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LET'S CRAWL!



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Fleming's Prime Steak House operating partner Peter Travis, left, and chef Mark Strausberg will welcome participants of the Northville Chamber of Commerce's "Grub Crawl" to their Livonia eatery on July 31.

Chamber event features stops at 11 restaurants

■ Participants sample fare from newest and familiar

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

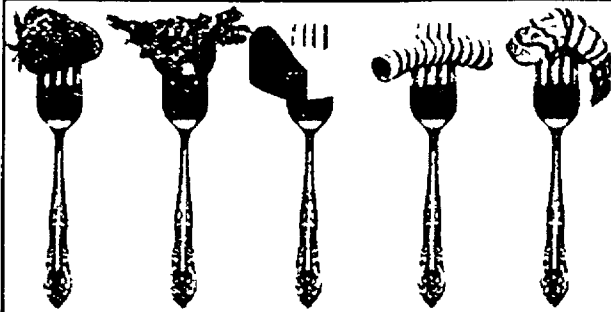
Peter Travis knows he'll be ushering in many patrons for the first time.

That's exactly what motivated the operating partner of Fleming's Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bar to help host the Northville Chamber of Commerce's annual Grub Crawl this month. The Haggerty Road restaurant is one of 11 stops on the four-hour tour of area eateries.

"Being new in the community, it gives us an opportunity to expose us, acquaint people who have not yet been in our beautiful restaurant," said Travis, who opened the doors to his dinner-only steakhouse in January.

Tickets went on sale last week for the third annual event, 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 31. Participants must be 21 or older.

Northville Grub Crawl 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 31



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Options to crawl

"It's exciting — it's a new selection of restaurants coming through," said Janet Bloom, chamber marketing and events director. "So, it's more exposure

to what's available in the local area."

Bloom said this third annual Grub Crawl will feature the same

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O'Brien celebrates more than 30 years volunteering for township

■ She's still involved at the young age of 78

By Pam Fleming
RECORD STAFF WRITER

After more than 30 years as a township volunteer, Barbara O'Brien says the following adage still rings true: "If you want something done right, do it yourself."

O'Brien was honored June 21 for the many hours she has donated to Northville Township during a special Appreciation Reception for members of township boards and commissions.

The event, held on the back patio at township hall, was a chance for Mark Abbo, supervisor, and members of the board of trustees to thank those who serve.

She's a native Detroit

Born at Highland Park General Hospital near Detroit, O'Brien lived in Northville for more than 40 years and has been a member of the Northville Garden Club since 1970.

Eventually, she helped establish the township's beautification commission in the 1980s.

She was also a former member of the board of trustees, the plan-



Barbara O'Brien

ning commission and the Parks and Recreation Commission.

O'Brien started out as a member of the City of Northville Beautification Commission before one was established in the township.

One day, O'Brien saw her neighbor, township supervisor John McDonald, now a 35th District Court Judge, at a Christmas party.

"I said, 'Gee, John. You know, if you do something, then we can have a beautification commission in the township,'" O'Brien said.

"You just can't decide you want something and go do it. You do need permission"

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SECOND SATURDAYS New program gets off to a roaring start at Art House

■ Children learn mural painting

By Pam Fleming
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Andrzej Sikora believes as we get older, we inadvertently "kill" the inner artist we possess as children.

The famous Polish artist visited downtown Northville recently to bring out the artist in a dozen children at the Northville Art House's "Leave Your Mark" — the first in the Second Saturdays for Creative Kids program.

The two-hour sessions offer creative exploration for young people in grades first-fifth on the second Saturday of each month.

Activities will include drawing, painting, sculpture and mixed media offered in conjunction with professional exhibits in the Art House Gallery.

'Rhythms of Nature' featured

Sikora's exhibit, "Rhythms of Nature," focused on color, light and feeling as it relates to abstract images of nature.

Born in Poland, Sikora studied at and then served for a decade as an adjunct professor at the Academy of Fine Art in Wroclaw, Poland

Upcoming workshops

Second Saturday workshops are presented by the Northville Art House in cooperation with the Creative Cottage, a former Northville fine art studio.

Registration is required, as class size is limited to a dozen children. Cost is \$18 per child for those who have a \$45 family membership in the Art House or \$20 for nonmembers. Topics at the next workshops, each offered from 9:30-11:30 a.m., will be:

- In the Garden, July 14,
- Bugs & Butterflies, Aug 11,
- Colored Pencil, Sept. 8,
- Print Exploration, Oct. 13,
- Thanksgiving, Nov 10,
- Christmas, Dec. 8

For more information, call (248) 344-0497 or visit www.northvillearts.org.

The Northville Art House Store, which features gifts made by many local artists, is located at 215 Cady Street in downtown Northville.

The store is open 1-5 p.m. Thursdays-Sundays and will celebrate its one-year anniversary in September.

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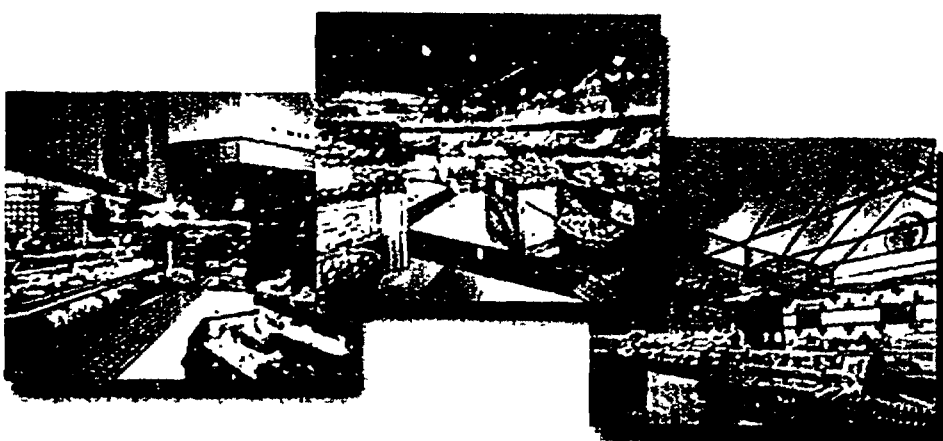
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Residents believe in importance of quality day care

Many families need assistance

By Pam Fleming
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Gail Torreano and Colleen Sweeney believe in the power of women.

As such, for years the two Northville residents have supported the Women's Caring Program's fund-raiser that helps needy families pay for child care.

Torreano, of Northville Township, president of AT&T Michigan, has, through her company, donated \$2,500 to the program each year.

The company has also purchased tickets for many of its employees who might not be able to afford a ticket.

"I try to gather women who would benefit from the networking opportunities," Torreano said.

Torreano said women across the state look forward to the event each year, and she tips her hat to organizers.

"This group of women have identified a need and have consistently raised money," she said.

"I think they were on the cutting edge when they started it. It's clearly a great cause."

Torreano said the event offers women a chance to network with leaders and community activists throughout Michigan and at the same time fill a need not being met by any other organization.

"As a company, we care about education, including early childhood education, and that's what good day care should provide," she said.

"Having good day care is so crucial," Torreano said. "If you don't have that, you're not going to be able to be successful. You've got to feel confident that your children are being well cared for."

has worked as a substitute teacher for Northville schools, became involved in the program about four years ago.

She was "drafted" into the program since her sister, Maureen Saxton, is a member of the Women's Caring Program board of directors.

She has attended the fund-raiser for several years and worked the registration tent for the last two years.

"The grounds are incredibly beautiful, and the fund-raiser is held in huge tents on the grounds," Sweeney said. "It's a truly elegant outdoor event."

Sweeney said the food is outstanding as are the networking opportunities.

"These are high-powered women at this event," she said.

Although she and her husband were fortunate enough to be able to afford day care in a licensed facility with a low ratio of day care providers to child when their children were young, she knows not all families can.

"This is very important," she said. "If you don't provide the type of stimulating environment for children from birth to age 6, it has a big effect on them."

The program provides up to 40 percent of child care expenses for one child for one year.

"There is no other organization that focuses just on that," Sweeney said. "It started out with a small network of women, and it's just grown."

Sweeney said one family was helped by the program when the mother wanted to go back to school for a year.

She wanted to earn her nursing degree but couldn't because she would have to quit her job to do so, knocking out the family's ability to pay for day care.

Through the Child Care Commitment program, the family was able to help pay for day care so the woman could obtain her nursing degree, boosting the family's income considerably.

"This program helps alleviate some of the stress and hardship these families are under," Sweeney said.

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WOMEN WHO CARE

Volunteers make fund-raiser a success

By Alison Bergsieker
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

At this year's annual Women's Caring Program, a handful of faithful volunteers will make it all happen.

Many Milford women — and even a few men — will gather to help host the 28th annual Women's Caring Program Twilight Gathering at Carol Walters' home at 2955 Morrow Lane next Thursday.

Walters, founding member and president of the non-profit organization, has hosted the event at her home since 1993. She said the volunteers make the event a success.

"They really do work hard. All these volunteers substantially reduce the cost of the event," she said.

Walters was quick to commend Milford volunteers, who seemingly have made the event their own.

"It's become owned by Milford people," she said. "It's amazing how many women come to help."

Walters' husband, Peter, and her two sons, Matt, 18, and Joe, 14, have been by her side to host the event each year.

"The people who work the hardest for the event are my family," Walters said. "It takes weeks to get the landscaping ready. It takes a long time to get 10 acres to look perfect."

Matt has been serving at the event since he was 2-years-old, Walters said. And Joe chauffeurs guests on a golf cart from parking lots provided by neighbors.

Mary Brady, a certified executive chef and owner of Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro in Novi, will cater for the event.

Donofrio's son, David, 19, has been helping since he was in ninth grade. Her daughter, Laura, 16, will attend the event this year.

Kelly and Jim Prokes also contribute.

"I always provide a donation, and my husband helps with



Photo by Hal Gould GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Women's Caring Program volunteers gather at the house of Carol Walters (second from right, back).

cleaning up after the event," Kelly said.

Lynn and Gary Kughn donate their neighboring field for event parking and their golf cart for transport.

"I remember the first silent auction 12 years ago," Lynn said. "It was just a few items. It's really growing."

Each year guests look forward to Peg's Silent Auction, named for a former board member who died of colon cancer. Walters said "most of Main Street" and many other Milford businesses donate to the auction.

Milford Garden Club members donate decorations.

"They bring in a truckload of plants," Walters said.

While the event is mostly an all-women affair, a few men are allowed to volunteer.

"The dads all come if I promise them a beer around 7 p.m. to pick up trash and take down tables," Walters said. "They also help as runners."

For a cause

When the parties started in 1979, Walters and a few of her friends worked long hours with little free time. They organized the event as a way for busy, professional women to get together and form friendships with other women.

Walters moved to Milford and decided to turn the event into a fund-raiser.

The group applied for non-profit status in 1995 and established a board of directors. The program focuses on raising money to support women in work and low income families, Walters said.

The original fund-raisers were to benefit Michigan children without health insurance, but when the state began providing insurance to children, the WCP moved its attention to child care. The group helps subsidize child-care costs, which can be more than \$6,000 per year for one child, for Michigan families. Last year, about 120 families received assistance.

The program has raised \$1.5 million for families so far.

"Right about this time everyone's a little cranky with organizing the event," Walters said. "We just keep saying, 'remember the kids, remember the kids, remember the kids.'"

Tickets for the WCP Twilight Gathering are \$100 in advance or \$125 at the door, but attendance is limited. To purchase tickets, visit www.womenwhocare.org. For more information, call Melissa Cragg at (248) 415-1442.

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• Employee absenteeism cause by poor quality childcare costs American businesses more than \$3 billion each year.

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Livonia teacher involved

Sweeney, who teaches special needs children in Livonia and

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■ July 31 event features stops at 11 restaurants

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format as the previous years' sold-out events. Attendees will be divided among the different restaurants as a starting point, where they will receive their complimentary T-shirt, map and menu.

"They can either crawl on their own — using their own vehicle to travel from restaurant to restaurant — or use the shuttle," Bloom said.

Shuttles and drivers, donated by chamber member Independence Village of Plymouth, will transport patrons clad in their same-colored T-shirts and wristbands to stops along Haggerty Road and downtown where participating restaurants are located.

Sample the fare

Most of last year's participants made it to all the stops, although a few lingered at particular locations. They are staggered at the 6 p.m. start so all 300 people don't overwhelm participating hosts.

"They will find they will spend more time at one than another," Bloom said. "It's been really pleasant and a lot of fun."

Bloom said the hosts typically cordon off an area of the restaurant for the crawlers to gather.

"It's like a buffet that they set up of their selection of entrees or appetizers, so they can get a taste of what's offered," Bloom said.

For the \$35 ticket cost, participants at each location sample the fare, purchase their own beverages, then proceed to the next stop. Ticket holders automatically are entered in a drawing for a free barbecue grill donated by Home Depot.

"We've been finding that a lot of the tickets have been purchased in large groups so far — 14 or 18," she said.

Increased exposure

Bloom said the enjoyable event doubles as an opportunity to increase exposure for Chamber members.

