stepping into women's golf and leisure wear.

Positive projects

Despite negative reports about Michigan's economy, Buckhave believes his legacy's prospects are brightened by the positive projects surrounding the Northville Square redevelopment.

He cited recent construction of Main Street buildings by fellow downtown developers Jim Long and Jeffrey Daskal, as well as plans to renovate a Cady Street former manufacturing facility into a professional theater.

"Millions and millions and millions of dollars are being spent," he said. "Hundreds of jobs are being added. "And now the city is coming through with \$2 million (in downtown makeover efforts). This is

ing lot capacity. Any day you take a dock on; it's "Buckhave said he has watched getting a little cozy of there," he local retailers working harder and smarter. He's committed to nurturing Northville as a home base for a variety of businesses.

"My point is that it brings people here," he said. "That's what we're all about.

SOUTH LYO



How will downlown makeover plans impact businesses adjacent to improvement area?

Owners stress 'comfort' in bar and grill format

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Dave Bastianelli thinks you'll stop in after work.

Or for lunch, to sit outside and when you're in the mood for just a burger.

Bastianelli said downtown Northville's newest restaurant, The Chase, is going to be about relaxation and good food.

The 45-year-old Novi native, partnering in the venture with his lifelong pal Bret Konol, can see it all in his mind's eye: the booths, plasma TVs and oval-shaped bar at the center of it all.

But, right now, the former home of Elias Brothers and Sundowner restaurants on the Cady Street lower level of Northville Square is a skeleton.

Bastianelli and Konol have planned complete renovation. targeting a summer opening.

"We're going to try to get it done in four months, but it's hard to say."

Fateful location

A fateful turn of events last month led the partners from a near-done deal to purchase a Plymouth bar to starting from the ground up in Northville Square.

Both veterans of the construction industry, Bastianelli said he's regarding the state's lackluster economy as an opportunity to pursue a long-time dream of owning and managing a restaurant.

Crews already have demolished remnants of previous occupants, Bastianelli said. The only feature salvaged from the restaurant's béyday in the 1980s is the red-tile floor, which will be cleaned and buffed.

"It has a real historical feel to it," he said. "I know exactly what it's going to look like."

invest hundreds of thousands of dollars for a new look - top to almost bottom, Bastianelli said

We just felt this is it," he said. "It's a fantastic location."

Bob Buckhave, who with his wife, Margene, is converting the former block-long wholesale mall to a retail and professional services center, said he is looking forward to his newest tenant's launch. He said The Chase's format will complement the upstairs restaurant, NOMI, which opened in December.

"It's going to be along the lines of Starting Gate or Poole's (Tavern), but new," said Buckhave, adding it likely will increase exposure to neighboring eatery, Tirami Su. "They're going to have a very large outside seating area on Cady Street, on the

"I think it's going to be good for everyone."

Gathering place

Bastianelli said the partners

borrowed the business name from All told, the partners will a now-defunct Italian restaurant in California where he formerly worked. He said his varied work experience has fueled the concept for the environment he's trying to create in The Chase.

"My partner and I know how it is - we're working," Bastianelli said. "We don't want to put anyone off by being too high-end or the other way either.

"We'd like to be the cool, corner casual bar and grill."

Bastianelli said he will serve as restaurant host, while his partner handles behind-the-scenes duties. The Chase will be open seven days, featuring a "reasonably priced" lunch and dinner menu.

"We will have a liquor license," Bastianelli said, adding the partners have discussed their plans with city officials and met state requirements. "We're all set to go.

Bastianelli expects The Chase to be a gathering place for downtown employees and local residents. The owners are considering offering karaoke, live entertainment and theme nights.

"We want the guy in his T-shirt and the guy in the three-piece suit

Coming this summer

Photo by Maureen Johnston

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Business: The Chase Location: Cady Street side of Northville Square, near Wing Street

Format: Lunch and dinner, bar and grill

Hours: 11 a m.-2 a.m., seven davs

Highlights: Outdoor seating, private party/meeting room

We're going to be right there.

"It will be a family place for dinner, too," Bastianelli said, "At nine, 10 o'clock, when the dinner rush is over, the crowd will be more for adults.

"It's time for the adults to hang out."

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Planning the layout for The Chase, Dave Bastianelli is partnering with Bret Konol on a new bar and grill set to open this summer in the former Northville Square Elias Brothers and Sundowner location facing Cady Street.

He knows the sparkling clear story, natural flooring and upscale facade transformed "the brown box" privately visited by wholesalers for decades. He's hoping stories like the February Crain's Detroit Business profile will help reintroduce the public to his pride and joy.

Still vacancies

By design, the Cady Street lower level is home to office and professional services while the Main Street level highlights retail.

Last November, upscale maternity shop, Belli Couture, was the mall's first main-floor tenant, while Plymouth Physical Therapy opened the door at Cady Street.

Main Street Bank president Audrey Mistor said Northville Square's downtown location, presentation and room to grow cinched her operation's plans for creating its headquarters in 9,600 square feet on the southwest corner of the building. The bank has a retail component in the mall, but the Main Street branch remains the main service hub.

Meanwhile, the Buckhaves gradually have inked more leases, all the while listening for leads.

During demolition of restaurant space to make room for The Chase on the lower level, crews upstairs have been preparing for another addition to Buckhave's family: the April 15 opening of GG Resort.

Margene Buckhave, who current-



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CVMedia relocates from Southfield to Northville Square

Multi-media company keeps communications on cutting edge

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Mike Mnich crackles with creative energy.

The Northville resident recently recharged his communications company with relocation from a 12-year stay in Southfield to a complete new setup in his home town. The latest professional services tenant in Northville Square on W. Main Street turned on the lights Feb. 1.

Along with the change of address, Mnich and his wife, Jan, reinvested in their firm's equipment, facilities and frame of mind. They've maintained their core mission of creating promotional and training materials, live event production and Web site design.

And turned it up a notch.

Filling a niche

The Mnichs are welcoming corporate clients like BASF, La-Z-Boy, Bosch and Beaumont Hospital to the contemporary studio and offices located a mile from their home.

Past projects have ranged from producing three-dimensional animation of Bosch's stability technology distributed to Chevrolet dealers and live broadcast of executive conferences, to DVD duplication and creation of an instructional CD for BASF distributed internationally in 24 languages.

Mnich said one of the ways corporations count the value of CVMedia products is in dollars saved that they would have spent conducting traditional training seminars globally.

"We're looking at 'How can you save clients money," he said. You'll always have people coming in your front door."

With neighborhood proximity to local corporations' headquarters and virtual access to any market, Mnich sees nothing but growth on the horizon. Yes --- in this economy - he said with his characteristic optimism.

"Instead of feeling sorry for ourselves, we need to pick ourselves up and do something about it."



CVMedia owner Mike Mnich, right, takes a look at a video with editor Leroy Colson that their company made for automotive supplier Bosch in their new Northville Square digs.

It's the attitude

The past 12 years have been a Cinderella story already for the company born from a janitorial services agency that began producing training videos.

"We started out just doing videos," Mnich said. "As our clients' needs grew, we grew with them."

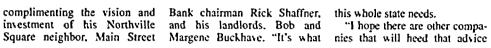
CVMedia's offices, editing suites and conference room are playgrounds of flat-screen TVs, iPod ports and state-of-the-art production equipment. Mnich said the investment in upgrading technology is part of the \$1.2 million company's growth strategy.

"Everything is just so different than it was in Southfield," he said. We're a reinvented company. We are a technology firm, not

a video production company."

And Mnich said CVMedia is passing on the increased efficiencies of production in the form of better rates for clients. The company owner is leading his staff in going wireless, introspective examination and carefully listening to customers needs as steps toward growth.

"It's contagious," Mnich said,



"I hope there are other compa-

really concentrating on reinventing themselves."

The 'Northville Factor'

As much as CVMedia circulates in big league corporate circles, Mnich thinks the transplant to his small home town will help the business thrive. He is happily shunning his former existence along the Northwestern Highway corridor of competing adventising agencies.

Mnich said there's an indefinable welcoming experience when clients leave their corporate bastions to visit downtown Northville. He said they feel like they're recipients of genuine hospitality when he hosts meals at MacKinnons, TiramiSu, Little Italy or NOMI.

"My clients experience the Northville factor," he said. "We really love this place.

"It's not negative to reinvent yourself," he added. "It feels good."

As long-time local residents, the Mnichs had been watching Northville Square take shape while looking for new office space.

"When we saw the quality and saw we could build it out to make it CVMedia, that's what made our mind up," Mnich said. "We'd be crazy not to."

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Physical Therapy Specialists open new office

Credit unions merge

Hometown Community Credit Union has been merged into Telcom Credit Union.

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We are happy to welcome our new Hometown members to the Telcom family," said Telcom Credit Union President and CEO, Tom Reagan. "At a time when some businesses and financial institutions are downsizing and leaving Michigan. we are expanding. We are committed to serving our members and the local community," said Reagan, from Telcom's Novi branch and headquarters.

The Hometown branches in Novi and Livonia will continue to serve Hometown members After a June information systems conversion, Hometown members will be able to use Telcom's other four branches in Novi, Canton, South Lyon and Southfield.

With the merger. Telcom Credit Union is a \$405 million full-service credit union with more than 34,000 member-owners. Founded in 1936. Telcom is now able to offer membership as an employee benefit to local businesses and organizations as well as to individuals living and working in southeast Michigan. Visit their website at telcomeu com to learn more.

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Jeff Sirabian wants to put high school athletes as well as weekend warriors back in the game, so to speak.

The physical therapist, who owns Plymouth Physical Therapy Specialists, opened his seventh office in downtown Northville in December.

The new office is located at 133 W. Main Street, Suite 120, in the newly renovated building at Main and Wing streets.

Sirabian lived in Northville in the early 1990s.

"It's a great town," he said. So, when he decided to open yet another office, Northville was a natural choice.

"We get a fair amount of patients from the Northville area." he said. "Rather than expand the Novi or Plymouth office, we decided to open a new office in downtown Northville. It's convenient for some of our patients already in the practice.

We specialize in orthopedics and sports medicine."

Ben Wallace, one of the directors of the Novi office, oversees the office in Northville and treats patients in both offices.

Jennifer Baumann, who used to practice at the University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor and joined the practice last December, is also working in the new Northville office.

Business started in 1994

Sirabian is excited about the new Northville location and the success of the business.

"We've got a busy practice, and we've grown a lot since 1994," he said.

Sirabian knows firsthand what it's like to get hurt playing sports. Involved in athletics while a student at Rochester High School, he sustained different sports injuries that required therapy and became interested in the field. "Baskethall was my main sport,

but I also played some football," he said. Now, his practice helps area

high school athletes. We work with a lot of high

school athletes in the area and offer an outreach program in which we provide trainers to different area high schools," Sirabian

said. "They go to the schools and Under New Management!



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Jeff Sirabian, left, along with associate Jennifer Baumann, recently opened Plymouth Physical Therapy Specialists in Northville Square's lower level.

Sirabian said his trainers focus on injury prevention as well as the prompt and proper care of injuries so the young athletes don't miss practices, games or have their injury turn into a chronic condition

The new office is conveniently located for Northville High School athletes who might need treatment

"We're excited about the opportunity to come to town and become part of the community."

Sirabian said. Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Northville Record. She can

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BE SCENE IN NORTHVILLE

During the Relay For Life Northville Incompany event March 1, people planning to partici-pate in the May 19-20 American Cancer Society signature event learned about the 2007 theme, "It's a Whole New Ballgame!"

1 - Relay team members assemble at the Northville Senior Community Center to register, collect awards from participating last year and gather information.

2 - Relay for Life Northville co-chair Sue Campbell chats with Relay committee member Michele Fecht, co-chair of the silent auction fund-raiser.

3 - Adhering to the "It's a Whole New Ballgame" theme, relay participants munch on hotdogs, cheesy nachos, Cracker Jack and baseball-shaped cookies supplied by Edward's Catering for the kick-off event.

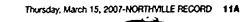
4 - "How many participants were involved in last year's event at Ford Field?" asks Relay for Life cochair Traci Sincock. For the first time this year, Northville and Novi are hosting two separate events, therefore, "It's a Whole New Ballgame."

5 - First United Methodist Church team member Steve Mihalik delivers a poignant keynote address, describing the hope he shared with his late wife Susan as they sought treatments for her cancer. "We had tremendous support from the family, the community, the church, more than our church, the boys scouts, the people at work," he said. "It's an honor to organize a team and inspire them to raise thousands of dollars to fight cancer."

6 Northville High School student Emily Reichard describes the rewards of being a team captain, the importance of keeping team members pumped up and the need to set a dollar goal as an incentive challenge.

7 - Relay team development chair Kurt Westphal reports 27 teams --- with 15-20 members each --already had registered. He steered participants toward easy online registration at acsevents.org/relay/mi/northville.

8 - Similar to the luminaria ceremony at the actual Relay for Life event, kick-off attendees lit a flame to honor their loved one who had been touched by cancer, filling the room with candlelight.



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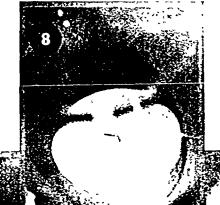
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What's next?

What: Relay for Life of Northville Community open house: 9:30-11 a.m. Saturday at the Northville Senior Community

Who: Anyone whose life has been touched by cancer. In other words, everyone.

Host: American Cancer Society Relay for Life: 10 a.m.-10 a.m. May 19-20 Where: Ford Field

Why: The annual 24-hour event celebrates survivorship, increases awareness and raises money to help fight cancer.

How: Teams of people take turns walking or running laps, trying to keep at least one team member on the track at all times.

Highlights: A Survivor's Lap honoring survivors. A Luminaria Ceremony honoring those who have died from cancer. Live entertainment. On-site fund-raising skits, games and activities.

2007 Theme: "It's a Whole New Baligame" Join: Form a relay team of your own. Volunteer

to help the host committee. Sponsor the event.

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the home towns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

Step outside!

This week's sunshine and 70 degrees whetted all our appetites for the return of spring next week.

Between now and the season's official arrival, there's plenty to do even if winter decides to deliver one last blast. So, burrow out from that tunnel connecting your house and garage!

This Saturday, start your day by dedicating some time to a worthwhile purpose.

During a 9:30-11 a.m. open house, the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of Northville committee volunteers will be available at the Northville Senior Community Center to describe how to get involved with the May 19-20 event.

Organize a team. Provide needed sponsorship dollars. Or, commit to showing up just for 24-hour event at Ford Field. Lots of enthusiasm to catch.

Then, head over to Northville High School where the Northville Chamber of Commerce is hosting the Taste of Northville Business Showcase. You'll bump into neighbors, have a light lunch of restaurant samples and learn about products and services available in your own backyard.

Speaking of your yard ... you'll still have the rest of the week-end to clear winter's debris. Step outside this weekend!

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



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Tom Watkins is a business and education

Cookie time

Ann Schneider helps to unload cases of Girl Scout cookies in the parking lot of Highland Lakes Plaza. As Girl Scout/Brownies area cookie manager, Schneider and many other parents will be busy in the upcoming week distributing some of the 3,800 cases ordered by local cookie-crazy Girl Scout supporters. There are 12 boxes to a case, so that's 45,600 boxes of cookies. Don't ask for the total caloric content.

Quality education next door – our community colleges

One tremendous academic and economic asset Michigan has is its system of community colleges. Northville residents are fortunate to have Schoolcraft Community College and Oakland Community College minutes from their doorsteps

The 28 other community colleges across our state, are golden rings within your grasp. Of my first 17 years of formal education, my stårt at a Community; College shines brightly in my memory. The dedicated teachers, small group instruction and focus on teaching and

learning helped me build a solid foundation of success. Clearly, Michigan is blessed with a great univer-

sity system. But our community colleges are the unsung heroes, providing a upgrade their skills to compete in this fast-paced. transformational, disruptive, global economy while serving as incubators for innovation and entrepreneurship.

Community colleges pro-vide the setting for invest-ment in human capital and fuel for the economic engine of our state to help make us globally competitive. Governor Granholm rightly sees our community colleges as economic ladders, aids to help the fartoo-many knocked down workers be lifted off the economic floor. Granholm has called for the No Worker Left Behind program to provide the thousands of affected workers with the opportunities they need to acquire new skills to transi-tion to the jobs of the new economy.

Making a Difference in a Number of Ways:

• Training and retraining of Michigan's workforce There are a number of jobs that did not exist a few short

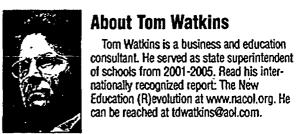
years ago. For Michigan to remain competitive, it is critical that our workforce continually upgrade its knowledge and skills. Community col-leges across the state are helping in this effort by pro-viding on-demand training while working with business, healthcare and industry to provide adaptable and indus-true specific training. Their try-specific training. Their goal is to make our workforce competitive and agile.

• Provide a fast track to new careers

Through certification and associate's degrees, our community colleges can place students on an accelerated pace to obtain the skills and training they need to survive and thrive in this tough economy. In spite of the high unemployment statistics across the state, there are many fields, e.g., health care, nursing, auto mechanics and information technology, that are clamoring for quality workers.

grams are preparing workers for jobs that exist the moment they complete the programs. Through the M-Tec Centers, our community colleges are educating students in fields that need quality workers today and tomorrow.

• Michigan Virtual Learning opportunities Lifelong learning is a mouse click away with the Michigan Virtual Learning Program. With the fast-paced lives that many students lead, it is critical that education and training be available at any time, any place and at any pace. Michigan community colleges offer virtual classes to students from any community college across the state, while students receive important support services from their "home" campuses. This



year institution of higher learning. This provides a greater access to the first rung on the academic ladder that is often elusive to many first-generation college attendees

• Just for Fun and

Lifelong Learning I am taking a Mandarin Chinese class at Schoolcraft Community College currently. The instructor, Michael Su (or Su Lao shi) is phenomenal, and the learning

like many others, was one of Michigan's many first-generation college graduates who-tolled on the assembly line at Ford's Rouge plant. If it were not for Henry Ford Community College, I would have not had the opportunity to attend college and hold jobs otherwise not attainable.

Advantages of community colleges are many. They include highly qualified instructors, enhanced life-

stepping stone to excellent careers and continuing education. They provide the first boost up the post-secondary education ladder that leads to greater earning power and, often, advanced degrees.

From Schoolcraft Community College to the Oakland Community College system, to the far reaches of the western U.P., our community colleges are touching the lives of countless students and workers returning to school to

If our system of community colleges in Michigan did not exist, there would be a massive rush to create them. The community college next door may be the one-stop shopping for a new career as Michigan seeks to readjust to the economic tsunami that has overturned so many lives in the auto industry — from the people who wear white collars to the men and women in blue collars, steel-plated shoes and ear plugs on the factory floor.

Michigan Technical **Education Centers**

These education and training centers take the concept of school-to-work to a new level, bringing workforce preparedness skills to employers across the state. These pro-

innovation allows students to access courses while completing degrees from the comfort of their homes.

 Stepping Stone for an advanced degree

Staying even is falling behind. Today, with global competition, it is critical that all of us continue to learn -from the cradle to the grave." Not only do community colleges provide on thejob training, certificates and associate's degrees, they also provide a solid foundation for continuous learning at a fraction of the cost of a four-

with the diverse mix of students from retirees to traditional college students is exhilarating.

Gur Community Colleges -The True Statues of Liberty

Our community colleges, along with our public schools, are the true Statues of Liberty in this great country of ours. They take the tired; the hungry, the poor and huddled masses and give them hope and opportunity. I know because I,

time earning potential, lower cost, convenience and accessibility, immediate skill building that transfers into economic benefits for working students and college credits easily transferred to universities.

As Michigan prepares for the 21st century knowledge economy, where an educated workforce is vital to our very survival, our community colleges must be viewed as a linchpin in our strategy to compete on the global stage.

Are all our college grads planning to leave this state?

Last week I found myself at dinner with a group of bright, enthusiastic young people, all just about to graduate from college. They had stars in their eyes about their future - and, plainly, the skills and energy to reach those stars.

But every last one of them is planning on leaving Michigan.

Why? In search of a career. Some were going to New York, others to Chicago, and a couple to the West Coast.

"How come?" I asked.

What they told me went pretty much like this. "It isn't that Michigan is such a bad place. We grew up here, and we love it here. But there are just no good jobs now. We can't afford to risk our future by starting our careers in a place that seems to be sliding downhill.

Bad enough that Pfizer, Inc. is closing its research lab in Ann Arbor and Comerica, after 150 years in Detroit, is moving its headquarters to Dallas. But to hear the next generation's best and brightest talk about leaving the Michigan they love because they don't see much opportunity is terribly distressing.

Then, over the weekend I received an e-mail note from an old friend who founded a very successful consulting firm. He is not about to move himself or his firm out of Michigan, but he has some interesting insights into those who do:

What rings truest about Comerica moving is how diffi-cult companies find it to attract talented people to come to Michigan to work, especially Metro Detroit.

While those of us who are lifers think quality of life is very good here, the pervasiveness of external perception is very strong: Michigan is not a magnet for talent." Changing that perception, he went on, is the key to a successful future.

Whoever the wise person was who said our demography writes our history was right. And if there is any consensus as to how Michigan is going to get out of the economic pickle we're in, it's this: that finding, attracting, nurturing and retaining talent is the single most important thing we can do

It's more important than any particular whiz-bang, silver bullet economic policy

It's even more important than our collective culture. which at present is far too entitlement-driven ("Where's my benefits?") and too unwilling to take risks. Talent is the key to Michigan having a future.

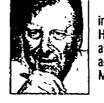
And what is deeply worrying is that we may be approaching a tipping point, where our most talented automatically feel they have no other choice than to consider leaving the place they love because they simply cannot find good jobs with a future here.

For some years now, I've watched the children of my friends graduate from college and move away. It's bothered me, but I've always figured that after they've sowed their wild oats in the fleshpots of the big cities and started a family, they'll come back home

And in fact, many of them have - for many good reasons.

The cost of living in Michigan is far, far below other more fashionable places. A journalist friend reached a summit of our trade by getting

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dreds of dollars?

Where else is the civic culture relatively sane and moderate, neither hard right nor hard left as it can be in other regions? Michigan is in the center of the country, and we're centrist and sensible in the ways we go about things.

And besides, we've got water flisten up, Comerica managers!) and when the ice cap slips off Greenland and raises the level of the Atlantic Ocean by 21 feet, it's a comforting feeling to know we're 700 feet or so above sea level.

It may take a few years for the rest of the world to cotton on to all this. In the meantime, perhaps the state of Michigan might think of running an ad campaign about folks who

have stayed and thrived as a result. We could also let people know about the good jobs that are going begging right here and yes, there are some of those.

We're urging out-of-state businesses to locate here, which is perfectly fine. But when our greatest resources of all - our talented young people - are choosing to leave, we'd do well to begin by selling them on our future.

We need to sell them on what we've got to offer internally before we can convince the outside world, and we need to do so soori, before a steady trickle of young career professionals going elsewhere turns into an unstoppable flood.

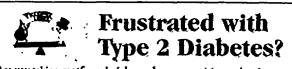


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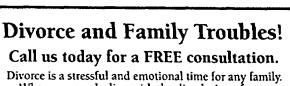
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For nearly seven months, I've been trying to sell my house in Charlotte (between Lansing and Battle Creek). It ain't happening. In fact, by most accounts, the entire state and, slowly, the rest of the country are

singing similar blues. But it's a different tune heard in downtown Northville, according to Kathleen McLallen, Amy Zubor, Anne Smith and Beth Russo.

"The first 54 days of last year, we had 23 homes under contract. **Cal Stone** This year, we have 43," said McLallen.

She and her partners are known as the 4 Star Team, and combined they have over 50 years of sales experience. They each have a personal history in the city, raising families and being active in their churches and various organizations. Their backgrounds and local knowledge simply enhance what they offer clientele.

That gives our group an edge," said Kathy.

A visit to their office a few weeks ago left me with the impression that these folks are true cheerleaders for downtown. (Amy didn't join us; she was in the process of receiving her broker's license.) They have comprehensive knowledge on a street-tostreet basis of homes sold over the years.

Downtown is about a mile circumference; the actual city is two square miles with less than 10,000 people. What, you may

ask, is the average downtown Northville house cost?

> "Downtown (housing) is a little difficult to price," said Kathy. "History is one of a dozen factors that play into it.'

Oddly enough, a lot of house buying is done by people who already live here. They simply

move within the community, and that says it all. Prices run from \$190K up to \$18 million. That's as diverse as the age groups of local homeowners.

It's a new year

In general, the end of the prior year was a welcome relief, yet the start of '07 is showing definite signs of activity and people looking to buy. Very positive.

"I've had people recently transfer here from Virginia with Ford," said Beth. "Just an example of activity coming to our area that we don't necessarily hear about in the news."

And it's not just residential activity that has them excited.

"There's been a lot of no-residential investment in the last six months," said Kathy. "It's incredible... especially in a state that's moaning and groaning."

They referenced the sale of the building which will house the future Tipping Point Theatre, as well as the building across from Starbuck's and the new Northville Square.

So why is Northville not taking as hard a hit as other areas? Several reasons, according to these Century 21 Realtors.

One, its schools. Two, it's very accessible to many main arteries.

Three, "It's simply a real honest-to-goodness community that's not manufactured," said Anne. Four, "You can shop without

leaving town," said Kathy. And five (unofficially), it's a great place to walk your dog.

But as attractive as downtown Northville is to potential buyers, homes don't sell themselves. It takes a lot of effort from your Realtor.

"A lot of people get into this thinking it's easy," said Beth. who recently received her accreditation in "staging." The purpose? To help homeowners sell at the highest marketable price in the fastest amount of time. It can range from \$100 to a couple thousand dollars, depending on what's needed, "but it'll

ing the state. Cut higher education by 10 percent.

We must create a favorable business investment climate that will get businesses to come here; retraining is irrelevent. That's putting the cart before the horse.

> John Cauffiel Northville

Resistance to change is futile

In a world where even Jimmy Carter seemed prescient in 1977, Suggesting a migration of people and rust belt industries to relocate in the southwest, as the conservation of energy resources was a national concern. Recently, Michigan has been stuck with the dilemma of responding to a "walk away" of some important assets in the same direction. Correction of the trend will be difficult because of a lack of political will, along with difficulty to retreat from the bureaucratic contracts and tenures patterned after the dreams of organized labor in the 1960's. Many units of government employees and other related governmental activities on public support, except the military, have copied the examples of organized labors management of governmental units. Michigan, as a competitor with other States may reconsider plans to cherry pick especially favored industries. The incentives required may be too high to cover the carrying costs that have found a Michigan address. The lessons provided by GM and Ford suggest businesses with challenges can resist a change in their operational status quo for only a short time before more serious problems emerge. Delaying needed structural changes exposes greater problems in a poor business climate. Similar problems are faced by governmental units that are not seeing expected economic growth. Unfortunately, I have felt lawyers in government are fastened more on politics and negotiation of disputes than on business. Was George Washington early to suggest that business is essential to the health of America. In a capital economy, skilled business people remain our nation's and Michigan's most important asset. Bedrock businesses may be sending some signals to Lansing that changes are needed.

Explore pavilion advantages

The flowering and greening of downtown Northville is a pleasant concept but will it actually draw visitors and shoppers in order to return the investment? Is the open room for public gathering large enough for public or organized events such as the Art Fair, Victorian Festival, and Winterfest? These are all important functions to Northville's economic success. Our northern climate is also a factor, that may limit an outdoor plaza's full potential.

Other cities have apparently ignored principles of town planning in favor of successful marketing by fittiwing visitors to unique shops, public works of art, historic sites, museums, theaters, shows, art galleries and restaurants, year round. Few people fly to New York City to visit Central Park and return home. In other words, parks or town squares are not a destination, they are a pleasant and convenient place to rest your tired feet after a day of sight seeing, working or shopping.

The downtown district is facing stiff competition from the stores along the Haggerty Road corridor, numerous malls in Novi, the state nospital development site, Seven Mile Road strip malls, Five Mile Road and Beck Road retail stores and the future McDonald Ford dealership site. All of these venues provide more convenient parking and shelter during the most profitable and coldest shopping days of the year.

spots for these activities could be the town square site which would pull more people into the heart of the downtown district, rain or shine.

The sketch, published in the newspaper, of a pavilion styled after the Stinson Aircraft Corporation building was only a suggested option. The sketch showed a cut away view of the roof. The roof would have skylights or clearstory windows to allow for sunlight to enter. A pavilion concept could have trees and planters within it. It could have less brick and more glass or openings. There are many more options that could be explored, if we take the time, and realistically investigate the cost to benefit ratio of the proposals. Another design option could be a facade styled after the old pera Hall. This slyle of façade could have an open balcony facing the street that could be used for special occasions, to welcome Santa Claus at Christmas, caroling during the Christmas Walk, announce the winners of the chili cook off, or skits during the Victorian Festival. A multi level structure would add further interest to the space. There are so many creative possibilities to explore that would draw spectators, and tourists into the center of town. Let us offer something different, because some alternate types of concepts are

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The City of Northville should provide something unique that these other locations

A partially enclosed structure does make some sense. Even our founding city fathers gathered in barns, grange halls, churches, gymnasiums, and even our own opera hall and roller skating rink that were once located here. Enclosed gathering halls in the center of the town are very common in similar northern climates, such as Germany, Austria and Switzerland. Northville was once even referred to as the "Little Switzerland", because of the rolling snow covered hills, ski jump and toboggan run that were once here. We have no gathering spots in town, the town hall is too small, the opera hall, the roller skating rink, the bowling alley that once stood at Main and Center, are all demolished, and the theater does not show movies anymore. You see our children on a half day of school and they are just wandering the downtown streets, because there is nothing to do, but maybe grab a Starbuck's coffee. A pavilion concept could house some type of youth activities.

These are tough economic times and they may get worse before they get better, so every retail or visitor dollar we can draw to the downtown district will benefit all of us. The income will translate into tax revenue, and jobs for our children or ourselves. The current shop and building owners have investments that need to be protected, and we should help them to prosper.

There is no doubt that an open plaza will be a beautiful improvement to our downtown, but will it achieve the desired results of drawing more customers to the shops and restaurants from the surrounding area? Will it be capable of hosting a variety of events, year round, that appeal to a spectrum of age groups?

People are more than willing to come to Northville for events, but if the weather is cold or rainy the event is not as financially successful as it could be. This scenario can be witnessed during the Victorian Festival, Fourth of July, Art Fair, farmers market, and even Halloween. If the weather is nice the attendance is usually good. Why not build on these successful occasions and construct a facility that can enhance the financial possibilities of these events during good and bad weather conditions. Few people go to the malls for Halloween, an Art Fair or to view a parade. They come here. One of the main gathering

intrinsic only to Northville, and that is what makes them unique and fun. It is very difficult to accurately determine the cost of a project from a rough sketch in the newspaper.

We should consider, is it wiser to purchase \$25 worth of annual flower seeds and spread them all over the ground hoping they will grow or spend \$50 on perennial flower seeds, take the time and effort to find the right spot, dig up the earth, plan out, and plant a small but beautiful lasting garden, that people will take the time to visit, enjoy, tell their friends about. and keep coming back to. Each time they visit, the garden will present itself differently, taking on a new appearance, growing, and changing with each season. After all, as the old saying goes, money does not grow on trees.

> Steve Lomske Northville

The Governor's flawed plan

She is always fond of quoting some MSU Econ professor by the way for recovery; his solution: more money for education, of course.

The State is in a freefall economically, and the governor is raising taxes and proposing increases in spending. She is not cutting the budget, rather it is going up by 3 percent. Her dumbest tax is an inheritance tax proposal, or death tax, on estates over \$2 million. That might sound like a lot of money, but I would say your moderately successful small businessman, or farmer, amasses that kind of wealth easily after 30 years. What are you saying? - "Small businessman, move to Florida when its time to retire, before your death, of course." These are the people we most desperately need to stay here, to invest, create growth and, of course, jobs is the byproduct.

Her other idea is to protect education, which is really a code word to protect the teachers and state workers union. Believe me, it's not about the students. Michigan teachers rank third in the nation in pay, and I am sure the administrators are right up there. We have lost a great amount of our business tax base over the past five years and its not coming back. The education budget in this state needs to be on the table. Teachers' health care and pension costs are out of control. I have not heard about any reforms.

Also, no one ever questions higher education. Michigan taxpayers give \$2 billion a year to colleges and universities. Maybe we need to look at consolidating a couple of the state universities. We simply cannot afford all of this anymore with this exodus of businesses leavJim Nowka 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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the Thursday edition.

Ciarification

In an article on the Oasis Golf Center in the March 8 issue, it stated that the center is in Plymouth Township and that it opened in 1963, The center is located in Northville Township, has a Plymouth mailing address and open in 1964, according to the original owner.



Northville author signing books at Barnes & Noble ... see story on page 19A HOT TICKET: MUNITY CALENDAR Cal Stone, editor (248) 349-1700, ext. 113 cstone@gannett.com

NORTHVILLE EVENTS

Northville Arts Commission **Student Exhibits**

LOCATION: 215 W. Cady St. High School Senior Show TIME/DATE: 4:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, March 30; 12.30-4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 31; 12:30-4:30 p m Sunday, April 1 DETAILS: This show will feature the work from seniors at Northville High School. Students plan and execute the entire show on their own. Some of their artwork may be for sale. CONTACT: (248) 344-0497

Northville Newcomers and Neighbors

CONTACT: Nancy Murphy, (248) 305-5460 Meet and Greet DATE: Tuesday TIME: 10 a m. LOCATION: Member's Home **DETAILS: Members and guests** are invited for a morning of socializing and learning about the many activities the group has to offer.

Book Club Meeting

DATE: Friday, March 16 TIME: 7 p m. LOCATION: Starbucks, 302 East Main St., Northville DETAILS: The book for March will be "Rabbit Run" by John Updike

CONTACT: northvillebookclub@gmail.com

Friends of the Rouge Frog and Toad Workshop

DATE: Saturday, March 17 TIME: 10 a.m. noon LOCATION: Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road DETAILS: Help monitor the health of the Rouge River wetlands by listening for frogs and toads in your neighborhood. Registration to participate is requested.

CONTACT: (313) 792-9621 or e-mail picoordinator@therouge.org ×.,

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Taste of Northville Business Showcase

DATE: Saturday TIME: 10 a.m.-noon Businessto-Business Brunch; noon-4 p.m. open to public

LOCATION: Northville High School

DETAILS: This annual event brings together Northville's busiJanuary through May. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students CONTACT: (248) 344-0497

Ballet Production of

"Anastasia" DATE: Saturday, March 24 TIME: 1:30 p.m. LOCATION: Northville High School Auditorium

DETAILS: Center Stage Dance Company's in-house ballet company will perform to the music of "Anastasia". Tickets are \$8 each or \$6 each for groups of 10 or more. Tickets are available at the Center Stage studio or by mail, email or fax. CONTACT: (248) 380-1666, fax

(248) 380-1597, e-mail csdc5678@sbcglobal.net

St. Jude's Fund-raiser

DATE: Sunday, March 25 TIME: 5-8 p.m. LOCATION: Uno's Chicago Grill, east side of Haggery Road, just south of Eight Mile.

DETAILS: Uno's will donate 10 percent of its sales for the day to St. Jude's and employees will donate their tips. A deejay from WKOI Radio 95.5 FM will be on hand. A charity auction is planned. CONTACT: Áshley, (734) 432-6091

Teens Aiding the Cancer Community Fundraiser

TIME/DATE: Sunday, April 1 LOCATION: Rebecca's DETAILS: Enjoy acoustic artists, food, ice cream and raffle. TACC is a non-profit student organization raising money to fill backpacks with toys for cancer-affected kids in area hospitals.

Health Screenings at Meijer

LOCATION: 20401 Haggerty Road

DATE: Tuesday, April 3 DETAILS: The pharmacy at Meijer will offer the following tests for low cost: Cholesterol, \$30; Liver Function, \$15; Diabetes Screening, \$4; Hemoglobin A1C, \$30, You will receive results within 15 minutes. All tests include consultation and explanation of results by the pharmacist, answers to questions about your medications and blood pressure check. Appointments are neces-

CONTACT: (248) 248-449-5733

Northville High School **Reunion-Class of 1987**

will be a "Bunny Walk" for children and seniors and the "Trotter Trail" and "Rooster Run" are for the more experienced

LIBRARY LINES

LOCATION: 212 W. Cady St., near Northville City Hall; parking off Cady Street

TIME/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 Little Me Storytime TIME/DATE: 10:30-11:15 a.m. Friday

DETAILS: Babies to 2 years old,

at the Information Desk five minutes prior to the program. Tickets are not available in advance.

TIME/DATE: 4:15 p.m.

school program for children in first, second and third-grades featuring stories, games and crafts. **Registration begins March 1.**

Spring Tot Storytime

SESSIONS: 10:15 a.m. Mondays, March 26-April 30; 10:15 or 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays, March 28-May 2; 10:15 a.m. Thursdays, March 29-May 3.

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

Spring Storytime for Kids SESSIONS: 4 p.m. Mondays, Thursday, March 15, 2007 www.northvillerecord.com fax: (248) 349-9832



Where did it go? Enjoying a healthy new coating of snow, Mike McKlosky takes off on cross country skiis last week at Maybury

for \$45 per person. Call for reservations.

Laughs for a Miracle World Tour '07 TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday,

March 30

DETAILS: Grown up comedy benefit for Children's Miracle Network featuring Sue Fracker, Dwayne Gill and Michigan's premier storyteller Norm Stulz. Tickets \$45, available at Genetti's box office (248) 349-0522 or Laughs for a Miracle Ticket Central (248) 634-5918.

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.

walkers/runners. To register and receive a "Trot for Animals" form, call (248) 374-0200

State Park. By Tuesday, when temperatures hit the mid-60s, the white stuff was gone.

Spring Kids Club Thursday, March 22 DETAILS: This is an after

issues such as separation of church and state, the death penal-ty, euthanasia and homosexuality, and how the Christian faith relates to them. A participant book may be purchased for \$10. Call the church office to sign up.

Adult Education

TIME/DATES: 7-8:15 p.m., Thursdays through March 29

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nesses to highlight their products and services to the community. This year's theme is "Race to Victory Lane at the Northville 500." Food sampling, free promotional items and raffles for prizes will be available. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors 65 and over, and S4 for children 12 and under. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

CONTACT: Northville Chamber of Commerce, (248) 349-7640, or ao to www.northville ora

Daughters of the America Revolution

Northville/Plymouth

DATE: Monday, March 19 TIME: noon LOCATION: Northville District Library

DETAILS: This will be a women's health and fitness sandwich luncheon. A speaker from the staff of the St. Joseph Mercy Health System will be present. CONTACT: (734) 459-4764

Northville Downtown Development Authority Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, March 20 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

Northville Arts Commission Lecture Series

DATE: Wednesday, March 21 TIME: 7:30-9 p.m. LOCATION: Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady St. DETAILS: Popular art historian, 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,

DATE: Saturday, July 28 LOCATION: Dirty Martini, Novi DETAILS: Purchase tickets and make hotel reservations online beginning in May. Details to come. CONTACT: Chris (Hornberger) Noles, (248) 449-7597

Marguis Theatre

LOCATION: 135 E. Main St. CONTACT: (248) 349-8110 or northvillemarquistheatre.com Raggedy Ann and Andy SCHEDULE: 2:30 p.m. Saturdays March 17-April 28; 2:30 p.m. Sundays, March 18-April 29; 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday April 9-13

DETAILS: Tickets are \$8 each. No children under 3 years of age.

Country Garden Club of Northville Meeting TIME/DATE: noon Tuesday,

April 3 LOCATION: Cady Inn

DETAILS: Dick Bayerl speaking on "Video of Garden Walk 2006." Guests welcome. CONTACT: Sue Witek (248) 349-7783

Book Signing

DATE: Saturday, April 14 TIME: 2-4 p.m. LOCATION: Barnes & Noble, Six Mile and Haggerty Roads **DETAILS: Author Susan** McKenna will discuss "Divorce: Healing Hurting Hearts" and sign copies of her new children's book, "Feelings Only I Know; Mom and Dad are Getting Divorced^{*}

Genitti's Little Theater

LOCATION: 108 E. Main St. CONTACT: (248) 349-0522 or www.genittis.com 2007 Dinner Theatre - "Law & Disorder" TIME/DATES: 6:30 p.m. every Saturday through April 14 DETAILS: Interactive comedy

MAYBURY STATE PARK LOCATION: Eight Mile Road,

between Beck and Napier Roads CONTACT: (248) 349-8390 Spring Egg Hunt DATE: Sunday, April 1 TIME: 2 p.m.

DETAILS: This is a free event for those with a Michigan State Park Motor Vehicle Permit. 1,000 candy filled eggs and over 100 prize filled eggs will be available for hunting. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Maybury State Park. Use the Eight Mile Road entrance and meet at the Concession building.

MAYBURY FARM

LOCATION: Maybury State Park

CONTACT: (248) 374-0200 Farm Opening for Season DATE: Tuesday, March 20 HOURS: 11 a.m.-4 p.m., closed Mondays and holidays

NOTE: The farm will be open as weather permits. The farm will be closed if there is rain, snow or temperatures below 50 degrees. **3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt** DATE: Saturday, April 7 TIME: 1 p.m.

DETAILS: Children ages 2 to 10 are invited to visit the farm and search for Easter eggs. Find a "special egg" and win a prize. Free admission for children. After the hunt, tour the farm and see the new baby animals. NOTE: Use the farm entrance off of Eight Mile Road, just west of the Park entrance.

Trot for Animals

DATE: Saturday, May 12 DETAILS: This is a 5K walk/run through Maybury Farm with something for all ages. The proceeds will help feed the animals through the winter months. There

aiong with darents or caregivers. enjoy music, beanbag fun and simple stories. Older children are welcome to attend. No registration required.

Evening Family Story Time TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Wednesday DETAILS: This half-hour program is suited for children 3 and older, but all ages are welcome. No registration is required. Children can wear their pajamas and be comfortable.

March is Reading Month DETAILS: Children preschool through sixth grade can win prizes for reading during the month. They need to pick up a "Get Hooked on Books" reading log at the Information Desk. When the reading log is full, a paperback book prize will be awarded ...

Spring Crafts for Kids TIME/DATE: 4 p.m. today DETAILS: Children of all ages are welcome to come to the library and make an adorable paper plate duck. Children 5 and under must be accompanied with a parent or care giver. No registration required. Due to space limitations, the library can not accomodate daycare, oreschool, or after school care groups.

Movies at the Library TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m.

DETAILS: This month's foreign film will be "Osama", the story of a 12 year old Afgani girl who disguises herself as a boy in order to support her mother. The film is rated PG-13 and is in Pashtu with English subtitles

Amazing Magic Show TIME/DATE: 4:15 p.m. Tuesday, March 20

DETAILS: Award winning magician Jason Hudy will perform for children of all ages. Each child that attends will receive a balloon animal. Due to space limitations, daycare, preschool or after school care groups can be accomodated. 100 free tickets will be available

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April 9-May 14; 10:15 a.m. or 2 p.m. Tuesdays, April 10-May 15

DETAILS: Children who are 4, 5 or in kindergarten, and are comfortable without a care giver present are invited to join this six week series of 45 minute story times. Younger, older, or nonregistered siblings may not attend. Registration is required and begins March 20.



First Presbyterian Church of Northville

LOCATION: 200 E. Main St. CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 Sunday Worship TIME: 9:30, 11 a m. **Single Place Events** CONTACT: www.singleplace.org PROGRAMS:

Tonight: St. Patrick's Day dinner and sing-a-long

March 22: "Communication and How to Resolve Conflict" with Dr. Terry Orbuch, Ph.D. March 29: Concert with Men of

Grace

Divorce Recovery Workshop DATE: Beginning March 22 DETAILS: The course will run through May 10. The cost is \$35 and includes the book "Growing Through Divorce". Registration

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Swing Into Spring Dance TIME/DATE: 8-11 p.m. Saturday, March 24 DETAILS: This is for mature sin-gles 45 and older. Tickets are \$10 in actioner \$12 at the dear

in advance, \$12 at the door. CONTACT: Jane, (248) 591-0014

Adult Education TIME/DATES: 7-8:15 p.m. Thursdays through March 29

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 CONTACT: (248) 348-1020 Sunday Worship: 11a.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.

Meadowbrook

Congregational LOCATION: 21355

Meadowbrook Road CONTACT: Rev. Ed Willingham,

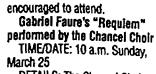
Interim Minister, (248) 348-7757, or visit www.mbccc.org or amccc@arounddetroit.biz Sunday Worship

TIME: 10 a.m.

Special Lenten Discussion Series

TIME/DAY: 7 p.m, Wednesday DETAILS: The topics to be dist cussed will include a critique of the sermon from the previous Sunday, and some current issues in the news with the question being asked, "What is the faith dimension?" The public is

Monday, March 19



DETAILS: The Chancel Choir. chamber orchestra and soloists will perform the inspirational selection for the Lenten season. The public is invited to this free special event.

Ward Evangelical

Presbyterian Church LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile Road

CONTACT: (248) 374-7400 **Motherless Daughters** Seminar

DATE: Thursdays tonight-May10 TIME: 7-9 p.m. LOCATION: Room A101

DETAILS: We support, encourage, discuss and evalute feelings associated with the loss of a mother. Through healing, find strength and joy ahead. **MOPs** (Mothers of

Preschoolers)

DATE: First and third Thursday of the month

TIME: 7-9 p.m. LOCATION: Room C307-309 DETAILS: MOPs is an interna-

tional organization that provides support and encouragement for mothers of young children. CONTACT: Keli Plansinis, atplayintennis@comcast.net or

Women's Ministries (248) 374-5978

WOW Tuesdays DAY: 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 UTITICO Hind ISSU 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 St. Paul's Lutheran Church LOCATION: 201 Elm St. Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m. Blended, 11 a.m. Contemporary, and 11:30 a.m. Traditional School Open House DATE: Sunday TIME: 1-3 p.m. LOCATION: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 201 Elm Street CONTACT: (248) 349-3146

MILL RACE MATTERS

Mill Race Historical Village LOCATION: 215 Griswold

Avenue, north of Main Street, near Ford Field

DETAILS: Office Hours Mon-Fri 9 a.m.-1p.m.; Archives Open Thu-Fri 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

CONTACT: (248) 348-1845 · Thursday: 9 a.m. Archives Open; 7 p.m. Northville Historical Society Board Meeting Friday: 9 a.m. Archives Open; 4 p.m. Junior Scout meeting Saturday: 9 a.m. private party; 1:30 wedding

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

Monday: 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout meeting

Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang; 7:30 p.m. Mill Race Weavers Guild Wednesday: 11 a.m. private

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

Grounds closed to the public

SENIOR EVENTS

Thursday 9 a.m.: Take Off Pounds Sensibly 9:30 a.m.: Yoga 10 a.m.: Bowling 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle Friday 9: 30 a.m.: Strength Training 11 a.m.: Poker 1 p.m.: Movie: "Stranger Than Fiction" Saturday midnight or after: Daylight Savings Time. Set your clock one hour ahead. Monday 9:30 a.m.: Strength Training 9:45 a.m.: Oxycise New Enrollees. == / 10 a.m.? Oxycise, Line Dance 11:30 a.m.: Book Club 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle, Euchre Tuesdav 10 a.m.: Balance and posture screening 11:00 p.m.: Spelling Duel 12:30 p.m. Pinochle 1 p.m.: Computer I 7 p.m.: Tai Chi Wednesday



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Get in line

About forty people follow in the foot steps of line dance teacher Rosemary Krest during a Monday morning class at the Northville Senior Community Center. Classes start at 10 a.m., and they'll be performing on St. Patrick's Day from 1-4 p.m.

Co-ed Adult 50+ Volleyball

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

DETAILS: All levels of play are 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.



way for the parade. Volunteers are needed for both the committee and parade day. Call (248) 374-0200

Bonations for PENNdemonium

DETAILS: The fund-raising gala and auction to benefit the restora-tion of the historic Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth will take place at 6 p.m. on May 11. The Friends of the Penn are seeking donations for the auction. Individual donations of items or services and business donations are needed. Tickets for PENNdemonium are expected to be available in April.

CONTACT: To make a donation: Julie Johnston, (734) 354-6069 or e-mail auction@friendsofthepenn.org. For information on

PENNdemonium: www.PennTheatre.com

Moms in Touch

TIME/DATE: 8:30 a.m. Thursdays

LOCATION: Member's homes DETAILS: These mothers form a college/career, interdenominational prayer group that gathers for one hour each week to pray for their adult children, the colleges they attend and their places of employment.

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**

TIME/DATE: 9:30-11 a.m. Thursdays through March 29 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 frienc oue udill, m 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 is 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

5 p.m.

Healing Service DATE: First Monday of every 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

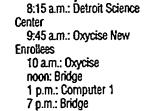
a loved one to suicide. Registration is not required. **CONTACT: New Hope Center for**

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.

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Ongoing Board Games

DATE: Tuesday 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.

Beautiful Singles Hiking TIME/DAY: 9:30 a.m. First and Third Sundays of the month LOCATION: Maybury State Park DETAILS: Join singles of all

ages for hiking and other activities. CONTACT: http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/

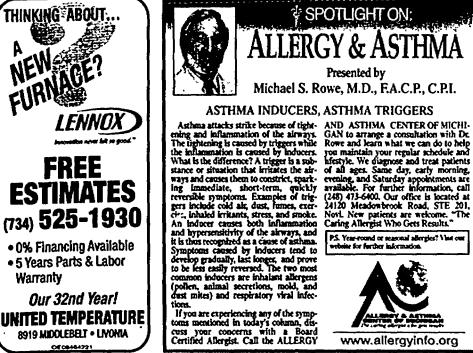
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Maybury Farm

DETAILS: The Farm needs help in the following areas: In the barn, cleaning on Mondays and Tuesdays and feeding the animais; four people to work parttime on week-days and weekends to assist with hayrides. Must be experienced; docents to assist with the school programming. Call (248) 374-0200.

Northville Community Foundation Independence **Day Parade**

DETAILS: Planning is under



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willingness to serve as coaches and 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: northvilecoits com and click on "Contact Us."

Northville Newcomers and Neighbors

DETAILS: This group is for restdents of Northville and surrounding 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 welcome too.

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. Saturday

CONTACT. Joy Delauter (248) 858-0045

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 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

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 quilters 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-

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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. 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. CONTACT: Tabatha Manuel, (313) 561-4110, ext. 20 or tmanuel@ywca-wwc.org

Meals-0n-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

Anxiety Disorder Support Group

TIME/DAY: 7:30 p.m. Thursdays 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

Camera Club

DATE: Second Tuesday of every month CONTACT: Tom James of Northville Camera at northvillecamera@sboglobal.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) 344-0497

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.



LOCATION: 775 N. Center St., back entrance of Hillside Middle School

CONTACT: For registration and information on camps, classes and activities, (248) 349-0203 or visit



Group Fitness Classes

DETAILS: Classes include Yoga, Pilates Ball, Aerobics, Step, Kickboxing, Cycle and overall strength training. The class schedules are flexible and vary. A monthly calendar is available at www.northvilleparksandrec.org, or call (248) 349-0203. The fees are \$5 for drop-in or \$45 for a monthly resident pass for unlimited classes. The classes will be held at Hillside Recreation Center or the Senior Community Center. All fitness levels are welcome to participate and certified instructors are provide safe and fun workouts.

Youth Basketball League Sign-Up

DATE: Until filled DETAILS: Spring leagues for boys in eighth and ninth grades, and 10th-12th grades are being formed. Practices begin Monday and games begin Tuesday March 27. Each league will play an eight game schedule that will run through May 24. Cost for the pro-gram is \$105-\$115. Coaches are needed to support the leagues. Children of volunteer coaches play for free.

CONTACT: Dave DeMattos, (248) 349-0203, ext. 1405

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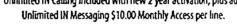


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DATE: Every Sunday TIME: 6-9 p.m. LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St. DETAILS: The fee is \$3 per per-500.

Open Family Basketball

DATE: Every Sunday TIME: 4-6 p.m. LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St. DETAILS: There is a fee of \$2 per person.

Open 40+ Basketball

DATE: Every Wednesday TIME: 7-9:30 p.m. LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St. DETAILS: The fee is \$3 per per-SOT.

Open Volleyball

TIME/DATE: 7-10 p.m. Thursdays; 10 a.m-2 p.m. Saturdays LOCATION: Recreation Center at

Hillside DETAILS: There is a fee of \$4 per person for Thursday and \$4 per person for Saturday.

Open Badminton

DATE: Every Tuesday and Friday TIME: 7-9:30 p.m. LOCATION: Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road DETAILS: Competitive style badminton is available. All skill levels are welcome. The cost is \$7 per night.

Table Tennis

TIME/DAY: 6-10 p.m. Monday and noon-4 p.m. Saturday LOCATION: Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road DETAILS: Eight tables are available. All skill levels are welcome.

Total Golf Adventure's Golf Enrichment Program

The cost is \$4 per day.

DATE: Tuesdays April 24- June 5 TIME: 4-5 p.m. LOCATION: Hillside Recreation

Center, Waterford Room DETAILS: TGA introduces stu-

dents 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, tgaofmichigan@sbcglobal.net or www.totalgolfadventures.com.

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Business Networking International

TIME/DAY: 7-8:30 a.m. every

DETAILS: Visitors are welcome to all meetings. Reservations required. CONTACT: Jim Green, (248) 345-3302

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 non-fiction, 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

Park Pass

DETAILS: Metroparks and Oakland County Parks are offering a dual park pass. The annual cost is \$43 and can be purchased at any park office. CONTACT: (800) 477-3178 or www.metroparks.com.

Schoolcraft Community College

How to Start a Small Business Seminar

SCHEDULE: 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, 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: 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Wednesday DETAILS: The seminar will pro-

vide 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 Free Concert DATE: Wednesday, March 28 TIME: noon DETAILS: Cellist Debra Fayroian will perform the "Solo Suite for Violoncello" by Cassado and Beethoven's "Sonata in A Major for Piano and Violoncello Opus 69."

CONTACT: Schoocraft College of Music Department, (734) 462-4403 **Multicultural Fair** DATE: Wednesday, March 28 TIME: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. LOCATION: DiPonio Room, VisTaTech Center

DETAILS: This is free fair featuring exhibits from various countries, samples of indigenous foods and entertainment. CONTACT: Kathy Hulik, (734)

462-4417 Allied Health and Nursing Job

Fair DATE: April 4

TIME: 1:30-3:30 p.m. LOCATION: DiPonio Room, VisTaTech Center DETAILS: Representatives from more than 30 health facilities will attend and accept resumes for a full range of health care professionals. CONTACT: Schoolcraft College Career and Transfer Center, (734) 462-4421

Master Gardener Association of Wayne County

DAY: Second Thursday of every month TIME: 7 p.m. **DETAILS: Meet at the** Environmental Interpretive Center at the northwest corner of the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus, 4901 Evergreen Road, between Ford Road and Michigan Avenue.

Noah, The Musicai

DATE: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Through March 25 TIME: 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday LOCATION: Grantland Street Playhouse, 27555 Grantland, Livonia. Located west of Inkster Road and south of I-96. DETAILS: The Motor City Youth Theatre and Grantland Street Players present this musical for the whole family. Tickets are \$10-\$15. All seats are reserved. CONTACT: (313) 535-8962 or go to www.mcyt.org

Western Wayne County **Genealogical Society**

DATE: Monday TIME: 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia DETAILS: The 6:30 p.m. session will be a DVD presentation on touching up photographs. The main speaker for the 7:30 business meeting will be Richard Doherty on "Researching Scottish Records." Meetings are open to the public. CONTACT: Margie, (734) 522-4050 or go to

http://www.rootsweb.com/~miwwcgs/

Walsh College Alumni Association Speed Networking

DATE: Thursday, March 22 TIME: 6-9 p.m. OCATION: GUS O'CONNOLS, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi DETAILS: Network with other professionals one-on-one, a few

Raggedy Ann & Andy

Enjoy a magical adventure this spring with the musical 'Raggedy Ann & Andy' in downtown Northville at the Historic Marquis Theatre, March 17-April 29. America's most loved folk dolls come to life in this action-packed plot. Meet Babette the French

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Saturdays @ 2:30 p.m., March 17, 24, 31, April 14, 21, 28. Sundays @ 2:30 p.m., March 18, 25, April 1, 15, 22, 29.

Monday through Friday @ 2:30 p.m., April 9, 10, 11, 12, 13.

Group rates and reserved seating for 20 or more are available. For more information, please call (248) 349-8110 or visit www.northvillemarquistheatre.com



Ready for Saturday's debut of "Raggedy Ann & Andy" are (left to right) Adam Britten of Novi, Robert Papineau of Livonia and Catherine Flores of Northville.

minutes at a time. The cost is \$15 and can be purchased at the numfor Walsh College students and ber or Web site that follows. alumni, \$20 for general public, CONTACT: (734) 416-9885, or which includes appetizers. Prego to www.plymouthchorus.org registration required by tomorrow.

CONTACT: alumni@walshcol-

lege.edu or call (248) 823-1241

Village Voices Concert

TIME: 4 p.m.

DATE: Sunday, March 25

DETAILS: The BeckRidge

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group, Village Voices, performing

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Kingdom"-by Randall Thompson.

Tickets are \$12 for general seating

LOCATION: Village Theater of

Canton, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton

Noah, The Musical

DATE: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Through March 25 TIME: 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 2 p.m. Sunday

LOCATION: Grantland Street Playhouse, 27555 Grantland, Livonia. Located west of Inkster Road and south of I-96.

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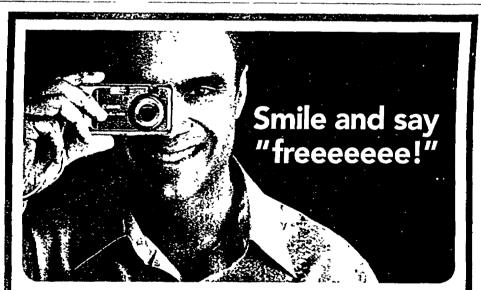


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Fund-raiser for Multiple Sclenosis

DATE: Sunday, March 25 TIME: noon-3 p.m. LOCATION: CIČI'S Pizza, 1663 Canton Center Road, Canton

DETAILS: 10 percent of proceeds from orders will be donated to benefit the National Multiple Sclerosis Society Longest Day of Golf Event. Make sure to tell them that you are there to benefit the National Multiple Scleosis Society. CONTACT: (734) 844-5600

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

Thursday

LOCATION: Eastern Michigan University Livonia Campus, 38777 W Six Mile Road, Suite 400

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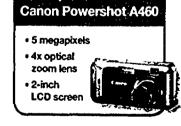
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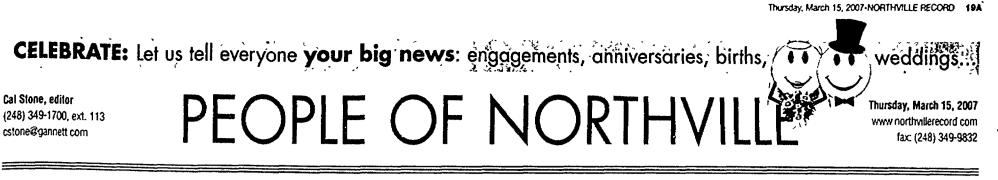
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'Right words': Author considers kids' feelings amidst divorce

Susan McKenna said families will see themselves in the story characters

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Ten-year-old Nathan was sure he was reading about his divorcing mom and dad.

Susan McKenna said that kind of reception to her book - a youngster in the midst of his parents' marital strife identifying with the story - tells her she's onto something. This month, the Northville

Township author will begin a signing tour, promoting "Feelings Only I Know." She said the story about divorcing parents finds the right words of comfort to explain the change to children.

"He thought it was written just for him," McKenna said, "It's just those little feedbacks that I got that I knew."

Starting from 'clueless'

McKenna, 48, who endured a "difficult" divorce in 1992, knows a lot about conflict between separating spouses and potential impact on their children.

Struggling to comfort her two sons, newborn and age 2 at the time of her split, she was dismayed by the lack of material available. The pediatric nurse started collecting stories of wisdom through experience in divorce recovery workshops she created.

"The parents were clueless," she said. "You're so overwhelmed with emotions. It's really emotional because these people are really hunting. "You could just feel the pain in

the room."

She learned from the recurring themes that emerged in front-line anecdotes and incorporated them into workshops, support groups



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Northville Township resident Susan McKenna employed the wisdom she gamered from going through a divorce with kids into writing the children's book "Feelings Only I Know."

and finally, books.

Later this year, her book, More Feelings Only 1 Know will also be available at Barnes and Noble, Amazon com and on ber Web site.

"Fourteen years ago, there was nothing like this out there."

Main message

Over the years, McKenna asked her workshop participants, "Do you love your children more than you hate your ex-spouse?" Her point: Parents need to do what's best for their children

She said scenarios in "Feelings Only I Know" emphasize that core message.

"It takes more than someone telling you it's the right thing to do," she said. "It's hard not to do when you're reading it with your kid.

"It reinforces the right values." McKenna's book was favorably reviewed by Maxine Thome, executive director of the Michigan chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, and other health care professionals.

Two audiences

McKenna said her book explains divorce in a way children can understand, and in a positive light. Also, unlike other books on

the market, the illustrations are children, not animals, so the kids see themselves in the story, she said.

Meanwhile, the book includes a parent guide with advice for making a smooth transition from a two-parent home to living with one and visiting the other.

Compliments from men have been they said this presented them in the most respectable light," she said. "They were surprised when they saw in this book they are very important.

People are always surprised because they expect me to take sides."

If adults pick up even one tip to make the relationship with their former spouse more civil. McKenna said she would be pleased. She dedicated the book to her sons, Eric, 14, and Adam, 16.

"I just never want to see kids go through what my kids went through," she said. "I think this

can become a real peacemaker. "When it comes to your kids, it's whatever it takes to make them healthy."

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'Feelings Only I Know'

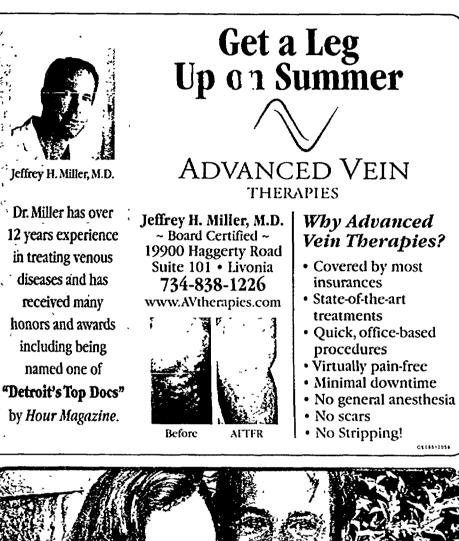
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CAMP IMAGINATION: Ridge Wood Elementary summer science camp gives kids hands-on fun

By Renee Gates RECORD STAFF WRITER

This summer, Tom Boomer would like you to allow your children to visit outer space. experience being stranded on a remote island and develop a communication tool for extra terrestrials.

Just be sure to send them with a bag lunch and their imagination. and pick them up at 3:30 p.m.

Boomer is a fifth grade teacher at Ridge Wood Elementary and the camp director for Camp Invention, a national summer science camp hosted in Northville at Ridge Wood Elementary. This is the camp's second summer in Northville and Boomer's second summer directing it.

"It's not a classroom atmosphere it's like a hands on museum atmosphere," Boomer said.

"I think the difference between this and a science class is, it's all hands-on. You learn a lot of the same stuff you'd see in a class room curriculum. You're just seeing it in a more summer fun and creative way."

Camp Invention is basically a summer day camp for students who are interested in doing science experiments all day long, he said.

"It's all science. No homework. No test. It's just come in and do science experiments, create different things, take things apart and make a mess. It's definitely a mess if you come here during that week."

Science exploration

The five-day camp gives kindergartners through fifth graders the chance to experience five different creative modules during the course of a day. Each module last 45 minutes and engages the child in different science exploratory aspects, Boomer said.

Every year the themes change but consistently they involve exploring new ideas and concepts, problem solving, taking things apart, recreating and invention.

Camp Invention provides all the supplies for the students to use in their building and exploring, but students are also encouraged to bring clean discarded items to use in developing their in-class projects.

"Its fun just to see the kids building and taping, milk cartons and egg carton and old boxes," Boomer said. "I can talk about it but you can't

even imagine. It's stuff to open your imagination and they create with it. It's cool.

The camp is not new to Northville. It was here five years ago, Boomers said.

When it came back last summer it filled up in two months. He had a camp of 110 registered students and 30 on the waiting list.

"It was amazing because no one had really known much about it," he said

"Parents want to get (their chil-

Summer Science Fun

What: Camp Invention at **Ridge Wood Elementary**

Five certified teachers and 10 high school counselors engage k-fifth graders in a hands-on science day camp. Teachers stay in the different modules while the counselors rotate with the kids to assist them with the manual projects

When: July 16-July 20 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

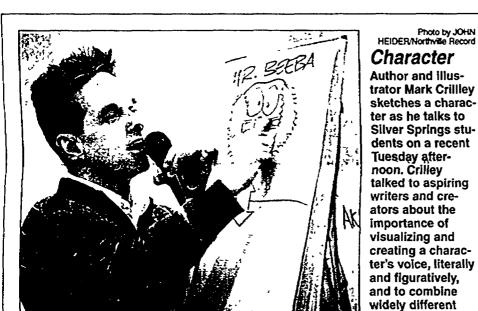
Availability: Limited space, open until full.

Cost: \$219 but discounts are available. Cost covers snacks, drinks and all supplies

Contact: Tom Boomer for more information at (248) 349-7602, or boomerto@northvillek.12.mi.us

dren) involved in something in the summer that's hands-on and exciting and something different than hanging out at the pool."

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Parents concerned about proposed boundary changes

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Boundary forums Friday and Monday

By Renee Gates RECORD STAFF WRITER

If Tuesday's meeting is any indicator, parents have an earful for the Northville Public Schools leaders regarding the proposed attendance boundary plan.

District officials presented to the board the criteria it will use to finalize the 2007-08 attendance boundary plan, and the board opened the floor for questions from the community relating to that criteria.

But parents asked questions relating to the proposed bound-ary plan itself. They received maps of the plan along with the criteria at the start of the meeting.

Parent and community members' comments ranged from how the boundaries were determined to how long the new proposed plan would last and if portables and early childhood classrooms were considered in the plan.

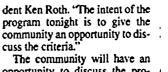
"We're kind of getting ahead of ourselves," said board presi-

Approved Boundary Plan Criteria:

The district will balance the following criteria as the boundary plan is developed

- Keep families together (K-5 children attend same school)
- . Develop a plan that will last for as long as possible
- . Keep neighborhoods together to the extent possible
- · Minimize length of bus rides/transportation costs to the extent possible
- . Students who live close enough to walk to a school

ble (three elementary schools "feed" each middle school).



opportunity to discuss the proposed plan in detail and give feedback to the administration and board members later this week and next week at boundary community forums.

The board approved the six criteria for the district to use in finalizing the boundary plan.

"The next piece of the puzzle is to understand how well this plan meets the criteria by actually looking at the data," said board secretary Joan Wadsworth.

"We do need to look at our enrollment projections as tenuous as they may be ... and see how they play out given these boundaries.

Tuesday's meeting ended in executive session, but parents continued to talk outside the Old Village gymnasium about the potential impact on their children.

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Attendance Boundary Community Forums

Parents and community members can review the proposed 2007-08 Attendance Boundary Plan with district officials and board members and give their feed back during the Attendance Boundary Forums.

Friday, March 16 Ridge Wood Elementary

Cafeteria 9:15 - 10 a.m. and

10:15-11a.m.

Monday, March 19 Thornton Creek

Elementary Cafeteria 6-6:45 p.m. and 7-7:45

p.m. The proposed boundary

changes affect all the districts elementary and middle schools. The Board of Education

will vote on a final attendance boundary plan at the March 27 board meeting at Thornton Creek Elementary School.

View the proposed attendance boundary plan and fill out a feed back form on the district Web site:

http://www.northville.k12 .mi.us/district/boundarymaps.asp or pick up a * copy at the Board of education office. -

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Julie Foucher smiles at the five medals she won at the Michigan High School Division II gymnastics state finals last weekend. Foucher placed third in four events at the and won the all-around with a total of 36.675 points.

Reynolds, Winter also claim medals at states for 'Stangs

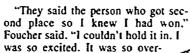
Foucher stays in top three in all four individual events

By Jeff Theisen RECORD SPORTS WRITER

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Four steady performances turned Northville gymnast Julie Foucher from a third-place finisher into an all-around champion Saturday at the state finals.

Foucher was third in all four of her individual events, but staying in the top three in all events put her atop the podium.



whelming and just such a good feeling.

"When I finished the meet, I knew I had a really good meet. I knew I had a good chance, but I didn't know for sure.

Her scores were 9.45 on the vault, 9.325 floor, 9.175 beam and 8.725 bars for an overall score of 36.675 for the top score in Division 2 and good for five medals. Farmington's Jill Haapaniemi was

second with 36.450 points.

Foucher's junior season was cut short when she broke her foot. This season was a dream ending for her.

Three All-State athletes and a 2007 all-around champion ... not too shabby for a team that almost wasn't." Northville head coach Erin McWatt said. "This has been a fantastic season for the girls.

Mustang teammate Amy Reynolds finished 17th in the all-around with 34.525 points.

Reynolds claimed a medal with an eighth-place finish on the floor (9.15).

Julie Davison tied for 18th on the beam with an 8,700.

In Division I, Cassidy Winter won a medal with a 10th-place finish on the beam with a 9.375. She also placed 20th on the vault (9.050).

Makenna Pohl placed 11th on the bars (9.175) and (29th) on the floor (8.525).

The Mustangs will have a large group of underclassmen with state experience returning. Foucher hopes her experience will help the next couple of classes of Mustangs achieve their goals.

"I just want all the girls to work very hard," Foucher said. "Everyone has potential if they work really hard. Make it great and have fun."

Northville also placed in the top 10 1700, ext. 104

in the team competition with a ninthplace finish.

Holt won the title with 148.325 points. Grand Ledge finished runner up with 146.7. Northville tallied 141 550.

Foucher led the team with by scoring 36 80 in her four team events. Pohl was next with a 35.30, and Cassidy Winter was just behind her with a 35.25

We'll be back next year with bells on." McWatt said. "The girls have a lot to be proud of and a lot to be praised for. In the future I believe that we'll be an even stronger force."

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Mustangs hockey squad tripped up in quarterfinal



Northville's Anthony Deneau looks for open space against Orchard Lake St. Mary's during the Division I quarterfinal game at the Ice Cube in Ann Arbor. St. Mary's advanced with a 4-1 victory.

■ Northville falls to eventual state champs for fifth straight year in playoffs

Submitted to the Northville Record

The Northville Boys Varsity Hockey team finished a season to be proud of last week, culminating with their match against Orchard Lake St. Mary's in Ann Arbor last Wednesday

night. For the fifth season in a row, the Mustangs lost to the eventual state champions, 4-1.

In spite of the loss, Northville has established that they are a contender in high school

hockey. The Mustangs tied for first place in their division and took home the regional championship by defeating last year's

state champion, the Brighton Bulldogs.

Orchard Lake St. Mary's took the first-goal advantage early in the first period of the quarterfinal game when they exploited a giveaway low in the zone.

Northville responded with intensity, matching OLSM's offensive grit and giving both groups of fans a game to watch. Senior goaltender Andrew Flynn made two incredible back-to-back saves halfway through the period. and OLSM's goaltender didn't relent on a single shot. The period ended with shots on net tied at 8-8. Northville trailed 1-0 at the end

of the first.

The first two goals of the second were both OLSM's, who benefited from another giveaway followed by a power play goal with about nine minutes on the clock. Mustangs

refused to let up, and finally their hard work paid

off about half way through the period when sophomore Drew Lamoureux sent the puck down

Northville Honors

All-Western Division Brandon Wales, senior forward

Honorable Mention Anthony Deneau, senior Steve Dawson, senior Mike Garbacz, senior Wes Gates, sophomore Matt Kreager, sophomore

low, and senior Anthony Deneau picked it up and slid it across to senior Steve Dawson, who fought off the defensemen in front to slam it home, closing the gap to 3-1.

The Mustang's momentum was short lived as OLSM racked up another goal 20 seconds later. Flynn made two gorgeous saves in the last minute of the period, and Northville ended up outshooting their opponent 19-18, but the

continued on 2B



On the move Getting started in the spring

't may not seem like it when you head outdoors but spring is right around the corner. Despite the recent cold and snow, we have had a pretty mild fall and winter for running outside — at least until mid-January.

Then there was the Super

Bowl 5K in Novi with a temperature of -5 degrees and a wind chill of -25. This

brought out the hardiest (or craziest)

321 runners in Jerry Mittman the area. But with extra lay-

ers of clothing, heavy duty mittens or gloves, a variety of face masks and/or hats, and a little Vaseline on exposed skin, everyone survived and had a good time.

There are a number of running and walking events held in the area during the winter months. They provide an excellent opportunity to stay active and get ready for the spring season. Check out the schedule on RunMichigan.com.

Plan Ahead

If you have not already done so, now is the time to set some running goals for 2007. Your goals should be as specific as possible. Some suggestions are:

• A new distance to run. · A particular race to participate in.

• A specific finish time. • Or for marathoners: qualifying for the Boston Marathon.

And remember, your goals are not necessarily the end point. Most of the time, they are stepping stones toward more challenging goals. Over time, my goals evolved from running a 5K to a 10K, then a half marathon, a full marathon and subsequently to qualify for Boston. My current goal is run a marathon or half marathon in every state.

This is also a good time to plan your race schedule for the year - at least the major events. Having a specific event on the calendar is an excellent motivator.



Mustang senior Chris Keady participated in two All-American swims during states.

'Stangs take third

By Jeff Theisen **RECORD SPORTS WRITER**

Northville turned in a top-three performance at the state swimming meet the past weekend at Oakland University.

Brother Rice won with 231 points, followed by Zeeland with 207.5 and Northville with 193 points. Grand Rapids Forest Hills finished one point behind Northville.

Mustangs coach Rich Bennetts admitted finishing higher than last year (fourth) was an improvement, but he and his team were hoping for even bigger things.

"We're happy with bringing home a trophy from states," he said. "But we set a higher goal for ourselves. I'm disappointed in myself because I didn't get the most out of the kids.

"I don't fault the effort of the kids. They went out there and laid it on the line for me. I feel like I let them down a little bit this year. That's on me."

Two All-American performances were turned in by the Mustangs. The 400 freestyle relay of Chris Keady, Will Blickle, Chris Culkin and Brody Blickle finished second in 3:08.73, setting a new Northville all-time record.

"It's going to be a top-20 (time) in the entire nation," Bennetts

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said "That's a bonafide swim at (1:38.40). the end of the meet. It did get us third (place).'

Keady also turned in an All-America time in the 200 individual medley with a third-place finish in 1:53.39, also setting a new school record.

"It was nice to send the seniors on their way with a couple of var-sity records," Bennetts said. "As far as the seniors go, I couldn't be more proud of them. They've done a tremendous amount for Northville swimming. This class finishes up with records in eight of the 12 events.