Travis said last week he still was finalizing the selections he will offer the grub crawlers. During Fleming's first six months, he's learned his restaurant draws discriminating Northville diners crossing Haggerty Road to reach his Livonia destination.

So, he's counting the event participants as potential future patrons.

"We've already seen that happen," Travis said. "A lot of people in Northville would travel quite a long way for a great meal. Now, they won't have to travel as far."

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■ Second Saturdays: Program gets off to roaring start at Northville Art House

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Since moving to the United States, he has created a following for his large-scale murals.

Through his company, Decora Interior Art Design, Inc., he has created commissioned masterpieces that adorn the walls of such establishments as Andiamo Restaurant in Detroit and Warren and the Detroit Opera House.

Diane Watterian and Sandy Baughman, Northville Art House instructors, assisted Sikora in the June 9 program on perspectives in murals, during which children painted a mural that will hang in the Art House.

"They're leaving their mark on the Art House," Watterian said.

Ellen Bennett, exhibition chairperson of the Northville Arts Commission, said, "We keep our eyes out for local artists. We're trying to bring new and interesting

things to the community."

Sikora presented a talk on his work later on Saturday.

"We're trying to do that with every monthly exhibit," Bennett said. "We want to have the artist available to talk to local residents."

Sikora, who has presented art programs to middle school children in Hamtramck, said, "I like to watch kids doing what I like to do. Everyone is creative. They just need direction."

He encourages adults to explore their creative side by picking up a paintbrush and piece of canvas.

"You, too, can behave like a kid by finding your inner child," Sikora said. "We kill the inner creative child as we get older with so many responsibilities in life."

Sikora said he eventually discovered that he feels more comfortable with large-scale painting.

He also paints portraits, has painted

murals for interior designers in show houses and private homes throughout Michigan and the Midwest and contributes to the Northville community as an arts commissioner.

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Photo by PAM FLEMING/Northville Record
Young artists Dallas VanAcker, left, and Sara Bennett paint a mural during the first Second Saturdays for Creative Kids program at the Northville Art House. The program, for children in first-fifth grades, takes place monthly from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on the second Saturday through December.



■ Barbara O'Brien celebrates more than 30 years volunteering for Northville Township

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She shared her vision with Paul Vernon, mayor of Northville at the time, and his wife, Norma, that she and other residents were interested in getting the beautification ball rolling in the township.

"She (Norma) told me, 'Yes, do it, but make sure you become a commission and not a committee, because a committee can be dissolved,'" O'Brien said.

Elected to board of trustees

O'Brien said she learned that a beautification commission can be even more effective if one member can be on the planning commission as well.

"That's where it all starts, and it was decided that I should be the one to ask to be appointed," O'Brien said. However, she didn't get appointed by former township supervisor Georgina Goss.

"That was not her plan, and I was rather ticked off," O'Brien recalled.

What did O'Brien do? Run for a position on the township board of trustees instead in 1992.

"I got the most votes in every precinct," she said.

O'Brien planned to run for a second term, but, her husband, E. G., became extremely ill toward the end of her term, so she decided not to run. He died in 1996.

Looking back on her time spent helping the township, O'Brien said, "It takes a lot out of you, but all of these positions were wonderful learning experiences."

She enjoys volunteering and finds it rewarding.

Watching events in Northville

O'Brien's been following recent events regarding changes on Main Street in downtown Northville and is somewhat skeptical about plans after all the work Northville Garden Club members have put into the area.

"A lot of that has been con-

trary to my belief," O'Brien said. "I'm the loyal opposition, and I do speak my mind. We put a lot of money into the downtown, and that money didn't come easily."

She noted that Garden Club members paid for the bench in front of MacKinnon's Restaurant, trees and tree guides and \$1,000 for the town clock.

O'Brien doesn't like the fact that downtown parking spaces off Main Street will be missing with the new town square plan, as well

Thank you, volunteers!

The following people on various boards and commissions received certificates of appreciation at a June 21 reception at Northville Township Hall: Larry Aepelbacher, Richard Allen, Lisa Anderson, Iris Antuna, Bernard Bach, Marie Barr, Richard Brown, John Colling, Judy Costigan, Nancy Darga, Donald DiComo, Brian Doren, Marjorie Faessler, Michael Hale, Jeffrey Hamilton, David Hursey, Bill James, Shirley Klokenga, Kathleen Leo, Laurie Marrs, George McCarthy, Bob McMahon, Allen Meredith, Audrey Mistor-Jackman, Leslie Moran, Kellianne Nagy, Janet Naughton, Jim Nield, Martha Nield, Robert Nix, Barbara O'Brien, Maureen Osiecki, Patricia Page, John Palmer, Carol Poenisch, Ken Romine, Marc Russell, Donald Samhat, Michael Savant, Dan Schneider, Tom Schneider, Catherine Sellas, Paul Slatin, Mike Weaver, Bill Wehrle, Joyce Whelan, Edward Wilkemyer, Janice Wilkemyer and Joseph Xuereb.

as the gazebo.

Still member of commission

In the meantime, O'Brien will continue her work as a longtime member of the township's beautification commission.

"We have very little authority, but we do make a difference," she said.

Abbo publicly thanked volunteers who came to the reception to chat with township leaders and pick up their appreciation certificates.

"It seems sometimes that we do so little (to recognize volunteers)," Abbo said.

"But I don't want anybody to ever think that their efforts are

unnoticed or unappreciated. We wouldn't be nearly where we are in the township today if it wasn't for our volunteers."

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Coming Sunday, July 15th Frank Turner

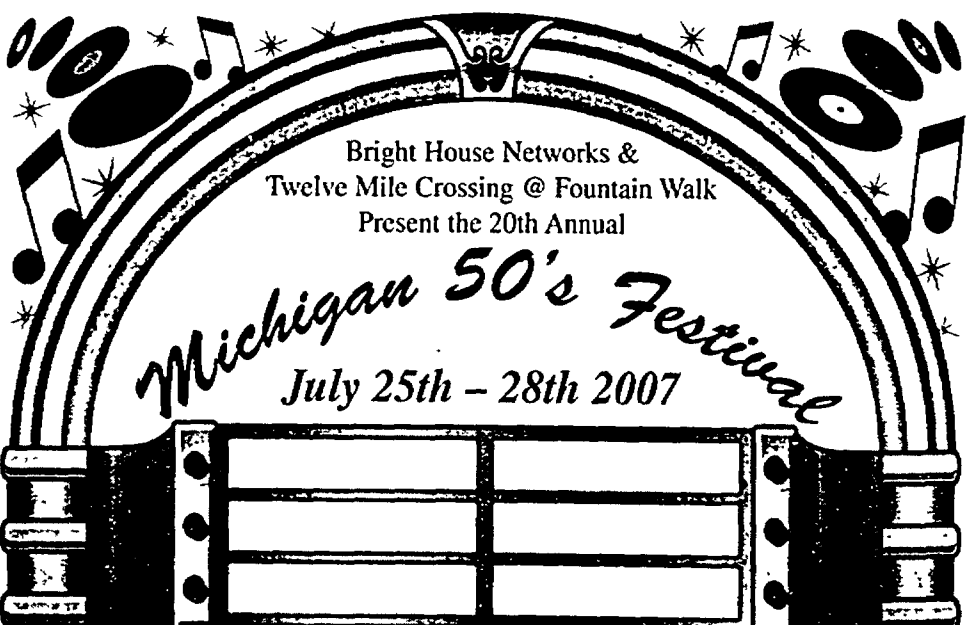
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Submitted photo

Anthony Castro with a family he and other missionaries from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints helped in the city Cruzeiro do Sul in the Brazilian state of Acre. Castro, the son of Angel and Susie Castro of Northville, recently returned from a two-year church mission in Brazil.

Resident finds church mission to Brazil rewarding life event

■ Plans to enroll at Brigham Young University in fall

By Pam Fleming
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Anthony Castro said there were two things he missed the most while on a two-year church mission in Brazil — pizza and pumpkin pie.

"In Brazil, they eat rice and beans every day of the year," he said. "But I love Brazilian food. It's really good." Castro, the 21-year-old Northville resident.

Castro, a 2004 graduate of Northville High School who's lived in the city since he was 2, just returned June 23 after serving as a missionary in South America for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Livonia.

A lifelong member of the church, he is the son of Angel and Susie Castro of Northville.

Castro said church members who want to do mission work fill out paperwork, mail it to the church's headquarters and are sent where church leaders feel they are needed most.

"It's really a wonderful opportunity to learn and serve others," he said.

Castro was called to the Brazil Manaus Mission in the Amazon Rain Forest in the Brazilian state of Amazonas.

"You can get called anywhere in the world, including Africa, Russia, Japan, Germany — all over," he said.

Men serve for two years, and women serve for a year and a half. He began his mission at the Missionary Training Center in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

"I didn't speak any Portuguese at all," Castro said. So, for two months, he was involved in a language program and other ecclesiastical training before moving to his mission site.

His work included service projects, helping community members and sharing his religious beliefs.

"If we find somebody who needs help, we do, such as finding an elderly man who needed help cutting down a tree," Castro said.

He distributed handmade bed sheets to hospitals, helped build houses, roads and clean the homes of sick people.

"Our goal is to serve the people," he said, "and provide messages of hope."

Castro said one of the most rewarding things about the mission was witnessing major changes in people.

"We saw families that were a wreck — with the father drinking, a lot of fighting going on," he said. "We teach them simple principles, and their lives change for the better. That's the big payoff for what we do. You see the happiness in their eyes and the gratitude that they feel."

Friendly Brazilians

Castro worked at Guernsey's Restaurant in Northville and other jobs to help pay for his mission, with family members helping him as well. He lived in apartments while in Brazil and found Brazilians friendly and receptive.

"The people were very loving," he said. "I saw a lot of poverty, but they're still happy people. They don't have a lot of material things, but that's not what they base their happiness on."

Now that he's back in Northville, Castro plans to find a summer job, read a lot and take a couple of classes at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

In the fall, he'll attend Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, studying accounting.

Castro said he plans to serve on more church missions in the future.

"It was one of the best things I've ever done," he said. "I learned that some of the greatest joys we have is when we lose ourselves in service to others."

Ward volunteers spruce up Detroit

■ Close to 600 join community project

By Pam Fleming
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Jared Dilley took his troops into battle last weekend.

His "troops" are members of Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville Township, and the "battle" is blight in downtown Detroit.

Dilley, senior high director at the church, helped mobilize almost 600 members in a volunteer effort in Detroit last Saturday.

"This is the first year the church has done a vacation Bible school in downtown Detroit and the first year it has organized a project of this magnitude," Dilley said.

Joel Eidsness, interim senior pastor at the Six Mile and Haggerty roads church, was part of the group project to improve some of downtown Detroit's poorest neighborhoods.

The effort was organized in conjunction with Lisa Johanson, executive director of the Central Detroit Christian Community Development Corporation, a former member of Ward Presbyterian.

"We have been connected with Lisa for years," Eidsness said. "But this was really a big-time project. We want to make an investment in the city."

"Our goal is to partner with the ministries down there and meet their needs," Dilley said. "We're serving them and helping areas that they've identified."

Buses filled with volunteers of all ages left the church parking lot for Detroit about 8 a.m. Saturday and returned about 6 p.m. Parishioners were involved in demolition, construction, painting, landscaping (including planting a vegetable garden), cleanup and other rehabilitation of homes, buildings, playgrounds and churches in Detroit.

The group even brought their own lunch and beverages.



Photo courtesy of Jared Dilley

Craig and A.J. Nash from Beverly Hills, Mich., clean off graffiti at Sanders Elementary School in downtown Detroit during Ward Presbyterian Church's all-day volunteer effort on June 30. Almost 600 members of the Northville Township church participated in the community project.

"We didn't want to lose any work time eating lunch," Eidsness said. Volunteers were also asked to pay a small fee to help purchase supplies and food for a neighborhood.

Dinner, two carnivals

At 3 p.m. on Saturday, a celebration and dinner took place at an elementary school that was part of the project.

The church also put on street carnivals for the Detroit communities at two different churches — one on each side of the Lodge freeway. The carnivals, which were the culmination of the vacation Bible school Ward organized downtown last week, featured popcorn, candy, water balloons, games, face painting and a moon walk, Dilley said.

Johanson said the event was bigger than originally anticipated. "They have been very gracious and kind to the corporation in the past, and they decided to take it to

the next level with this event," Johanson said. "This will make a huge impact in the city."

She said examples of church members' work included rebuilding the porch of a blind man's home and cutting down a fallen tree and cleaning up debris from a recent storm at a senior citizen's home.

They also built a toddler play area at the only playground in a 1-mile area of the city, Johanson said.

"You could take 10 volunteers a weekend for a whole year and that's how long it would take to have the same impact that they're making in one day," Johanson said.

Eidsness said he hopes this will be more than just a one-time event.

"To do things in the name and spirit of Jesus is our goal," he said.

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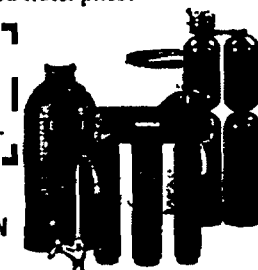
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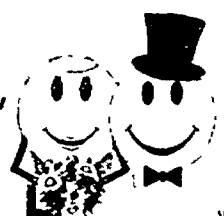
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Ringo-Gawley

Tom and Chris Ringo of Salem Township are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle, to Brett Gawley.

Michelle is a 1999 graduate of South Lyon High School. She graduated from Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in communications. She is currently employed as an account executive for the advertising firm Campbell-Ewald.

Brett is the son of Louis Gawley of Grosse Pointe Woods and the son of Allen and Diana Waldman of Malibu, Calif. Brett is a graduate of North Farmington High School and graduated from Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in advertising. He is employed as an associate creative director for the advertising firm JWT/Team Detroit.

The couple are planning a late July wedding, a honeymoon on the coast of Italy and plan to make their home in Birmingham.



Thomas and King

Ronald and Debbi Thomas of Rose City announce the engagement of their daughter, Becky Thomas, to Stephen King, son of

Mark and Ellen King of Northville.

The bride-elect is a 1995 graduate of Ogemaw Heights High School, a 1999 graduate of Western Michigan University with a Bachelor of Arts degree and a 2005 graduate of Michigan State University with a Master's degree. She is currently teaching English at Midland High School.

The groom-elect is a 1998 graduate of Northville High School, a 2002 graduate of the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Science degree and a 2006 graduate of Michigan State University with a Master's degree. He is currently employed by the Michigan State Housing Authority in Lansing.

A December 2007 wedding is planned in Midland.

ANNIVERSARY



Mr. and Mrs. Shubel

Donald and Beverly Shubel celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house at Country Place Club House on June 2.

The couple was married June 8, 1957, at Pembroke Bible Chapel, Detroit. They met growing up in the same neighborhood. They have resided in Northville for 21 years.

Donald was born in Cass City. He is retired from Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, where he worked as an engineer. Beverly was born in Detroit. Her vocation has been homemaker.

Their children are Linda and Jeff Powell of Detroit; Terri and Shaun Willoughby of Woodland Park, Colo.; and Ellen Shubel of Canton. They have two grandchildren, Luke and Zach Willoughby.

OBITUARIES

DR. FREDERICK E. BENTLEY

Dr. Frederick E. Bentley, age 92, of Northville, passed away peacefully on June 26, 2007. He was born on August 11, 1914, in Detroit to Glen and Agnes (Hazelton) Bentley. Dr. Bentley received his Doctorate from Wayne State University Medical School. He came to the community in 1940 after finishing his residency at Harper Hospital. He then founded the Bentley Clinic in Plymouth, Mich., where he was a general practitioner. Frederick was united in marriage to Janet R. (White) Bentley on July 1, 1954. His 50-year career also included stints as medical officer of Plymouth Township, medical director for Civil Defense, chief medical officer for the local draft board and assistant medical examiner for Wayne County. Dr. Bentley was a past member of the Plymouth Elks and a member of the Michigan State Medical Society. He has a black belt in judo and was active with the Judo Club. He enjoyed fishing, golfing and boating. He loved dogs. Frederick also did oil painting and played the saxophone. He is survived by his children, Fred (Janet) Bentley of Northville and David (Shelli) Bentley of Novi; and his grandchildren, Rick and Jack Bentley and Evan, Adam, and Josh Bentley. He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents and his brother Maxwell Dean Bentley. A Memorial Service was held Friday, June 29, 2007, at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. Rev. Kent Clise from First Presbyterian Church of Northville officiated the service. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Michigan Humane Society, attn: Honorariums and Memorials, 26711 Northwestern Highway, Suite 175, Southfield, MI 48034.

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Born Nov. 21, 1916, died May 21, 2007, formerly of Milford and Northville. Owner and founder of Brock Tool of Livonia. Officer in the U.S. Navy during WWII. Predeceased by his beloved wife, Lillian Phillis (nee Huff). Survived by his three children: William A. Phillis, III, Emily Phillis Helmreich, and Cynthia Phillis Weiss.



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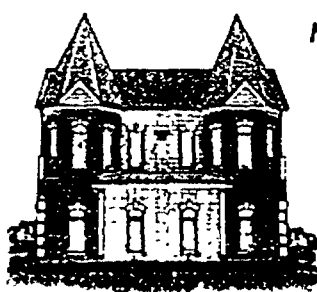
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A TALE OF TWO BROTHERS: Adelson Eye and Laser Center expands

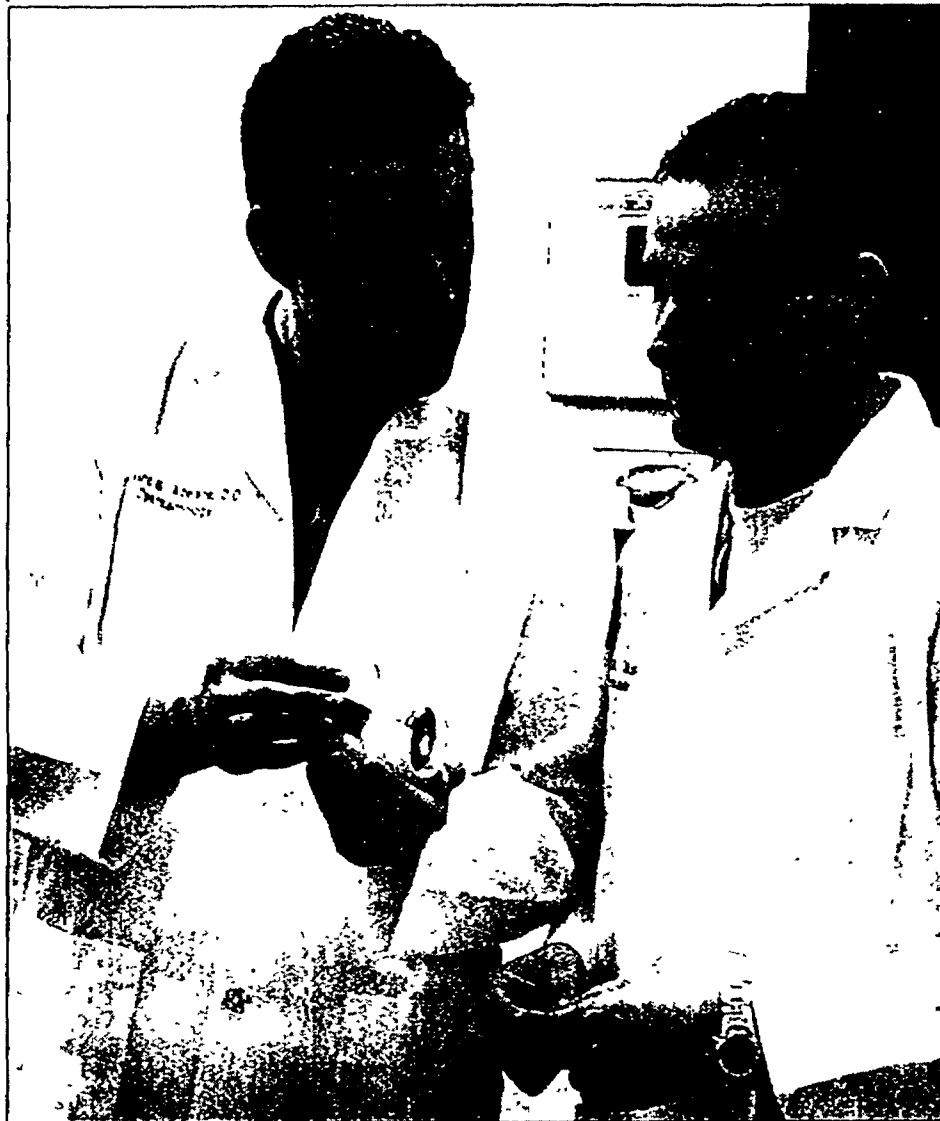
■ Both brothers are board certified in field

By Pam Fleming
RECORD STAFF WRITER

A lot of men follow in their father's footsteps. But Todd Adelson took the same path as his brother, Howard, instead. The two brothers just celebrated the one-year anniversary of Todd joining Howard in practice in two locations of the Adelson Eye and Laser Center — one in downtown Northville at 215 E. Main Street, Suite 202, and one in Warren that opened in November. Both doctors of osteopathy, they are medical and surgical ophthalmologists as well as laser vision correction specialists.

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Howard, who opened the practice several years ago in Novi, then moved to the Main Street location, said it's rare for two doctors board certified in refractive surgery to be in practice together. "We're the only office in the state that has two fellowship-trained refractive surgeons," Howard said. Todd said he enjoys ophthalmology because, "It's a good mix between clinical medicine and surgery." Howard said he likes the field because it involves manual dexterity. "I've always been good with my hands, and I wanted to be able to implement that into my life," he said. Plus, he said ophthalmology is a "happy field." "Patients aren't dying, and we are often able to vastly improve their quality of life," Howard said.



Howard Adelson, D.O., FAOCO, left, welcomed his brother, Todd Adelson, D.O., right, to his ophthalmology practice just a year ago. The brothers, shown looking at a model of the human eye, have an office in downtown Northville at 215 E. Main Street and an office in Warren that opened last November. The two osteopathic physicians specialize in laser vision correction.

He recalled one patient who came in with a seeing eye dog; the man can now see. The two doctors noted that some advertisements about

refractive surgery can be misleading as far as the cost and that it pays to have a trained specialist. "It's not as simple as just

pushing a button," Howard said. "You have to decide who's a good candidate."

Pam Fleming is a staff writer

About the doctors

Howard Adelson, D.O., FAOCO, completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Michigan and his medical degree at Des Moines University Osteopathic Medical Center.

He served his internship at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills and his residency at Michigan State University's Metropolitan Hospital.

He completed an additional fellowship in advanced refractive (LASIK) and cataract surgery at Michigan State and also completed an extensive ophthalmology course at Stanford University in California.

He is on staff at Providence Hospital, Sinai-Grace Hospital, Huron Valley Hospital and Botsford.

Todd Adelson, D.O., earned his bachelor's degree at Michigan State University and his medical degree from the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine-Midwestern University.

He also served his internship at Botsford General Hospital and his residency at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

He also completed an advanced fellowship in advanced refractive and cataract surgery through Michigan State University.

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Bloom; Andrew Boyd; Crystal Boyer; Sabrina Boyer; Edward Brown; Madison Bruns; Jennifer Buckingham; Mark Bucrek; Alyia Byrd; Jaclyn Carbone; Nicholas Chen; Victoria Clay; Samuel Clobby; Travis Compo; Allyson Coppock; Blake Currie; Trent Currie; Adam Curry; Andrew Damour; Luke Davis; William Dixon; Luke Dodge; McKenzie Donaldson; Erin Doud; Clare Elise; Caitlin Feltner; Emily Foland; Taji Fraser Totonji; Andrew Fuller; Griffin Gallagher; Jeffrey Gertley; Domenico Giovanni; Alexandra Gjonaj; Maxwell Grezick; Kayla Hagan; Joshua Hall; Tyler Harrigan; Suzanne Hasse; Tyler Hastedt; Emily Hatcher; Rex Heid; Kimberly Heinonen; Shaun Hetu; Jeffrey Hewlett; Alexander Hoffman; Emma Holdaway; Tamara Jayasuriya; Eric Johnson; Natasha Jovanovskij; Eric Karinen; Julian Kasten; Hironi Katsumi; Emma Kelly; Amanda Kemmer; Haley King; Jakob Kippola; Janine Kjosdew; Patrick Kornmeyer; Evan Kura; Howard Laabs; Christopher Leja; Erik Libbe; Michael Loh; Michael Lokay; Sara Lovelace; Tyler Gardner; Cole Gavigan; John Gessert; Greta Ginter; Todd Goebel; Vincent Govan; Janelle Gray; Allyson Green; Shelby Gregory; Lauren Gron; Grant Growshek; Gabrielle Guibord; Jeremy Gumkowski; Christina Hadley; Hannah Hammoud; Ashley Hart; Abby Hayek Zachary Heller; Sarah Hennessy; Abigail Henning; Kathryn Hilmer; Randal Holloway; Nicholas Holub; Stephanie Hong; Michael Hoover; David Hornshaw; Christina Hui; Emily Iversen; Mikki Ishikawa; Claire Jachimowicz; Alexandra Jankulovic; Steven Karbownik; Andrea Kichkan; Nicole Khamis; Hannah Kim; Madeline Kipke; Joel Kish; Joseph Kozlowski; Daniel Kubert; Heather Lamoureux; Juliana Lim; David Lindow; Erica MacDonald; Elizabeth Majer; Kali Maisano; Brian Manney; Rebecca Martin; Lindsey Matych; Charles May; Haley McCullough; Connor Meeuwse; Alex Menciotti; Emily Mikels; Joseph Miklos; Riku Momoji; Elisabeth Moore; Kathleen Morris; Shelby Morris; Spiridon Morris; Steven O'Neill; Jacob Ortlieb; Katelyn Owen; Jason Pascoe; Prem Patel; Jayatej Pinnamaneni; Andrius Pone; Byron Prechasky; Sandra Pui; Que; Sarah Raymond; Daniela Raz; Tess Reed; Sergio Reyes-Pardo; James Rhee; Clare Riley; Jamee Risher; Rachael Roberts; Kristina Rodriguez; Michael Rootare; Ronald Rounsifer; Elizabeth Sakorafis; Sophie Schanck; James Schmelzer; Carly Schoemaker; Briana Schoenick; Daniel Schuetz; Isabella Sdao; Kathryn Siironian; Hannah Smith; Samantha Sneed; Linda Song; Austin Southwick; Eric Swies; Alexander Tachian; Eric Tang; Cole Thurman; Jordyn Trotter; Masahisa Tsuji; Halie Tyburski; Kate Vandervoort; Nicole Vartabedian; Sean Wagner; Nolan Waldeck; Colin Warner; Lauren Wickett; Mitchell Wiest; Lauren Yamine; Yujie Yan; Hai Wen Yu; Rebekah Zieslesch; Connie Zuo.