"I hate to see them leave, but they're going to be successful in whatever they do."

Other top finishes included Brody Blickle with second-place finish in the 200 freestyle (1:43.00) and a fifth-place finish in the 100 backstroke (53.24) and a fourth-place finish for the 200 freestyle team of Brody Blickle. Culkin, Kyle Adams and Jon Bardsley (1:28.04).

The Mustangs placed three in the top 15 in the 500 freestyle. Keady placed second in (4:38.98), followed by Will Blickle in seventh (4:48.29) and Bardsley in 13th (4:49.94).

The 200 freestyle relay team of Will Blickle, Keady, Joe Kargula and Culkin placed seventh

Northville wrestling

Jonny D'Anna picked up valuable experience at the state wrestling meet Saturday at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

D'Anna's bid to place came up short, but as a junior, he will have another shot at the state meet.

"I am so happy for D'Anna. He really stepped up this season and became the leader of this squad," Northville head coach Jeff Balagna said. "I think it is important to see the state meet as a junior so you know what to expect as a senior"

Northville's 119-pounder got off to a great start with a 15-4 major decision victory against Brighton's Kenny Richmond.

"He came out on fire in the first round," Balagna said. "He took it straight to him and didn't give him an inch.'

Justin Gides of Chippewa Valley handed D'Anna his first loss, 7-3. D'Anna's tournament ended with a tough, 1-0 loss to Jamie Preiss of Wayne Memorial.

"Jonny really did a nice job dealing with the pressure of the state finals," Balagna said. "It was nice to see so many teammates there cheering him on. They got to see what it was all about and why we work so hard all season long.

Sports Shorts

Northville High School pom tryouts

Northville varsity and junior varsity pom pon tryouts begin 6:30 p.m. March 29 in the main gym.

Tryout packets are available on the NHS athletic website: http://www.northville.k12.mi.us/nhs/athletics/athleticshome.htm Also, pom clinics run March 26-28 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. each

night in the main gym. For more information, contact Christie Wilson at (734) 306-6982.

Northville Youth Hoops Signup

Northville Parks and Rec. spring basketball league for boys in grades eight and nine and 10-12 is under way.

Practices begin March 19, and games begin March 27. Teams will play an eight-game schedule, ending May 24. Coaches and volunteers are needed.

For more information, call Dave DeMattos at (248) 349-0203, ext. 1405.

Novi Wildcat Preseason Baseball Camp

The Wildcat preseason baseball camp for players age 7 to 14 is set for March 17 at the Novi High School fieldhouse gym. The morning session will run from 8:30 a.m. to noon with registration beginning at 8 a.m. The afternoon session runs from 1-4:30 p.m. with registration beginning at 12:30 p.m.

The fee is \$55 at the door, or \$50 for early registration. Early registration is due by March 14.

For more information, contact Novi coach Rick Green at rrgreen@servicesports.net or call (248) 420-6637. Checks can be mailed to the high school (24062 Taft Rd., Novi, Ml, 48375) care of Rick.

Celebrity bowlathon

The Detroit Lions' Barry Stokes is hosting a bowlathon March 24 at Drakeshire Lanes in Farmington. The money raised will go towards the Barry Stokes Foundation, Michigan Elks Youth Association and Eastern Food Bank.

The day will feature a meet and greet at from 10-11 a.m., lane draw at noon, bowling from 1-4 p.m. with raffles, 50-50 and a silent auction running throughout the day.

For more information, call (248) 229-4325.

Youth hoop tourney openings

The North American Youth Sports announced openings in the spring youth basketball tournament at the Inkster Recreation Complex for the April 20-22 tournament.

The tournament features brackets for fifth-sixth grade boys and girls, seventh grade boys and girls, eighth grade boys and girls, ninth and 10th grade boys and girls and 11-12th grade boys and girls.

The fee is \$100 for a two-game guarantee. The entry deadline is March 30.

For additional information, contact the NAYS spring tournament hotline at (866) 352-5915 or tournament director Ruth Williams at (734) 728-7530.

Hockey tryouts

The Novi JV/Prep Hockey Club will be holding tryouts for the 2007 Spring team on March 17 from 7:30-9 p.m. at Suburban Ice Arena and on March 18 from 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Farmington Ice Arena. Must be enrolled in Novi Schools to participate. All current eighth, ninth and 10th graders are eligible.

The team will be coached by John O'Leary. For more information, contact Paul Flavin at 248-380-5142 or email at noviwild@yahoo.com.

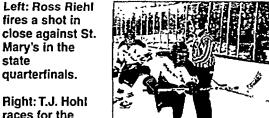
Diesel tryouts

The Detroit Diesels, a minor league football team is holding tryouts 2:30-5;30 p.m. March 24 at the High Velocity Sports Center: 46245 Michigan Avenue in Canton. Tryouts are \$30 and for ages 18 and up.

For more information, call (313) 294-0890 or www.dieselsfootball.com.



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Keep a Record

A training log is very helpful in keeping on schedule and measuring progress. Typical entries include: day, distance, time, course, weather, and how one did or felt. There are numerous training logs available online, at running stores or through running magazines. A calendar also works well.

Website of the Month

Have you ever wondered what your finish time in a particular distance equates to for other distances? Check out runnersworld.com and go to the "Training Calculator" in the "Training" section. I found it to be quite accurate.

Upcoming Events

• Sunday, April 1: The Martian Invasion of Races comes to Dearborn and Hines Drive. The marathon and half marathon start at 8:30 a.m. and the Meteor 10K is off at 9 a.m. There is also a Kid's Mini-Marathon and a 20-mile training run. All events start at U-M Dearborn. (www.martianmarathon com)

Northville resident Jerry Mittman is an avid runner and was appointed as Oakland County Fitness Ambassador by Gov. Granholm. He has completed over 590 races, including 55 marathons. He can be contacted at jjm997@hotmail.com.



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Hockey loses

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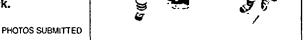
The Mustangs came out in the third looking to score, and OLSM systematically shut them down with an impressive defensive strategy and more outstanding goaltending. Deneau did manage to knock one past the goaltender in the third, but the goal was disallowed due to a dislodged net.

With only a couple of minutes left in the game, shots on net were 29-20 Mustangs, but Northville penalties gave away a 5-3 advantage, and the final tally of shots was 29-27. St. Mary's skated away with a 4-1 victory.

Ten talented seniors were a big part of the Mustang's success this season, and they played their last game for Northville. The seniors are defensemen Tyler Probst and Kevin Ruzylo; forwards Steve Dawson, Anthony Deneau, Mike Garbarz, Ian Jezak, Kyle Storey, Brandon Wales and Kyle Ziomek, and goaltender Andrew Flynn.



Northville senior Anthony Deneau looks for the puck against St. Mary's.



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Mustangs end season with district loss to Canton

By Jeff Theisen RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Opening district games haven't been kind to the Northville Mustangs the past two years.

The Mustangs received a bye in the opening round, but lost to Canton for the second time in two games, 61-51, ending the Mustangs' season.

It was the fourth meeting between the teams this year, with Northville winning the first two and Canton winning the final two.

Northville struggled out of the gate, falling in a 9-0 hole before inching back to 13-6 by the end of the first quarter.

Canton's Neil Sharma scored

11 of the Chiefs' 13 points in the first.

The Mustangs pulled within 13-11 after Alvin Storrs sank a three and Mike Rogers nailed a jumper in the first minute of the second quarter.

The Chiefs fought off the attack and maintained a 28-20 halftime lead.

Northville made its best run of the night in the third. Picking away at the lead through the first half of the quarter, Storrs stole a pass and dropped in the layup for the Mustangs first lead of the night, 35-34 with 3:18 left.

Moments later, Bret Spencer converted an old-fashioned threepoint play for a 38-36 lead. It would be the final lead for the Mustangs.

Canton ripped off the final six points of the quarter for a 42-38 lead going into the fourth.

The Chiefs started the fourth on a mini 6-2 run for an eight-point lead. With less than 3:30 to play, a Mike Rogers bucket pulled the

Mustangs within 50-46. Canton called a timeout and regrouped for a final push that buried the Mustangs.

An 11-2 run left the Mustangs down 61-48 with just over a minute to play.

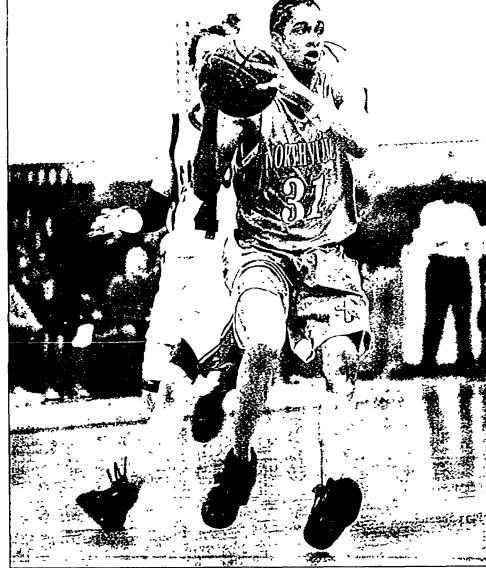
Storrs ended the scoring with a three-pointer, but the party was on for the Chiefs.

Storrs led all scorers with 22 points, 15 of which came in the second half. Dan Kirkpatrick was next for the Mustangs with 10 points. Rogers chipped in eight points, and Spencer tallied seven.

Sharma led the Chiefs with 19 points. Josh Butler scored 12, and Ryan Waidmann scored 10 of his 11 in the final quarter.

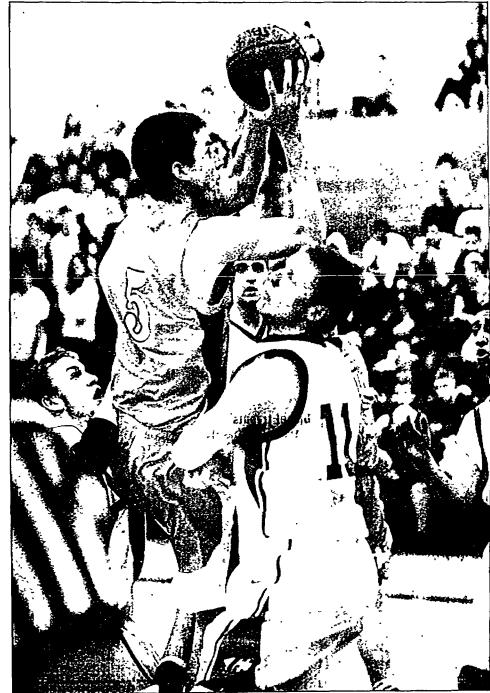
The 18-3 Mustangs finish the season with the third-best record in school history. Last year's record of 20-1 is the record.

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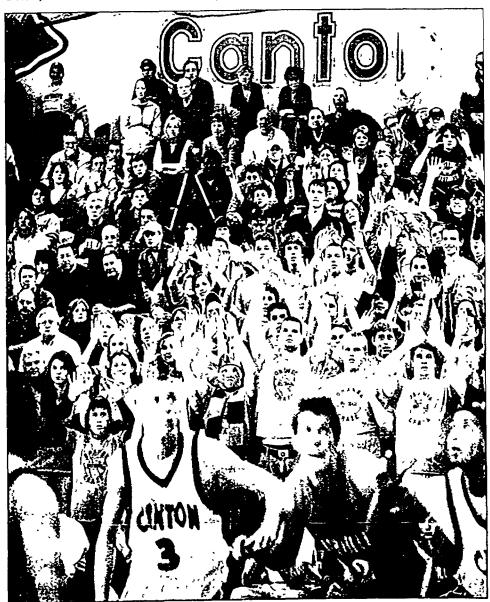
Northville guard Steve Anderson searches the court to make a pass.





Above, Dan Kirkpatrick rises for a shot against Canton.

Below, The Northville crowd encourages the Mustangs against Canton.



Above, Players look for the call after a scramble for a the ball.

Below, Alvin Storrs looks for space in the lane against Canton.



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National Peanut Month With Natural Peanut Butter

FAMILY FEATURES

Peanut butter has long been a favorite pantry staple; in fact Americans eat enough peanut butter in a year to make more than 10 billion peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. But, peanut butter can be enjoyed many more ways than just a sandwich. Smucker's' Natural Peanut Butter encourages consumers to celebrate National Peanut Month by offering unique and fun recipes using peanut butter. Smucker's Natural Peanut Butter creamy and chunky varieties offer a robust peanut flavor, made from peanuts and salt. Natural peanut butter is a great way to enjoy that natural peanut taste. There are many ways to enjoy natural peanut butter. Spread natural peanut butter on apples and celery for a quick snack. Or try adding natural peanut butter to some of your favorite desserts or savory dishes. You may notice that the peanut oil sometimes rises to the top of the jar. This occurs naturally, and the oil simply needs to be stirred back in to fully enjoy the product.

Did You Know?

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- Two grams of fiber
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Peanut Butter and Apple Stuffed Pork Chops

Makes 4 servings

- 4 3/4-inch-thick center cut pork chops, fat trimmed
- 1/4 cup Smucker's* Natural Creamy Peanut Butter
- 1/4 cup seasoned bread crumbs, toasted*
- 1/2 cup finely chopped apple (packed)
- large shallot, minced (or 1/4 cup minced onion)
- 1/2 cup Smucker's* Apple or Currant Jelly, melted (for basting, if desired) Salt and pepper to taste Crisco* No-Stick Cooking Spray
- With small knife, make a "pocket" in each pork chop by cutting horizontally from outside edge almost to the bone.
- In medium bowl, mix together remaining ingredients except jelly, salt and pepper. Shape stuffing mixture into 4 equal patties.
- Spread each meat pocket open and put one stufting patty into each pork chop. Using wooden toothpicks (2 to 3 per chop), close each pocket to prevent stuffing from falling out during cooking.
- 4 Preheat oven to 450 F. Spray posk chops lightly with Crisco No-Stick Cooking Spray. Place large, oven-proof frying pan over medium-high heat until hot. Place pork chops in pan and cook about 8 minutes, turning often, or until wellbrowned on both sides.
- 5. Remove pan from stove and place in hot oven to cook another 20 minutes. If desired, baste pork chops with jelly during last 5 minutes of cooking time. When pork chops are done, remove toothpicks and season with salt and pepper.

*To toast bread crumbs, place crumbs on foil-lined baking pan and bake in 300 F oven (or toaster oven) 3 to 5 minutes or until lightly browned

Peanut Butter Salad Dressing

Makes 4 servings

- 1/2 cup Smucker's" Natural Creamy Peanut Butter
- 1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons freshly brewed tea, room temperature
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 1-1/2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon rice or cider vinegar
- .1 teaspoon grated orange peel
- 1 to 2 garlie cloves, mineed

Mix dressing ingredients in medium bow1. Stir until mixture is blended and smooth (Dressing will keep two days)

Buckeye Balls

Makes 8 dozen

- 1-1/2 cups Sinucker's* Natural Creamy Peanut Butter
 - 1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 3 to 4 cups confectioners' sugar

Coating:

- 1 pound chocolate flavor candy coating 2 tablespoons Crisco[•] Shortening
- 1. Combine Smucker's Natural Creamy Peanut Butter, butter or margarine, vanilla and salt in large bowl Beat at low speed of electric mixer until blended. Add 2 cups sugar. Beat until blended.
- Continue adding 1/2 cup sugar at a time until mixture shaped into ball will hold onto toothpick. Shape into 3/4 inch balls. Place on tray. Chill.
- 3. For coating, combine candy coating and *Crisco* Shortening in microwave-safe bowl.
- Microwave at 50% (medium) for 30 seconds. Stir. Repeat until mixture is smooth. Insert toothpick in candy ball. Dip three-fourths of ball into melted coating. Scrape off excess.
- Place on waved paper lined tray. Remove toothpick. Smooth over holes. Refrigerate until coating is firm; then remove from paper. Store at room temperature in covered container.

Cream of Peanut Soup

Makes 8 servings

- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup chopped carrot
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1/4 cup Pillsbury* BEST All Purpose Flour
- 2 12-1/2-ounce cans chicken broth
- 1 12-1/2-ounce can vegetable broth
- 1 cup Smucker's* Natural Chunky
- Peanut Butter
- 1/2 cup half-and-half

Cook onion, carrot and celery in butter over heat in medium saucepan until tender. Stir in *Pillsbury* BEST All Purpose Flour; mix well. Add chicken broth and vegetable broth; stir until thickened. Stir peanut butter into soup; mix until well blended. Reduce heat to low; cook 10 to 15 minutes or until flavors are blended. Stir in half-and-half. Season to taste.

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ADVERTISEMENT **Announcing the Flexsteel** sale at Your Nesting Place



Chris Meredith, owner of Your Nesting Place in Milford, is offering 40 percent off the entire Flexsteel furniture line until March 20. Meredith also travels to private homes for design consultations while working within any budget.

By Kate Phillips SPECIAL WRITER

High-quality furniture has never been more affordable with a 40-percent-off sale at Your Nesting Place in Milford.

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All special-order Flexsteel furniture is 40 percent off until March 20.

This is an incredible sale," said owner Chris Meredith. "If you are thinking of buying furniture, this is the time to do it."

The entire Flexsteel line is on sale for 40 percent off, including sofas, chairs, coffee tables, love seats, recliners, beds, dressers and dining-room tables.

FURNITURE THAT LASTS

The store carries Flexsteel because it is high-quality, well-styled furniture. Consumer Reports named Flexsteel sofas as "best buy" in a recent publication.

"This furniture is wonderful quality with moderate prices," said Meredith. "It will look great for many years to come.

"It can stand up to kids, pets, and day-today wear. It's what I have in my own

YOUR NESTING PLACE

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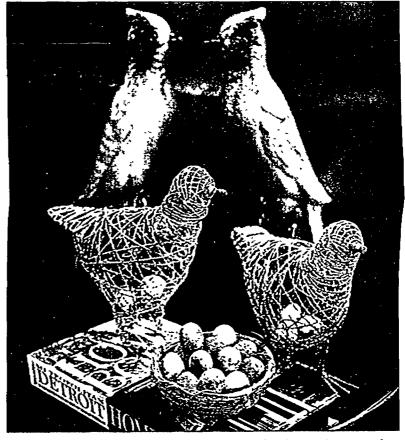
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interesting and comfortable space in their home. The store carries a large selection of rugs, lamps, artwork, decorative accessories and reasonably priced gifts.

With spaces set up in various styles and color palettes, customers can get an idea of how to decorate their own home. Those looking for something to spruce up a room will notice all sorts of possibilities.

With just one step into Your Nesting Place, it's instantly clear that Your Nesting Place is different. Meredith shops the shows and markets herself to hand-select items that aren't found in other stores. She also re-finishes, paints and mixes antiques in with the new in her home --- and at Your Nesting Place. Sometimes customers fall in love with a vintage piece because it reminds them of something from the past. "Decorating is about choosing things that you love that are interesting to look at," said Meredith. "It shouldn't be painful. If you see something you love, take it home and you'll eventually find the right spot for it





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With standard and designer collections, the Flexsteel line runs the gamut from traditional to semi-modern.

Your Nesting Place is a Flexsteel gallery, so it has all products available in thousands of choices of fabrics, including exclusive designer fabrics.

CUSTOM FURNITURE

The staff at Your Nesting Place can help choose a couch or chairs in fabric that will compliment the surroundings and wear well. There's something special about creating a unique look with custom furniture.

Some people think that custom furniture is costly and time consuming," said Meredith. "But it doesn't have to be. We can help you choose furniture that you will love that still doesn't cost a lot."

Taking the time to create just the right look with special-order furniture is sometimes a better idea than buying whatever furniture happens to be available. Meredith said. But for those that like to buy off the floor, Your Nesting Place stocks floor modets, which are affordably priced.

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Your Nesting Place is a source of inspiration for those who are trying to create an

DESIGN HELP

Meredith also travels to private homes for design consultations. Meredith is an MSUeducated designer who has perfected her skills by working with hundreds of customers over the course of her career.

She can help customers create an amazing, unique space with new pieces or will give suggestions on rearranging furniture and adding accessories. Design service also can include prioritizing furniture selections. identifying paint colors, creating wallscape designs and ensuring overall design consistency while working within any budget

Your Nesting Place is a source of inspiration for those who are trying to create an interesting and comfortable space in their home.

Working with a designer doesn't actually cost more," said Meredith. "I can help save you from costly mistakes, such as a paint color or sofa selection. And I can help you get a good price on the pieces you need so that you can have a room you love without going over your budget."

THANKS CUSTOMERS!

It's been three years since Your Nesting Place moved onto Main Street in downtown Milford, Meredith has owned Your Nesting Place for five of its 12 years in business.

We've had such a good time getting to know people in Milford," said Meredith. We've enjoyed the friendly people."

Meredith is thankful that customers continue to embrace the store, coming in for ideas and design tips even if they aren't buying. She loves being a small-village shop where people come to socialize and browse.

"We are so thankful that our customers enjoy the store and have supported us throughout the years," said Meredith. "The people of Milford have been fabulous. Some love the store so much that they bring in their friends from out-of-town

"We appreciate that our customers choose to support the downtown stores so that the downtown is a growing, thriving area

Chris and her husband, Jason, with kids Anna, 9, and Tommy, 6, have made Milford their home for the past six years --- and plan to stav

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ADVERTISEMENT **Vision restored at Adelson** Brothers' team approach benefits patients' eyesight

By Kate Phillips SPECIAL WRITER

Howard Adelson and his brother. Dr. Todd Adelson, are two of the leading eye surgeons in the state, but the questions they are often asked have nothing to do with vision.

Everyone wants to know what it is like for the brothers to work together.

The truth is that the brothers still get along well, even after Todd Adelson joined Adelson Eye and Laser Center last summer.

"It's been nice working together," said Todd Adelson. "We've known for many years that we wanted to practice together, so it just seems natural.

"We always got along well as kids and have remained close over the years. We compliment each other very well and have an easy working relationship."

WINNING TEAM

This team of two brothers has proven very beneficial for patients as well. They both specialize in ophthalmology and laser eye surgery, but have varied backgrounds and experience.

Dr. Todd Adelson is a graduate from the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed his residency in ophthalmology at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in affiliation with the world-renowned Wills Eye Hospital. He then performed a fellowship in cataract and refractive surgery through Michigan State University.

Dr. Howard Adelson earned his undergraduate degree at the University of Michigan and attended medical school at Des Moines University School of Osteopathic Medicine. He served his residency and completed his fellowship in cataract and refractive surgery in conjunction with Michigan State University. He is a board-certified ophthalmologist and a fellow of the American Osteopathic College of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology.

Both doctors are on the leading edge of their field. They are among only a handful of doctors in Michigan who have completed fellowships in refractive surgery and advanced microsurgery of the eye. They both have a great deal of experience and have performed thousands of laser, cataract and refractive surgeries.

"It is nice that my brother and 1 each have slightly different backgrounds, so if one of us has a question, the other probably has the answer," said Todd Adelson. "We've chosen the same specialty but we've taken very different paths. "Our experience and training makes a big difference," said Howard Adelson.



Dr. Todd Adelson prepares to check patient Sarah Connor for macular degeneration and glaucoma with the aid of a laser scanner.



"When we are able to help patients get rid of their glasses they truly have a higher quality of life," said Todd Adelson. "It's wonderful."

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Eyeglass wearers can actually be restored to better than 20/20 vision with the latest lens implants or LASIK surgery

"The results speak for themselves," said Howard Adelson. "We help people get rid of their glasses and see the world around them more clearly. Patients refer others to us because they are so happy with their results."

Those who choose a corrective procedure are never the same afterward. Life is easier without the bother of glasses and contacts. There's just something special about waking up in the morning and having clear vision, when the world usually looks like a blur

These highly trained physicians use the latest technology to achieve the best results possible. They specialize in painless laser surgery that is easy on patients because it requires no stitches, shots or eye patches.

We've implemented the latest surgical techniques," said Howard Adelson. "That means quicker recovery, better results and less chance of complications."

One of the most exciting developments in refractive surgery is the ReStor and ReZoom lenses, which have the ability to adjust to multiple distances. Unlike previous lenses, the latest versions offer quick focus and better vision - both near and far.

In addition, the Adelsons offer CustomVue LASIK. This newer version of LASIK surgery improves vision plus reduces or eliminates the halos and glare of nighttime driving. Dr. Howard Adelson is a pioneer in the field of CustomVue LASIK and has performed thousands of successful procedures.

For some patients, the perfect option is the non-invasive Conductive Keratoplasty, or CK, procedure. It can reduce or climinate far-sightedness and presby opia without surgery.

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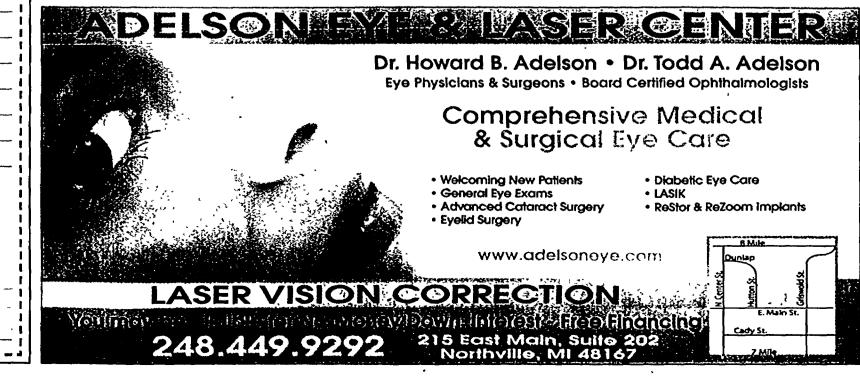
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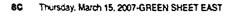
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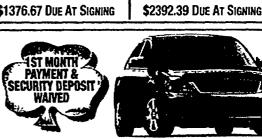
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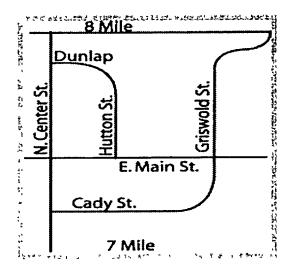
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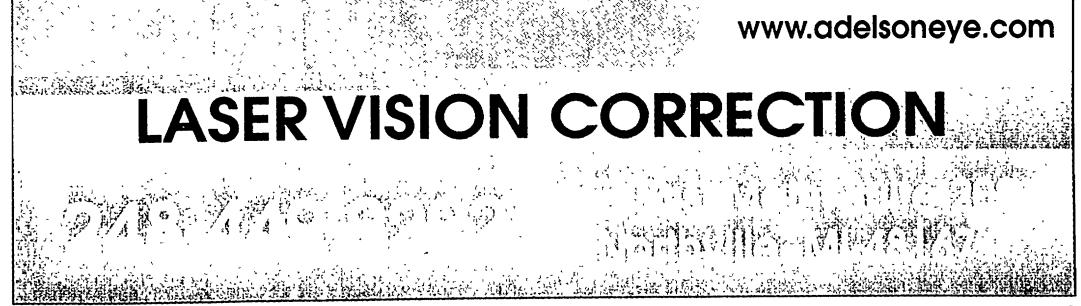
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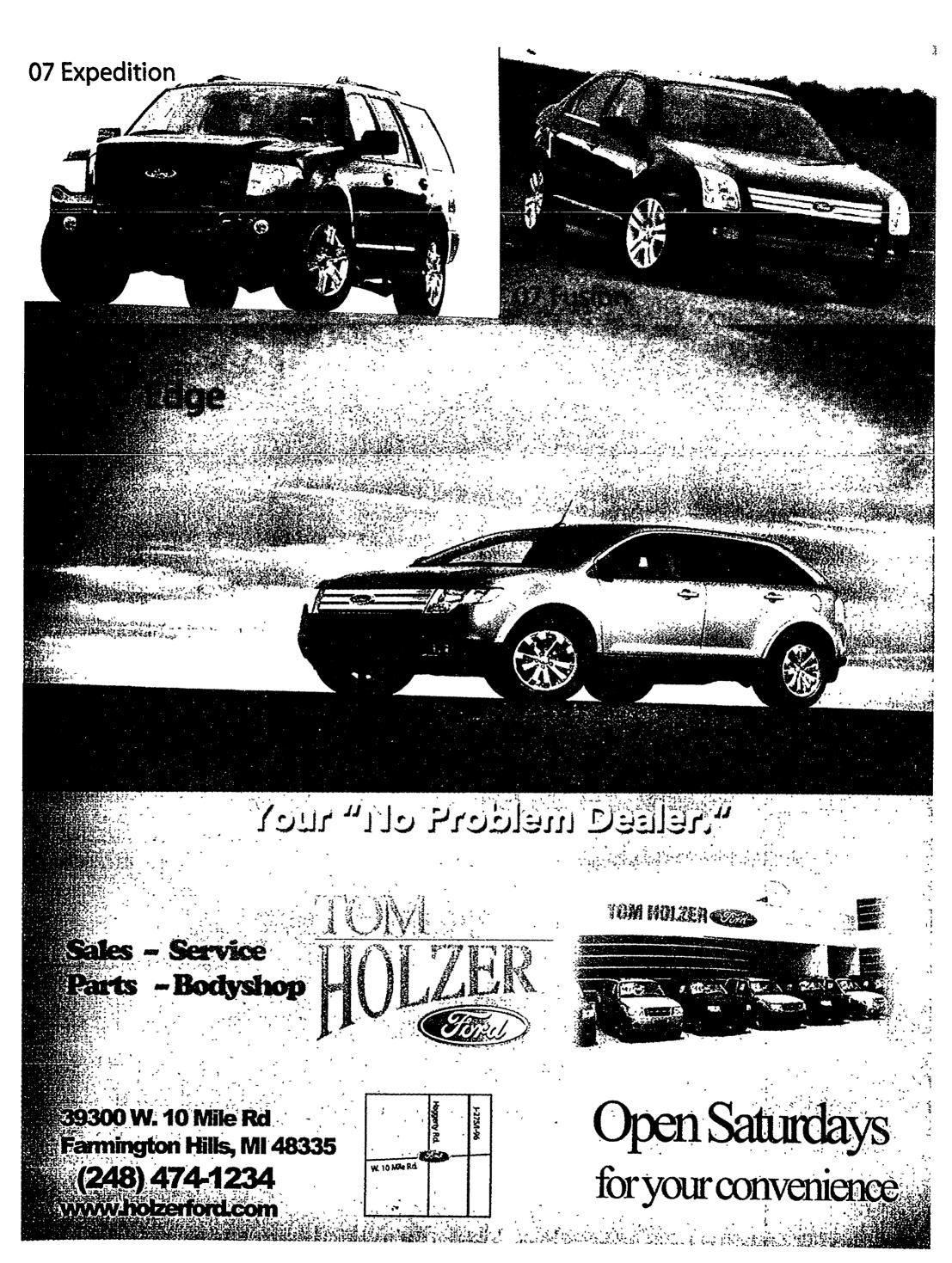
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We're then reminded of those who followed in their footsteps, carrying on traditions, adding nuance while making sure basic values were passed one generation to the next.

Welcome to the New World! Welcome to Northville, where families have discovered, and carefully nurtured, small town living.

Along Northville's quaint downtown district, where Victorian facades proudly smile back at visitors who stroll through Main Street shops, discovery never ends.

Modern day explorers slip into this shop or that one. Residents entertain friends at local restaurants. Visitors park the car and spend the afternoon walking through picturesque neighborhoods.

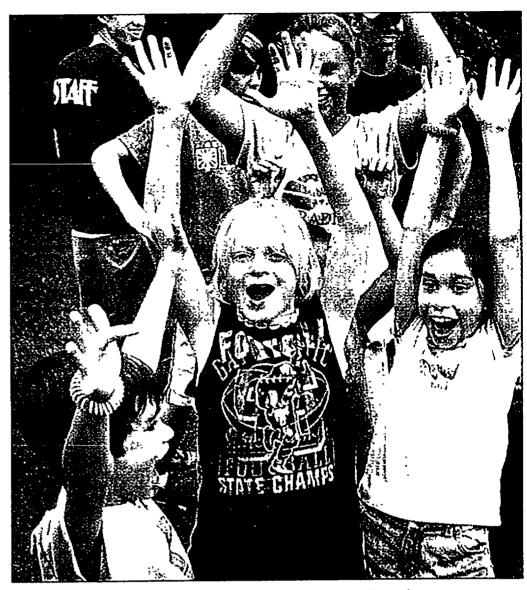
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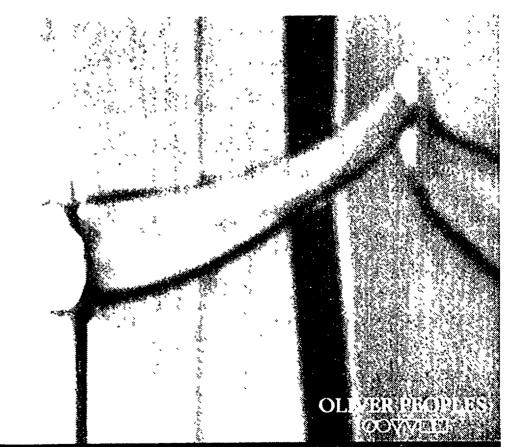
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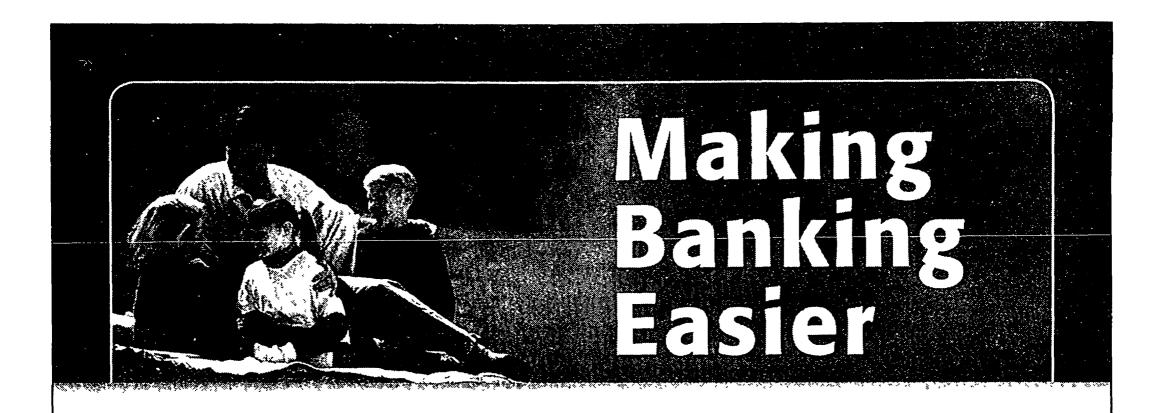
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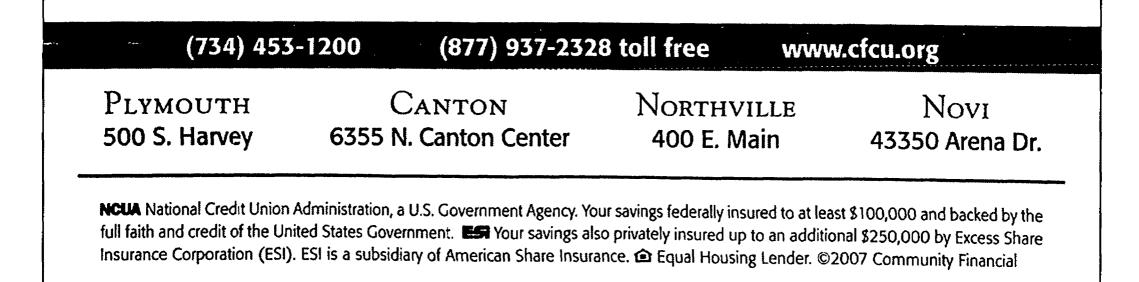
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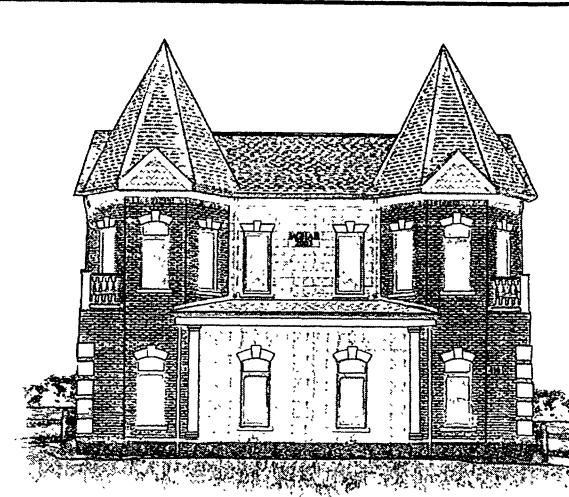
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City of Northville – Mayor's Welcome

Welcome to the City of Northville! We are delighted that you are here in our community exploring the many attractions and events that make Northville one of the most visited places in Southeast Michigan. You will find a warm, inviting community full of friendly people. We think that you will want to return often.

Northville is a truly unique place and you will understand why when you explore our downtown. There are a variety of shops and restaurants that appeal to all. You will find merchants that offer their customers quality items ranging from fresh bread to unique garden items.

The Town Square in the heart of downtown is a place



of great activity. Soon, the City hopes to add to this area in order to make the downtown even more inviting. Please excuse the dust as the project progresses.

Perhaps you will be lucky enough to experience a sum-

mer Friday night band concert sponsored by the Northville Arts Commission, or you may experience one of our many signature parades. Those include: A respectful Memorial Day parade and ceremony, a celebration of the 4th of July, the Victorian Festival parade, our Homecoming parade and our lighted Santa parade.

You may wish to stroll the historic neighborhoods that are adjacent to downtown. If so, you will be surprised by the beauty and majesty of these well-preserved structures of the Victorian era. Northville prides itself on being one of the first communities in Michigan to initiate a historic district to preserve and maintain its architectural heritage.

You will find a community

that enjoys the various seasons. It could be Art in the Sun, the family friendly Halloween celebration or Fire and Ice in the winter. Northville is the place!

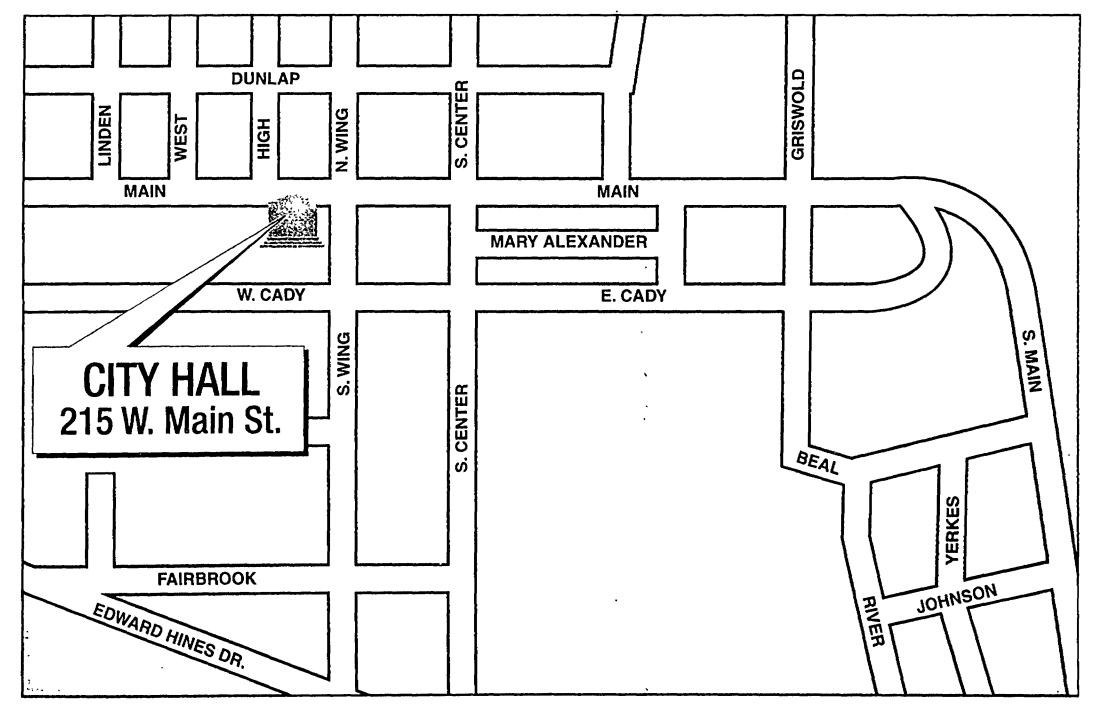
Do not forget some of our most popular attractions including the Mill Race Village on Griswold Street, Ford Field Park, Fish Hatchery Park, Parmenter's Cider Mill, the Northville Downs and the Northville water well.

Whether you are a long-time resident reacquainting yourself with our town or first time visitor, you are special to us. Enjoy your visit and again, Welcome to Northville!

> Christopher J. Johnson Mayor City of Northville

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Liam Yeomans, 8, showing his patriotism, sports an American Flag painted on his face as he watches the Fourth of July Parade.

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A little bit of Northville goes a long way

The City of Northville is a distinctive community of approximately 6,500 residents located on the western fringe of the Detroit Metro area. The city was incorporated as a village in 1867 and as a city in 1955. The 2.2-square-mile area is equally divided between Wayne and Oakland counties and is about 30 minutes from downtown Detroit and 25 minutes from downtown Ann Arbor. The major thoroughfares of 1-275 and M-14 are nearby.

The Northville area is known for its rolling hills and attractive countryside. The city retains a small-town atmosphere with stately Victorian-era architecture in its Historic District and well-kept older homes built before the 1930s. The housing mixture includes single-family residences, condominiums and multi-family complexes. A walk to downtown boasts of old-fashioned street lamps, benches, specialty shops, galleries, theaters, restaurants, businesses and preserved landmarks.

The city is part of the award-winning Northville School District that has six elementary, two middle and one senior high school. The math and reading MEAP scores for the Northville Public Schools district run about 35 percent above state averages.

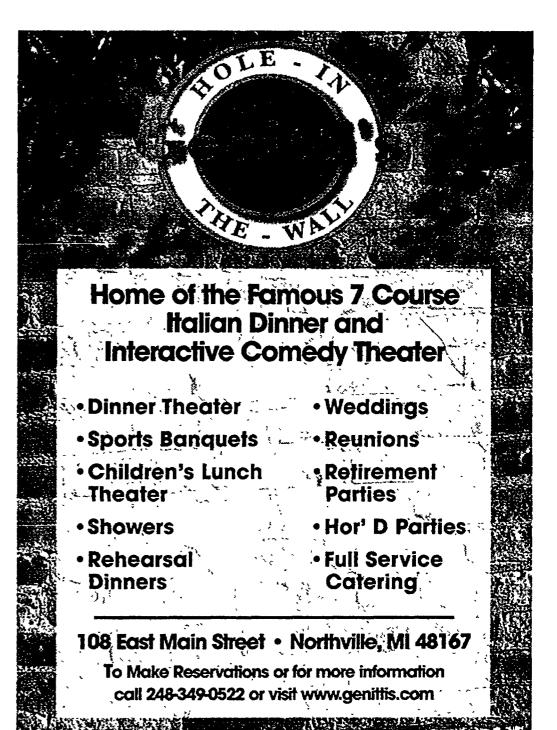
The City of Northville offers the following services: Senior Community Center, District Library, Joint City/Township Recreation Program, four bank/savings and loan/credit unions, an active Chamber of Commerce, senior citizen housing, nearby Maybury State Park, a post office, 11 churches, a weekly newspaper, full-time police department, the Northville Downs Racetrack, Northville Cider Mill, Mill Race Historical Village, art festivals, the Victorian Festival and organized holiday celebrations.

The City's major employers are the Northville Downs Racetrack, Belanger Inc. and Jack Doheny Supplies.

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A bicyclist pedals along Hines Park in Northville with his leashed dog running alongside.

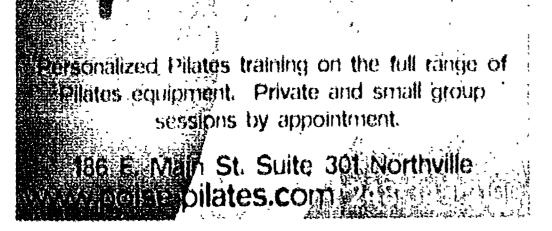








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Mike Thomas, 8, fishes during Johnson Creek Day 2006 festivities at Northville's Fish Hatchery

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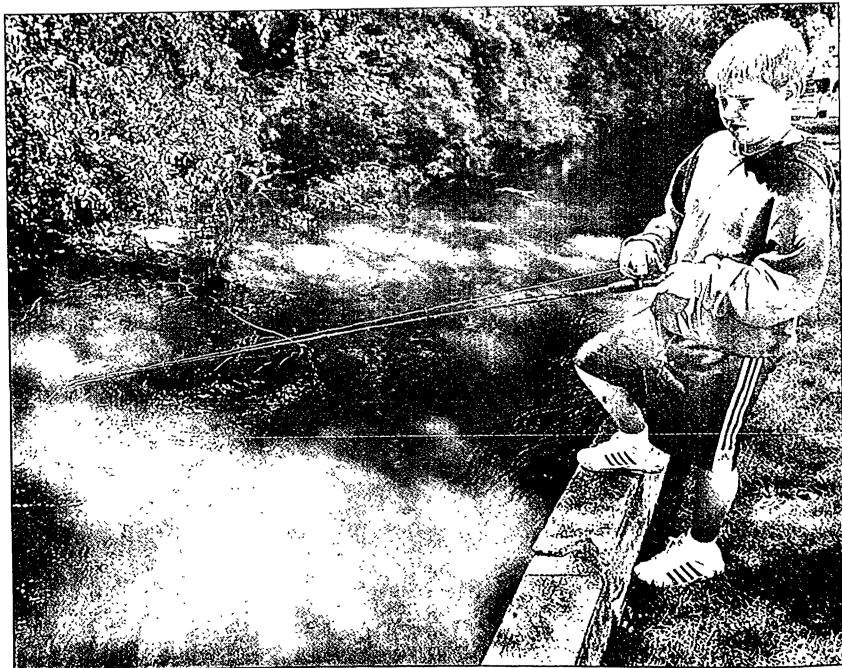
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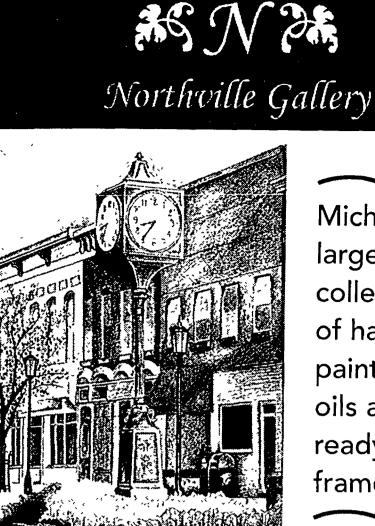
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Sharon Rossow, vice-chairperson; Sue Taylor, secretary; commission members are Arlene Catrett, Kim Dawson, Darcel Deaneau, Carol Kendra, Galina Koriduzki, Gerardo Macias-Garcia, Eric Novak, Alexis O'Connor, Andrzej Sikora, Evonne Simoff, Mary Step, Kathleen Tabaczynski, Katherine Wickersham and Nicole Passmore, Parks and Recreation liason.

Beautification

Beautification commission members serve three-year terms. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at City Hall, Meeting Room B.

Members are Chairperson Rosemary Tague, Annamarie Cusmano and Sally Hayes.

Board of Review

Board of Review members serve three-year terms, meeting in March, July and December.

Members are Margaret McMichael, Maureen Ryan and Karen Woodruff.

Board of Zoning Appeals

Board of Zoning Appeals members serve three-year terms. Meetings are held the first and third Mondays of each month, 7:30 p.m.

Rolland Stapleton, chairperson; Mark Ernst, vice-chairperson; James Bress, secretary; J. Christopher Gazlay, Planning Commission Liasion; members are Dominic Silvestri, Lori Rogala, James Haveraneck, Larry Jensen, Patti Mullen, John Rae, and William B. Lokey, alternate member.

Downtown Development Authority

Authority members serve four-year terms. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 8 a.m.

Christopher Johnson, mayor; Greg Presley, chairperson; Carol Kasprowicz, administrative assistant to city manager, DDA secretary; Nicolette Bateson, assistant city manager/finance director, DDA treasurer ; members are Margene Buckhave, Jim DeHaan, Lynda Heaton, Louis LaChance, David Larsen and Sherry Mewha.

Historic District

Commission members serve three-year terms. Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. Christopher Johnson, chairperson; members are Leanie Bayly, Walter Coponen, Juliet Culp, Tom Gudritz, Tom Holleman and Tim Rodgers.

Parks and Recreation

Commission members serve three-year terms. The board is comprised of members from both the city of Northville and Northville Township and Northville Public School District. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m., Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

Traci Sincock, director; Northville City members are Nancy Darga, Teresa Folino, Robert Sochacki, Thomas Swigart, city council liaison; Northville Township members Richard Brown, Carol Poenisch, Mike Putman, Sue Hillebrand, township liaison; Ken Roth, school district member.

Planning

Commission members serve three-year terms. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., City Hall, 215 W. Main St.

Jay Wendt, chairperson; members are Richard Birdsall, J. Christopher Gazlay, Steven Kirk, David L. Mielock, Marc Russell, Anne Smith, Don Wortman, planning consultant, and James Allen, city council liaison.

Northville Area Senior Citizens Advisory Commission

Members serve three-year terms. The council is comprised of members from both the city of Northville and Northville Township and School Board. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 1 p.m., Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St. Northville City members are Lorraine Steimel, Jacqueline Bousha and Jerome Mittman. Carolann Ayers is the city council liasion. Other members are Jim Nield and Iris Antuna. Brad Werner is the township board liasion. Other members are: Judith Wollack, Northville school district; Traci Sincock, Parks and Recreation Director; Susan Koivula, Senior Citizen Coordinator; Dennis Smith, program coordinator.

Youth Assistance Commission

Members of the commission serve three-year terms. Meetings are held at 8 a.m. on the second Tuesday of every month, Northville Township Hall, 44405 W. Six Mile Road. Sue Campbell is the director.

The commission is comprised of members from both the city of Northville and Northville Township and School Board. Northville City members are John Buckland, Mary Culik, Michele Fecht and Chuck Murdock. Northville Township members are Martha Nield, vice chairperson, Ken Romine, Brad Werner and Janet Naughton. The member from the Northville School District is Marilyn Price.

Housing

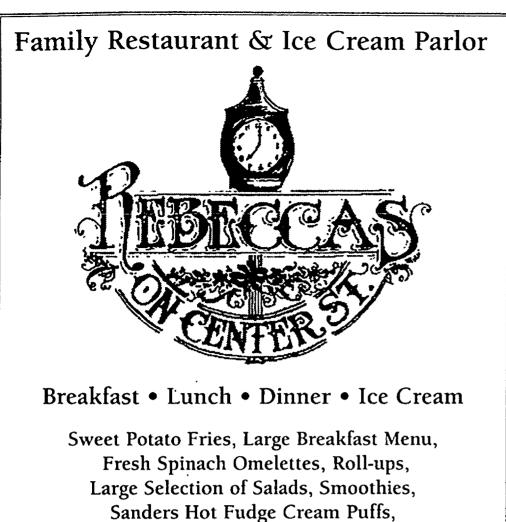
Commission members serve five-year terms. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 3 p.m., Allen Terrace, 401 High St.

Joanne Inglis, director, Sue Ellen Hooper, president; members are Jacqueline Bousha, Robert Buckhave, Genie Nehs and James Allen, city council liaison.

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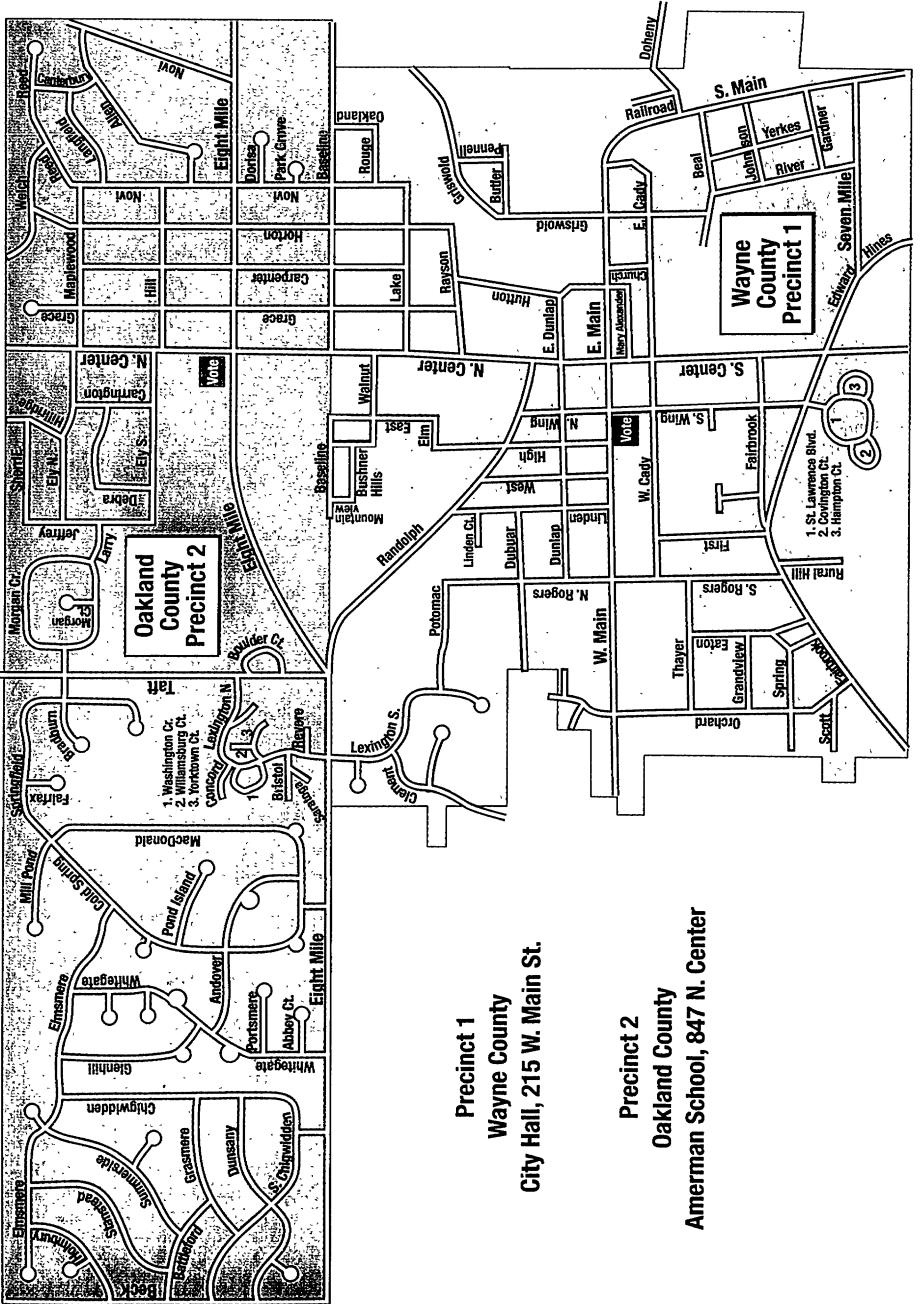






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- Emergency: 911

The department's business offices are open 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The primary function of the department is 24-hour patrol. Patrol officers respond to calls for service, patrol the city in an effort to prevent crime, enforce traffic laws and enforce criminal laws and city ordinances. Officers handle investigations, provide some security services and participate in community education programs.

Staff: In addition to Chief Gary Goss, personnel includes one captain, three sergeants, 11 patrol officers, one senior clerk, as well as part-time clerks, officers and parking enforcement staff.

Dispatch/ lockup services are provided by the Northville Township Department of Public Safety. Outside business hours, a phone is available in the entrance to contact a dispatcher for police assistance.

Fire Department

The Northville Fire Department is located at 215 W. Main St.

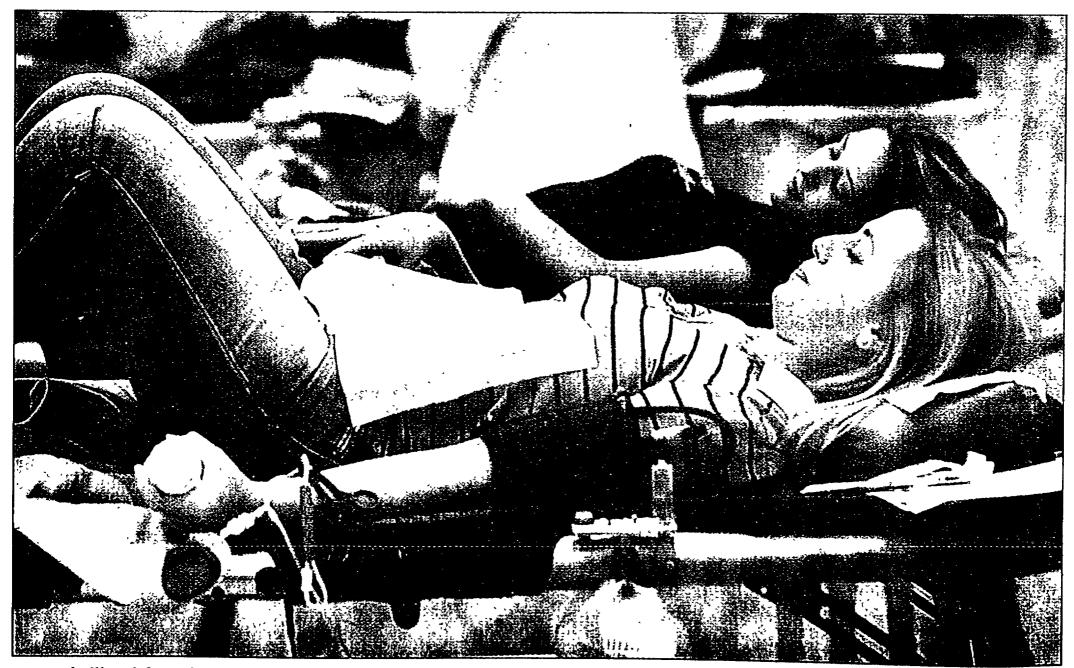
- Non-emergency telephone: (248) 449-9920
- Fax: (248) 449-9960
- Emergency: 911

Chief James Allen, the department's only full-time employee, commands 31 part-time, on-call firefighters and emergency-medical-service personnel.

The fire department is dedicated to providing emergency and non-emergency services to those who live, work in or visit the city. Core services include fire suppression, emergency medical response, fire prevention and inspection and public education.

The department operates five pieces of apparatus and a utility rescue vehicle for special events from the station located at city hall: three engines, one equipped with a 75-foot aerial ladder; a four-wheel-drive mini-pumper rescue vehicle and a medium-duty rescue vehicle with patient transport capability.

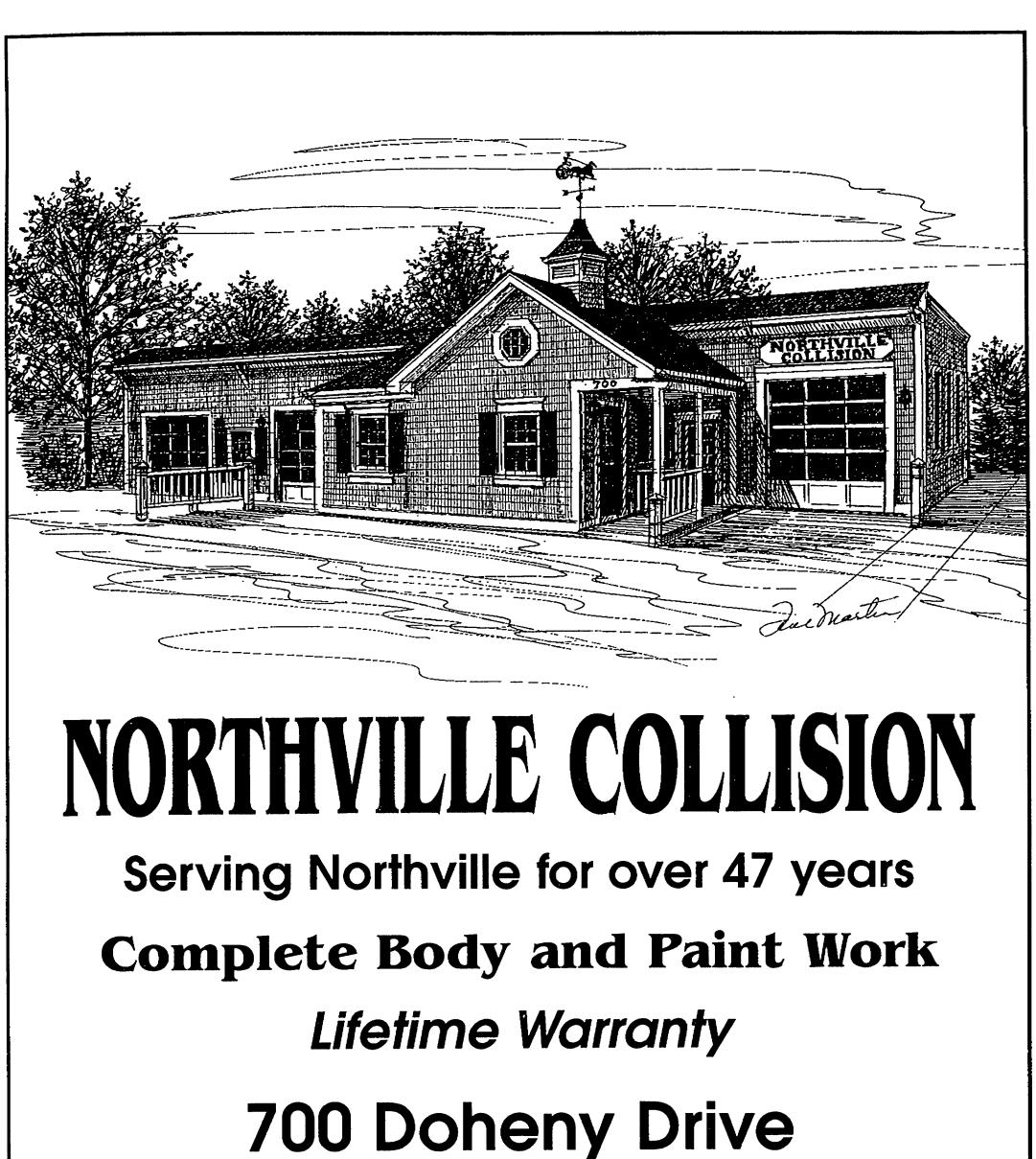
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Northville High seniors Lindsay Williams, front, and Amanda Milar donate a pint during a Red Cross blood drive at the school.

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City of Northville



Thornton Creek students listen to storyteller Laura Pershin for the school's March is **Reading Month** activity.

Northville District Library

The Northville District Library is located in downtown Northville at 212 W. Cady Street, one block south of Main Street and two blocks west of Center Street. Serving the residents of both the city of Northville and Northville Township, the library offers over 90,000 items for checkout.

Tap into the many special online databases or search the library's catalog from home, by going to the web page at www.northvillelibrary.org. Whether it is investment information or homework help that you are seeking, the library's home page is a great place to start.

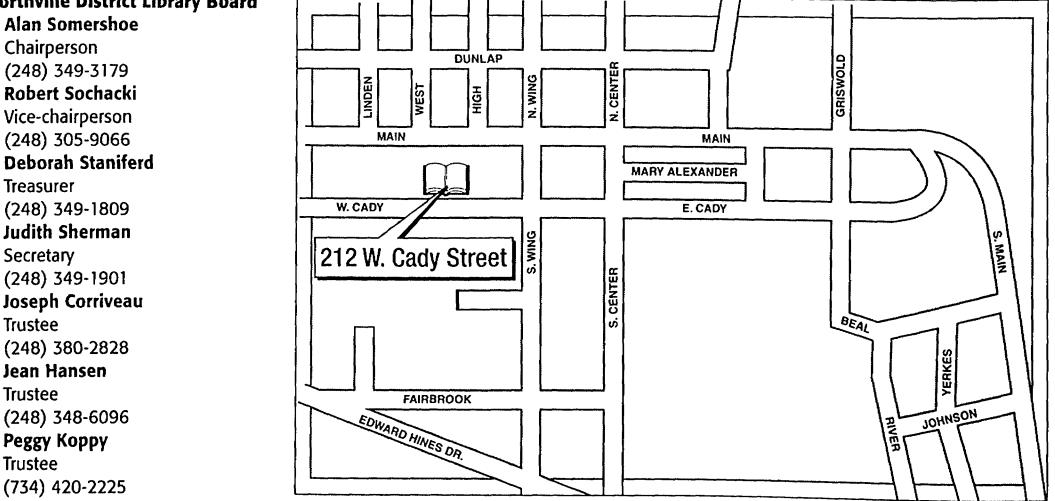
Programs for people of all ages help the community learn and grow. Over 15 computers are available for searching the Internet and databases, as well as creating documents.

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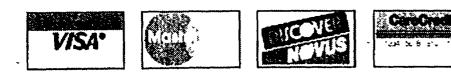
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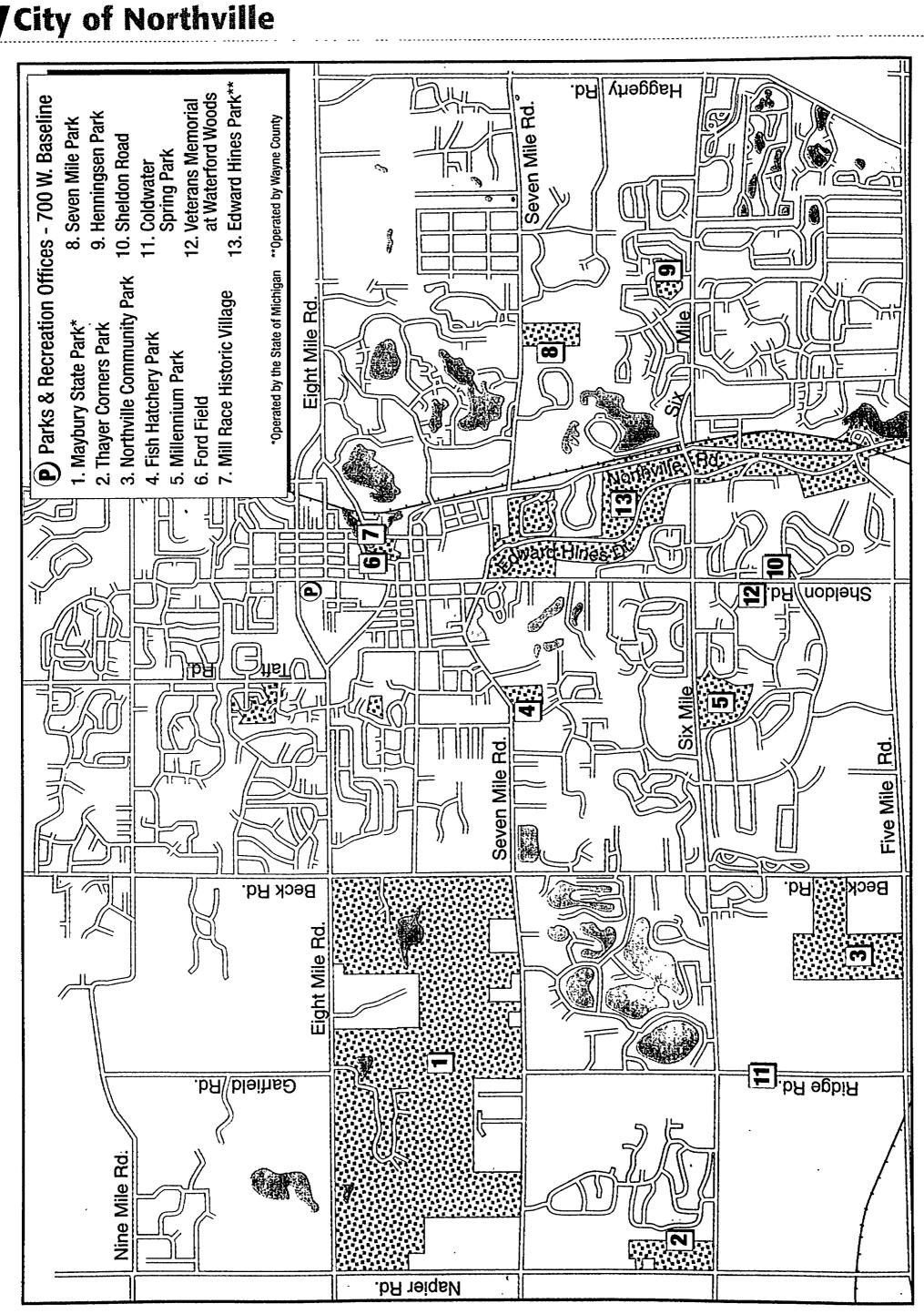
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Northville Senior Community Center

The Northville Senior Adult Services program is held at the Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

Telephone: (248) 349-4140 Fax: (248) 348-5275 E-mail: seniors@ci.northville.mi.us

Office hours are 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The program's mission: to provide opportunities, new experiences and advocacy to all older adults in the area, promoting dignity, personal growth, health, friendship, independence and improving their quality of life.

Staff: Sue Koivula, coordinator; Dennis Smith, program supervisor. Senior Advisory Commission members: Iris Antuna, Carolann Ayers, Jacqueline Bousha, Jerome Mittman, Jim Nield, Lorraine Steimel, Brad Werner, Judith Wollack.

General and health-related services, classes and activities are made possible by the City of Northville, Northville Township, Northville Parks and Recreation, The Senior Alliance-Area Agency on Aging, Older Michiganians Act and the local Senior Advisory Commission.

With funds from the Oakland County Community Development Block Grant Program, the senior program staff created a directory of services available to senior citizens, including information on financial assistance, housing, health and medical services and more.

The Senior Newsletter is a monthly publication filled with information on activities, trips and services.

Historic Mill Race Village

The purpose of the Northville Historical Society is to bring together those people interested in the history of Northville. The society's major function is to discover, collect, observe, advance and disseminate knowledge of this region. In 1972 the Northville Historical Society created Mill Race Village, an eleven-acre collection of 19th century Victorian buildings along the Mill Pond.

The village grounds are open dusk to dawn, seven days a week. The buildings are open 1-4 p.m., Sundays from mid-June through late October. A host is in each one to explain its significance. The Mill Race archives are open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday and Friday or by appointment. Books, yearbooks, maps, photos, cemetery records, and documents pertaining to the history of Northville are maintained, as well as copies of the Northville Record.

For more information, call (248) 348-1845.

Mill Race 2007 Events

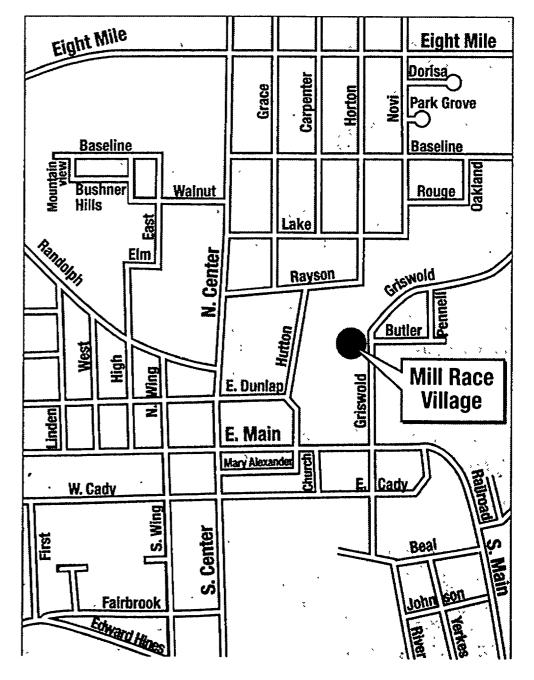
May 26	8 a.m11 a.m.	Plant Swap
June 2	11:30 a.m.	Docent Luncheon
June 10	1-4 p.m.	Village open on Sundays
June 13-15	9 a.m9 p.m.	Garage Sale
July 4	10 a.m4 p.m.	Fourth of July Events
July 11	TBA	Country Garden Club Walk Day
Sept. 9	1-4 p.m.	Victorian Clothing Sale
Sept. 15-16	1-4 p.m.	Victorian Festival Events
Oct. 14	5-8 p.m.	Cemetery Walk
Oct. 2	1-4 p.m.	Last Sunday Village open
Oct. 2	5-8 p.m.	Pumpkin Walk
Nov. 2	6 p.m for memb	ers; 7 p.m. for non-members
		Children's Christmas
		Workshop Registration
Nov. 12-13	noon-3 p.m.	Garden Club Wreath Pick-up
Nov. 19	1-4 p.m.	Mill Race Christmas Walk
Dec. 1	10 a.mnoon an	d 1-3 p.m.
		Children's Christmas Workshop
Jan. 17, 2008	6 p.m.	Annual Meeting
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Mill Race Board

Chris Gazlay, President Larry Parks, Vice-President Mark Chester, Treasurer Joelle Sarkozy, Business Secretary

Members

Pat Allen, Juliet Culp, Todd Culp, Nancy Darga, Cheryl Gazlay, Keith Paterson, Carolyn Stuart



Northville Township - Supervisor's Welcome

The Charter Township of Northville is again proud to be highlighted in the Discover Northville Guide. Please consider this book as your resource guide to the many fine men and women who are your elected officials, staff members and neighbors. Simply stated, this is a listing of professional people working together to make our community a better place to live, work, worship, educate and conduct business.

The Charter Township of Northville offers its residents and businesses the stability and security of living in a metropolitan city, while continuing to cherish our small town values. Customer service and responsive government are values we treasure. These require listening to our constituents and taking their concerns to heart.

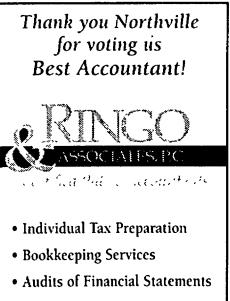
The Township's future offers exciting prospects for both residents and business owners alike. Township officials have been working diligently to assure that the remaining parcels of property available are developed in a manner consistent with all that has preceded them. Your interests and your desires are always at the





forefront of all decisions. We enjoy a very positive relationship with the Northville Public School District and our neighbors in the city of Northville in providing the many recreation activities and family assistance services through our Shared Services Agreements.

The Township Board of Trustees, with a strong philoso-



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phy of "Community First", enjoy the support of the residents and look forward to the opportunities and challenges of the future. community, please vist us at www.twp.northville.mi.us.

Mark Abbo Supervisor Northville Township

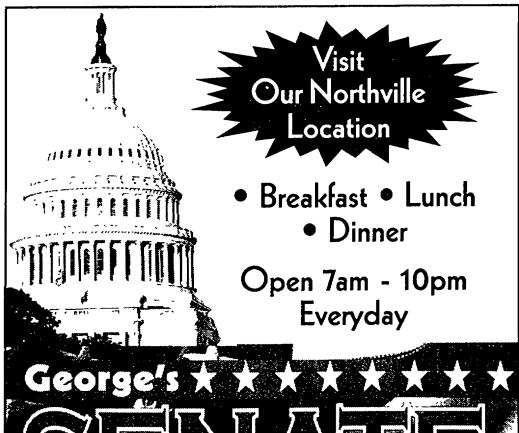
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Sterling Knolton , 12, left, tries to get a shot past Dexter Perry, 14, during an open-gym session at the Recreation Center at Hillside.