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Ows Ali; Angela Alvarez; Brent Bacus; Ria Barad; Raven Batshon; Audrey Bechler; Rachel Beger; Adithya Bhattacharj; Megan Boczar; Kayla Bohnlein; Thomas Borgers; Danielle Borthwick; Allison Boss; Shaylyn Brady; Nicholas Braeseker; Margaret Brennan; Daniel Brenner; Steven Bryndza; Hillary Butterworth; Laura Cheaney; Kailah Clift; Sarah Close; Lauren Colasant; Katherine Coleman; Cody Cooper; Kevin Courtney; Catherine Culkin; Kevin Curtis; Morgan Dalrymple; Grady Darnell; Sara DeDona; Nicholas Demick; Kelsey DeRidder; Erin Donohoe; Megan Donohue; Matthew Drago; Amy Drake; Bridget Dunn; Christopher Dyer; Ashwin Easow; Gayle Ebben; Todd Elise; Jessica

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WAYNE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT AND DISCONTINUANCE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY

In accordance with the provisions of Section 18, chapter 1 and 3, Act 283 of the Public Acts of 1909, as amended, the County of Wayne, Michigan, has determined that it was in the best interest of the public to absolutely abandoned and discontinued that the following described alley right-of-way, subject to a reservation of a easement for public utilities and storm water conveyance purposes, situated in the Township of Redford, Wayne County, Michigan, by Wayne County Commission Resolution Number 2007-350 passed on June 21, 2007.

Vacating the remaining portion, Southerly of the vacated Northerly 1099.99 feet of Old Haggerty Road (66 feet wide) as recorded in Liber 39724, Page 102, Wayne County Records, formerly known as Haggerty Road to it's centerline intersection with the Easterly Right of Way of relocated Haggerty Road (variable width), situated in Northville Township, and City of Livonia, Wayne County, Michigan, being more particularly described as: That portion of Old Haggerty Road, formerly known as Haggerty Road, as used by the public in the N.E. 1/4 of Section 6, T.1S., R.9E., City of Livonia and in the N.E. 1/4 of Section 1, T.1S., R.8E., Northville Township, Wayne County, Michigan, centered on the line between the above mentioned Sections/ Township and City extending from a Point of Beginning, Southerly 1099.99 feet from the North line thereof, Southerly 328.87 feet to a Point of Ending, The West right of way line of Old Haggerty Road being Southerly of said Point of Beginning, 257.71 feet and lengthening of the East right of way line Southerly 400.01 feet, accordingly with the intersection of the portion of relocated Haggerty Road in conjunction with the construction of Interstate 275. EXCEPTING: That portion of the aforementioned parcel of land described as: Commencing at the aforementioned Point of Beginning; thence along the aforementioned East line S01°46'19"E 212.82 feet to the Point of Beginning of said exception; thence continuing S01°46'19"E 59.30 feet; thence S88°13'41"W 26.32 feet to the Easterly Right of Way of Relocated Haggerty Road (variable width); thence N26°39'07"W 15.88 feet; thence along said Right of Way; thence N01°46'19"W 44.98 feet; thence N88°13'41"E 33.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

True copies of this notice are served and published in accordance with the provisions of said Act No. 283 of 1909, as amended.

WAYNE COUNTY DEPARTMENT
OF PUBLIC SERVICES
Engineering Division
Real Estate, 3rd Floor
415 Clifford Street
Detroit, Michigan 48226

Publsh: July 5, 12 & 19, 2007

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Act No. 198 of Public Acts of 1974, as amended, the Charter Township of Northville has authorization to designate qualified buildings as "speculative building" in order to permit local industries to obtain exemption from certain real property tax, for a period of years; and WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Northville seeks to improve the marketability of the A-1-E1 facility located at 15701 Centennial Drive, Northville, Michigan, by designating it as a "speculative building."

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Charter Township of Northville, Board of Trustees hereby gives NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING to be held on Thursday, July 19, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. Charter Township of Northville Township Hall, Board of Trustees Chambers, 44405 So. Main Road, Northville, Michigan 48167.

Any owner, resident, or taxpayer may appear at said Hearing and give testimony.

The location of said premises to be considered as a "speculative building" is described as:
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Act No. 198 of Public Acts of 1974, as amended, the Charter Township of Northville has authorization to establish an Industrial Development District in order to permit local industries to obtain exemption from certain real and personal property tax, for a period of years; and WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Northville seeks to improve the marketability of the A-1-E1 facility located at 15701 Centennial Drive, Northville, Michigan, by creating Industrial Development District # 8 to encompass its legal boundaries.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Charter Township of Northville, Board of Trustees hereby gives NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING to be held on Thursday, July 19, 2007 at 7:40 p.m. Charter Township of Northville Township Hall, Board of Trustees Chambers, 44405 So. Main Road, Northville, Michigan 48167.

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"If you want something done right, do it yourself."

It's a saying that Barbara O'Brien lives by, and we think it's a pretty fair statement that all of us should seriously consider.

If you haven't already read the front page story on O'Brien, please do so. Hopefully, it will inspire you to do some volunteering of your own.

She's 78 and has been giving her time and energy for more than 30 years in Northville Township — from the board of trustees to the planning commission to parks and rec and more. This woman does not sit still!

But she's not the only one. There's a whole list of folks who serve who were recognized by the township recently.

Maybe you'll be on that list some day.

There's plenty of opportunities, that's for sure. So many, in fact, that we started a new section in our weekly Community Calendar labeled "VOL-UNTEERING" (check it out on page 12A).

You can help youths and seniors; support the arts; welcome newcomers; pitch in at Maybury Farm; serve at the library; or become a hospice volunteer.

They're all worthy causes, but they all require one thing — your time.

Sure, you might have to sacrifice your favorite TV show once in awhile or delay your favorite hobby for a bit, but you might find your efforts rewarded in ways you never imagined.

So don't stand on the sidelines any longer. Jump in. Get involved. Volunteer. It'll make you a better person and this a better community.

Native son learns commitment to friends, family, U.S. Marines

He may not have been born on the Fourth of July, but Maj. Gregory James Allen is certainly committed to his country.

In an emotional ceremony Sunday afternoon in his parents' backyard, the 37-year-old Northville Township native was promoted from a captain to a major in the U.S. Marine Corps.

About 35 family members, friends and neighbors came to celebrate Allen's promotion and revel in the kind of dedication that only the few, the proud and the brave possess.

His best friends while growing up — Lt. Col. Richard B. Zyla, North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) and United States Northern Command Communications Operations Officer, who is currently stationed in Colorado Springs, Colo., and Mike Harral, a volunteer firefighter with the Algonac Fire Department — directed the ceremony.

Zyla received permission from his commanding officer to serve as the presiding official at the ceremony, pinning the oak leaves on Allen's epaulets and administering him the oath of office.



Pam Fleming

Peggy Koppy, who has lived next door to Allen's parents for almost 30 years, presented the invocation.

The other longtime next-door neighbor, Roberta Clemak, recalled some of Allen's antics as a teenager.

"I think him signing up as a Marine was the greatest thing that ever happened to him," Clemak said.

Former boys from the 'hood

Back in the day, Allen, Zyla and Harral were the proverbial "partners in crime." But, as adults, they've become more than responsible.

"I grew up around the corner," Zyla said. "We've been friends for 25 years, and, in fact, Greg was the best man at my wedding. It's a tremendous honor to come back and be able to do this for him at his home."

Zyla said he and Allen had paper routes together, drove mopeds, Mustangs and Trans Ams, used to get in minor trouble in high school, and had the neighbors call when they played music too loud.

"We were typical high school kids," Zyla said.

He said Allen didn't really know what he

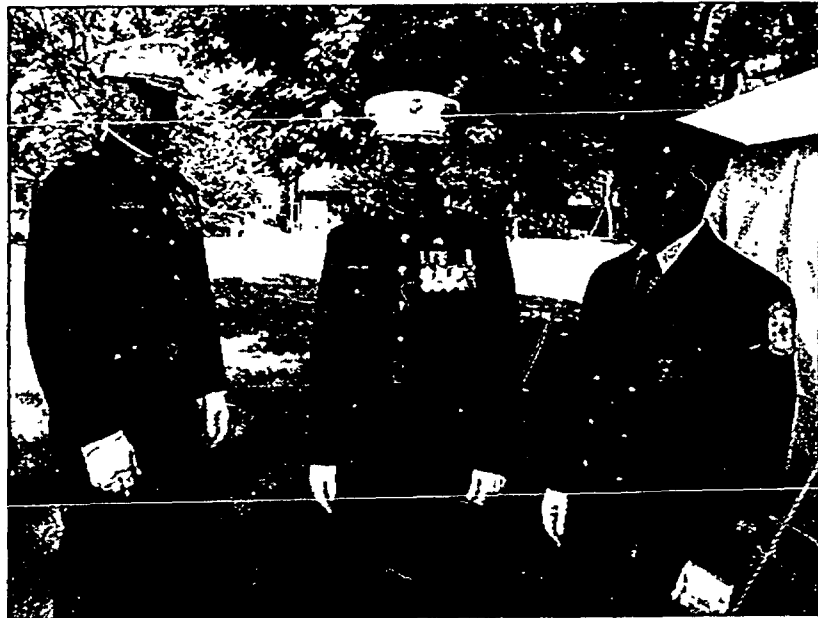


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Maj. Gregory James Allen, center, with his best buddies from home — Lt. Col. Richard "Rick" Zyla, U.S. Marine Corps, left, and Mike Harral, a volunteer firefighter with the Algonac Fire Department. The two directed a ceremony for Allen, his family and friends Sunday at Allen's parents' Northville Colony Estates home, promoting him to a major in the U.S. Marine Corps.

wanted to do after attending college.

Then one day, Allen figuratively "opened the door" for him while they were at a restaurant.

"He said to me, 'Hey, what do you think about me being a Marine?'" Zyla said. "That's all I needed to take him right down to the recruiting station. In my opinion, he saw commitment for the first time."

Born Sept. 25, 1962, Allen enlisted in the Marines at the age of 22. He started as an artillery man and was eventually deployed to Haiti, where he saw action for the first time.

"That's another time he realized commitment — to your buddies on your left and your right," Zyla said.

Allen also served in Iraq from July 2004-February 2005.

In his new job with the U.S. Marine Corps, he'll work on communications issues for transportation command, one of the U.S. combatant commands.

He'll be involved with communications equipment for emergencies, such as Hurricane Katrina.

"I'll be the guy who designs the communications package and puts it down where-

er we have a problem," Allen said.

The family behind the man

Allen's wife, Laurie, was also present to help pin on the oak leaves symbolizing the rank of major on her husband's uniform.

The couple, who met while he was stationed in Hawaii and have been married for six years, moved to Scott Air Force Base in O'Fallon, Ill., last week after being transferred from Yuma, Ariz.

She and his parents, Jim and Marlene Allen, couldn't be prouder.

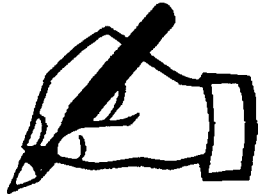
"He's been in the Marines for 15 years now," Jim Allen said. "It's been a pretty good deal for him. He's made a career out of it."

Allen thanked his wife, parents and sister, Leslie, for helping him to become a better person and a better Marine.

As Allen said: "My mom used to always tell me, 'Nothing is impossible.'"

Pam Fleming can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or at pfleming@gannett.com.

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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LETTERS

Thanks from gardeners

It takes a village to raise interest in a garden walk, and that is exactly what transpired for the Gardeners of Northville & Novi at our 2nd Garden Walk Adventure June 23.

With wholehearted sincerity, we would like to thank the Northville Record and local businesses for helping to publicize our event with photos, articles, posters and flyers.

Adding to the Central Venue were the vendors with their unique creations and the guest lecturers with their informational presentations. We thank them for their participation.

We are indebted to the owners of our six host gardens representing Northville & Novi. The beauty and diversity of their gardens helped make our walk a success.

Of course, no event is successful without patrons, so to those of you who traveled from neighboring communities or made us a part of your trip to

Michigan, we hope you enjoyed your garden adventure with us. We also hope you visit us again next year.

Last, but certainly not least, we very much appreciated the long hours, hard work, and "perennial" smiles of our volunteers and club members.

Gardeners of Northville & Novi Presidential Council

Patricia Easley

Marcia Korzeniewski

Gina Van Horn

Remembering Mr. Emerson

Having struck up a conversation with a gentleman who was out celebrating the retirement of an individual I later came to recognize as my old high school principal, I was surprised to hear many of the familiar names I knew had long since called it a day.

save one.

After roughly 38 years in the teaching business, Gary Emerson has decided to retire from his chosen profession. As my family has been a mainstay in Northville for most of those 38 years, Mr. Emerson was a memory etched into all our minds. Mostly remembered as the accounting teacher all five of us had, Gary took on a bit more as we sat sharing stories of his classroom philosophy.

With my own career halfway done and having been blessed to work for a company that afforded my family and I the chance to work around the world, I realize now that Mr. Emerson's constant catch phrase just wasn't meant to apply to the dollar and cents side of the business — it applied to the people side, too. For this, Gary, I thank you for the life lesson. For no matter where I end up working, a debit is a debit, and a credit is a credit is a credit. Fondlest retirement.

Kennet J. Neal AKA Nealyburger
Northville

Kudos to the Center For Michigan

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

— Margaret Mead,
Pioneering anthropologist

It is with the words of Margaret Mead that the Center for Michigan, a nonprofit, bipartisan "Think and Do Tank," continues its quest to bring together citizens across the state to find pragmatic solutions to address the ills that are dragging our state down. Founded by retired newspaper publisher Phil Power in 2006, the center continues in helping us prepare for the future.

The Center for Michigan boldly declares:

"Michigan's economic, governmental and social systems are in crisis. In response, the Center for Michigan is launching a statewide public engagement campaign. They have gathered more than 100 bipartisan leaders in May 2007 to discuss reforms for

our state's future. Now, in a multi-year campaign, they aim to:

- Engage thousands of statewide leaders and citizens in in-depth community conversations about how best to position Michigan for growth and success.

- Provide political tools and storytelling forums to enhance citizen involvement and pride in Michigan.

- Through the in-depth public engagement, produce far-reaching, broadly acceptable reform principles that greatly improve the substance of statewide politics in near-term election cycles, especially the watershed election of 2010."

What is refreshing about the Center for Michigan initiatives is that they are not composed simply of a cast of Lansing-based, Capitol dome insiders. Rather, under the leadership of Phil Power, founder, and the capable day-to-day direction of John Bebow, Executive Director, its members are crisscrossing the state to seek ideas and energy from everyday citizens of Michigan. The Center for

Michigan's "Defining Moment Public Engagement Campaign" is asking all of us to "spend a little time on the future of our state with the ultimate goals: 'to build pride in our state, build a bipartisan, grass roots vision for a new Michigan, and build a statewide network of citizens who will work to hold elected leaders accountable for improving Michigan.'"

Yeah, I know, it is easier to curse the darkness than to light a candle and complain that "it ain't my job; why haven't the Governor and Legislature solved these problems?" However, it is our problem and the Center for Michigan is offering a forum that allows all of us to be part of the solution. This is democracy at work and at its finest. We need the ideas, energy and talents of Michigan citizens to help lift the anchor of old ideas, paradigms and policies and to offer new ideas that will help us sail boldly into the 21st century, transformational, technologically driven, global knowledge economy.



About Tom Watkins

CEO of TDW and Associates, a business and education consulting company. He served as Michigan's State superintendent of schools from 2001 to 2005. He has a life-long interest in China and has traveled there many times since his first trip in 1989. Read his internationally recognized report: The New Education (R)evolution at www.nacol.org: He welcomes reader comments at: tdwatkins@aol.com.

Get off the couch!

Democracy, if it is to truly work for the people, cannot be a spectator sport. We need to get more people engaged in the democratic process, long before election day, to help shape our future. You will be hearing and reading more about the Center for Michigan in the coming weeks. However, you can get involved now. Go to www.thecenterformichigan.net and take a look what the center is doing. Sign up for their weekly electronic newsletter. Get off the couch and get involved.

Yes, we need our leaders to act with a sense of urgency to solve

today's problems. We also must be willing to create a new reality for our state that clearly understands that, while our children only make up a small percentage of our population, they are 100 percent of our collective future. Our future will be built on a foundation of knowledge, talent, creativity, innovation, globalization and entrepreneurship. We must invest in our children and build on the talent of every man, woman and child in this state to survive and thrive.

What kind of future Michigan do you want? For you? For your children? For your grandchildren? Do you want others to plot the

future for you or are you willing to roll up your sleeves, get some dirt under your nails and help create a new reality?

Margaret Mead left us with another quote that should help guide us as we move boldly into the future: "The solution to adult problems tomorrow depends on large measure upon how our children grow up today."

We need to grow up, Michigan, and make sure we are leaving a state that will enable our children and grandchildren to soar in the 21st century.

Thank you, Center for Michigan. Leadership does matter.

HOT TICKET: This week's Friday Night Concert Series features The Troubadours at 7 p.m.

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NORTHVILLE EVENTS

Farmer's Market

TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
every Thursday
LOCATION: Corner of Seven Mile and Sheldon Roads

The Bizer Brothers

TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. tonight
LOCATION: NOMI, 133 West Main St.
DETAILS: Jim and Randy Bizer play while you dine.
CONTACT: NOMI (248) 449-3200 or Randy Bizer (248) 895-8888

Corriveau Holds Office Hours

TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. tomorrow
LOCATION: Meeting Room A, Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main Street
DETAILS: Corriveau invites residents to talk with him about any issues or concerns; office hours are held every third Monday of the month, 10-11 a.m. in the Friends Room at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street.
CONTACT: (877) 208-4737

Friday Night Concert Series

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Fridays through August 10
LOCATION: Behind Northville City Hall, corner of Wing and Cady streets
SCHEDULE: Friday, The Troubadours; July 13, The Bluescasters; July 20, The Bel Airs; July 27, Mass Transit Band
DETAILS: Sponsored by Main Street Bank, Northville Downtown Development Authority

Tunes on Tuesday

TIME/DATE: 11 a.m.-noon through Aug. 7
LOCATION: Ford Field; when raining at Genitti's Little Theatre, Main Street
DETAILS: Children's concerts; check www.northvilleparksandrec.org for concert schedule

Genitti's Little Theater

LOCATION: 108 E. Main St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-0522 or www.genittis.com

Dinner Theater - "In Stitches"

TIME/DATES: 6:30 p.m. Saturdays through Aug. 18
DETAILS: Tickets are \$45 per person; to run through November; call for more dates.

The Bette Midler Tribute From Las Vegas

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday, July 20 and Saturday, July 21
DETAILS: Tickets are \$45 per person for the Friday and Saturday shows.

Elvis Musical Tribute from Las Vegas

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 17; 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 19
DETAILS: Stars Sherman Arnold; Friday show \$45, Sunday show \$35.

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.

Christmas in July

DETAILS: Stop in this July for a free gift, preview decorations, gift ideas; book a holiday event.

The Art House

LOCATION: 215 Cady St.
Plein Air Juried Exhibition Running through Aug. 12
TIME/DATE: 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Artist Reception; 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday, July 11, Plein Air Artists Painting in the Gardens

"Creative Kids"

DATE: Second Saturday of the month through December 8; July 14 "In the Garden;" August 11 "Bugs and Butterflies;" September 8 "Colored Pencil;" October 13 "Print Exploration;" November 10 "Thanksgiving;" December 8 "Christmas."

TIME: 9:30-11:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Northville Art



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Garden Walk

Betsy Wilds' Northville Township garden in the Northville Colony Estates subdivision will be featured in the July 11 Country Garden Club of Northville's Garden Walk. Tickets are available at Northville's Gardenviews and are \$10.

House, 215 Cady Street, Northville

DETAILS: Two-hour creative exploration for youth, grades 1-5; activities include drawing, painting, sculpture and mixed media in conjunction with current professional exhibits on display; register early; class size limited to 12; cost for member \$18 per session or \$108 for series; non-member \$20 per session or \$120 per series.

CONTACT: Northville Art House (248) 344-0497 or www.northvillearts.org

Country Garden Club of Northville 14th Annual Garden Walk

DATE: Wednesday
TIME: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (rain or shine)
DETAILS: Visit six exceptional gardens and other special attractions; plein air artists will be painting in the gardens at the Art House and the art exhibit will be open; tickets are \$10 and available at Garden Views, 402 W. Main St.

CONTACT: (734) 591-0360 or www.cgcncv.org

Downtown Development Authority Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, July 17
TIME: 8 a.m.
LOCATION: City Council Chambers, 215 W. Main St.
CONTACT: downtown-northville.com

Northville Book Club

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday, July 20
LOCATION: Starbucks, 302 East Main St.
DETAILS: "An American Tragedy," Theodore Dreiser
CONTACT: northvillebookclub@gmail.com

Northville Eclipse Baseball Club

Baseball from the 1860s: Rules, equipment, terminology; Free.
TIME/DATE: 2 p.m. Sunday, July 22
LOCATION: Ford Field (next to Mill Race Village)
DETAILS: Eclipse verses the Royal Oak Wahoos

Northville Genealogical Society

TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. Mondays
LOCATION: Northville District Library
DETAILS: Individual help on genealogy is offered by society members in the Local History Room at the library, also by appointment.

CONTACT: Tille Van Sickle (734) 595-7806 or www.rootsweb.com/~mings

Marquis Theatre

LOCATION: 135 E. Main St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-8110 or www.northvillemarquistheatre.com

Summer Theatre Camp Registration

DETAILS: Registration for two-week Day Camp or Ducky Camp sessions now being accepted. Contact the theater or go to the Web site for more information on session dates, times and tuition.

Between the Lines

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., the second Monday of each month
DETAILS: Book discussion group for adults and teens: July 10 "The Tender Bar" by J.R. Moehringer; August 13 "The Dollmaker" by Mariette Arnow.
Get a Clue at the Library
DATE: Through July 31
DETAILS: Youth summer reading for ages 2-12; includes activities, Storytime, reading games; weekly prize drawings; register in person to receive summer activity guide; more information at www.northvillelibrary.org.

YNK, You Never Know,

DATE: Through August 22
DETAILS: Exciting programs for students entering grade six through high school; chances to win prizes; register at information desk and receive schedule of events, includes several video game competitions.

Read, Relax and Enjoy

DATE: Through Aug. 31
DETAILS: Offers adults and youth ages 12 and older a chance to win prizes by reading a variety of books; register at information desk.

Foreign Film Series

TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m., Mondays
DETAILS: July 23 "Kolya" Czech with English subtitles; August 20 "Prisoner of the Mountains" Russian with English subtitles.

Salem Train Wreck of 1907

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 25
DETAILS: Learn about Michigan's worst railroad accident with stories and records from the Local History archives.

Drumminity

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 31
LOCATION: The park just east of the Library
DETAILS: Performance featuring hand drums, percussion and simple drum circle games; preceded at 5:30 p.m. by workshop for teens.

Movies and Munchies at Noon for Kids

SCHEDULE: Tuesday, August 14, "Chicken Run;" Thursday, August 23 "Zathura"

Senior Events

Thursday 9 a.m.: Take Off Pounds Sensibly 9:30 a.m.: Yoga 11:30 a.m.: Detroit Tigers Game 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle Massage by appointment Friday 9:30 a.m.: Strength Training 11 a.m.: Poker 1 p.m.: Movie "Catch and Release"

Storyteller Adam Mellema

TIME/DATE: 2 p.m. Monday, July 23
DETAILS: Hilarious combination of original stories, familiar titles and peculiar folk tales.

Secret Code Comedy Show

TIME/DATE: 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 24
DETAILS: Laugh out loud as Detective Dewey reveals "secret codes."

DETAILS: Learn basic techniques of fishing; bring a pole; adults must have a valid fishing license to participate; meet at riding stable parking lot.

Monarch Madness

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. Tuesday
DETAILS: Search for Monarch butterflies, an endangered species; includes a butterfly art craft; meet at the Concession Area.

Bike Hike

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. Wednesday
DETAILS: Learn about biking safety, history facts and nature during the bike hike; bring your own bikes; meet at the Concession Area.

Nesting Nooks

TIME/DATE: 1:30 p.m. Wednesday
DETAILS: Learn about birds nesting; make your own bird nest; meet at the Concessions Area.

Night Hike

TIME/DATE: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 12
DETAILS: Find out what Maybury is like and what animals come out in the dark; meet at the Oak Shelter.

MILL RACE MATTERS

Mill Race Historical Village

LOCATION: 215 Griswold Avenue, north of Main Street near Ford Field
DETAILS: Office open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Friday; archives open Thursday-Friday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

CONTACT: (248) 348-1845
Thursday: 9 a.m. archives open

Friday: 9 a.m. archives open; 8 p.m. rehearsal
Saturday: 2 p.m. rehearsal; 3:30-5:30 p.m. wedding

Sunday: 10 a.m. Mill Creek Church; 1-4 p.m. Village open; 1 p.m. Heirloom Rug Hookers; 5-7 p.m. wedding

Monday: 7 p.m. Lions Club
Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang
Wednesday: All day Garden Walk; 7 p.m. Mill Creek Church

GOLF OUTINGS

Greater Novi Chamber of Commerce Second Annual Golf Outing
DATE: Tuesday
TIME: 9 a.m. registration, 10 a.m. Shotgun start
LOCATION: Links of Novi
DETAILS: Eighteen holes of golf with cart, goodie bags, special competition holes, two drink tickets on course, lunch at the turn, steak dinner, open bar at dinner, door prizes galore and raffle with prizes. Cost is \$110 per golfer or \$400 for advanced registration of a foursome by June 19.