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Police (non-emergency)(248) 349-9400
Township manager
Township clerk
Building
Finance
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Public services
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Community Services

Animal control	.(734)	721-7300
Cable (Comcast)		
(WOW)		
Chamber of Commerce	.(248)	349-7640
35th District Court	.(734)	459-4740
Electrical service		
Gas service	.(800)	477-5050
Hazardous waste	.(734)	699-6229
Library	.(248)	349-3020
Recycling/compost	.(248)	349-4058
Secretary of State	.(734)	462-0115
Social Security	(800)	772-1213
Trash pickup	.313)	561-0303

Main Offices

Northville Township Hall

44405 Six Mile Road Phone: (248) 348-5800 Fax: (248) 348-9889 www.twp.northville.mi.us

Public Services

Water & Sewer Dept. Phone: (248) 348-5820 BUILDING DEPT. PHONE: (248) 348-5830 Fax: (248) 348-5823

Finance

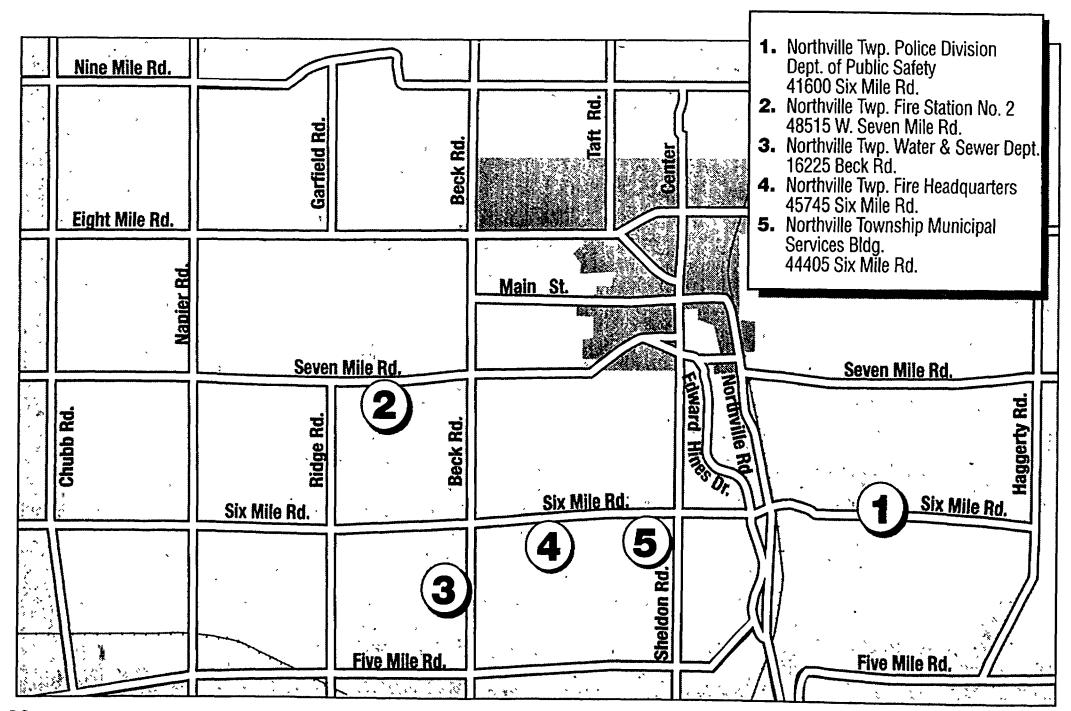
Phone: (248) 348-5810 Fax: (248) 348-8271

Fire

45745 Six Mile Road Phone: (248) 348-5807 Fax: (248) 348-5840

Police

41600 Six Mile Road Phone: (248) 349-9400 Fax: (248) 348-5813



Northville Township

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Sue Campbell Youth Assistance Director (248) 344-1618 E-mail: youthassistance@twp.northville.mi.us



Northville Township

Northville Township Board of Trustees

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Commissions

Board of Review

Board of review members serve two-year terms.Meetings are held annually as needed. Board members are: Kellianne Nagy, Tom Schneider and Joyce Whelan.

Beautification Commission

Beautification commission members serve three-year terms. Meetings are held the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Chairperson is Marie Barr, and commission members are: Larry Aepelbacher, Margaret Faessler, Sue Hillebrand, Audrey Misor-Jackman, Barbara O'Brien, Patricia Page and Catherine Sellas.

Economic Development Corporation

Economic Development Corporation members serve six-year terms. Meetings are held as needed. Chaiperson/Township Trustee is Marv Gans; Secretary Judy Costigan; Treasurer John Miller; commission members are: Shirley Klokkenga, Allen Meredith, Janice Wilkiemeyer, Thelma Kubitskey, Township Trustee Christopher Roosen, Bill Wehrle and Joseph M. Xuereb.

Planning Commission

Planning commissioners serve three-year terms. Meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Chairperson is George McCarthy, chairperson; Vice-Chairperson Richard Allen; Secretary Bob Nix; commision members are: Lisa Anderson, Mike Weaver, Township Trustee Marv Gans, and James Nield.

Zoning Board of Appeals

Board members serve three-year terms. Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Chairperson is Robert McMahon; Vice-Chairperson Lisa Anderson; Secretary Donald Samhat; board members are: Brian Doren, Trustee Marjorie Banner and alternate Paul Slatin.

Parks & Recreation Commission

Commission members serve three-year terms. The board is comprised of members from both the city of Northville and Northville Township. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Meetings are held at the Recreation Center at Hillside Middle School. Director Traci Sincock; City members are: Nancy Darga, Teresa Folino, Robert Sochacki, City Council Liasion Thomas Swigart; Township members are: Richard Brown, Carol Poenisch, Mike Putman, Township Liasion Sue Hillebrand, and School Board Liasion Ken Roth.

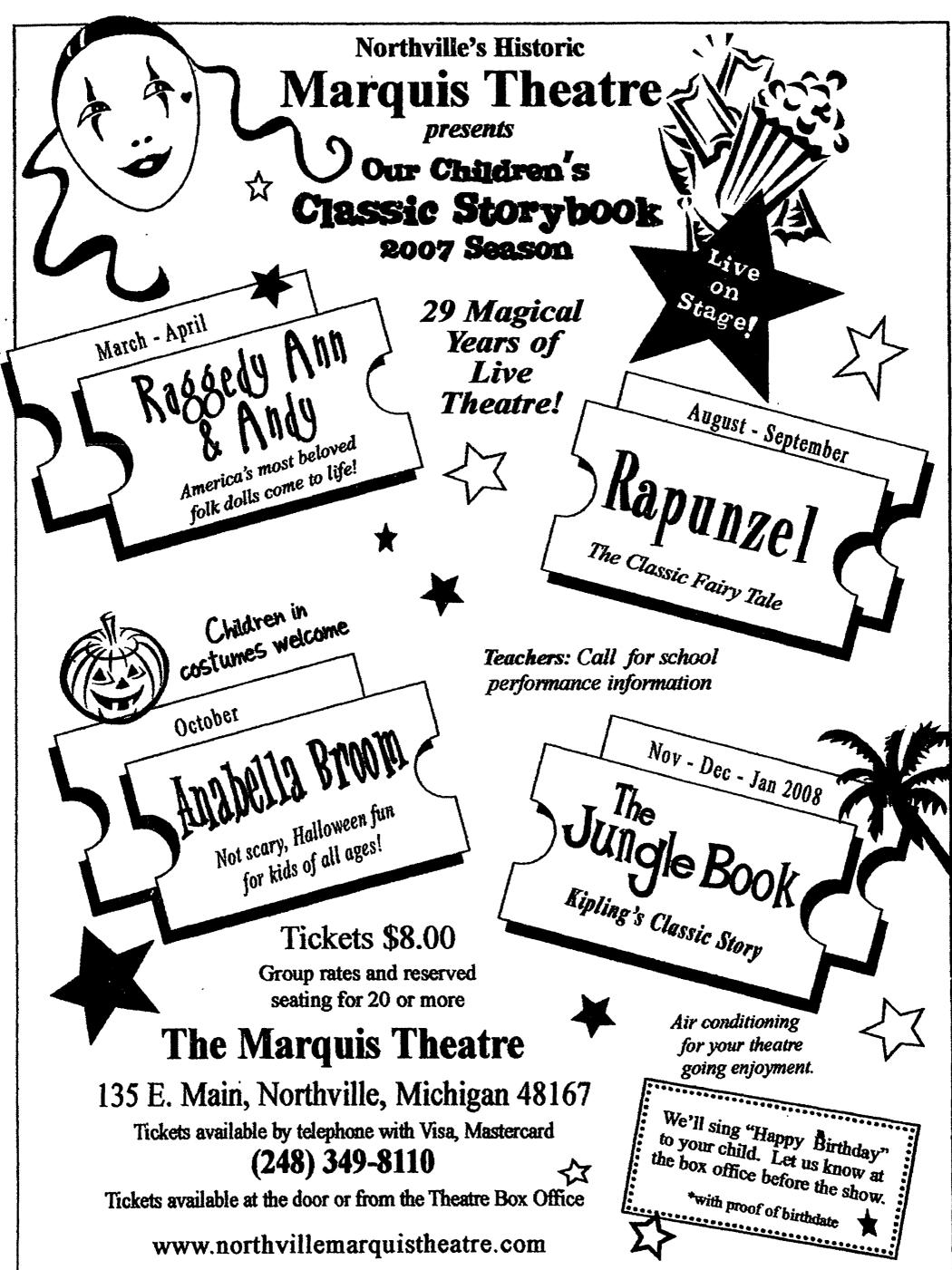


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Board of Canvassers

Canvassers serve four-year terms. Meetings are held as needed after each election. Canvassers are: David Hursey, Kathleen Leo, Bill James, and Leslie Moran.

Left, Maybury State Park employee Melissa Cieniuch, left, leads a nature hike through the park's woods and fields. Lindsay, 12, and Hannah Smith, 9, middle, and others learned a bit about the park's flora and fauna and indentified a beech tree, black raspberry bush and turkey vultures soaring high overhead.



Worthville Township

Police

The Northville Township Police Department would like to thank the community for supporting the 2006 Department of Public Safety millage. Through your support our department will be able to continue establishing a partnership with our community. It is through this cooperative effort that we can attain our mission and continue our commitment of providing the best possible service to make our community the finest place in which to live and work.

The Northville Township Police Department has added two new police officers so we can continue our proactive approach to policing our growing community. Further, our department has established a C.E.R.T. (Community Emergency Response Team) program in which members of the community have been trained and may be called upon to assist our officers in case of possible disasters. These disasters may range from a natural disaster such as tornado to a significant power outage. Our department's Community Liasion Officer has continued to develop neighborhood watch programs, attended subdivision association meetings and has met with the apartment complex managers. Our DARE and School Resource Officers have continued to work with the schools, students and families in a shared effort in educating the children about drugs, alcohol, and the effects they can have on one's life.

The community is an integral part of the Northville Township Police Department and through the mutual sharing of information we can work together in keeping our community safe. Thank you once again for your continued support.

Northville Township Police Department

- Address: 41600 Six Mile Road.
- Non-emergency phone: (248) 349-9400.
- Emergency phone: 9-1-1

Northville Township Police Officials

- Director of Public Safety John E. Werth
- Administrative Lt. Greg Rhodes
- Dispatch Supervisor Kelly Pigeon
- Reserve Coordinator Lt. Greg Rhodes
- Patrol Commander Lt. Ray Garbarino
- D.A.R.E. Officer Larry Demeter
- School Resource Officer Matt MacKenzie
- Community Liaison Officer Samantha Bowlin
- Reserve Coordinator Lt. Greg Rhodes

Fire

Emergency response and responding to the needs of the community continue to be the driving force of the Northville Township Fire Department. In 2006, the fire department responded to 2,313 calls for service, in addition to providing many other forms of public education, public relations and citizen oriented services.

The Northville Township Fire Department consists of a total of 22 full time Firefighters, working a three platoon three day shift rotation. The fire department is lead and managed by the Chief and Deputy Chief along with the assistance of a department secretary.

Fighting fires and responding to medical emergencies make up just a part of the day in the Northville Township Fire Department. The department also provides emergency responses for hazardous material spills or accidents, automobile accidents, trench collapse, carbon monoxide and smoke alarms as well as a wide array of other emergencies. The fire department also provides non-emergency services such as pre-fire planning, plan review, fire inspections, as well as other public education services. The public is welcome to participate in various educational opportunities, such as CPR, first aid; fire extinguisher use, home evacuation planning, and other important safety and survival training programs.

The fire department's motto is: When you don't know who to call, call the Northville Township Fire Department. We are here to serve.

Northville Township Fire Department Station Headquarters

45745 Six Mile Road Non-emergency phone: (248) 348-5807 Emergency phone: 9-1-1

Northville Township Fire Station No. 2 (un-staffed) 48515 Seven Mile Road

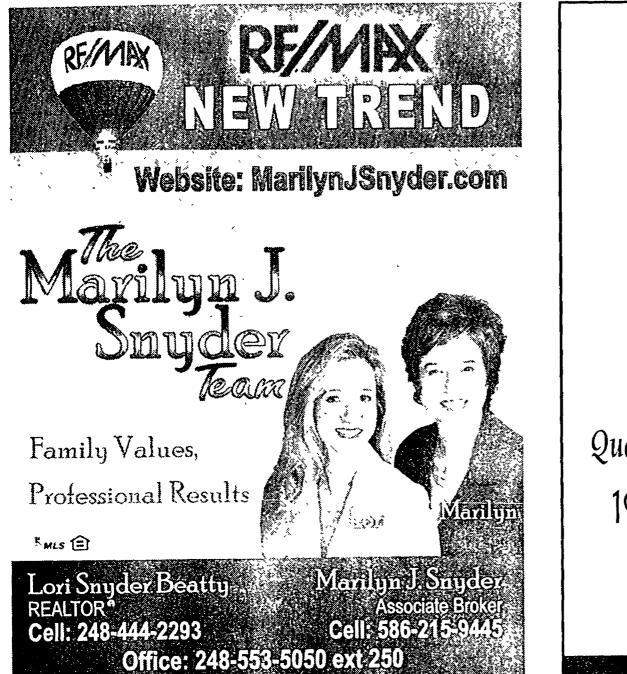
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Northville Township Fire Officials

Deputy Fire Chief: David Carignan

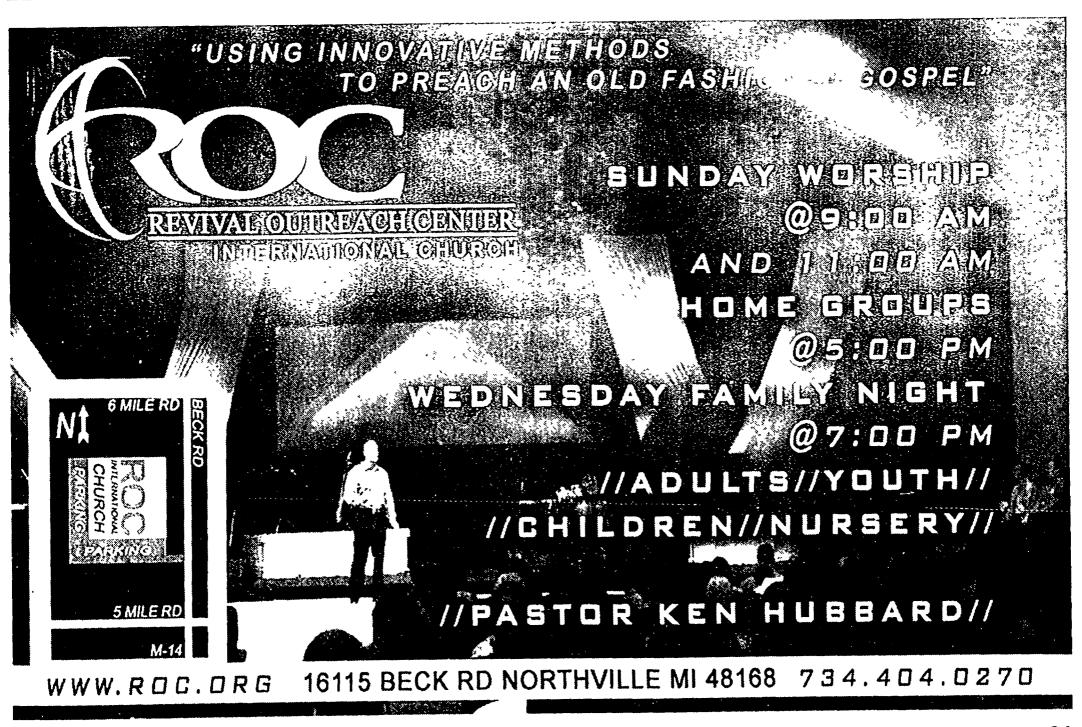


Former Northville Township Police Chief John Werth, recently promoted to Director of Public Safety for Northville Township, chats with township dispatch supervisor Kelly Pigeon.

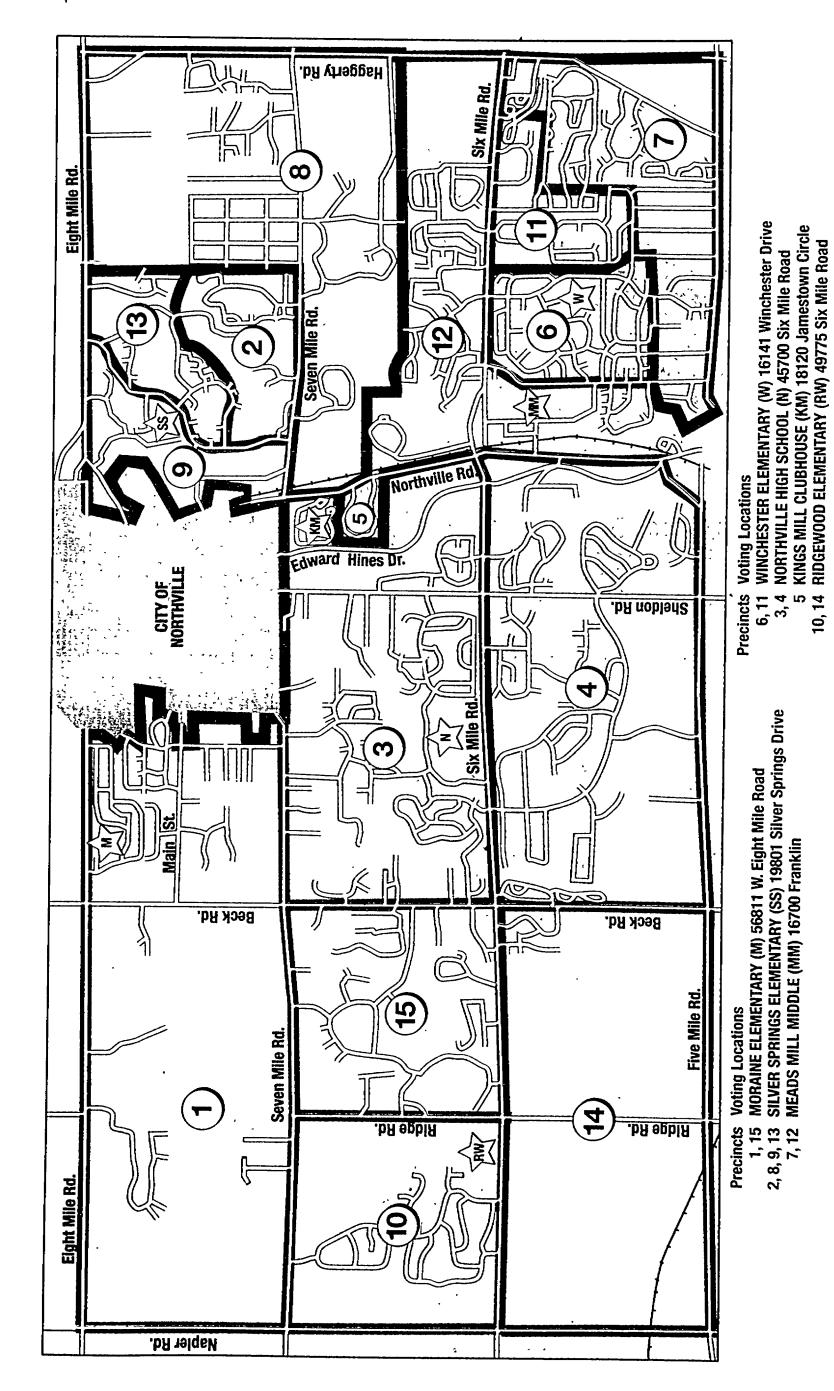








Northville Township - Voting Precincts



Heidi Nielsen, new archivist for the Northville Historical Society, pulls down a volume of papers at Mill Race's Cady Inn.



Benjamin Hooper, 5, leaps around a moon-bounce ride at Northville Nite festivities.



Melissa Bishop walks "Edward" in a downtown Northville parade.

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	Detroit/Oakland Chapter, Gentlemen Songsters Chorus Fran Durham
y Women (734) 207-1942	Friends of Maybury State Park George McCarthy
(313) 831-5550	Friends of Northville Parks and Recreation
	Friends of the Northville District Library James Morche
755 (248) 349-7568	Friends of the Northville Mill Pond John Welsch
(248) 348-0628	Huron Valley Girl Scouts Kimberly Grover
	Johnson Creek Protection Group Demetria Jones
(248) 349-5282	Kiwanis Early Birds Marlene Kunz
(734) 591-0360	Knights of Columbus Joe Troia
	Loyal Order of Moose Lodge No. 11902226 Chris Rickert
	Masonic Temple Association Jim Hawn
	Maybury State Park Trail Riders Virginia Miller
	Northville Animal Aid Ron Bodnar
	Northville Arts Commission Sue Taylor
	Northville Art House Kathleen Tabaczynski
	Northville Athletic Boosters

Gretchen Stern		(248) 344-1366
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Mustang pole vaulter specialist Julie Foucher.

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Northville Central Business Association	
Ed Fleming	349-1700



Meredith Knight, 2, holds her mom Kate's hand and a bunch of geraniums as the two leave the Northville Farmers' Market.

Northville District Library	Northville Parks & Recreation
Julie Herrin, Director	Traci Sincock
Northville Eagles	Northville Rainbows No. 29
Jim O'Brien	Mary Kay Raben
Northville Evening Kiwanis	Northville Rotary Club
L.T. Sylvestre	Charles Peltz
Northville Garden Club	Northville Senior Citizens Center
Julie Mantay	Sue Koivula
Northville Genealogical Society	Northville Women's Club
Pat Allen	Linda Maxfield
Northville Historical Society	Northville Youth Assistance Sue Campbell

VFW Post No. 4012

Community

Northville Veterans Organizations

American Legion Lloyd Green Post No. 147 100 W. DunlapSt. (248) 349-1060

Fraternal Order of Eagles Post No. 2504 113 S. Center St. (248) 349-2479

Loyal Order of Moose 18418 Northville Road (248) 344-0920

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 4012 438 S. Main St. (248) 349-1490



Mitchell Grey, 7, holds the American flag and marches with his fellow Pack #721 Cub Scouts.



Eclipse Base Ball Club of Northville

2007 Schedule

May 20 at Sylvania, OH vs Great Black Swamp Frogs June 16 at Greenfield Village vs Lah De Dahs June 24 HOME vs Woodstock Actives of Woodstock, Ontario July 1 at Bowling Green, OH vs Wood County Infirmary Inmates July 4 at Flint, MI Crossroads Village vs Mighty River Hogs of Midland County

July 22 HOME vs Royal Oak Wahoos 2 p.m. August 4 at Royal Oak Wahoos August 11 HOME vs Might River Hogs of Midland County

August 19 HOME vs Wood County Infirmary Inmates

Northville Eclipse Base Ball team member Greg "Tin Man" Weidenbach prepares to swat at a pitch as the oldefashioned team gets ready to host Syracuse in a Fourth of July doubleheader.

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August 26 at Woodstock Actives Woodstock, Ontario September 1 at Rochester Hills Grangers

Victorian Festival

September 14 HOME vs Great Black Swamp Frogs after parade 7:30 p.m. September 15 HOME vs Rochester Hills Grangers September 16 HOME vs Greenfield Village Lah De Dahs

All HOME matches are played at Ford Field at 1 p.m., unless otherwise noted.



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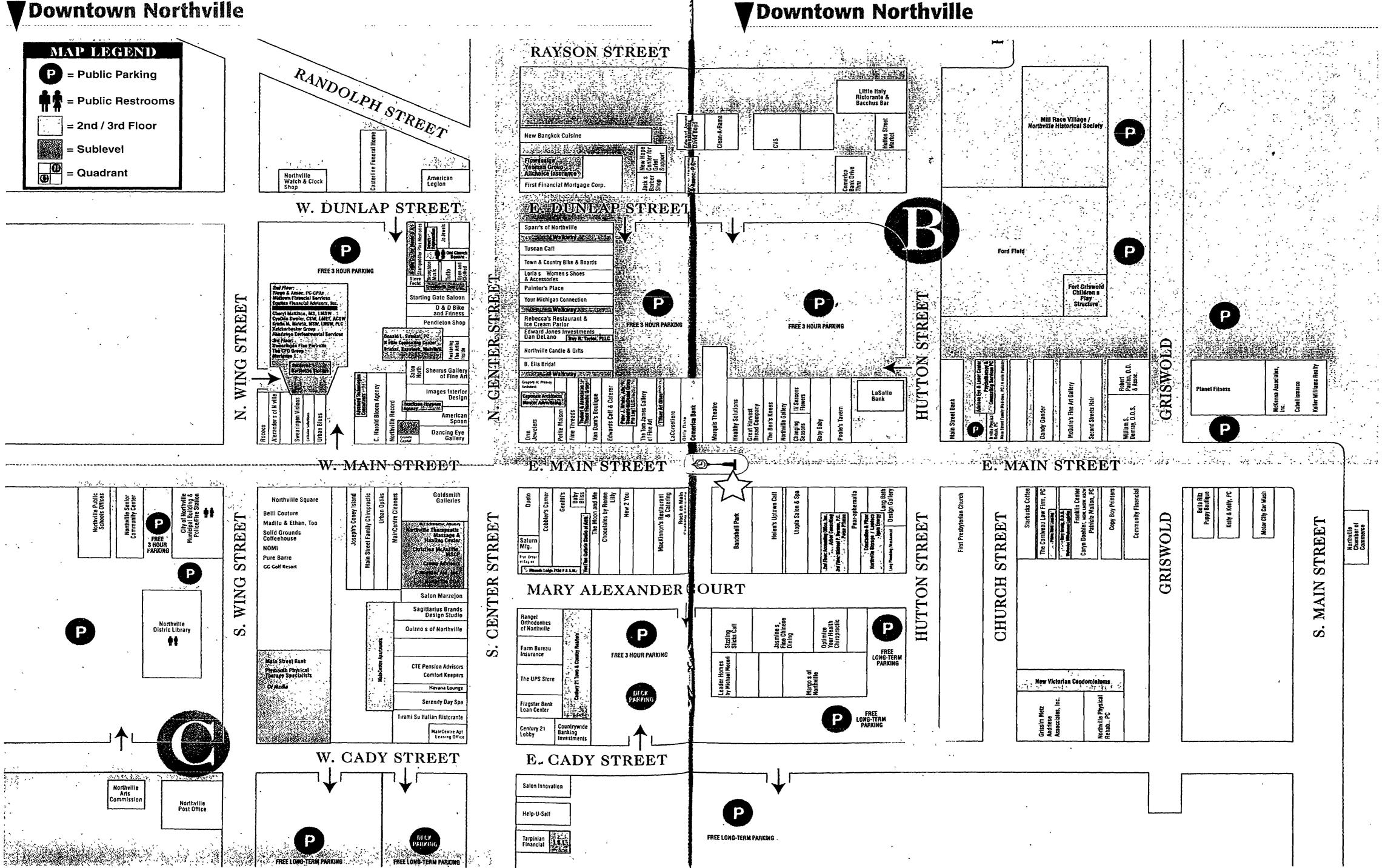
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Downtown Northville

Community - Business Organizations



New Body Therapeutics owner Angela Avigne gives a complimentary massage to a Taste of Northville visitor.

Northville Chamber of Commerce

The Northville Chamber of Commerce welcomes you to our community of Northville. For more than 40 years, the Northville Chamber has been an active and integral partner in the economic growth and stability in the Northville Community...a community that is uniquely special in its small town charm and community spirit.

The Chamber is guided by an 11-member volunteer board comprised of small business owners and community leaders. Members in the Chamber number over 500 and represent the retail, manufacturing and service sectors. In cooperation with Northville's Central Business Association, Downtown Development Authority, Northville Public Schools, and the governments of Northville Township and the City of Northville, the Chamber diligently works to advance the community's quality of life. Both within the city and township, the Chamber is committed to strengthening the downtown business core and promoting the diversity of services and products.

One of the Chamber's most visible forms of community promotion are the events the Chamber presents annually, throughout the year including the Victorian Festival, Art in the Sun Juried Art Fair, State of Community Luncheon, Taste of Northville Business Showcase, Northville Summer Carnival, Northville Grub Crawl, Oktoberfest, Hometown Holidays, and the weekly Farmers' Market. The Chamber also assists in the management of the downtown merchant events including Flower Days, Holiday Lighted Parade and the Candlelight Walk. Another primary service that the Chamber manages is the dissemination of information. The Chamber gathers and distributes local demographic information, including lists of organizations, clubs, schools, restaurants and events. The Chamber's website, www.northville.org, is yet another tool used to promote local businesses and provide information on community activities. We encourage you to participate and enjoy all Northville has to

offer and to support the Northville business community. For more information concerning the Northville Chamber or community events, please call (248) 349-7640 or visit our website, www.northville.org.

More info

For more information about the Northville Chamber of Commerce or community events, please call (248) 349-7640 or visit our Web site: www.northville.org. For a complete 2006 event list, see page 42.

Northville Central Business Association

The Northville Central Business Association (NCBA) is a nonprofit association established to promote downtown Northville. It is made up of retail businesses, service, civic and other organizations in the Central Business District.

The NCBA puts on several special events each year including the Lighted Parade (the Friday before Thanksgiving), the Flower Days Sale (Memorial Day weekend), Gals Night Out and Guys Night Out shopping events in December and the annual Sidewalk Sale in August

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Sale in August.

The Association holds monthly meetings to inform members of up coming events, special promotional activities and special advertising opportunities. Guest speakers often inform the members of ways to help run their businesses. The meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month in the meeting room at City Hall. Call Ed Fleming at 248-349-1700 for more information.

The 2007 officers are: President Mary Starring of Swearingen Visions; Vice President Julie Cole of Great Harvest Bread; Treasurer Beverlee Linden of Northville Candle; Secretary Mark Bishop of Healthy Solutions; and Special Events Liaison Janet Bloom of the Northville Chamber.



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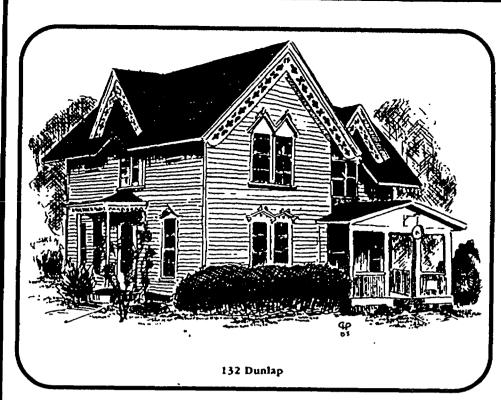
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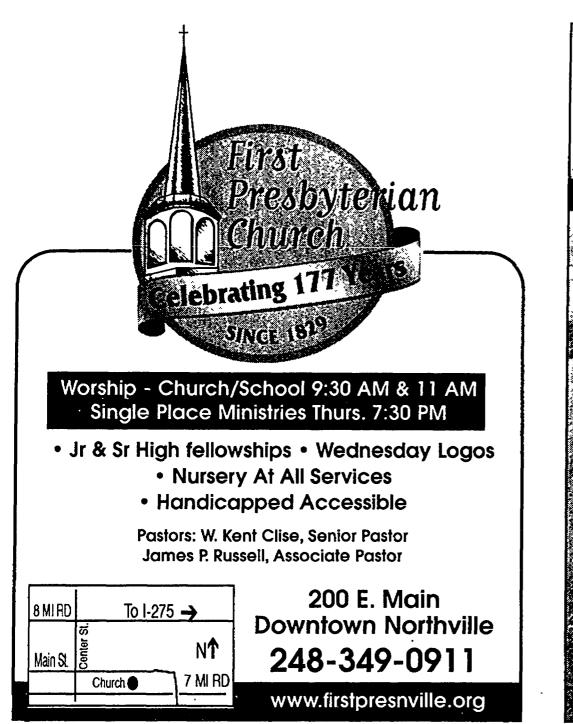
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Community Calendar of Events

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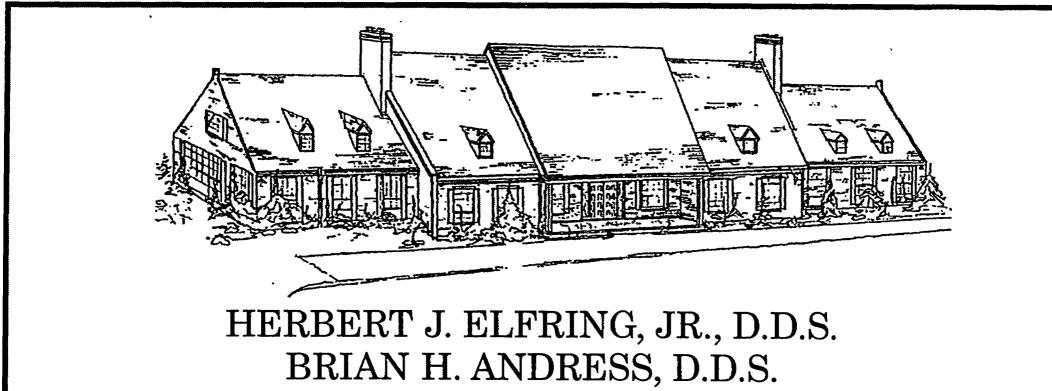


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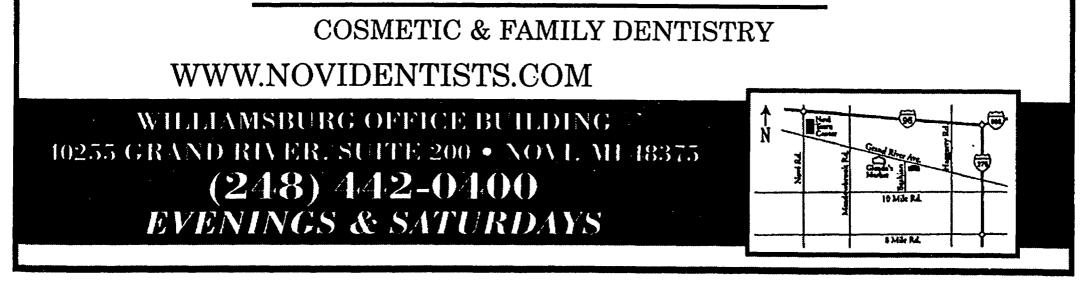
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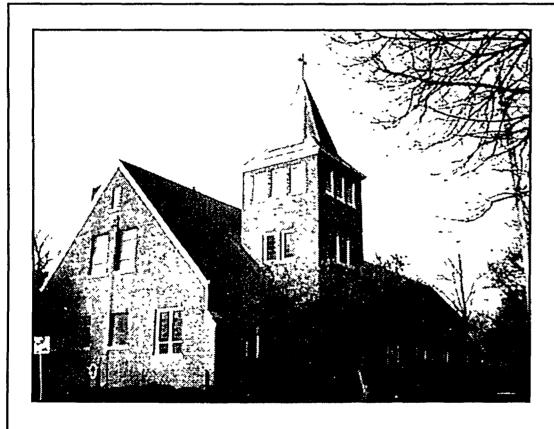
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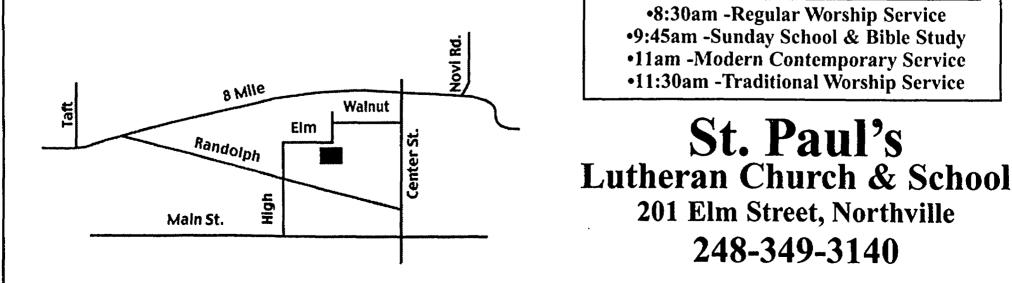


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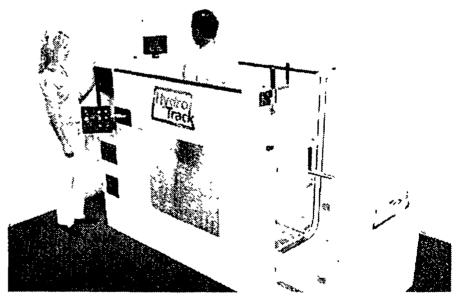
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Hazardous Waste

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Visit www.ci.northville.mi.us. Click on "Hazardous Waste" for a list of acceptable items.

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Please rake leaves into the street the weekend before pickup. Water leaves to prevent them from blowing away. Leaves in plastic bags cannot be accepted. No branches, brush, garden waste or trash will be accepted.