CONTACT: (248) 347-4622 or www.greaternovichamber.com

Novi Lions Club 14th Annual Charity Golf Outing

DATE: Thursday, July 12
TIME: 9 a.m. shotgun start
LOCATION: Beacon Hill Golf Club, 6011 Majestic Oaks Dr., Commerce Township
DETAILS: Proceeds go to Penrickton Center for Blind Children in Taylor. Cost is \$100 per person. Includes 18 holes of championship golf with cart, continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, steak dinner; \$25 for advance dinner/silent auction tickets only; register by July 1.

CONTACT: Terri D. Taylor (248) 755-2384

NHS Reunion Golf Outing

DATE: Saturday, July 14
TIME: 7:30-8 a.m. tee-times
LOCATION: Brae Burn Golf Club, former home course of NHS team
DETAILS: Open to all residents and NHS alumni; Registration deadline July 13; \$50 per golfer, payable to Terry Taylor at Visions, 511 N. Center St.; includes prizes.

CONTACT: Mark Hlohinec, Class of '71, (248) 449-3735

Co-ed Adult 50+ Volleyball

TIME/DAYS: 10 a.m.-noon Monday, Wednesday, Friday
LOCATION: Recreation Center at 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/DAYS: 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, 303 W. Main St.

Bunco

TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m. Second Thursday of each month
DETAILS: Call the Senior Community Center at least 24 hours in advance to register; cost is \$1 per person.

MAYBURY STATE PARK

LOCATION: Eight Mile Road, between Beck and Napier Roads
CONTACT: (248) 349-8390.
For Friends of Maybury, contact (248) 349-3858 or www.FriendsofMaybury.org.

Horseback Riding

TIME/DATE: April-November
DETAILS: Horses for rent for guided trail rides.

Children's Programs

DETAILS: Children's programs offer many different ways to get outdoors and get involved with nature; programs last one hour; parents encouraged to join; free; State Park motor vehicle permit required for park entry; \$6 daily, \$24 annually.

Fishing in the Park

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. Friday

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**Hope Evangelical Ministries
CMOG Annual Golf Outing**

DATE: Saturday, July 14
TIME: Registration 8 a.m., start 9 a.m.

LOCATION: Gateway Golf Club, Romulus
DETAILS: Includes bucket of balls, 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch, dinner; \$75 per golfer; sponsorships available.
CONTACT: Michael Davis (313) 643-3723, Dorian Taylor (734) 709-0733 or Kevin Young (313) 908-3320

Third Annual "Get in the Game" Golf Outing

DATE: Thursday, August 2
TIME: Shotgun start 10 a.m.
LOCATION: Links of Novi
DETAILS: Sponsored by Novi Parks Foundation and Tom Holzer Ford to benefit City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department. Includes 18 holes of golf, cart, breakfast from Moe's on Ten, box lunch, steak dinner. Cost for foursome is \$500, single golfer \$125, dinner only \$50.

CONTACT: Novi Parks Foundation, PO Box 1169, Novi, MI 48376; www.noviparks.org; (248) 347-0405

**20th Annual Tycoon Tee-Off
Golf Outing**

DATE: Wednesday, August 8
LOCATION: Moose Ridge Golf Course, 11801 Doane Road, South Lyon
DETAILS: \$145 per person.
CONTACT: (248) 349-3743 or www.novichamber.com

**Brighton Hospital Annual
Golf Classic**

DATE: Monday, Aug. 13
TIME: 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
LOCATION: Lakelands Golf and Country Club, 8760 Chilson Road, Brighton
DETAILS: Sign up early for an extra round of golf. Sponsorships available
CONTACT: www.stjohn.org/Brighton

**CHURCH
EVENTS****St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

LOCATION: 201 Elm St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-3140
Sunday Worship
8:30 a.m. Blended, 11 a.m. Contemporary, 11:30 a.m. Traditional

**First Presbyterian Church of
Northville**

LOCATION: 200 E. Main St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-0911
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:30, 11 a.m.
Single Place Ministries
DETAILS: Thursday evenings; 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program; \$5
CONTACT: www.singleplace.org
Hot Dogs and Pot Luck
Dinner
DATE: Friday

DETAILS: Please bring a dish to pass or contribute a \$4 donation.

The Memory Advantage
DATE: Friday
DETAILS: Darleen Sweeney will lead the discussion based on the book "The Memory Advantage: Improve Your Memory, Mood and Confidence Throughout Life," by Thomas Crook.

Walking Group
TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. Saturday

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.

Comedy Night
DATE: July 12
DETAILS: Matt Perry is funny without compromising his faith. There will be open mic. time; share a funny story.

Being Understood
DATE: Thursday, July 19
DETAILS: Ted Easterly presents.

Picnic, Light and Lively Concert

DATE: July 26
DETAILS: Held on the back terrace of the church; menu includes grilled bratwurst and burgers, baked beans, potato salad, ice cream; concert featuring Tom and Julie Firth singing songs of "Summer in the USA;" in case of rain, concert to be held in Fellowship Hall; reserve your spot by noon, July 26; pic-

nic \$10, concert \$5.

**First Baptist Church of
Northville**

LOCATION: 217 N. Wing
CONTACT: (248) 348-1020
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays
Men's 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: 7 p.m. Bible Study, Youth & Children Ministries

**Meadowbrook
Congregational**

LOCATION: 21355 Meadowbrook Road
CONTACT: Rev. Ed Willingham, Interim Minister (248) 348-7757 or visit www.mbccc.org or gmccc@aroumdetroit.biz
Sunday Worship
TIME: 10 a.m.

**Ward Evangelical
Presbyterian Church**

LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 374-7400
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9 a.m. Contemporary, 10:20 a.m. Traditional and 7 p.m. July only
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
Preschool Enrollment Open
DETAILS: Enrollment for the 2007-08 school year is now available. Morning and afternoon sessions for children ages 3, 4 and 5 by Dec. 1 are open. Tuition and schedule information can be viewed at www.wardchurch.org.
CONTACT: Carol Nowacki,

(248) 374-5911 or e-mail: carol.nowacki@wardchurch.org
Single Point Ministries
for single adults 40 years and older
CONTACT: (248) 374-5920
Every Sunday: 11:30 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments, Knox Hall
Every Monday: 7 p.m. Learner's Bible Study, Room A101

Second and Fourth Monday:
7 p.m. Study of Ephesians, Room C309

Every Tuesday: 6:30-9 p.m. Volleyball at Rotary Park on Six Mile Road between Farmington and Merriman roads; 7 p.m. Praying Together, Sanctuary

Every Wednesday: 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Single Adult Ministries office; 7 p.m. Ward School of Christian Learning for Single Men, Room C350; 7 p.m. Single Parents, Single Adult Ministries Office; 4-7 p.m. Tennis, Rotary Park (Six Mile Road between Farmington and Merriman roads)

Every Thursday: Co-ed Softball, includes shirt and tournament; \$30

Every Saturday: 10 a.m. Bicycling Group starts from various locations; geared towards tourist level rider; all levels welcome; helmets required; lunch half-way through ride at your own expense.

Every Saturday-Sunday: 1-5 p.m. Tennis, Rotary Park

Every Sunday: 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Tennis for beginners, Stevenson High School, Six Mile Road west of Farmington Road

**First United Methodist
Church of Northville**

LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-1144
Sunday Worship
TIME: 8:30 and 10 a.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
Radical Joy Women's Bible Study

DATE: First and third Thursday of every month
TIME: 6-8 p.m.

DETAILS: This is a non-denominational group using guidebook "Radical Joy" to study New Testament Book of Philippians; dinner and discussion meetings provide fellowship, community outreach; spring session runs through May 31; \$30 per person.

CONTACT: Sue Craik (248) 961-5911 or e-mail craik1@aol.com

Grief Support Group

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Monday
DETAILS: Sponsored by New Hope Center for Grief Support; open to entire community; facilitated by Rev. Ritter.

Habitat for Humanity

DATE: Saturday, July 21
DETAILS: Sponsored by the Men's Group and Church and Society.

CONTACT: Brooks Kelley at (248) 380-0969 or BrooksK@soscs.org

VOLUNTEERING**Ladies Auxiliary VFW 4012**

DETAILS: In September, the Ladies Auxiliary is sending goody boxes to our men and women in the military. Please mail your donations or loved one's address to Barbara Cook or Karen Frazer, VFW 4012, 438 S. Main St.

CONTACT: (248) 349-5982

Cemetery Walk 2007

DETAILS: Event planners, reception presenters, publicity distributors, tour leaders and bakers are needed for this fall's annual Cemetery Walk.
CONTACT: Barbara Davies (734) 454-4287

**Midwest Rabbit Rescue and
Rehome**

DETAILS: This organization houses, treats and adopts out rabbits to new homes. They would appreciate donations to support their efforts in the responsible care and treatment of indoor pet rabbits. To make a donation call Dominique Moroz (248) 348-8519. For more infor-

mation on Rabbit Rescue and Rehome visit www.rabbitrr.org. Pet rabbit shelter is open 12:30-4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday or by appointment.

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/BSHiking/

Maybury Farm

DETAILS: The farm needs help in the following areas: Clean the barn Mondays and Tuesdays and feed the animals; four people to work part-time on weekdays and weekends assisting with hayrides (must be experienced); docents to assist with the school programming. Call (248) 374-0200.

**Volunteers Needed for
Visiting Nurse Association
Hospice Program**

DETAILS: In as little as two to four hours a week, volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family members or provide office support. A free, 18-hour/three-day training program is provided.

CONTACT: (800) 882-5720 ext. 8361 or (248) 967-8361 or visit www.vna.org.

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.
CONTACT: Kathy Petlicke (248) 348-1691 or www.mom-sintouch.org

Susan B. Galli Angel Fund

DETAILS: Hidden Springs Veterinary Clinic has created a fund to assist families in need with medical expenses for their pets. The fund is in memory of one of their longtime clients and friends, Sue Galli, who passed away in November. Hidden

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Friends of the Northville District Library
DETAILS: There are openings for the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Northville Library. 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 Newcomers and Neighbors
DETAILS: This group is for residents of Northville and surrounding communities. Activities include monthly coffees, various activities and special programs. New members welcome.
CONTACT: Nancy Murphy (248) 305-5460

Heartland Hospice Volunteers Needed
TIME: Day and evening training classes
LOCATION: 28588 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 475, Southfield
DETAILS: Caring and compassionate individuals needed to register for Heartland Hospice Volunteer Training. We serve individuals and their families during their end of life journey in the Tri-County area. Office support is also needed.
CONTACT: Mary at (800) 770-9859

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-On-Wheels
DATE: Ongoing
TIME: 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Permanent and substitute drivers are needed.

CONTACT: Eileen at Allen Terrace (248) 231-9950, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday through Friday or Judy LaManna (248) 348-1761

Camera Club
DATE: Second Tuesday of every month
CONTACT: Tom James of Northville Camera at northville-camera@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: Sue Campbell (248) 344-1618
"Powerful Kids!" Program
SCHEDULE: Second-Grade Girls, 10 a.m.-noon July 16-20; Third and Fourth-Grade Boys, 10 a.m.-noon July 23-27; Third and Fourth-Grade Girls, 1-3 p.m. July 23-27; Fifth-Grade Boys and Girls, 1-3 p.m. July 16-20
LOCATION: Northville High School
DETAILS: Program to increase self-esteem and confidence, encourage self-belief, expect the



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Plein Art
Ellen Bennett will be part of a group of plein air painters creating works during this year's Country Garden Club of Northville's Garden Walk on July 11th. They'll be painting garden scenes at the Northville Art House on Cady with flowers donated by Gardenviews. A separate Plein Air Juried Exhibition is running at the Art House from July 6 through August 12.

best, maintain high energy and good health.

SUPPORT GROUPS

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) 953-6012
General Grief Support Groups
TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of month
DETAILS: Open to all losses.
Loss of Spouse/Significant Other Support Group
TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. first Tuesday of month
Men in Grief
TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. fourth Monday of month
Suicide Loss Support Services
DETAILS: Individual and family services offered for those who have lost a loved one through suicide; call (734) 464-7810 for more information.
Heartstrings: Parents Who

Have Lost a Child
TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. first Thursday of month
Grief Support Quilter's Group
TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. first and third Wednesday of month
DETAILS: Register by calling (734) 953-6012.

Anxiety Disorder Support Group
TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. Thursdays
LOCATION: Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile Road, Livonia
DETAILS: Aim for Recovery (A.I.M.) 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

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous Information Session
DETAILS: Twelve step program for individuals suffering from food obsession, over eating, under eating, and bulimia; weekly meetings held in Canton, Ann Arbor and other metro

Detroit areas; no dues, fees or weigh-ins; everyone welcome including those who think they have food problems or are concerned about someone who may.
CONTACT: (734) 913-9614 or www.foodaddicts.org

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 scheduled 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
Widows/Widowers With Children Support Group
TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. second Tuesday of month during July and August
LOCATION: St. Kenneth's Parish, Plymouth
New Hope for KIDZ Support Group
TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. second Tuesday of month during July and August
DETAILS: Meets at the same time and location as adult group for children ages 3-18.

Suicide Support Group
TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. fourth Monday of month
LOCATION: First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville
DETAILS: No registration necessary for this drop-in support group.

PARKS AND RECREATION

LOCATION: 775 N. Center St., back entrance of Hillside Middle School
CONTACT: For registration and information on camps, classes and activities call (248) 349-0203 or visit www.northvilleparksandrec.org.

Parks and Recreation Commission
DATE: Second Wednesday of every month

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

Fish Hatchery Family Campout
DATE: July 21-22
TIME: Set up 3-5 p.m. July 21, clean up by noon July 22
LOCATION: Saturday at Maybury State Park

DETAILS: Fees are \$25/\$30/\$35 per family of four enjoy crafts, create-your-own sailboat race, s'mores, discounted tent rental at REI; register at Parks and Rec Office

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-ins or \$45 for an unlimited monthly resident pass. Classes will be held at Hillside Recreation Center or the Senior Community Center. All fitness levels are welcome to participate and certified instructors are there to provide safe and fun workouts

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

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 person.

Open Volleyball
TIME/DATE: 7-10 p.m. Thursdays

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WOMEN SHOW GAME



Chicago Gems baserunner Sofia Sianez, left, was safe a home on this play during their game against the Royal York Cardinals. The teams were meeting for part of the Detroit Women's Baseball Can-Am Invitational tournament which drew teams from all over the U.S. and Canada.

Photos by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Royal York pitcher Cindy Saavedra fires towards home during a game against the Chicago Gems at Detroit Catholic Central's field in Novi on Monday.

Northville, Novi host largest women's baseball tourney

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

It's called America's game. But for a few days in Northville and Novi, it was the ladies' game.

The Can-Am Women's International Baseball Tournament took place June 30-July 2 at Novi, Northville and Catholic Central high schools, featuring 11 teams in two divisions.

Detroit Diesel player and tournament director Lauren Elliot started to get the ball rolling months ago but didn't really know what to expect. Before she knew it, teams were lining up to get involved.

"When we first started this, we expected six to eight teams. It was going to be sort of a small venue, we thought," Elliot said. "Before we knew it, we had 18 teams that wanted to come."

"We went from a nothing, maybe-possibly kind of tournament to being overwhelmed."

Elliot said the tournament, which started Saturday and finished Monday, will become an annual game.

"It's the largest international tournament in women's history," Elliot said. "It's been fun. We made history."

"We are going to do this again. We anticipate at least 12 teams next year, and that's bare

minimum. It may be 18 to 20."

Crossing borders

Having a tournament in the Detroit area makes for a central location for several of the teams. Entries came from the east coast, Canada, Chicago and as well as two local teams. But location was one thing, getting good teams together in the spirit of competition was the ultimate goal.

"This tournament was really to not only to bring the Canadian and American teams together but also to showcase women's baseball at an elite level," Elliot said.

The Can-Am Spirit of Sportmanship Women's International Baseball Tournament

divided the teams into two divisions — East (upper) and West (lower) to keep the games competitive.

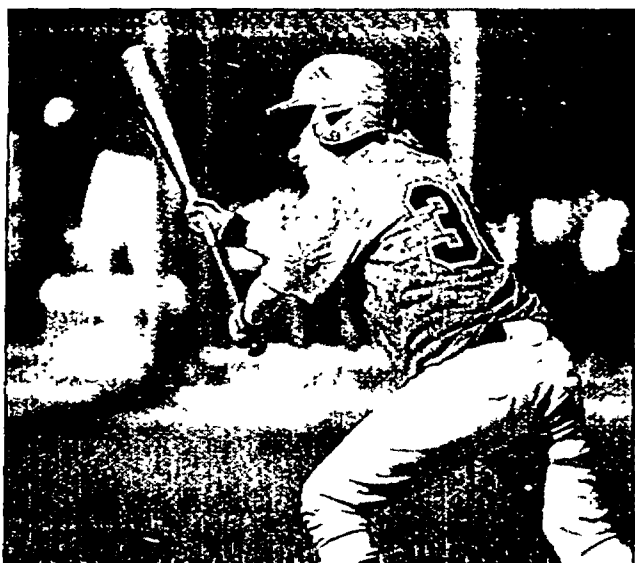
Play started Saturday at Novi, Northville and Catholic Central fields. Pool play continued on Sunday and the finals were played Monday at Catholic Central.

The tournament also featured home-run competitions.

King and His Court

While the women were playing hardball, the men took to the field for a fast-pitch baseball game.

The King and His Court, four-man fastpitch softball team put on a show for the fans before the final game of the tournament.



Royal York batter Shannon Richarz got on base by way of this bunt during a Monday morning baseball game against the Chicago Gems.

Can't beat the King and His Court

■ Four-man team wows, entertains crowd with talent and comic relief

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Legendary fastpitch softball player Eddie Feigner passed away in February, but his team, King and His Court live on.

The four-man barnstorming team entertained the crowd Monday before the finals of the Women's Can-Am baseball tournament.

The team uses a pitcher, catcher, first baseman and a shortstop — that's all against a full, nine-man squad.

The show is much like the Harlem Globetrotters, more fun than serious. But the foursome still shows they have talent to spare.

Pitcher Rich Hoppe, who said he was more than 60, showed off his mastery on the mound with a variety of pitches that included behind the back and through the legs. He even pitched to a couple of batters blindfolded.

Jack Knight, in his 26th year with the team, said it can be rough traveling as much as the team does, but meeting people and putting on the show is what it's all about.

Despite having to jump on a plane for a trip back across the country to California, the famous foursome took time after the game to run a clinic for a group of girls.

"This is the 26th season that I've been able to meet

the greatest people in America, be in the greatest towns in America and enjoy the greatest things that America has to offer," Knight said. "It's a job that so many people would die just to have."

"There's nothing else like it, and I'm so happy that I'm blessed to be part of it."

The King and His Court have been performing since 1946. Feigner, a hard-throwing pitcher told a team he could beat them with him and a catcher, but he wouldn't want the other team just to walk them to get out of an inning. The opposing manager said to bring a first baseman and a shortstop. Feigner took the challenge, and the King and His Court were born.

After Karen Newman got things started by singing the Star Spangled Banner, Knight took a couple of minutes to reflect on the late Feigner and asked for a moment of silence.

"During those few moments of silence, I kind of reflect on what it has meant to me for him to put his trust in my ability to be part of this," Knight said. "Unless you do it, you can't imagine the totality of the whole thing."

"The games are the best part, meeting people and being part of the greatest show on dirt."

The teams didn't keep score, but it was clearly a win-win situation with the players and the fans.

Jeff Theisen can be reached at jtheisen@gannett.com or at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104.



King and His Court barnstorming softball player Charlie Dobbins, center, gives some pointers to an assembly of girls during the Can-Am invitational at Catholic Central on Monday. The four-man team played an exhibition game against several current and former sports stars from the NHL and NFL.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

BASEBALL: Ladies showcase talents at tourney



Photos by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

A batter from the New England Bosox laces a ball into the outfield Monday during the upper-division finals of the Can-Am Women's International Baseball Tournament.



Helen Filarski, left, and Mary Moore, stars of the 1940 and 50's All American Girls' Professional Baseball League were on hand to sign baseballs and cards at last week's invitational tournament in Novi. Filarski played with the '45 champions the Rockford (Illinois) Peaches and Moore played with the Springfield Sallies.



Photos by Mike Shuster

Cleveland Browns starting wide receiver Braylon Edwards pretends to "posts up" against Detroit Piston Rasheed Wallace at Lucky Strike Lanes in Novi.

Stars shine bright at charity bowling

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Former U-M football standout Braylon Edwards stays in the news for all the right reasons.

He started the Braylon Edwards Foundation to help under-served youth.

Edwards hosted a bowling fundraiser at the Lucky Strike Lanes in Novi on June 28.

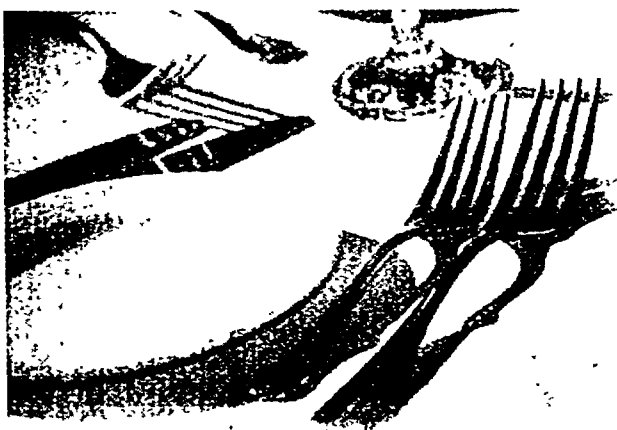
Former and current NFL stars such as Barry Sanders and Jerome Bettis were on hand. Detroit Piston Rasheed Wallace, also took time to roll a few games.

Several actors and actresses were also on hand.

Some of the work the Braylon Edwards Foundation has been associated with is Helmet for High Schools, which provided 400 helmets to Detroit area schools.



NFL Hall of Fame Member and former Detroit Lion Barry Sanders signs a helmet for a fan.



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JV Pom "Grand Champs" at Camp '07

The Northville High School Junior Varsity Pom Pon Team was named "Grand Champs" at the 2007 Mid-American Pom Pon Summer Camp. Camp took place June 20-23 at Northwood University in Midland. The girls received this award by achieving a first place in speed learning, kickline, and their original routine that they learned and perfected prior to attending camp. In addition to receiving the "Grand Champs" title, they also received the "Peppy Pom" award for being the most spirited team at camp. After achieving such great success, the girls look forward to the '07 - '08 Pom season. Team members include: Rachel Ambler, Elizabeth Allen, Shelby Canon, Emily DeBear, Brittany Emling, Katy Evans, Lauren Evasic, Madde Evasic, Haley Goldberg, Jillian Gray, Haley Johnson, Madison Jones, Rachel Lutz, Ellyn Marmaduke, Jenna Peirson, Julianne Pitcher, Becky Pokrandt, Tess Sheldy, Molly Shuart, Julie Wells, Danielle Wesolowicz and Katy Williams. The team is coached by coach Kelli Hay and asst. coach Sara Cordts.



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Moving on!

Jenna Dumbleton of Northville pitches against California Raiders Gold at ASA Nationals Qualifier in Niles. Compuware 160, Dumbleton's summer team, won the national qualifier tournament and will participate at ASA National Championship to be held in South Dakota in August.

Sports Shorts

Ferriman makes honor roll

Justin Ferriman, the son/daughter of Edward Ferriman and Cynthia Ferriman of Northville and a graduate of Northville High School, is one of 101 scholar-athletes from Albion College who have been named to the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association's Academic Honor Roll for the 2006-2007 academic year. Ferriman was a member of the soccer team.

An individual making the league's Academic Honor Roll must have earned a varsity letter in a sport and maintained a 3.5 grade point average or better for the entire school year.

3-on-3 Micro-Soccer Shootout

The University of Michigan Athletic Department will hold its 16th annual 3-on-3 Micro-Soccer Shootout at U-M's Mitchell-Fields on July 21. A \$90 fee per team guarantees at least four games. Age groups from 7-adult for boys and girls will also include recreational and competitive divisions.

Registration forms can be found at www.um-soccer.com. For further information, call (734) 647-1201 or e-mail ldurkee@umich.edu. Forms must be postmarked by July 12. All proceeds benefit Michigan Men's soccer.

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Midwest Region II Champs

Michigan Wolves U15 Boys dominate, earning their second consecutive trip to the National Championship.

The Michigan Wolves U15 Boys soccer team, coached by Lars Richters (Livonia Stevenson boys soccer head coach) and part of the Michigan Wolves-Hawks Soccer Club, entered the 2007 Midwest Regional Championships with a target on their backs as the returning champs. The Wolves earned their birth this year by winning the Michigan State Cup. State Cup Champions from the surrounding Midwestern States gathered in Iowa for their chance to earn a trip to the National Championships.

The top seeded Wolves breezed through their pool play by beating Javanon (KY) 2-0, Red River United (ND) 7-0 and Ankeny Fusion (IA) 12-0. In the semifinal match, the Wolves faced their toughest test in Scott Gallagher (MO). Trailing 0-1 at the half, the Wolves Joshua Gatt tied the game 1-1 at the 48:30 mark on a great pass from Soony Saad. Ten minutes later, Cody Henderson made a perfect pass to Saad, who scored the eventual game winner. The defense of Kevin Cope, Ryan Keener, Nick Tacconelli, Vinh Nguyen and Ryan Barrent closed the door, limiting Gallagher's chances. The Wolves' keeper, Sasa Miskovic made two huge saves late in the game to preserve the victory.