Leaves in brown bags or compost cans will be picked up at the curb every trash day until Dec. 12.



Returning from Farmer's Market opening day, Emily Speckhals, 3, takes time to smell a dandelion she's picked along Center Street.

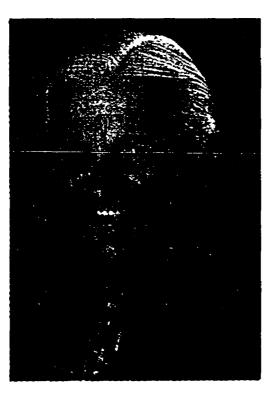


Education - Superintendent's Welcome

Welcome to Northville Public Schools. We are very proud of our school system and the community it represents. More than 6,800 students are enrolled in our kindergarten through 12th grade program. In addition, approximately 260 students participate in our **Special Education** Center/Section 53 programs. More than 900 students take part in out preschool, child care and school-age programs. The school district is comprised of six elementary schools, two middle schools, one high school and two special education buildings.

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Northville Public Schools' students consistently score well above average on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) test. Northville High School students continue to excel on the national ACT and SAT tests. Each of our schools received an "A" on the most recent Education Yes! Michigan School Report Card. Northville High School has a 99 percent graduation rate with 91 percent of those graduates going on to college.

In partnership with district leaders, out teachers continually revise, update and maintain excellent curricula with the goal of providing opportunities for all students to learn and develop to their fullest potential. The district's commitment to effective student program development, implementation and evaluation is an ongoing means by which our students acquire the knowledge, skills and passion for learning necessary to succeed as responsible and effective world-class citizens.

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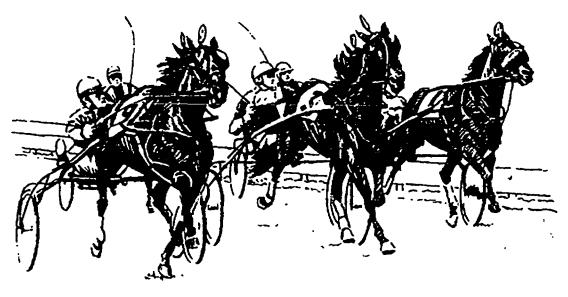
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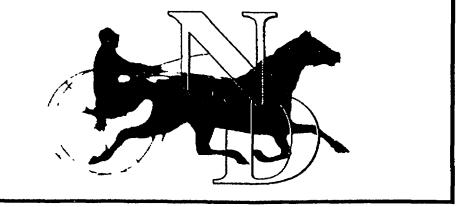
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Moraine Elementary School

46811 W. Eight Mile Road Phone: (248) 344-8473 Fax: (248) 344-8408 Start time: 8:50 a.m. Dismissal: 3:45 p.m. Lynn Babcock, Interim Principal babcoclb@northville.k12.mi.us

Ridge Wood Elementary School

49775 Six Mile Road Phone: (248) 349-7602 Fax: (248) 349-4147 Start time: 8:50 p.m. Dismissal: 3:35 p.m. Nancy Raynes, Principal raynesna@northvilleschools.org

Silver Springs Elementary School

19801 Silver Springs Drive Phone: (248) 344-8410 Fax: (248) 344-8404 Start time: 8:50 a.m. Dismissal: 3:45 p.m. Scott Snyder, Principal snydersc@northvilleschools.org

Thornton Creek Elementary School

46180 Nine Mile Road Phone: (248) 344-8475 Fax: (248) 344-8423 Start time: 8:50 a.m. Dismissal: 3:45 p.m. Sharon Irvine, Principal irvinesh@northvilleschools.org

Winchester Elementary School

Hillside Middle School

775 N. Center St. Phone: (248) 344-8493 Fax: (248) 344-8480 Start time: 8:15 a.m. Dismissal: 3:02 p.m. Jim Cracaft, Principal cracraja@northvilleschools.org

Meads Mill Middle School

16700 Franklin Road Phone: (248) 344-8435 Fax: (248) 344-1830 Start Time: 8:15 a.m. Dismissal: 3:02 p.m. Susan Meyer, Principal meyersu@northvilleschools.org Ray Balutowicz, Assistant Principal balutora@northvilleschools.org

Cooke School

21200 Taft Road Phone: (248) 344-8489 Fax: (248) 344-8437 Start time: 8:10 a.m. Dismissal: 2:07 p.m. Marilynn Bachorik, Building Supervisor bachorma@northvilleschools.org

Old Village School

405 W. Main St. Phone: (248) 344-8460 Fax: (248) 344-8629 Start time: 8:30 a.m. Dismissal: 2:27 p.m. Arthur Fischer, Building Supervisor fischear@northvilleschools.org

Early Childhood Center

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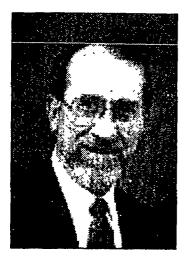
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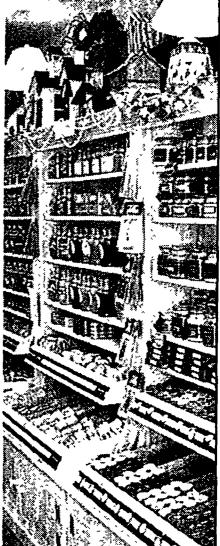


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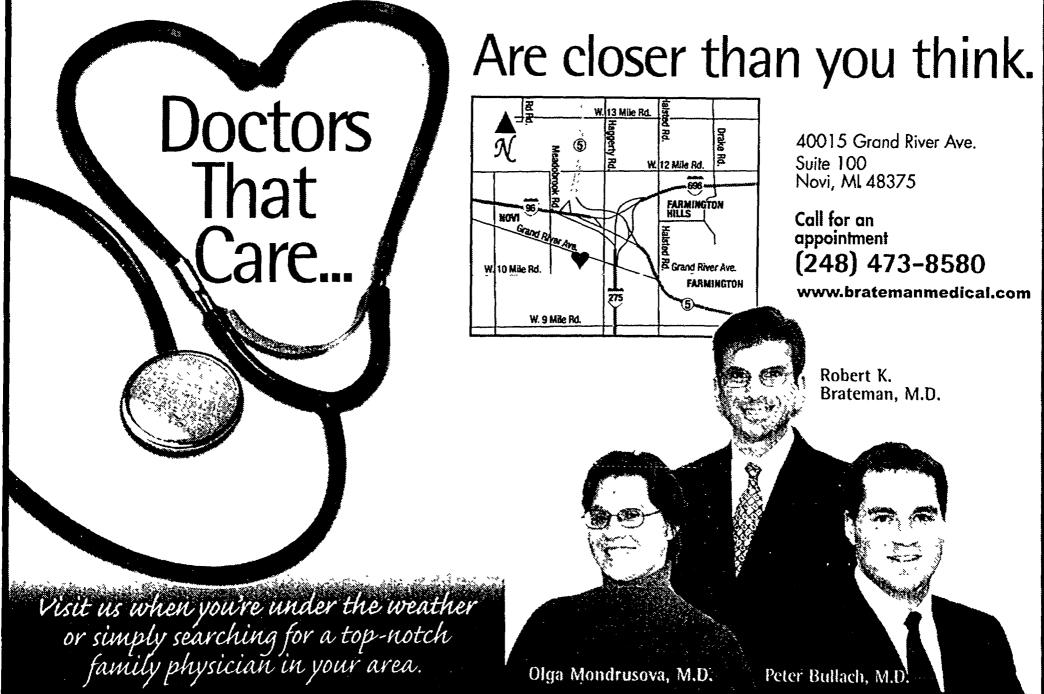


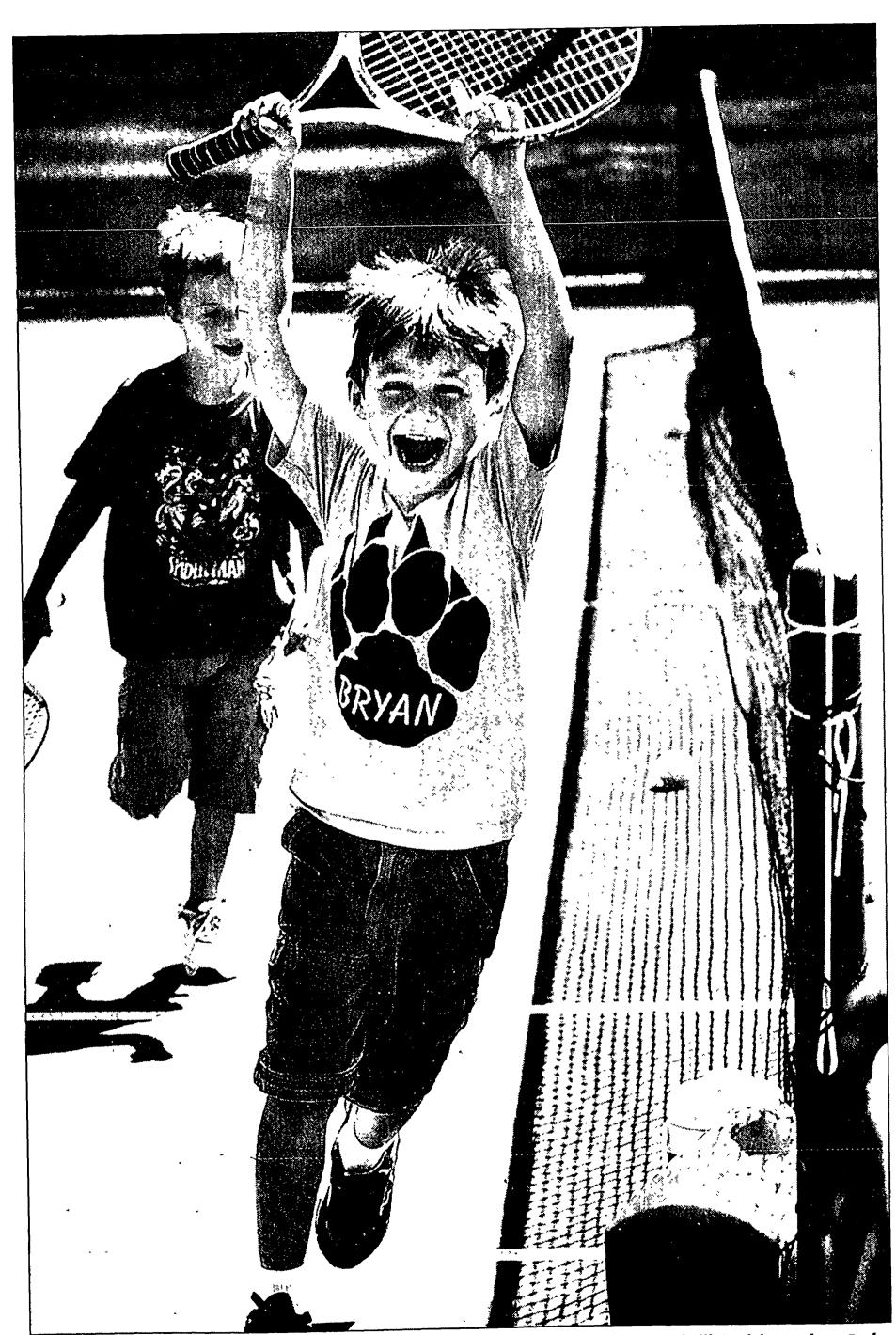
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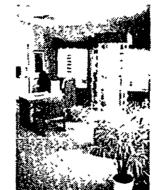
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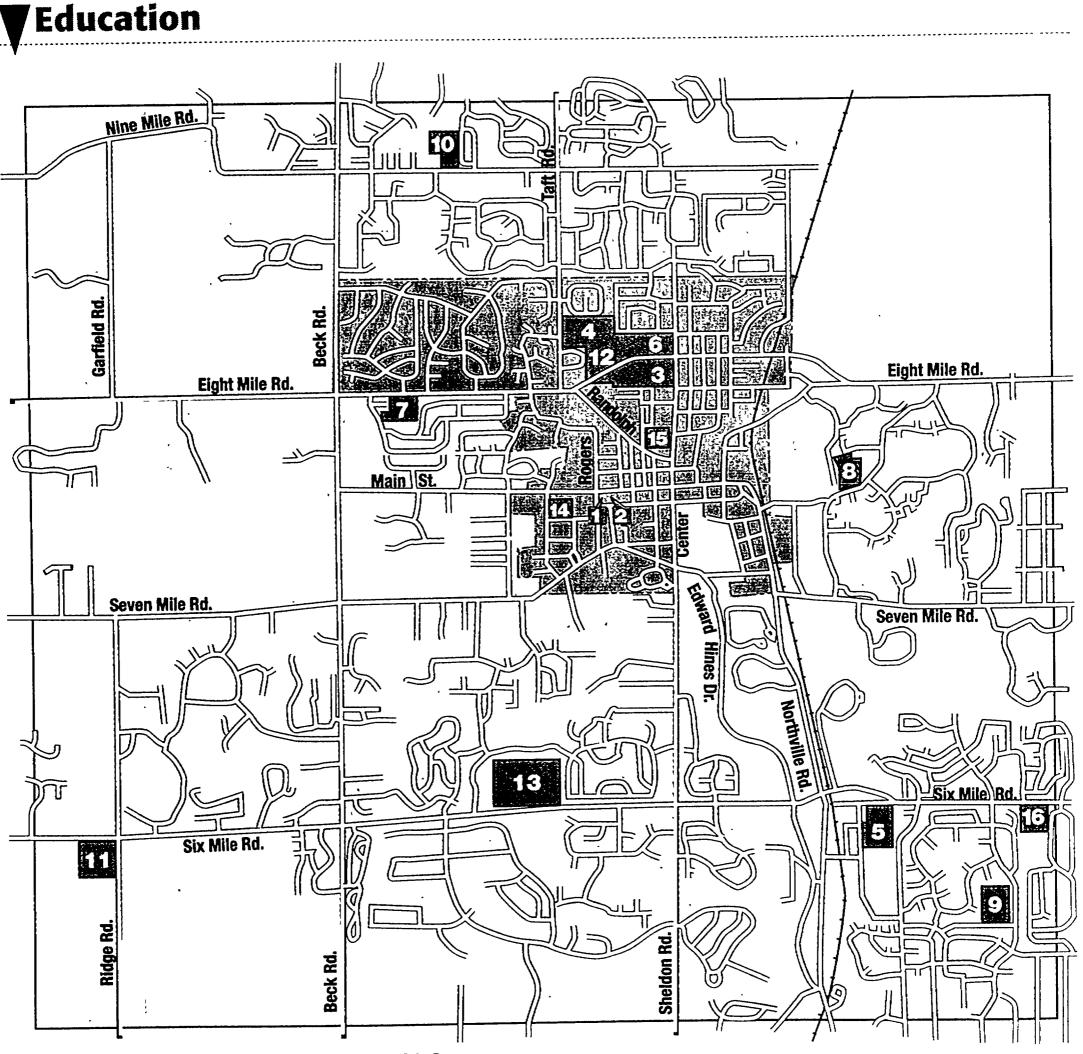
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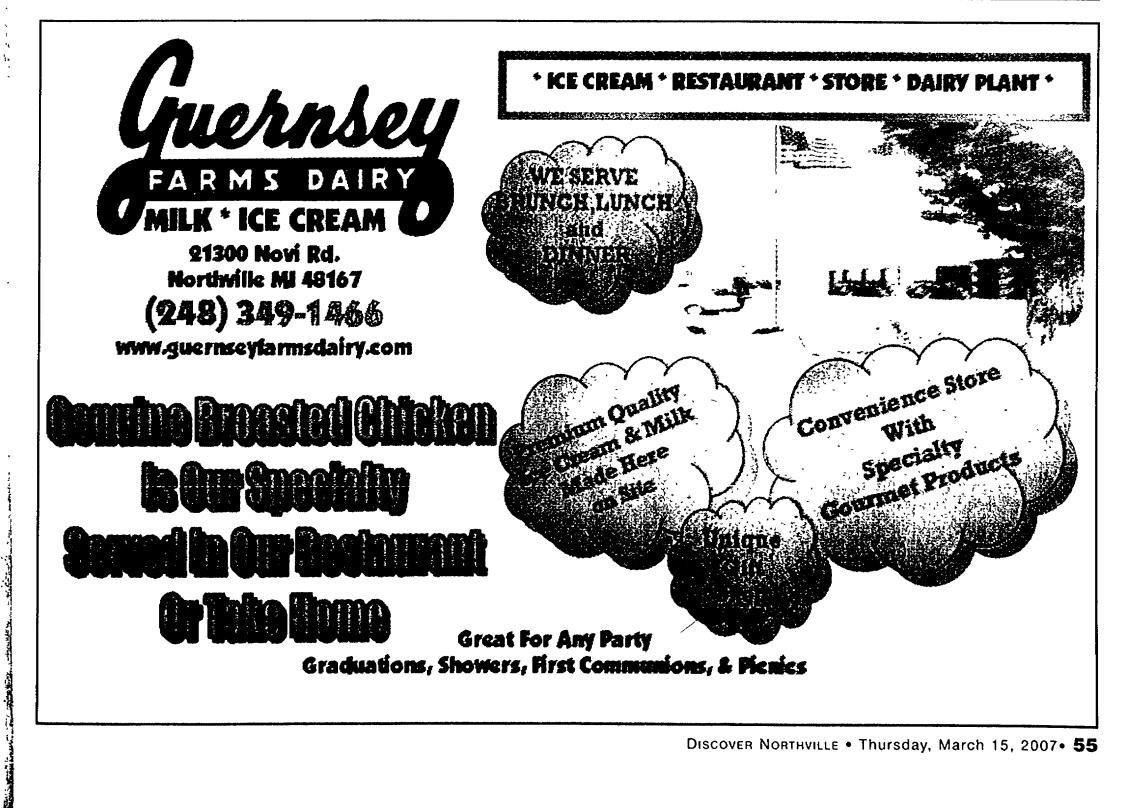
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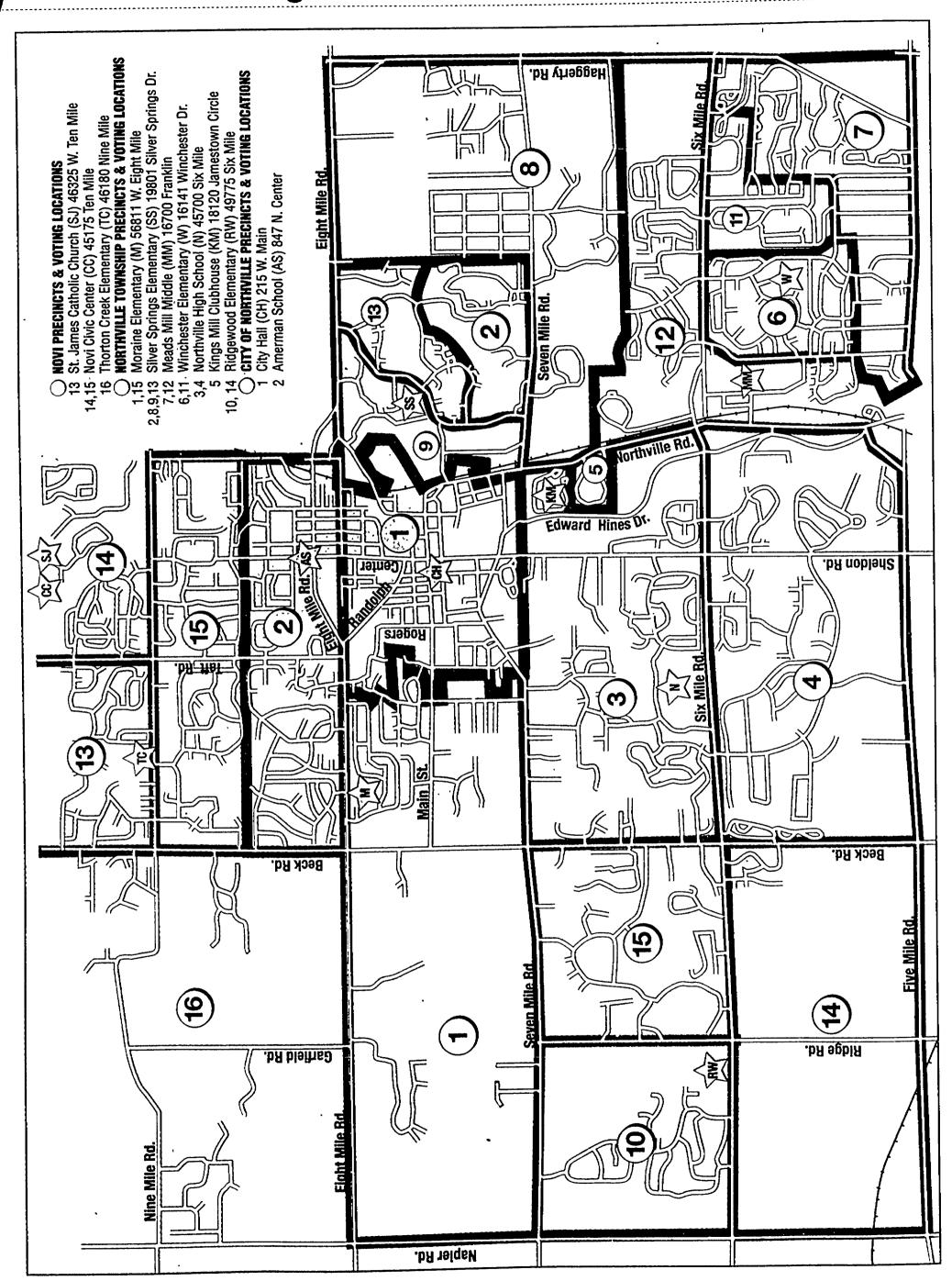
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Note: Median household income, median housing value, and median rent are based on Census Bureau geography. Due to differences between SEMCOG geography and Census Bureau geography for some communities, household totals for 2000 Census and 2000 forecast data will differ. Where this is the case, it is noted in the table.

Population and Households Overview

Component	1990 Census	2000 Census	Feb 2007	2030 Forecast
Household Population	6,169	6,421	6,257	6,153
Group Quarters Populati	on 57	38	38	84
Total Population	6,226	6,459	6,295	6,237
Households	2,481	2,720	2,720	2,773
Housing Units	2,583	2,801	2,855	n/a
Household Size	2.49	2.36	2.30	2.22

Population by Age

Age Groups	1990	2000	2030
	Census	Census	Forecast
Age 0-4	428 (7%)	384 (6%)	379 (6%)
Age 5-17	1,005 (16%)	1,154 (18%)	53 (15%)
Age 18-34	1,447 (23%)	1,033 (16%)	995 (16%)
Age 35-64	2,595 (42%)	3,077 (48%)	2,662 (43%)
Age 65+	751 (12%)	811 (13%)	1,248 (20%)
Total Populati	on 6,226	6,459	6,237

Population by Race & Hispanic Origin

Race	1990	2000	2000
	Census	Census	Census
			Alone or
			Combined
White 6,	120 (98%)	6,208 (96%)	6,255 (96%)
Black	9 (0%)	25 (0%)	31 (0%)
American Indian	15 (0%)	12 (0%)	26 (0%)
Asian	72 (1%)	120 (2%)	141 (2%)
Pacific Islander	0 (0%)	6 (0%)	7 (0%)
Other Race	10 (0%)	38 (1%)	49 (1%)
Multi-Racial	n/a	50 (1%)	n/a
Total Population	6,226	6,459	6,509 1
Hispanic Origin	48 (1%)	106 (2%)	n/a
Not of Hispanic	Origin		
	170 (000%)	6 757 (000%)	n/a

Population Age 25 or Older by Education

Highest Level of	1990	2000
Educational Attainment	Census	Census
Did Not Graduate High School	299 (7%)	276 (6%)
Graduated High School	905 (21%)	656 (14%)
Some College, No Degree	975 (22%)	920 (20%)
Associate Degree	356 (8%)	269 (6%)
Bachelor's Degree	1,112 (25%)	1,336 (29%)
Graduate or Professional Degree	728 (17%)	1,148 (25%)
Total Population Age 25 or Older 2	9 4,353	4,617

2 - The 100% count of total population age 25 or older shown here may not equal the sum of the sample data.

Births by Race of Mother

Race of Mother	Annual Avg. 1994-1998	Annual Avg. 1999-2003	2004
White	171 (93%)	180 (89%)	153 (83%)
Black	2 (1%)	4 (2%)	5 (3%)
American Indian	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Asian or Pacific Islander	9 (5%)	14 (7%)	23 (13%)
Other or Unknown	2 (1%)	4 (2%)	3 (2%)
Total Births	184	202	184

Deaths by Race

Race A	Annual Avg. 1994-1998	Annual Avg. 1999-200	2004
White	105 (99%)	99 (97%)	97 (97%)
Black	1 (1%)	2 (2%)	2 (2%)
American Indian	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Asian or Pacific Islander	0 (0%)	1 (1%)	0 (0%)
Other or Unknown	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (1%)
Total Deaths	106	102	100

Households by Type

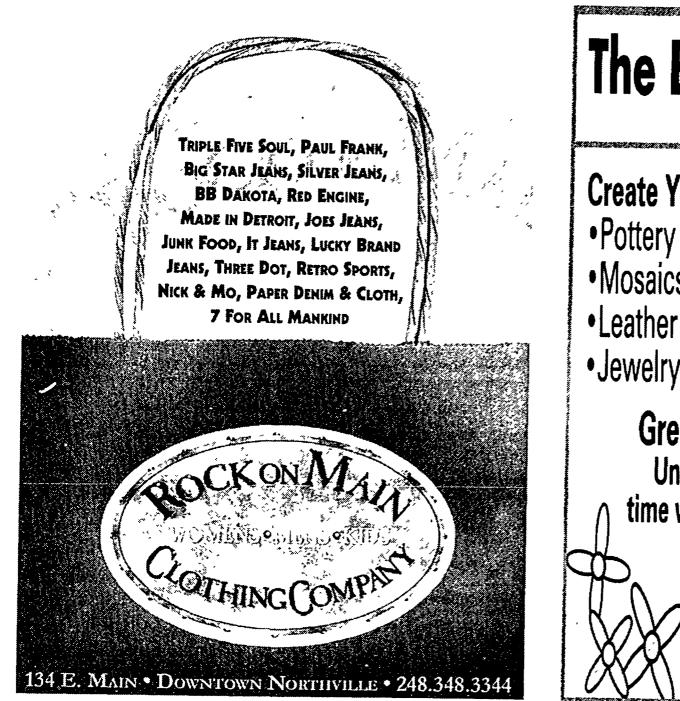
Households	1990	2000	2030
			Forecast
With Children	780 (31%)	833 (31%)	778 (28%)
Without Children	1,706 (69%)	1,889 (69%)	1,995 (72%)
Income Quartile 1 -	Low 3		
	308 (12%)	209 (8%)	126 (5%)
Income Quartile 2	442 (18%)	547 (20%)	448 (16%)
Income Quartile 3	712 (29%)	897 (33%)	1,196 (43%)

6,178 (99%) 6,353 (98%) n/a 1 - 2000 total here will exceed total population as those persons marking more than one race are counted in each race category they marked.

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Income Quartile 4 - High

1,024 (41%)1,069 (39%)1,003 (36%)Total Households2,4862,7222,7733 - Indicates the number of households in the community whose
household income is within each household income quartile of
Southeast Michigan.1,069 (39%)1,003 (36%)







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Household Income

Income Categories as	1990	2000
Reported in Each Census	Census	Census
Less than \$10,000	162 (7%)	75 (3%)
\$10,000 to \$14,999	100 (4%)	92 (3%)
\$15,000 to \$24,999	245 (10%)	170 (6%)
\$25,000 to \$34,999	243 (10%)	240 (9%)
\$35,000 to \$49,999	519 (21%)	301 (11%)
\$50,000 to \$74,999	500 (20%)	376 (14%)
\$75,000 to \$99,999	321 (13%)	398 (15%)
\$100,000 to \$149,999	281 (11%)	530 (20%)
\$150,000 or more	109 (4%)	508 (19%)
Total Households 4	2,481	2,720
Median Household Income		
(In 1999 Dollars)	\$ 67,461	\$ 83,961
Households in Poverty	119 (5%)	56 (2%)
Persons in Poverty	184 (3%)	104 (2%)
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4 - The 100% count of total households shown here may not equal the sum of the sample data.

Housing Tenure

1990 Census	2000 Census
1,853 (72%)	2,061 (74%)
\$171,639 628 (24%)	\$237,000 659 (24%)
020 (2170)	
\$609	\$653 81 (3%)
(4%) 2,583	2,801
	1,853 (72%) \$171,639 628 (24%) \$609 (4%)

Housing Units by Structure Type

Structure Type	1990 Census	2000 Census
One-Family Detached	1,693 (66%)	1,761 (63%)
One-Family Attached	300 (12%)	412 (15%)
Two-Family / Duplex	96 (4%)	87 (3%)
Multi-Unit Apartments	461 (18%)	526 (19%)
Mobile Homes	4 (0%)	0 (0%)
Other Units	29 (1%)	0 (0%)
Total Housing Units	2,583	2,801 5

5 - The 100% count of 2000 total housing units shown here may not equal the sum of the 2000 sample data.

Current Employment Estimates by Industrial Class 6

Industrial Class	1999	2000	2001	2002
Agriculture, Mining, and Na	atural Res	ources		
Agriculture, Mining, and M	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Manufacturing	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Transportation, Communic	ation, and	l Utility		
ndispondent of the	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Wholesale Trade	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Retail Trade	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Finance, Insurance, and				
Real Estate	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Services	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Public Administration	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total Employment	3,312	3,275	3,395	3,444
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6 - The data represents employment covered by unemployment insurance programs. "n/a" indicates data blocked due to confidentiality concerns of ES-202 files. Click here for a detailed description of the difference between Current Employment Estimates and Forecast Employment.

Employment by Industrial Class 7

Industrial Class	1990	2000	2030 Forecast
Agriculture, Mining	, and		
Natural Resources		127 (2%)	145 (2%)
Manufacturing	461 (8%)	318 (5%)	369 (5%)
Transportation, Con	mmunication, a	and Utility	
	120 (2%)	276 (5%)	414 (6%)
Wholesale Trade	n/a	n/a	n/a
Retail Trade	1,446 (26%)	1,548 (26%)	2,093 (28%)
Finance, Insurance	, and Real Esta	te	
,,	584 (11%)	953 (16%)	1,101 (15%)
Services	2,322 (42%)	2,301 (39%)	3,022 (41%)
Public Administrat	•	n/a	n/a
Total Employment		5,909	7,397

7 - The data represents all (covered and non-covered) employment. "n/a" indicates data blocked due to confidentiality concerns of ES-202 files. Click here for a detailed description of the difference between Current Employment Estimates and Forecast Employment.

Vehicles Available Per Household

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Residential Building Permits

Residentia	I Dunung	5 r ci intes			Number of Femeres	Census	Census
Structure Type	Annual Avg. 1996-2000	2001-2005	2006	2007	None One	109 (4%) 738 (30%)	91 (3%) 840 (31%)
Single Family / D	etached Condo			0	Two	1,204 (49%)	1,211 (45%)
-	57	7	10	0	Three or More	430 (17%)	562 (21%)
Townhouse / Atta	ched Condo 8	1	0	0	Total Households 8	2,481	2,720
Two-Family / Du		0	0	0	8 - The 100% count o	of total households shov	vn here may not
Multi-Family / Ap		0	0	0	equal the sum of the	sample data.	·
Total New Units		8	10	0	equal the sum of the	Sumpre alle	
Total Units Demo		3	11	0			
Net Total	139	5	-1	0			

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Northville Public Schools Graduate Profile

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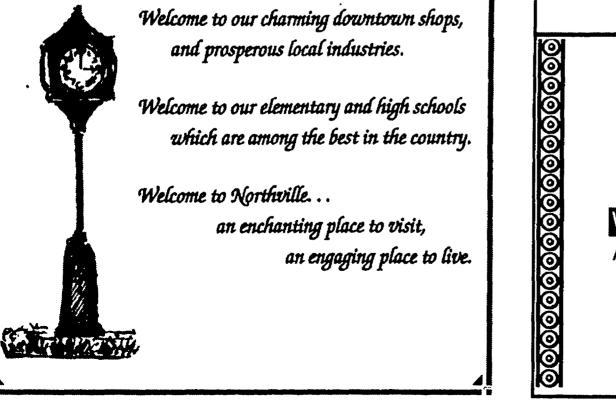
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Commuting to Work

Means of Transportation to W	/ork 1990	2000
	Census	Census
Drove Alone	2,843 (88%)	2,984 (87%)
Carpool or Vanpool	167 (5%)	190 (6%)
Public Transportation	0 (0%)	7 (0%)
Walked to Work	84 (3%)	75 (2%)
Other Means	20 (1%)	18 (1%)
Worked at Home	130 (4%)	161 (5%)
Total Workers Age 16 or Older	3,244	3,435
Mean Travel Time to Work (In M	Ainutes) 23	24

Residential Density (Units per Acre)

Density Type	1990	2000	1990-2000 Increment <i>12</i>
Single-Family Land Use	2.40	2.44	n/a
Gross Residential Density	3.10	3.27	n/a

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Summary of Development Changes (in Acres)

Development Status	1990	2000	1990-2000 Change
Undeveloped	131	114	-17 (-13.0%)
Developed	1,170	1,188	18 (1.5%)
Residential	832	850	18 (2.2%)
Nonresidential	338	338	0 (0.0%)
Percent Developed	89.9	91.2	1.3 (1.4%)

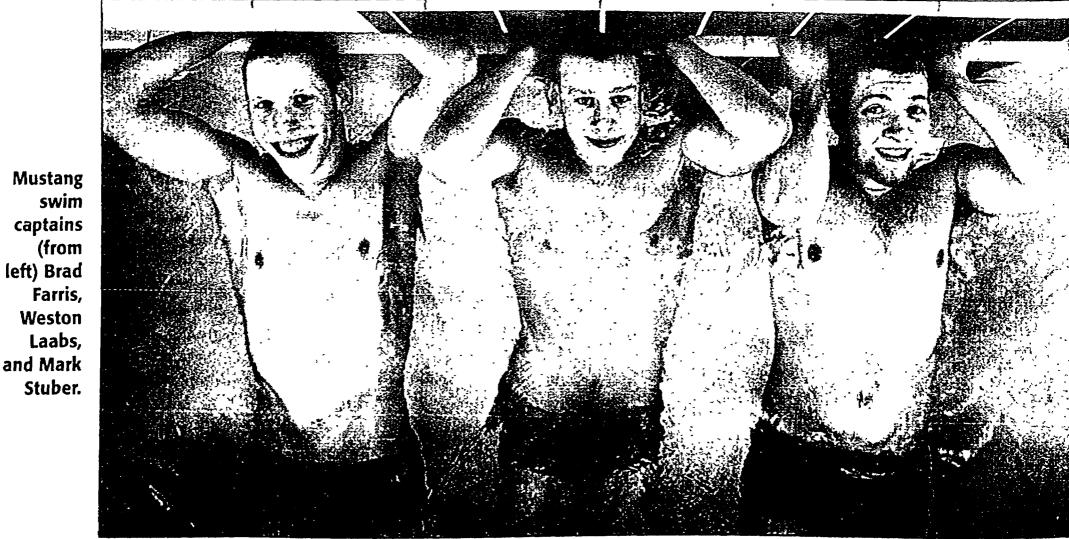
Land Use / Land Cover

Land Use Type	1990	2000
	Acres	Acres
Single-Family 9	759 (58%)	756 (58%)
Multiple-Family	73 (6%)	94 (7%)
Commercial and Office	75 (6%)	77 (6%)
Institutional	95 (7%)	96 (7%)
Industrial	57 (4%)	57 (4%)
Transportation, Communication, and	d Utility	
	7 (1%)	3 (0%)
Cultural, Outdoor Recreation, and C	emetery	
	104 (8%)	104 (8%)
Active Agriculture	0 (0%)	1 (0%)
Grassland and Shrub	33 (3%)	19 (1%)
Woodland and Wetland	83 (6%)	82 (6%)
Extractive and Barren	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Water	11 (1%)	11 (1%)
Under Development 10	5 (0%)	0 (0%)
Total Acres 11	1,301	1,301

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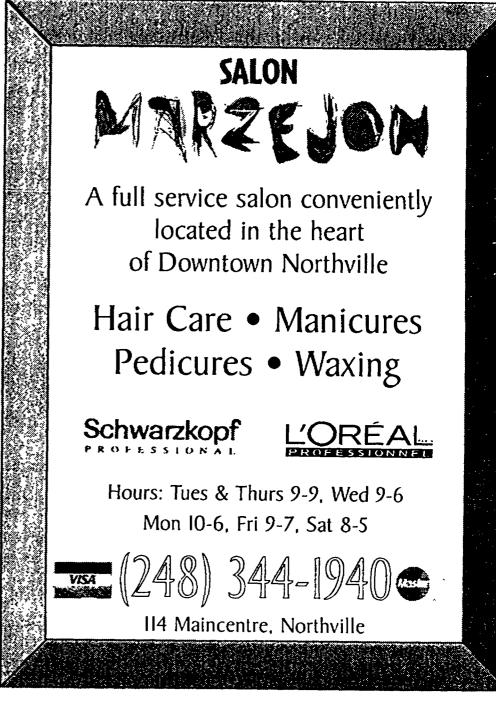


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Population and Households Overview

Component	1990	2000	Feb	2030
	Census	Census	2007	Forecast
Household Population	15,611	19,411	25,495	27,752
Group Quarters Population	1,702	1,625	1,231	1,806
Total Population	17,313	21,036	26,726	29,558
Households	6,141	8,119	10,831	13,286
Housing Units	6,526	8,480	11,615	n/a
Household Size	2.54	2.39	2.35	2.09

Population by Age

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Age Groups	1990	2000	2030
	Census	Census	Forecast
Age 0-4	911 (5%)	1,024 (5%)	1,701 (6%)
Age 5-17	2,796 (16%)	3,475 (17%)	3,851 (13%)
Age 18-34	4,686 (27%)	3,862 (18%)	4,906 (17%)
Age 35-64	7,214 (42%)	9,755 (46%)	11,014 (37%)
Age 65+	1,706 (10%)	2,920 (14%)	8,086 (27%)
Total Population	17,313	21,036	29,558

Population by Race and Hispanic Origin

Race	1990	2000	2000 Census Alone or Combined
White	15,712 (91%)	1 8,787 (89%)	19,016 (89%)
Black	1,069 (6%)	923 (4%)	991 (5%)
American Indian	49 (0%)	58 (0%)	137 (1%)
Asian	429 (2%)	905 (4%)	1,001 (5%)
Pacific Islander	3 (0%)	7 (0%)	17 (0%)
Other Race	51 (0%)	92 (0%)	157 (1%)
Multi-Racial	n/a	264 (1%)	n/a
Total Population	17,313	21,036	21,319 1
Hispanic Origin 18	5 (10%) 372 (20/	6) n/a	

Hispanic Origin 185 (1%) 372 (2%) n/a

Not of Hispanic Origin 17,128 (99%) 20,664 (98%) n/a

1 - 2000 total here will exceed total population as those persons marking more than one race are counted in each race category they marked.

Population Age 25 or Older by Education

Highest Level of	1990	2000	\$25,000 to \$34,999
Educational Attainment	Census	Census	\$35,000 to \$49,999
Did Not Graduate High School	1,308 (11%)	1,270 (8%)	\$50,000 to \$74,999
Graduated High School	2,474 (21%)	2,617 (17%)	\$75,000 to \$99,999
Some College, No Degree	2,747 (23%)	2,952 (19%)	\$100,000 to \$149,999
Associate Degree	756 (6%)	1,105 (7%)	\$150,000 or more
Bachelor's Degree	2,968 (25%)	4,278 (28%)	Total Households 4
Graduate or Professional Degr	· · /		Median Household Incon
Ŭ	1,702 (14%)	3,086 (20%)	
Total Population Age 25 or Old	der 2		Households in Poverty
	11,922	15,249	Persons in Poverty
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Births by Race of Mother

Race of Mother	-	Annual Avg.	2004
	1994-1998	1999-2003	
White	86 (93%)	82 (89%)	136 (87%)
Black	1 (1%)	0 (0%)	4 (3%)
American Indian	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Asian or Pacific Islander	4 (4%)	8 (9%)	14 (9%)
Other or Unknown	1 (1%)	2 (2%)	2 (1%)
Total Births	92	92	156

Deaths by Race

Race	Annual Avg.	Annual Avg.	
	1994-1998	1999-2003	2004
White	89 (98%)	114 (100%)	106 (97%)
Black	1 (1%)	0 (0%)	1 (1%)
American Indian	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Asian or Pacific Islande	r 1 (1%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Other or Unknown	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (2%)
Total Deaths	91	114	109

Households by Type

Households	1990	2000	2030
			Forecast
With Children	1,950 (32%)	2,386 (29%)	3,271 (25%)
Without Children	4,194 (68%)	5,733 (71%)	10,015 (75%)
Income Quartile 1 - I	Low 3		
	467 (8%)	564 (7%)	1,136 (9%)
Income Quartile 2	1,163 (19%)	1,710 (21%)	3,476 (26%)
Income Quartile 3	1,694 (28%)	2,489 (31%)	4,734 (36%)
Income Quartile 4 - I	High		
	2,820 (46%)	3,356 (41%)	3,940 (30%)
Total Households	6,144		13,286
3 - Indicates the number of households in the community whose			

household income is within each household income quartile of Southeast Michigan.

Household Income

Income Categories as

Reported in Each Census	1990 Census	2000 Census
Less than \$10,000	235 (4%)	218 (3%)
\$10,000 to \$14,999	168 (3%)	161 (2%)
\$15,000 to \$24,999	613 (10%)	509 (6%)
\$25,000 to \$34,999	618 (10%)	536 (7%)

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imple data.

Community Profile - Northville Township

Housing Tenure

Tenure	1990 Census	2000 Census
Owner Occupied Units	4,361 (67%)	5,975 (70%)
Median Housing Value (Ir	n 2000 dollars)	
	\$214,813	\$282,500
Renter Occupied Units	1,780 (27%)	2,144 (25%)
Median Contract Rent (In	2000 Dollars)	
	\$871	\$764
Vacant Units	385 (6%)	361 (4%)
Total Housing Units	6,526	8,480

Residential Building Permits

2.	nual Avg. 996-2000	Annual Avg. 2001-2005	2006	2007
Single Family / Detached Co	ondo 200	329	139	9
Townhouse / Attached Co	ndo 14	102	83	0
Two-Family / Duplex	0	56	6	0
Multi-Family / Apartments	27	26	0	0
Total New Units	241	513	228	9
Total Units Demolished	6	4	11	0
Net Total	235	509	217	9

Housing Units by Structure Type

Structure Type	1990 Census	2000 Census
One-Family Detached	3,198 (49%)	4,371 (52%)
One-Family Attached	1,372 (21%)	1,657 (20%)
Two-Family / Duplex	38 (1%)	137 (2%)
Multi-Unit Apartments	1,862 (29%)	2,298 (27%)
Mobile Homes	10 (0%)	17 (0%)
Other Units	46 (1%)	0 (0%)
Total Housing Units	6,526	8,480 <i>5</i>
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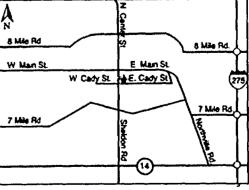
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Industrial Cl	ass 1999	9 2000	2001	2002
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Manufacturi	ng n/	a n/a	n/a	n/a
Transportatio	on, Commur	nication, and UI	ility	
•	n/-	a n/a	n/a	n/a
Wholesale Tr	ade 235 (5%	b) 241 (4%)	217 (4%)	190 (3%)
Retail Trade	1,112 (23%	 6) 1,226 (22%)) 1,352 (23%)	1,408 (24%)
Finance, Ins	urance, and	Real Estate		
	124 (3%) 134 (2%)	163 (3%)	148 (3%)
Services	2,647 (54%)	3,185 (57%)	3,350 (57%)	3,280 (56%)
Public Admir	histration			
	571 (12%)) 550 (10%)	535 (9%)	579 (10%)
Total Employ	yment 4,92	3 5,587	5,874	5,845
6 - The data represents employment covered by unemployment				
insurance programs "n/a" indicatos data blockod due to confi				

insurance programs. "n/a" indicates data blocked due to confidentiality concerns of ES-202 files. Click here for a detailed description of the difference between Current Employment Estimates and Forecast Employment.

Means of Transportation		
to Work	1990 Census	2000 Census
Drove Alone	7,883 (91%)	9,416 (92%)
Carpool or Vanpool	440 (5%)	322 (3%)
Public Transportation	34 (0%)	17 (0%)
Walked to Work	45 (1%)	67 (1%)
Other Means	33 (0%)	37 (0%)
Worked at Home	1 91 (2%)	326 (3%)
Total Workers Age 16 or Older	` 8,626	10,185
Mean Travel Time to Work (In I	Minutes) 24	27

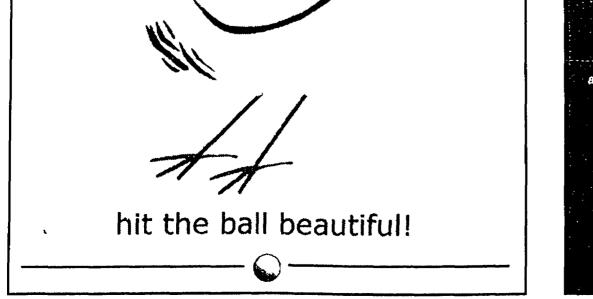
Vehicles Available Per Household

Number of Vehicles Available	1990 Census	2000 Census
None	124 (2%)	263 (3%)
One	1,752 (29%)	2,566 (32%)
Two	2,944 (48%)	3,791 (47%)
Three or More	1,313 (21%)	1,499 (18%)
Total Households 8	6,141	8,119
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Residential Density (Units per Acre)

Density Type	1990	2000	1990-2000 Increment <i>12</i>
Single-Family Land Use	1.43	1.51	1.77
Gross Residential Density	2.42	2.41	2.37

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Land Use / Land Cover

Land Use Type	1990 Acres	2000 Acres
Single-Family 9	2,288 (22%)	2,981 (28%)
Multiple-Family	402 (4%)	531 (5%)
Commercial and Office	128 (1%)	266 (3%)
Institutional	607 (6%)	510 (5%)
Industrial	65 (1%)	78 (1%)
Transportation, Communica	ation, and Utility	
•	247 (2%)	245 (2%)
Cultural, Outdoor Recreatio	on, and Cemetery	
	587 (6%)	692 (7%)
Active Agriculture	1,117 (11%)	635 (6%)
Grassland and Shrub	2,351 (22%)	1,498 (14%)
Woodland and Wetland	2,181 (21%)	2,011 (19%)
Extractive and Barren	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Water	285 (3%)	305 (3%)
Under Development 10	364 (3%)	868 (8%)
Total Acres 11	10,620	10,620
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Employment by Industrial Class 7

Industrial Class	1990	2000	2030 Forecast
Agriculture, Minin	g, and Natural R	lesources	
	70 (1%)	90 (1%)	157 (2%)
Manufacturing	194 (4%)	371 (5%)	871 (9%)
Transportation, Co	ommunication, a	and Utility	
	36 (1%)	156 (2%)	271 (3%)
Wholesale Trade	n/a	n/a	n/a
Retail Trade	1,342 (24%)	1,830 (26%)	2,247 (24%)
Finance, Insurance	e, and Real Esta	te	
•	307 (6%)	771 (11%)	1,008 (11%)
Services	2,854 (52%)	2,906 (42%)	4,117 (45%)
Public Administra	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total Employmer	nt 5,539	6,908	9,241
7 - The data represents all (covered and non-covered) employment.			
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202 files. Click here for a detailed description of the difference			
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Summary of Development Changes (in Acres)

between Current Employment Estimates and Forecast Employment.

Development Status	1990	2000	1990-2000 Change
Undeveloped	6,297	5,317	-980 (-15.6%)
Developed	4,323	5,303	980 (22.7%)
Residential	2,690	3,512	822 (30.6%)
Nonresidential	1,633	1,791	158 (9.7%)
 Percent Developed 	40.7	49.9	9.2 (22.6%)
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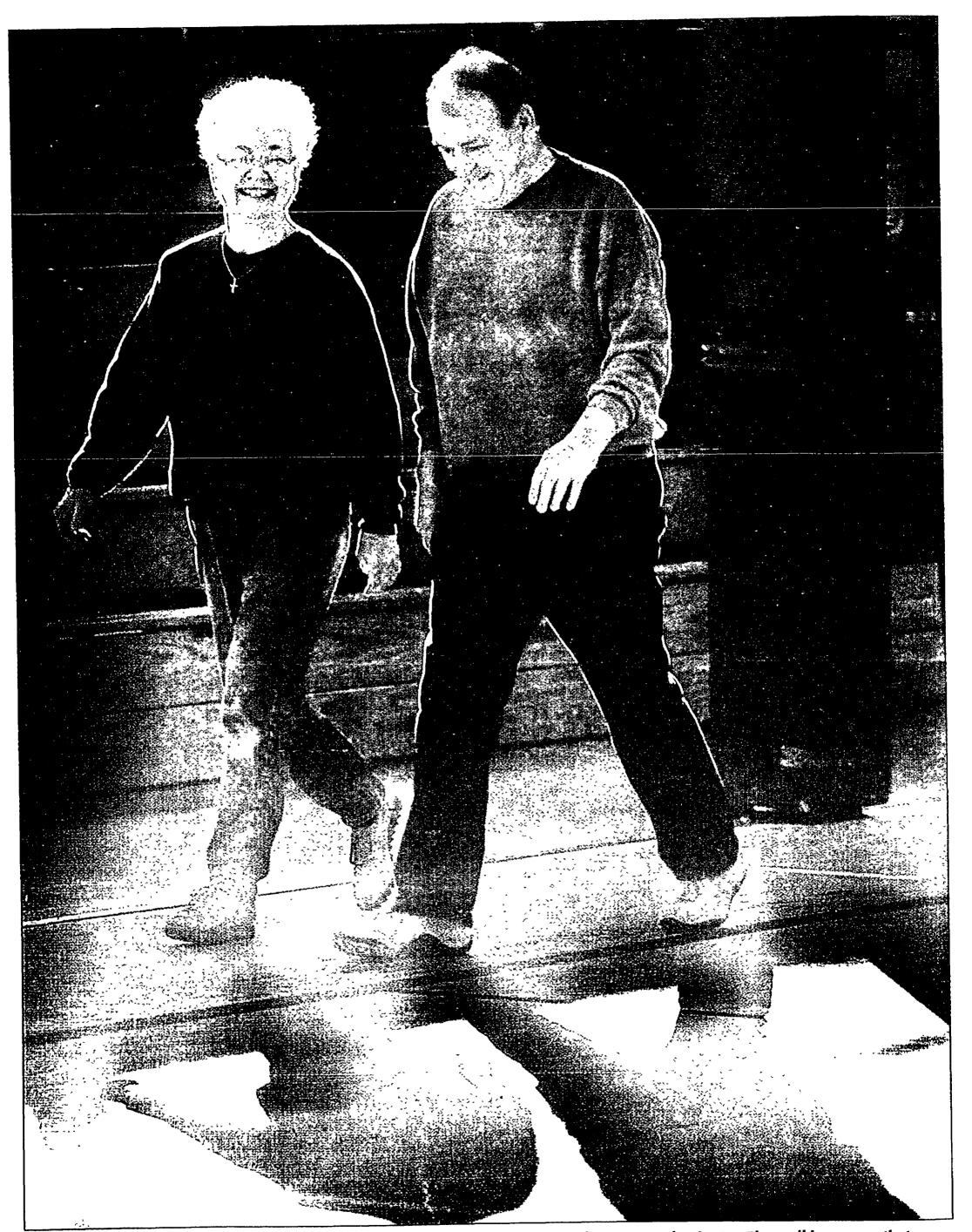


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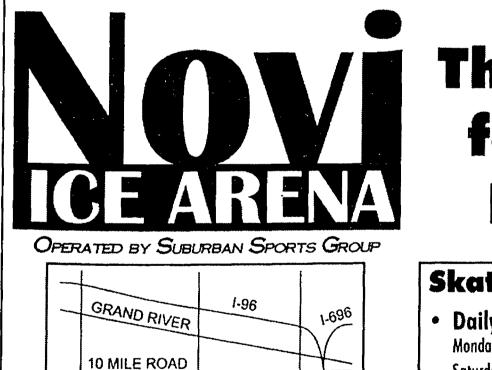
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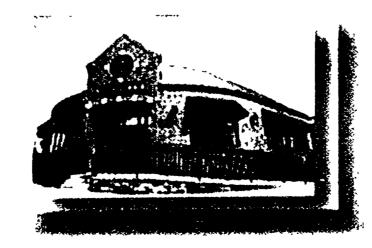
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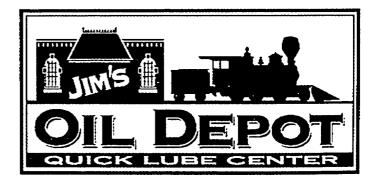
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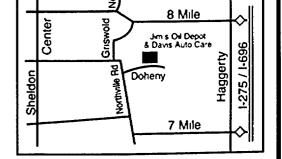


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Declining home values jeopardize retirees considering reverse mortgage

A deeper and more widespread decline in home values is jeopardizing many retirees' ability to tap a reverse mortgage for relief from their financial hardships.

According to a recent report from the National Association of Realtors (NAR), the fourth quarter of 2006 had the biggest year-over-year decline in home prices on record. Prices dropped 2.7 percent in the fourth quarter, which followed a 1.0percent decline in the third quarter.

Not only do declining home prices impact sellers and buyers, they also impact how much senior homeowners may receive when they apply for a reverse mortgage.

A reverse mortgage enables homeowners 62 and older to convert their home equity into cash. What makes this type of mortgage so popular is that there are no payments for as long as the borrowers live in their home. The reverse mortgage is typically repaid from the proceeds from the sale of the home, when the senior homeowner no longer lives there.

The amount a borrower may receive from a reverse mortgage is

determined by their age, the interest rate and the home value. A slump in a home's value can reduce the amount a retiree may receive from the reverse mortgage.

Median home prices are down 3.4 percent, as reported by NAR. During the past six months, there have been declines in three-quarters of the markets. A number of markets reported double-digit declines.

The market with the biggest drop in home values was Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville, Fla. The median prices plunged 19.5 percent.

A senior homeowner 74 years old with a \$200,000 home may receive a lump sum of \$123,421 from the federally-insured reverse mortgage. If the home value was to decline by 3.4 percent, the amount would be reduced by \$4,484.

However, if the home value was to drop 19.5 percent, the lump sum from the reverse mortgage would be \$99,773, or \$25,717 less — a significant amount by anyone's standards.

Senior homeowners with an existing mortgage on their home must pay it off to qualify for the reverse mortgage. This is usually done from the proceeds of the reverse mortgage. Paying off an existing mortgage and eliminating the monthly mortgage payment can make a huge difference in the lives of retirees struggling to live on a fixed or limited income.

"A drop in the amount a senior customer may receive from the reverse mortgage could risk their ability to qualify if there are not sufficient funds to pay off an existing mortgage in full," said Patrick Ervin, a reverse mortgage specialist with Allied Home Mortgage Capital Corp. "A decline in a home's value or rise in interest rates can reduce the amount that a customer may receive from the reverse mortgage."

The good news is that NAR believes the worst is over for the slump in home prices.

To learn more about reverse mortgages, Allied Home Mortgage Capital Corp. is providing a free reverse mortgage informational package and confidential estimate by calling it toll-free at (877) 696-3711 or by visiting www.reversehome.org.

Parade of Homes opens Friday

Parade of Homes, the 18th annual exhibition of new model homes located across southeastern Michigan, will open on March 16. The formerly monthlong event is being extended this year, and will run through Aug. 1. Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and LaSalle Bank are the sponsors.

"There has never been a better time to buy a new home in Michigan," said Richard Ives, president of BIA. "Extending the program to nearly five months will give the community more of an opportunity to see the incredible homes that are available all over the region, and at a time when new homebuyers are enjoying historically low interest rates. This is truly a buyer's market."

The Parade of Homes offers potential homebuyers an opportunity to visit the area's finest model homes, from condominiums and single-family homes to homes in gated communities and lakeside villas. Participants will also have an opportunity to see firsthand the latest trends in architecture, interior design, amenities and materials. The 58 model homes range in price from \$97,400 to \$1.4 million.

Architects and building industry

experts will judge the homes and award winners in several categories prior to the event opening. This year's judges are Sharon Glinka of La Salle Bank; Michael Gordon, AIA, of

Moiseev/Gordon Associates Inc.; and Michael T. Miller, AIA, of The Design Group. The judges will make their decisions based on the use of innovative design, use of space, aesthetic appeal of the home and value for the price.

A Parade of Homes magazine containing renderings, features, and location maps for all homes will be available at 300 LaSalle Bank branches and 205 CVS/pharmacy locations throughout southeastern Michigan, at all participating model homes, and at BIA's Spring Home & Garden Show, April 13-15 at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi.

For additional information on the 2007 Spring Parade of Homes, call (248) 862-1032 or visit www.builders.org. The Parade of Homes Web site, www.BIAparadeofhomes.com, will go

live on March 16 and will feature informative news stories on home ownership and economic issues as well as details on each home.

BIA and LaSalle Bank will also sponsor a Parade of Homes event in the fall.

PARADE OF HOMES

What: An exhibition of 58 new model homes located throughout southeastern Michigan. The free scattered site showcase of new homes gives potential homebuyers an opportunity to visit the area's finest model homes.

When: March 16 through Aug. 1, 2007

Where: Throughout southeastern Michigan

Features: An array of homes ranging from condominiums and single-family homes, to homes in gated communities and lakeside villas.

Featured attractions of the show include:

Homes ranging in price from \$97,400 to \$1.4 million

The latest in architecture, interior design, amenities, materials, design and convenience

Participating homes can be viewed via open house tours beginning March 16

Free magazine guide to the participating model homes available at 300 LaSalle Bank locations and 205 CVS locations throughout southeastern Michigan

Architects and building industry experts will judge the homes and award winners in several categories before the show begins

Information on the featured homes can be found at www.builders.org or www.BIAparadeofhomes.com beginning March 17.

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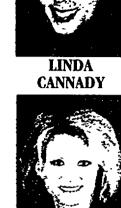
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Ideal conditions could allow firsttime buyers gain equity faster

Making a well-timed investment move is rarely as easy as deciding to become a homeowner now. Local and national economic factors create unusually attractive housing market conditions that are unlikely to last.

First-time buyers, in particular, benefit from an ideal combination of low mortgage rates, a wide availability of new homes and builder incentives - a perfect alignment to help shoppers become owners.

Recent graduates, young families and couples forming new households can trade cramped apartments for starter homes - a smart step toward building lifelong wealth through the generous tax advantages and proven gains of real estate ownership. And look what Southeastern Michigan builders are doing to put keys in homebuyers' hands:

Free upgrades: Granite counters, stainless steel appliances and finished basements increasingly are standard new home features.

Financing help: Some buyers qualify for eliminated closing costs or a half-year of mortgage payments covered by the builder.

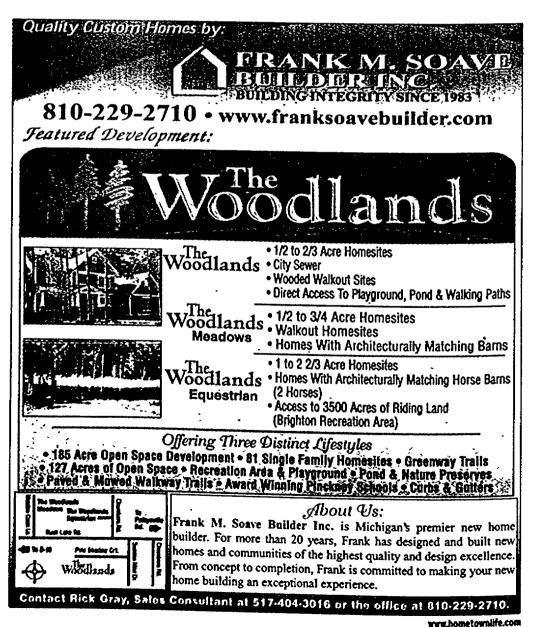
Flexibility: Prices and transaction details have more wiggle room than during times of active construction.

· Palazzolo Brothers, a builder of communities throughout the region, offers an innovative incentive for newcomers. "We have a gift registry for engaged couples and newlyweds that doubles the value of monetary gifts if they buy one of our homes or condominiums," explains Sam Palazzolo. His company matches up to \$2,500 in gifts to reduce the purchase cost - a wedding present to enjoy every day.

The same builder offers rent-free lodging at its apartment communities, such as The Preserves in Sterling Heights, while buyers wait for a home to be completed.

"All those breaks actually are bonuses on top of the biggest reason to move now," says Palazzolo, whose knowledge of housing market fluctuations comes from being a

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Two-story homes planned

Westchester Village, a Bloomfield Township community of some 350 ranches first developed in 1953, will now allow the construction of two-story homes, as the result of a change in a deed restriction.

Builders Wellington-Chase Homes of Bloomfield Hills and Hunter-Roberts Homes of Birmingham are involved in the re-development of the community.

With four new homes already built, and more to come, owners of existing ranches are getting on the redevelopment bandwagon: they're considering renovating their ranches to include first-floor masters, and redesigning layouts suited to empty nesters.

"We're really excited about this opportunity to enhance the community," said Ken Peterson, partner, Wellington-Chase Homes. "It's the perfect neighborhood for this mix of one and two-story homes. Unlike other upscale urban areas, the two-story homes in Westchester won't infringe on the privacy of neighbors, or cast shadows on their homes – the lots in Westchester are large."

Wellington-Chase Homes Homes, at 36240 Woodward Ave. in Bloomfield Hills, was established in 1999 and specializes in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area. Partners Brett Boes, Ken Peterson

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and Ron Grobelny have backgrounds in engineering, architecture and construction. Wellingon-Chase Homes is a member of Licensed Builders - State of Michigan, National Association of Home Builders - Washington D.C. **Building Industries Association of SE** Michigan, Michigan Association of Home Builders and The Birmingham Builders Task Force. They are also members of and contributors to the Macomb County Habitat for Humanity (Ken Peterson is a past president) and Rebuilding Together Macomb - president. Visit their Web site at www.wellingtonchasehomes.com.

New home buying class

Success Mortgage Partners Inc. will sponsor a class for those looking to purchase a new construction home at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 20, at their offices located at 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. Registration is required. Contact: Diane Adamick (734) 259-0850.

Broder & Sachse hires property manager

Laurie Wood has joined Broder & Sachse Real Estate Services Inc., an office, retail and multi-family property management and development company in Birmingham as a property manager. Wood, a Lapeer resident, had been a senior facilities manager for automotive and financial corporate clients at Trammell Crow Company in Auburn Hills. Her 21-year property and facility management career includes managing office and light industrial corporate and multi-tenant properties.

Wood is a member of the Building Owners and Managers Association and a licensed real estate broker in Michigan.

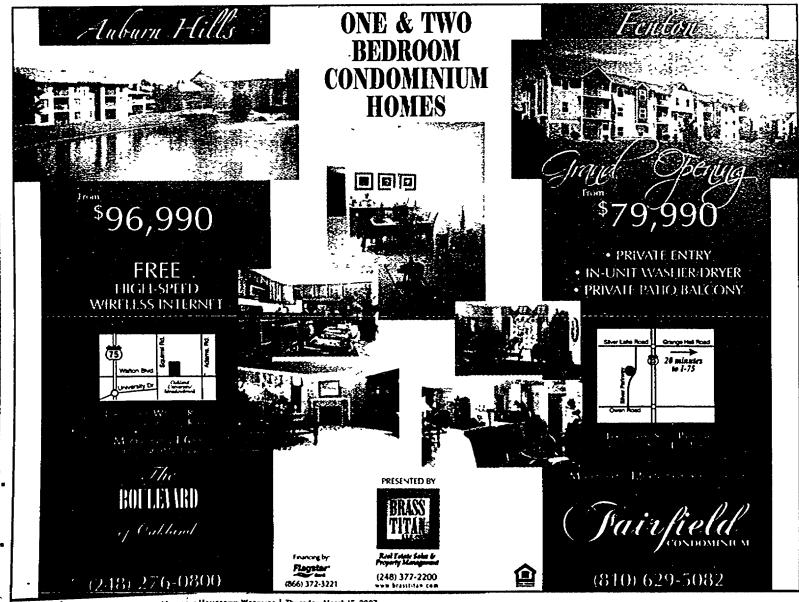
Reverse mortgage seminar

A free reverse mortgage seminar "Moving Forward in Reverse" is being offered at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road Livonia, at 6 p.m. every Tuesday in March. No payments, no credit requirements and individual appointments are available. Please rsvp with John McParland at (800) 260-5484.

Feng shui classes

Improve your chances for good luck in many aspects of your life from money and relationships to career and health using Feng Shui (foong shway), the ancient Chinese practice of placement.

The Design Spirit presents the Feng Shui classes for Oakland Builders Institute. For a free brochure and current schedule of classes call (800) 940-2014 or (248) 651-2771.



Builders pre-license class

Oakland Builders Institute is presenting a 16-hour comprehensive seminar to give students the help needed to pass the Michigan state builder's license examination. The seminar is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 24 and 25, at the Best Western ConCorde Inn of Rochester Hills, 1919 Star-Batt Dr., Rochester Hills.

The course is for those who want to subcontract the construction of their own homes, real estate investors and developers and building trades people who want to work legally in Michigan. The cost of the seminar is \$205. The manual, sample questions and the test application are all included.

A \$25 deposit is required no later than Wednesday, March 21, to Oakland Builders Institute, 1277 Dutton Road, Rochester Hills, Mich., 48306. Call toll-free 1-800-940-2014 or 248-651-2771 to register Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or register online at www.buildersinstitute.com

BIA offers programs

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and the Construction Association of Michigan will present the following programs:

■ A Construction Safety Training Workshop from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, March 20, at the Total Sports Complex, 30900 Wixom Road in Wixom. The workshop will feature comprehensive courses on topics including fall protection, trenching, masonry, aerial lift, fire protection, asbestos awareness and accident investigation.

Registration fees, including continental breakfast, are \$90 per person and payable at the door only. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ "Energy Efficiency Home Building Training" – from 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, March 27, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Douglas Black (HERS accredited, LEED AP) of WARM Training Center will lead the seminar, using real-life examples of homes built in Michigan to compare different energy standards. The seminar will compare the Michigan Residential Code, Energy Star and the Federal Tax Credit standard and look at what it takes to get there, how much it costs, and how to market it.

The registration fee is \$10 per person. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ "Green Products: What You Need to Know - What You Need to Have" from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 10, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite. 100, in Farmington Hills. Jacob Corvidae, Green Programs

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Manager, WARM Training Center will instruct attendees on the basics of green building products, and will provide many pass-around samples, from bamboo flooring to low-VOC paints, recycled glass terrazo to all-natural carpeting, and much more.

Registration fees, including continental breakfast, are \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$40 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ A comprehensive builder's license preparation course on Thursdays, April 12, April 19, April 26 and May 3, 2007 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Prepared by NCI Associates, Madison Heights, the course is designed to prepare students for the Michigan Builder's License Examination. Material covered will include topics on the exam, laws and rules, building practices and procedures, sample test questions and test-taking strategies.

The registration fee is \$200 per person. For registration information, call

(248) 548-2090.

■ A "Design/Build" seminar from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, April 13, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. The seminar is part of the Certified Graduate Builder (CGB) series.

Chuck Breidenstein of Builders Professional Services Group Inc. will instruct attendees on how to create a well-managed, full-service building or remodeling business that can pocket more profits while maximizing customer satisfaction.

Registration fees are \$155 for Remodelors Council members, \$175 for BIA members and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ "A 10-Point Game Plan for Success" seminar from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 18, at the Troy Marriott, 200 West Big Beaver Road, in Troy. The seminar is sponsored by First Horizons Home Loans.

Tom Richey of Richey Resources will instruct attendees on "Heeding the Ten Commandments of Today's Challenging Economy," "marketing to address the new market," "bringing sales management up to an A-performance level," and "learning how to neutralize the negotiators." Registration fees are \$35 for Sales and Marketing Council and Remodelors Council members, \$55 for BIA members and \$75 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ "Codes and Quality Control" – from 8 a.m. to noon on Friday, April 20, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

Chuck Breidenstein of Builders Professional Services Group, Inc. will instruct attendees on defining quality within one's company by identifying five essential quality components. The course outlines a superintendent's responsibilities regarding codes and provides tips on code enforcement and compliance on the job site.

Registration fees are \$155 for BIA members and \$185 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ A "Negotiating Skills" course from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, April 24, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. The course is part of the Certified Graduate Remodelor (CGR) series and counts toward Certified Graduate Associate and Graduate Master Builder designation, as well. Chuck Breidenstein of Builder Professional Services Group will instruct attendees on strategies for specific negotiating situations through a combination of lectures, exercise and role-playing.

Registration fees are \$155 for Remodelors Council members, \$175 for BIA members and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ A "Business Management for Building Professionals" course from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, May 7, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

Brindley R.W. Byrd, CAPS, CGR of Qx2 Inc. will provide participants with the essential "tools" for the ideal business management toolbox. The course will discuss the components of a business plan; defining and staffing your business; performance tools for managing and monitoring administration, sales, and production; and strategies for managing common challenges experienced in startup businesses.

Registration fees are \$185 for Remodelors Council members, \$235 for BIA members and \$275 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.



Don't let 'dictator' take over condo association



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Q. Our condo association has a little dictator running the association who has been in power for over 15 years. He usurps the role the rest of the board members, and does not even consult them with respect to bylaw violations. What can we do about the situation as a co-owner? A. The best recourse is

to contact the other board members and remind them of their fiduciary responsibilities and if they allow the "dictator" to continue unabashed, consider removing him as a director by way of the process set forth in the bylaws and/or the Non-profit Corporation Act. While you need leadership in condo associations, persons who usurp their role to the exclusion of others on the board in regard to their input should not be

allowed to continue in their position and if the other board members are complacent, they will get what they deserve.

Q. Our association meetings are getting out of hand and our bylaws suggest some sort of parliamentary procedure. What do you recommend?

A. More than likely, your documents require that you use parliamentary procedures such as Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised. It is best to have a parliamentary and, if necessary, assist in the running of the meeting if you expect there to be a problem with the members. You are best advised to hire a parliamentarian who does not have a proprietary interest in the association. While it is good to use parliamentary procedure, smaller size meetings such as board and committee meetings can be less formal.

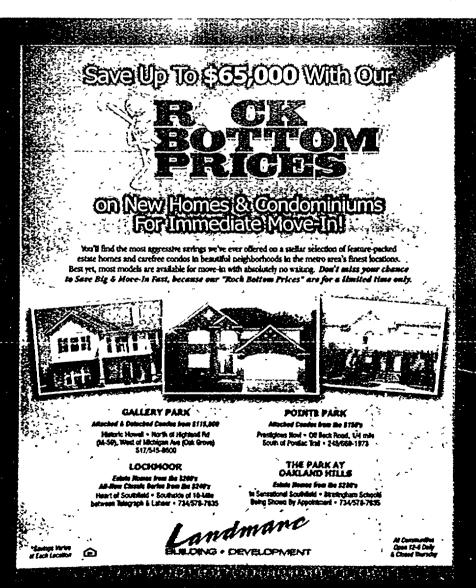
Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95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

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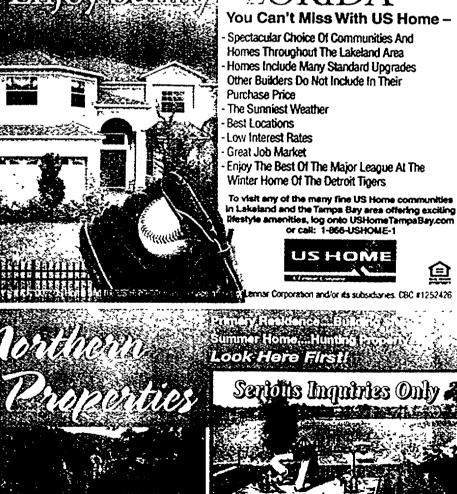
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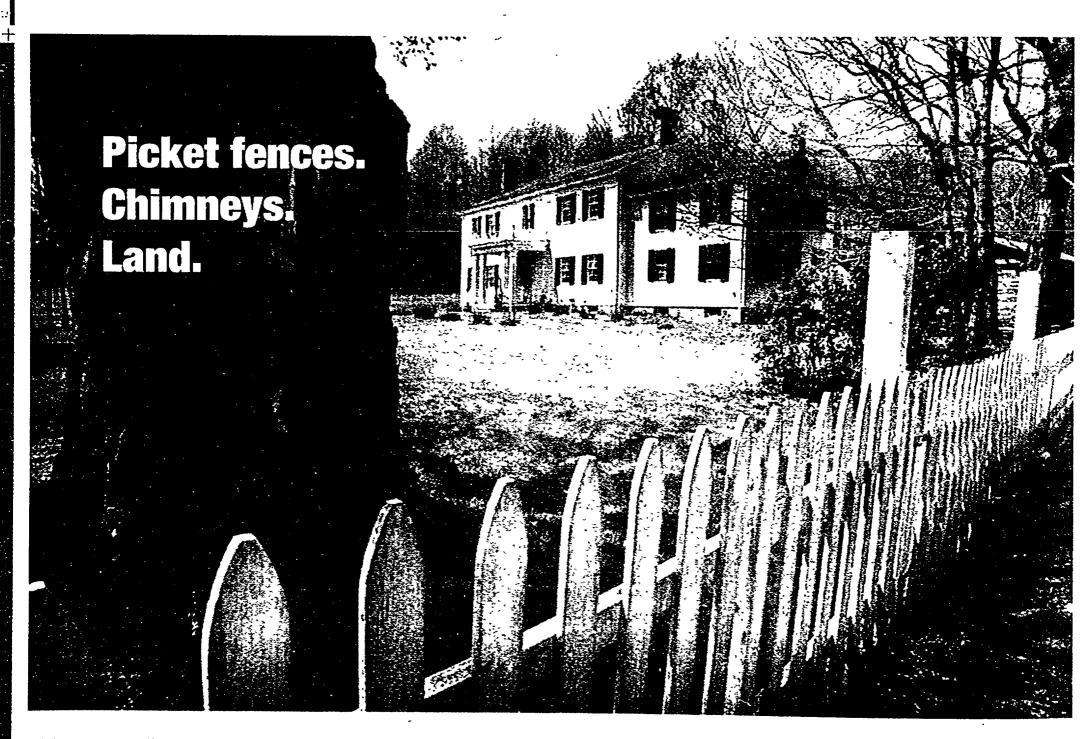


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Detroit riverfront to be featured at CREW Midwest conference

Downtown Detroit's riverfront will play a key role in a May conference of several hundred commercial real estate professionals from 11 Midwestern states and Ontario.

Scheduled for May 3-5 at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center, the annual Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW) Midwest Regional Conference (MWRC) will feature Detroit River development efforts in several conference sessions, including a narrated river cruise, an expert panel discussion of Midwestern waterfront revitalization projects and a keynote address by Matt Cullen, General Motors Corp. general manager/economic development & enterprise services and an active proponent of Detroit River redevelopment.

The Thursday, May 3, afternoon riverboat cruise will highlight recent and planned developments on the Detroit and Windsor sides of the Detroit River.

On May 4, the conference's signature panel, "On the Waterfront: Revitalizing Riverfronts and Leveraging Lakefronts," will examine successful waterfront development projects in the Midwest and Ontario. The Friday morning event will feature speakers from participating regional CREW chapters — including host chapter CREW Detroit — presenting case histories, best practices and biggest challenges.

Cullen, an instrumental figure in Detroit's riverfront revitalization since GM's 1996 purchase of the Renaissance Center, will deliver the conference's keynote address during Friday's afternoon luncheon.

GM has signed on as a \$10,000 "Superior" level conference sponsor, says Joan Cleland, conference chair and president of Acquest Development Inc. in Bloomfield Hills. Other sponsors include the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and Oakwood Healthcare System Foundation as a sponsor of the conference "NetWalks" — morning walking and running tours of Detroit led by local CREW members.

Multiple sponsorship opportunities from \$1,800 to \$10,000 — which also include exposure at CREW Detroit events and on its publications and Web site throughout 2007 — are available. For more information, contact Debra Osuch at (586) 731-3100.



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"Buying when the housing market is down just makes sense," he adds. "It's what savvy investors try to do with stocks, which are much harder to time profitably."

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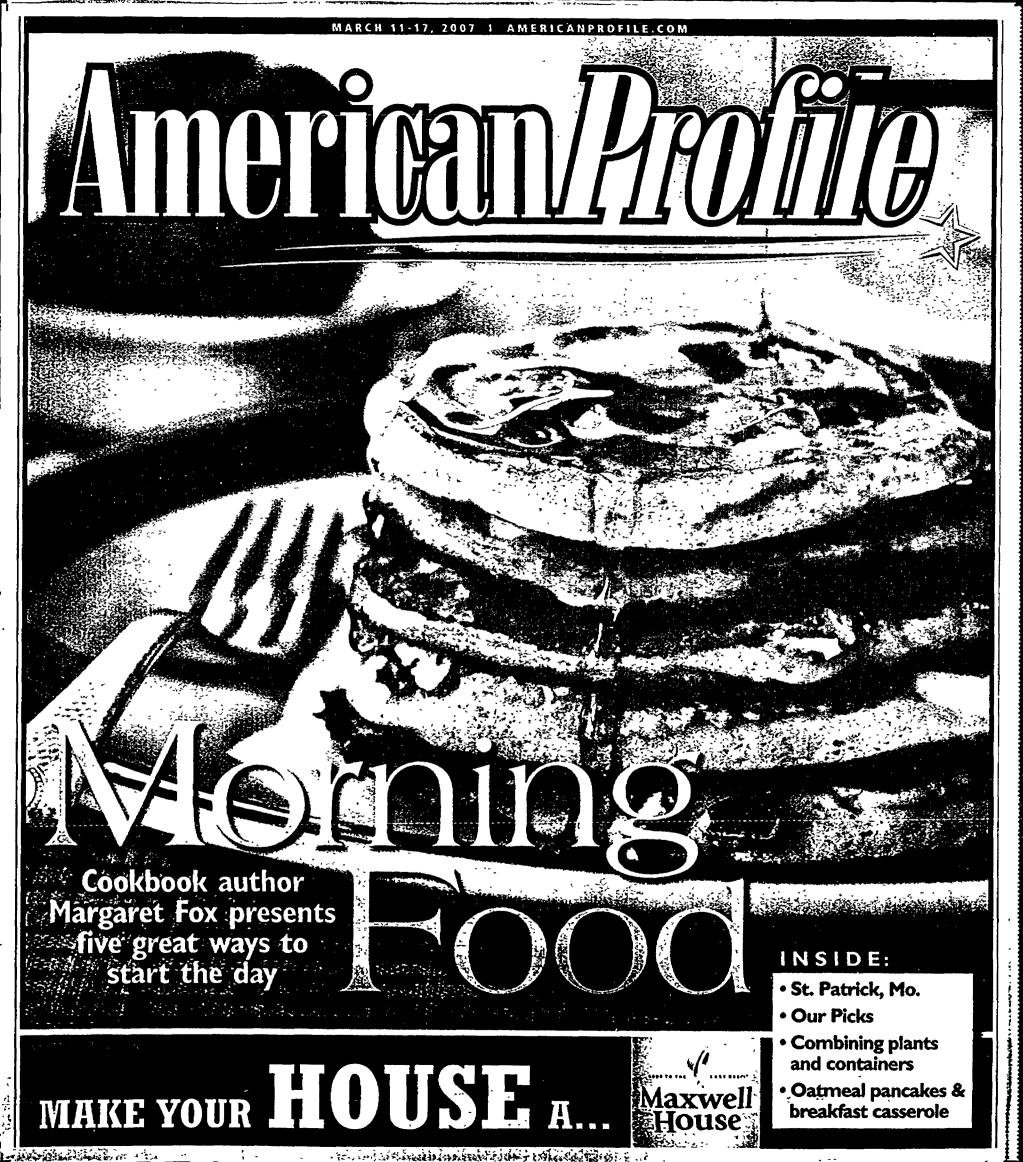
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How is newscaster Bob Woodruff doing since his tragedy in Iraq?

-Robert Ellmont, Mesquite. Nev. Newsman Bob Woodruff

The 45-year-old *World Neus Tonight* co-anchor was nearly killed in January of last year when a roadside bomb explosion left him with severe brain trauma and a fractured skull. Though he no longer needs physical or speech therapy, he's still in cognitive rehab to regain his full mental faculties. He is writing a book and putting together a TV special about the traumatic experience and his climb to recovery.

Q What can you tell me about actor Strother Martin? I found out after he died that we were cousins. —Eleanor Martin Smith, Great Bend, Kan.

Born in Kokomo, Ind., Martin served in the Navy during World War II. Afterward, he moved to Los Angeles, where he began his acting career with bit parts and worked his way up. He appeared in three classic Westerns all released in 1969—The Wild Bunch, Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid and True Grit. He probably is best known, though, for his classic line from Cool Hand Luke: "What we got here is failure to communicate." He appeared on Saturday Night Line in April 1980 and died of a heart at-

tack four months later at the age of 61.

What did Vicki Lawrence do after Mama's Family? ---Pat Walker, Minerva, Obio

Toward the end of Mama's Family in 1990, Lawrence, 57, who played the TV show's colorfully comedic curmudgeon, was tapped to host Win. Lose or Draw. "It was nice to be me on camera instead of an old lady all the time," she says. Afterward, she hosted her own talk show for two seasons, but split after creative conflicts with the producers. Now she presents her own touring theatrical show. Vicki Lawrence and Mania: A Two Woman Show, featuring show-biz anecdotes from Lawrence and a performance by her alter ego, Mama.

Vicki Lawrence still loves "Mama."

What's up with ABBA these days? Norman Grote, Crossville, Tenn.

The wildly successful Scandinavian pop quartet disbanded in 1982, trailing a string of infectious pop hits that included "Waterloo," "S.O.S.," "Mamma Mia," "Fernando" and "Dancing Queen." The act took its name from the first letters of its member's names: Agnetha, Björn, Benny and Anni-Frid. Their legacy includes a musical based on their music, *Mamma Mia!*, which last year became one of the 25 longest-running Broadway productions of all time, and an interactive ABBA museum set to open in 2008 in Stockholm, Sweden, to display some of their costumes, instruments and other memorabilia.



Q I don't want to appear stupid, but can you tell me what the term "Characters Welcome" means that I see on TV ads for sitcoms and weekly shows? --Don Molitor, Lake City, Mich.

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Mo. (pop. 19), March brings spring rains, blooming flowers and mailbags overflowing with letters.

"As far as we know, we're the only St. Patrick in the world—at least the only one with a post office," says Janie Hawkins, 45, who hand-stamps each letter with the town's specially designed green shamrock postmark.

"In 2006, we hand-stamped about 8,000 letters with the green shamrock cachet," Hawkins says. "A lot of them had Irish last names in the return address, and even if they didn't, many added an 'O' to their names just for fun."

On St. Patrick's Day, more than 700 visitors flock to the village in northeastern Missouri where the beautiful Shrine of St. Patrick becomes the hub of the town's Irish celebration. Inside the Roman Catholic church, sunlight pours through stunning stained glass windows as tour guide Ellen Krueger, 78, tells how her great-great-grandparents founded the town in the early 1800s.

"Ever since then, we've been a little piece of Ireland in the middle of the Midwest," Krueger says proudly.

Visitors, many of whom sport green attire, tour the shrine, browse an Irish-themed gift shop, listen to an Irish storyteller and line up in front of the church for the "leprechaun giveaway" held in the afternoon. The



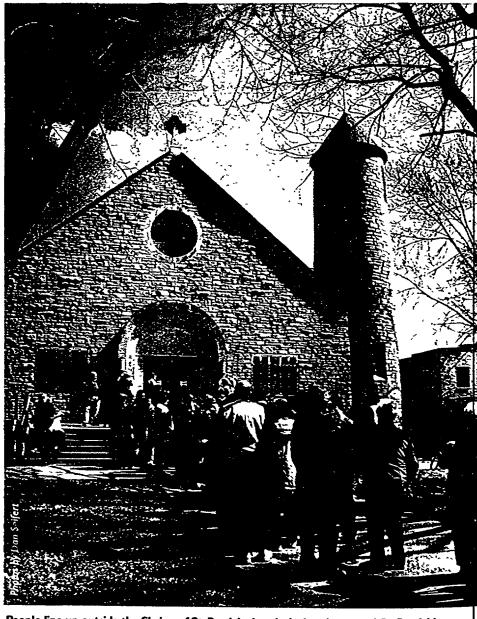
A green, shamrock-adorned sign welcomes visitors to the St. Patrick, Mo., post office.

post office designation. Instead, he chose to honor Patrick, the missionary who brought Christianity to Ireland.

More than a century later, another Roman Catholic priest, Father Francis O'Duignan, proposed the idea of creating a shrine to St. Patrick in the town. A native of Ireland, O'Duignan wanted to honor both the saint and the nation that had welcomed so many Irish immigrants. To raise money, beginning in 1936, he sent letters around the country to people with Irish last names, asking if they would like to have their letters postmarked from

held in the afternoon. The first 200 visitors receive gift bags, including some containing Irish-made treasures such as Waterford crystal.

This year, the town's St. Patrick's Day festivities mark the stately stone church's 50th anniversary. However, the town's Irish connection dates back to 1833 when a small group of Irish immigrants settled there. Originally named Marysville, the village was renamed after the local priest found the first choice already taken when he went to apply for a



People line up outside the Shrine of St. Patrick church during the annual St. Patrick's Day "leprechaun giveaway," which features free gift bags containing Irish-made items.

the town—and also inviting them to make a contribution to the shrine. It took more than 20 years, but the priest eventually raised more than \$250,000 to build the church modeled after St. Patrick's Memorial Church of Four Masters in Donegal, Ireland. The structure's crowning glory is 37 stained glass windows crafted in Dublin.

The church has another less visible link to Ireland. "Father O'Duignan put a rock under the altar from Croagh Patrick, the holy mountain of St. Patrick in Ireland," says Jason Richmond, 26, a church member who leads tours of the church each St. Patrick's Day. "He said he wanted to stand on a piece of Ireland each time he celebrated mass."

Today, about 50 families are part of the parish, says Father Paul Hartley, the church's current pastor. "We are tremendously proud of our shrine and we welcome anyone who wants to see it throughout the year as well as on St. Patrick's Day," he says.

During the last two St. Patrick's Day celebrations, an honored guest has been Marcus Duignan, the nephew of Father O'Duignan. A visitor

celebrates in her

favorite Irish garb.

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Banana-Pecan Pancakes

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- 1¼ cups whole-wheat flour
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 11/2 teaspoons baking powder
- teaspoon baking soda
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 2 cups buttermilk
- 2 tablespoons melted butter
- 2 tablespoons honey
- I cup diced bananas
- I cup chopped, toasted pecans

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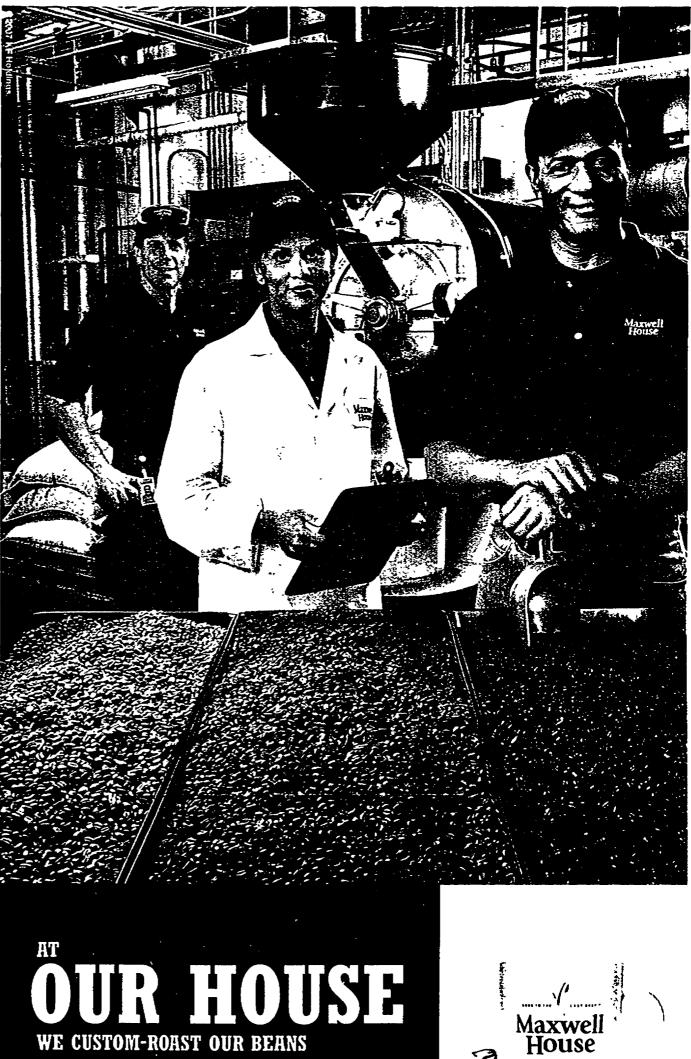
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- 1/2 cup diced zucchini
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- 8 eggs
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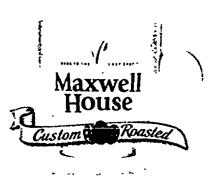
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AT OUR HOUSE WE CUSTOM-ROAST OUR BEANS FOR PEAK FLAVOR.



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Apple-Cardamom Coffeecake

- 2¼ cups all-purpose flour
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon, divided
- ³⁄₄ teaspoon cardamom
- l teaspoon ground ginger
- 1¹/₂ cups firmly packed brown sugar
- ³⁄₄ cup vegetable oil
- I cup sliced almonds
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- I teaspoon baking soda
- l egg, beaten
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1½ cups finely chopped, peeled Granny Smith apples

I. Preheat oven to 350F. Grease a 13-by-9-inch baking pan.

2. Combine flour, salt, ¼ teaspoon cinnamon, cardamom, ginger, sugar and oil in a large bowl; mix well. Remove ¾ cup of mixture, and to it add nuts and remaining cinnamon. Mix well, and set aside to use as topping.

3. To the remaining mixture, add baking powder, baking soda, egg and buttermilk; mix well (batter will be lumpy). Fold in apples.

4. Pour batter into pan. Sprinkle reserved topping evenly over surface. Bake 40 to 45 minutes. Serves 10 to 12.

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Poached Fruit

- l cup apple juice l teaspoon lemon juice
- i cup water
- ¹/₂ cup granulated sugar
- l cinnamon stick6 whole cloves
- o whole cloves



3 whole allspice berries (optional)

- ½teaspoon anise seed2tablespoons fresh
- lemon juice 4 pears, cored and peeled
- I cup blueberries

1. Place all ingredients except the pears and blueberries into a large pot and simmer, uncovered, for about 10 minutes. Pour mixture through a sieve to remove whole spices; return liquid to pan. Slice each pear into 12 slices. Add pears to pan, bring to a boil, cover and reduce heat. Simmer 3 to 5 minutes, or until fruit is tender.

2. When done, remove from heat, add blueberries and let cool. Refrigerate at least 8 hours before serving. Serves 4 to 6.

Note: To core the pears, peel them and slice in half vertically. Use a melon baller to scoop out the hard core. Then slice into 12 slices. Use apples, peaches, apricots or plums in place of the pears if desired.

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Sweet Potato Hash with Baked Eggs

Delicions with bacon or sausage

- 2 to 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 large sweet potatoes, peeled and chopped into 1/4 to 1/2-inch dice
- (about 2³/₃ cups or 13 ounces)
- 11/3 cups minced yellow onion
- I garlic clove, minced
- I jalapeno pepper, minced
- 1/4 teaspoon salt, divided
- Coarsely ground black pepper 4 eggs
- 3 tablespoons minced parsley or cilantro

I. Preheat oven to 400F.

2. Heat oil in a heavy skillet over medium-high heat. Add potatoes and onion and cook about 5 minutes, or until potatoes are tender. Reduce heat, add garlic and jalapeno pepper, and cook 1 to 2 minutes. Season with 1/2 teaspoon salt and pepper.

3. Make 4 evenly spaced, slight depressions in the hash and break an egg into each one. Place pan in the oven and bake 8 to 10 minutes, or until the eggs are cooked. Remove, season eggs with remaining salt and pepper, and garnish with parsley. Serves 4. \gtrsim

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served with fresh fruit, pastries and, of

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Egg and Bacon Casserole

12 eggs

- I quart milk
- 4 cups seasoned croutons
- 8 ounces shredded Cheddar cheese
- l tablespoon minced dried onion flakes
- i teaspoon dry mustard pound bacon, cooked,
- drained and crumbled

I. Beat eggs lightly. Add milk, croutons, cheese, onion flakes and dry mustard. Stir well and refrigerate 8 hours or overnight.

2. Preheat oven to 350F. Coat a 13-by-9-inch baking dish with cooking spray.

3. Stir egg mixture and pour into pan. Bake 30 minutes. Remove from oven and stir. Sprinkle with crumbled bacon. Bake 25 minutes longer. Cut into squares. Serves 12.

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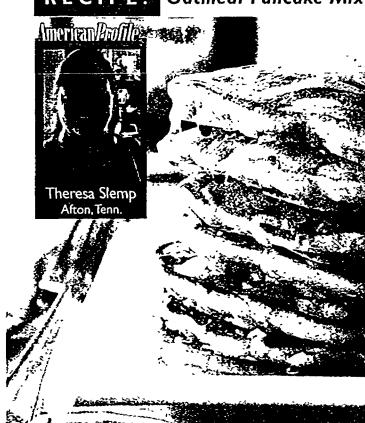


"These pancakes are easy and healthful. My sons often eat them without syrup. Just the aroma of these pancakes cooking can wake up my guys."

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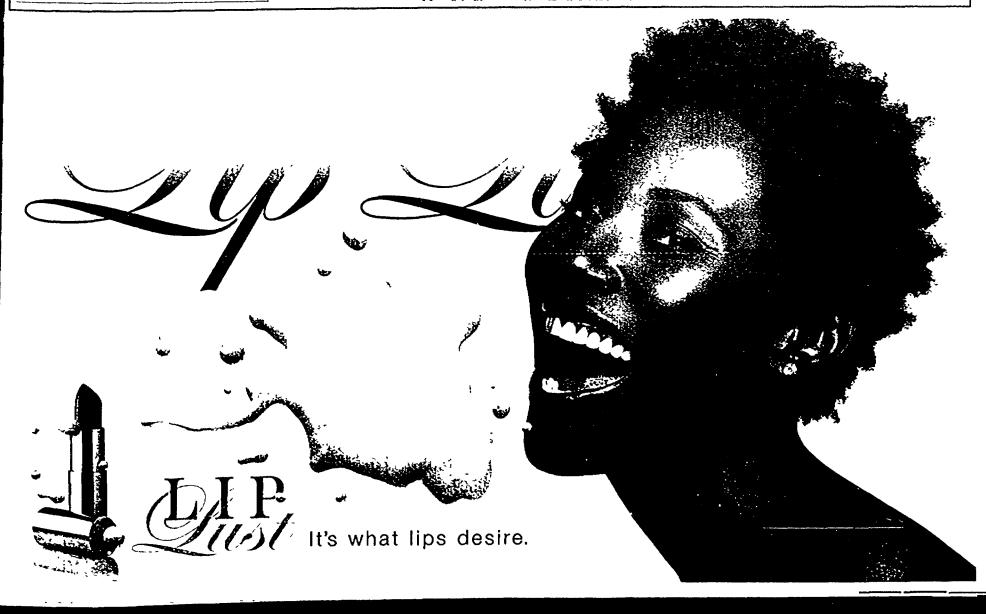
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I. Mix all ingredients together well. Store in a sealed gallon-size plastic storage bag or airtight container. Yield: 10 cups of pancake mix.

2. To make pancakes, beat eggs in a large bowl. Gradually beat in oil. Alternately add pancake mix and water to mixture. Blend well. Preheat and oil griddle. Pour ½ cup batter per pancake onto griddle. Cook until bubbles form around edges, turn and continue to cook until done. Yiekd: about 10 pancakes.

Tips From Our Test Kitchen:

This mix, which makes up to five batches of pancakes, is great to have on hand for weekend guests or to give as a gift along with a printed recipe.



RECIPE: Oatmeal Pancake Mix

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class action, Peterson v. BASF Corp., File No. C2-97- attorneys' fees of \$29 million and to be reimbursed 295. The case is in the Norman County District \$561,602.92 for expenses. Class Counsel worked Court, Ada, Minnesota. The judgment provides a on this case for 9 years and paid all expenses

money award to farmers across the United States who purchased POAST* herbicide between January 1, 1992 and December 31, 1996. Because of another lawsuit, this class action excludes North Dakota residents who purchased POAST* in North Dakota.

This judgment affects a "Class" or group of people that may

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What is the Class Action About?

The lawsuit was filed in 1997 by 11 farmers who claimed that BASF Corporation ("BASF") fraudulently marketed the same herbicide as different products - POAST' and POAST Plus* - at different prices. The lawsuit claimed that this marketing was intended to obtain inflated prices for POAST* herbicide from minor crop farmers. Minor crop farmers are growers of sugarbeets, sunflowers, potatoes, field beans, fruits and vegetables, and flowers.

The case was certified as a class action under the New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act. Notice was published nationwide and no Class Members optedout. After a five-week trial, a jury verdict was entered for the farmers. All appeals are final.

What is the Amount of the Judgment?

On November 17, 2006 BASF paid \$62.5 million into the Farmers' Common Fund ("Fund"), an interestbearing bank account that will hold the money until it is paid to the Class and Counsel. It is estimated the amount in the Fund will increase to about \$65 million by the time the money is distributed

How Will the Money be Distributed?

a share of the Fund. About \$32 million should be available for the Class. Your share of the Fund will depend on the number of gallons of POAST⁹ you purchased, and the total number of valid claims filed. The specific formula that will be used is described. in www.POASTclassaction.com

A final judgment has been reached in a national. Class Counsel are asking the Court to award

during that time. The Court has preliminarily approved this amount, but may award more or less at the final approval hearing. Court has also The

preliminarily approved a \$100,000 incentive award to each of the 11 Class Representatives for their time and effort representing the Class. The Court can change

include you. This is a summary of your rights. these amounts at the final approval hearing if it wishes.

What Are My Legal Rights?

- To obtain money from the judgment, you must file a claim as discussed below.
- As a member of the Class, you may object to the proposed Distribution Plan and request for attorneys' fees. You must file your objection in writing by May 9, 2007. If you wish to speak about your objection you must file a Notice of Appearance by May 9, 2007.

Can I Make A Claim?

If you purchased POAST' herbicide between January 1, 1992 and December 31, 1996, you are a Class Member and can file a claim. Because of another lawsuit, this class action excludes North Dakota residents who purchased POAST* in North Dakota Proof of purchase is required

How Can I File a Claim?

If you are a member of the Class, you must file a claim by May 16, 2007 with the POAST* Claims Administrator. Claim forms and additional information can be requested by visiting www.POASTclassaction.com, calling the toll-free number below, or writing the POAST* Claims Administrator at the address listed below.

When Will the Plan Be Approved?

Class Members will be able to file a claim to receive The Court will hold a final approval hearing on the proposed Distribution Plan and request for attorneys' fees on lune 5, 2007 at 9.30 a.m. in the Courtroom of the Honorable Michael J. Kraker, at the Norman County Courthouse, 16 East Third Avenue, Ada, MN 56510. Class Counsel will represent your rights at more detail on the Web site, the hearing but you can hire your own lawyer, at your own expense, if you wish.

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that he built this church in a rural area, because so often in life we exalt the big and forget the small," says Duignan, 70. "I'm humbled by what he was able to achieve and by how this church continues to be so well loved by the people here." \Rightarrow

Marcus Duignan

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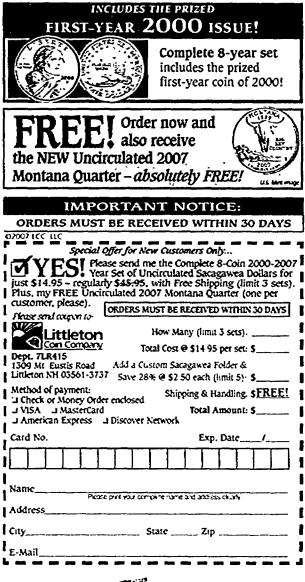
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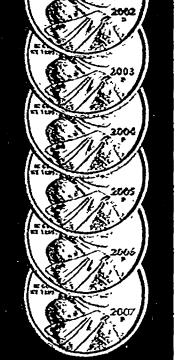
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NORTH DAKOTA-Founded in 1884, Napoleon (pop. 857) was named for settler Napoleon Goodsill, the town's storekeeper. Napoleon is the county seat of Logan County (pop. 2,308).

OHIO-The nation's longest serving U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services was Donna E. Shalala, appointed to the post in 1993, who served for eight years. Shalala was born in 1941 in Cleveland.

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Plant designs—An easy way to enhance the look of containers is to use the "thrillers, fillers and spillers" technique. Thrillers are tall plants, such as cannas, that can be placed in the center or back of a container, depending on how it's viewed. Thrillers provide a dramatic accent as a way to draw attention. Fillers are medium-size plants that weave together all the other plants in your container, giving it a lush look. Spillers are cascading plants, such as sweet porato vine, that drape down over the pot.

Choosing the best color---For a container that will be viewed from a distance, use bold-colored flowers in warm orange, red or yellow. For containers viewed up close on your deck or patio, choose more subtle tones, such as white, blue or pink. Leaf color and texture can add yet another dimension of interest to a container.

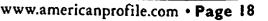
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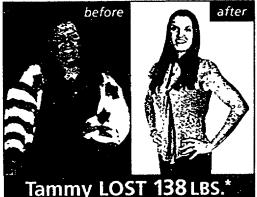
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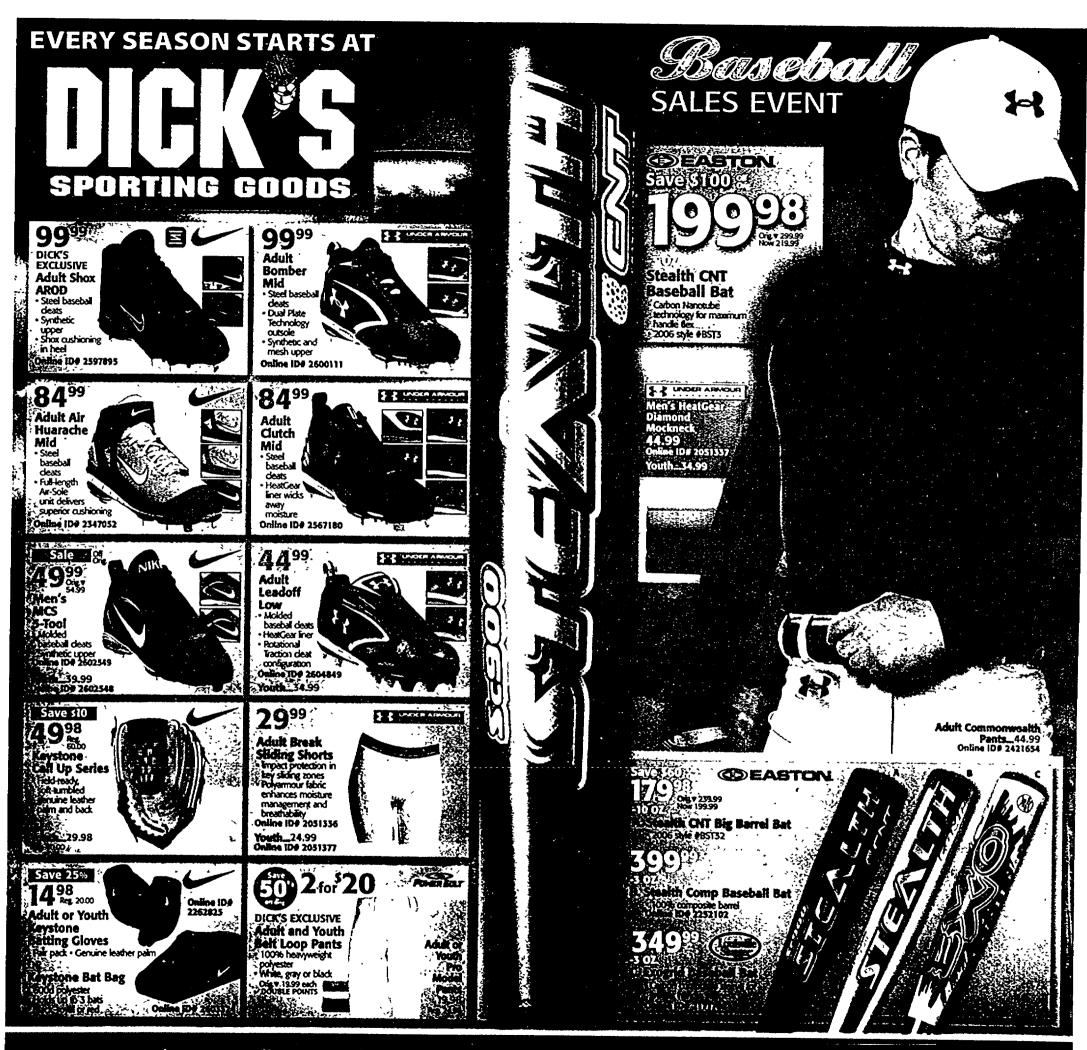
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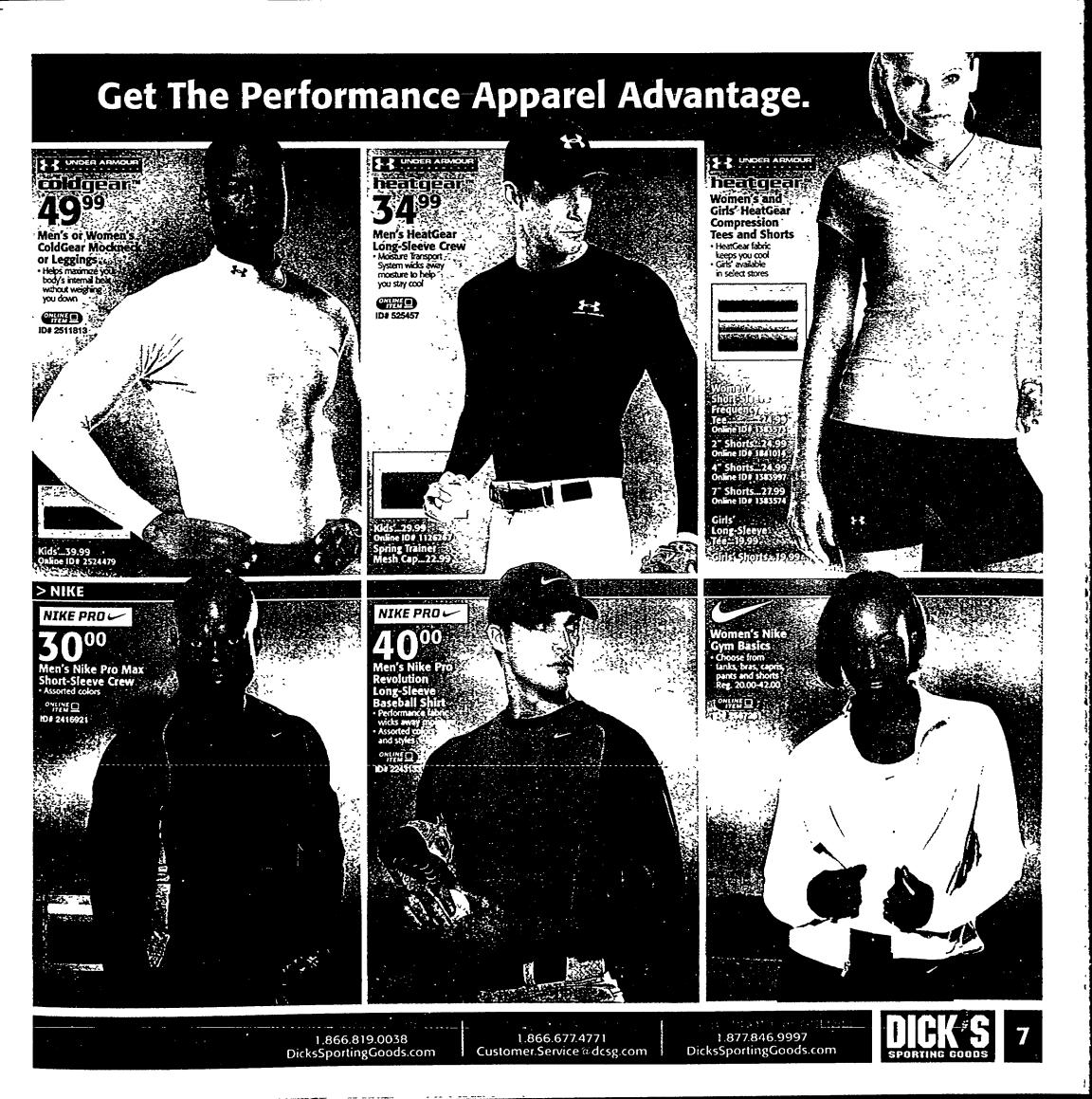
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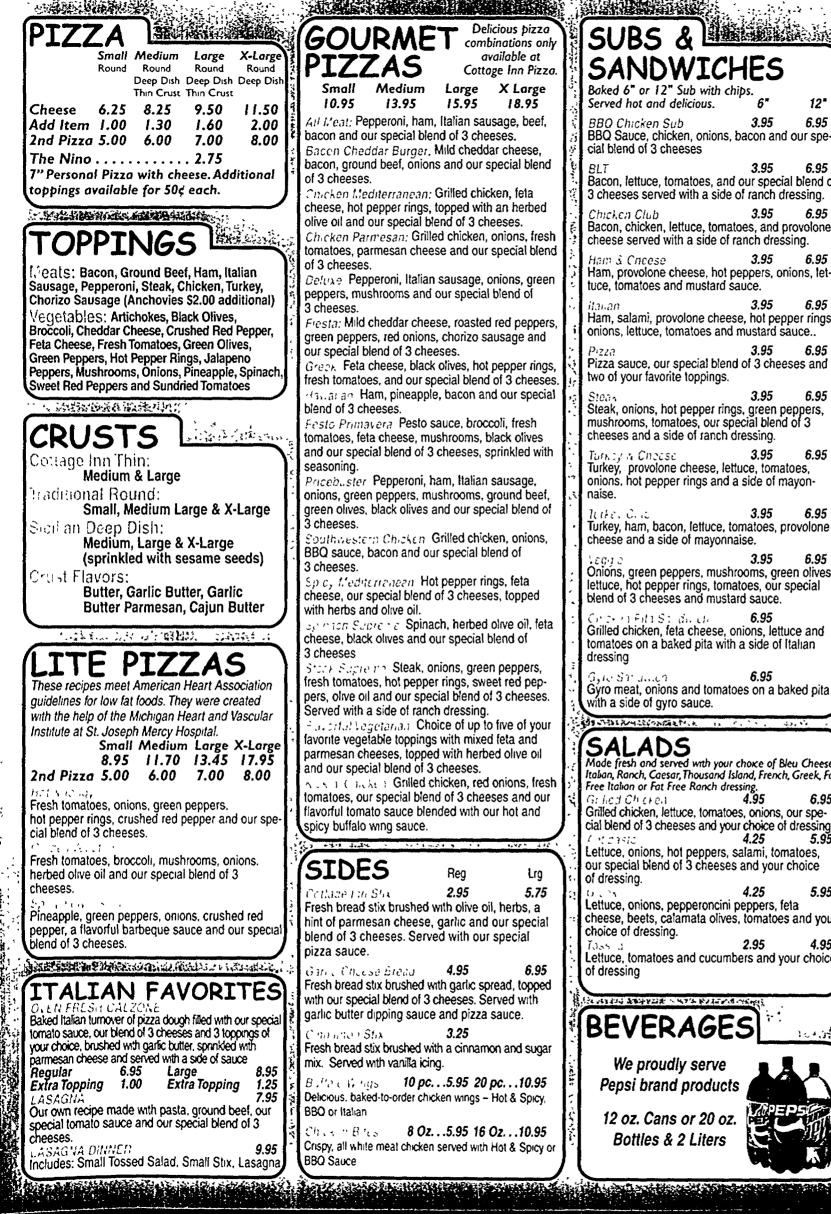






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