In the finals, the Wolves faced another Michigan team, VardarStars, who qualified as a wildcard. The Wolves dominated from the start. Once again, Gatt opened the scoring. Jordan Tyler and Henderson scored a goal apiece, while Saad added two, giving the Wolves a 5-0 halftime lead. Saad scored two more goals in the second half, giving the Wolves a 7-0 finals victory. Midfielders Joey D'Agostino, Etienne Lussiez and Josh Barrens controlled the middle of the field, allowing the forwards to dominate down low.

In the five games played, the Wolves scored 30 goals and gave up only one. Gatt and Saad led the Wolves in scoring with eight goals each. Jordan Tyler added 5. The remaining goals were scored by Jad El-Zein (3), Doug Beason (2), Nick Scabassi (2), Henderson and Lussiez.

Front Row, from left: Etienne Lussiez (Livonia), Joshua Gatt (Plymouth), Joshua Barrens (Diamondale), Rick McCarthy (Novi), Nick Tacconelli (Northville), Vinh Nguyen (Canton)

Second Row: Jordan Tyler (Rochester), Ryan Barrett (Grand Rapids), Adam Grinwis (Ada), Sasa Miskovic (Canton), Soony Saad (Dearborn), Joey D'Agostino (Livonia), Ryan Keener (Grand Blanc)

Back Row: Coach Joe Zawacki, Nick Scabassi (Northville), Cody Henderson (West Bloomfield), Kevin Cope (Canton), Club Director and Coach Brian Doyle, Head Coach Lars Richters.

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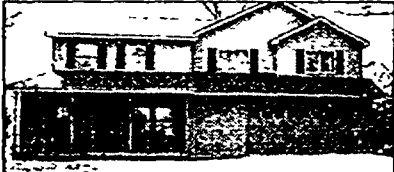
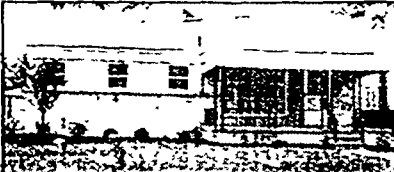
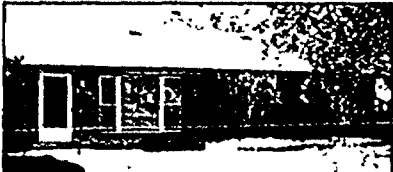
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MLS# 27095290 734-453-6800**LIVONIA**
4BR 3.1BA ranch w/open floor plan, upgrades galore. Finished basement w/extra 2ft in height, 2 egress & bath. Huge lot, great location.
MLS# 27085114 734-453-6800**BRIGHTON**
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Spectacular home - price - setting! Pulte "Baybrook" backs to mature trees. Grmt kit w/granite island. FR w/FP. Fin bsmt. Priced to sell fast!
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MLS# 27093702 734-453-6800**FARMINGTON HILLS**
3BR, 2.1BA Cape. Kit w/new c-tops & sink w/drw leading to freshly painted deck. Open GR w/FP. Mstr w/vtd cing, h/h WIC & bath. Den could be 4th BR
MLS# 27098363 734-453-6800**LIVONIA**
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MLS# 27108894 734-453-6800**PLYMOUTH**
Great value! Colonial boasting many major updates! Furn, A/C, humidifier, elect, carpet & more! Lg deck private yard Low Twp taxes, walk to schools!
MLS# 27100748 734-453-6800**NOVI**
JUST REDUCED! 1750 Sq Ft 4BR Col. Built new from the ground up in 2006 (1 wall remained). Open floor plan. Walk to Walled Lake Public Beach. Hurry!
MLS# 27096273 734-453-6800**PLYMOUTH**
Updated from top to bottom. Mstr w/HWC & loft. New crpt, refin hwdw. New kitchen, updated roof, vinyl siding, furn, AC, HWH, landscape, walks, drive.
MLS# 27093976 734-453-6800**CANTON**
Gourmet kit & nook w/pergo flr & all appls Vaulted FR w/FP, Prof fin LL. Prof landscaped w/fenced yard, some updates incl carpet, roof, furn.
MLS# 27098195 734-453-6800**LIVONIA**
Wow! Totally updt'd brick Liv ranch. Has fin bsmt w/bar, newer roof & furn. Enjoy the huge yard & patio. Walk to rec ctr, park & schools. Must see!
MLS# 27099110 734-453-6800**CANTON**
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MLS# 27084636 734-453-6800**CANTON**
Open kit w/bfst nook w/drw to deck & lge fenced yd. All appls stay. LR w/nat FP. Prof fin LL. Close to wonderful park, great family neighborhood.
MLS# 27099536 734-453-6800**WESTLAND**
Seldom avail. Det condo in secluded wooded comm...open flrpln w/skylight huge window & 1st flr laundry Too many updates to include. Must see!
MLS# 27098269 734-453-6800**LIVONIA**
4BR 1.5BA eat in kit w/planterbox wind, cooktop, B/I oven DW to patio FR w/vtd ceil & HDWD flrs t/o Newer furn & wndws Beautiful yard & landsc.
MLS# 27088208 734-453-6800**DEARBORN**
Shows like a model! Gorgeous 3BR Bungalow. Home boasts character-charm. Updated kit. Cozy LR & DR. Huge mstr Fin bsmt Newer roof, wndws, furn, C/A
MLS# 27099701 734-453-6800**CANTON**
Open floor plan, grmt kit w/all appls & wet bar, doorwall w/balcony & view of pond, neutral decor t/o, tons of storage & closet space.
MLS# 27100481 734-453-6800**REDFORD**
3BR 1.1BA all brick ranch in So Redford. Updates incl: elec, wndws, plumb. Neutral decor t/o, move in condition. 2 car det garage. Priced to sell!
MLS# 27110736 734-453-6800**WAYNE**
3BR 1.1BA brick ranch w/fin bsmt. Updates incl: kit, roof, windows, new carpet t/o, landscaping, tub liner, fresh paint, appl stay. 1.1 car garage.
MLS# 27096472 734-453-6800**REDFORD**
JUST REDUCED! Beautiful 3 BR brick ranch in Redford The kitchen & windows have been updated 1 car garage Glass block windows in part fin basement
MLS# 27095551 734-453-6800**WESTLAND**
Roomy upper level condo tucked away in a secluded section of complex. Neutral decor t/o, sep Indry, new BA w/granite, all appl incl. Home Warranty
MLS# 27091153 734-453-6800**TAYLOR**
Beautiful brick ranch. 3 beds 1 bath updated kit & bath. New furn & A/C, newer windows & roof. 2 car gar in lrg backyard All appls stay
MLS# 27102331 734-453-6800**DETROIT**
1st flr BRs have hwdw flrs, mstr ste w/lq closets, LR w/hwd flrs. Covered patio w/nat gas grill, fully fin bsmt. 1.5 car garage w/workbench
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SALEM \$975,000
4 Fps, gr W/18' Cing & wall of windows, 1st Flr Mstr w/tp, 2-way Fp Off Kit W/42" Mple Cabs & grntr, fin w/o w/2nd Kit, hm Theatre, \$2,500 Tcc.
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NORTHVILLE \$699,900
1st Flr Mstr Backing To woods! Gr W/18 Ft Ceiling & 2 Way Fp To Kit, 42" Cab In Kit, Fsh D/ L Bsm't W/office 5th Bdrn, Craft Rm, Frw/bar, Bth & Wrkshp.
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NORTHVILLE \$695,000
Expanded Harvard model w/solarium addition! Spacious gourmet kitchen, FR w/2 story ceiling & stone FP, dual staircases, 3 1/2 car garage & more!
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NORTHVILLE \$665,000
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FARMINGTON HILLS \$570,000
Cape Cod Nestled In Woods Incredible Views. HW Uo Fin LI W/o W/fr, Bar, 5th & 6th BR Or Office. Multi-tier Deck, Corian Counters In Kit, 3.5 Car Gar.
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NOVI \$500,000
New inter pnt & grntr in kit & 1/2 bth, 9FT clngs on 1ST flr, 2 strcces, 3 season rm, 3 car gar, hwd in 2 stry flr, kit&1/2 bath \$2,500 twrd close cost
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NOVI \$475,000
Backs to woods w/Walkout bsmt. 2 Story foyer, 9 ft ceilings, premium lot, 3 car garage, clubhouse w/fitness center, tennis cts, pool & beach.
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CANTON \$425,000
4 BR, 2.5 bath, positively stunning w/custom features & upgrades! Cherry/Maple Kitchen, luxury master bath, hand carved FP, deck with quiet setting.
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NORTHVILLE \$395,000
2,900+sqft, 2 Str Foyer & Curved Strcase, Lrg FR W/ Cthral Cigs & Fp, Kit W/Island, & Formal DR Extensive H/W Flr, 1st Flr Ldry Rm & Security system.
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FARMINGTON HILLS \$375,000
Custom w/2 entry drs, Newer dimen roof (tearoff) New 18x18 tile in hall&kit, paver walks&pabos, 2 fp's, hw flrs, unfin bsmt w/rough-ins & deck
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FARMINGTON HILLS \$370,000
Sharp Colonial! New Rt, Newer Windows, Ext Pnt'd, Kit W/cherry Cabs, Updated 1/2 Bth W/ granite Center, 1st flr Lndry, Kit Open To Fr W/tp Deck W/gazebo
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NOVI \$340,000
New Driveway, Sidwalk & Porch, Newsinks T/o, & Hwd, Gourmet Kit W/bay Wndw Overlook Bckyrd. FR Open 2 Kit, Multi-tier Deck W/ mature Ldscp w/spnnklers
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NOVI \$305,000
4br tudor w/cdral ceiling in fam rm & brick wall fp Mstr br w/WIC Updates inc new pnt in/out, new crpt, new Wallside windows & roof P fin bsmt
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GREEN OAK \$295,000
Updated kit w/corian Cnters, Re-modeled Mstr Bth & Main Bth, Newer Roof&Furn, Ca, New Trex Deck, Newer Cpt, Fin W/o, Hw In Gr & Kit, Fr W/ wet Bar
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COMMERC \$265,000
Updated 3 Br 2 Bth, New Light Fxts, Lg Brs W/Wics, Eat-in Kit W/Island, Nat Fp In Huge Lr, Sep Dr, Fin Bsm't W/new Crpt & 3 car Att Gar W Wrkshp.
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NOVI \$265,000
Volume Ceilings! Hw Flrs, Remodeled kit W/ maple Cabs&Corian Cnters, Deck W/paver Patio&Walks, Ca, Ceramic Tile Uo. Remodeled 1/2Bth, Fin Bsm't W/recRm
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NOVI \$250,000
3 Bdrn, 2 Bath, updated top to bottom! Lrg open kit w/maple cabinetry & snk bar, Mstr bdrn w/updated bath, finished bsmt w/rec rm & exercise rm.
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SUPERIOR \$242,500
4 BR, 2.5 bath, neutral decor, kitchen & baths w/ceramic flooring, large deck, master suite w/ huge walk-in closet, glamour bath & cathedral ceiling
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WIXOM \$229,900
3 Bdrn 3.5 Bth Condo Lrgest Sft In The Complex, Brick & Sawn Wood, & 2 Car Att Gar 1stflr Mstr Feat W2W Cist & Priv Bath Countrykit & Blast Area.
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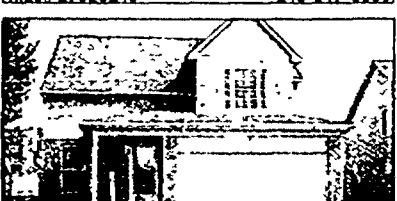
FARMINGTON HILLS \$223,125
3 BR, 1.5 Bath, over 70K in recent updates & upgrades! Huge lot w/patio & outdoor FP, beautiful Florida rm, newer furnace, A/C, roof & so much more!
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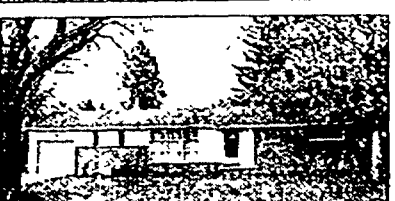
NOVI \$199,900
New int & ext paint, new Hwh (05), Hwd In Gr Dr Hhws, Vinyl Windows, Updtd Bath, jetTub, 2.5 Car Garage, Fenced Backyard W/shed, Gr W/hull, Hearthp
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CANTON \$189,000
3 BR, 1.5 bath, plenty of updates including newer windows, furnace, carpet, bath landscaping ext doors, lighting & more! Finished basement w bar
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WESTLAND \$182,500
3 Br 2.5 Bth Colonial W/Open Flrpk New Crpt, Eat In Kit, Mstr W/ Cdral Cings, & Part fin Bmt, Upgraded Lighting* Brick Paver Patio
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Sprucing up your home's front porch can add a touch of personality to your property.

A personalized porch adds to home's charm

(NewsUSA) - The front porch is making a comeback as more Americans seek ways to enjoy the outdoors and connect with their neighborhoods from the comfort of their own homes. In fact, 53 per-

cent of new homes are now built with front porches, according to the National Association of Home Builders.

This trend reflects an era in which there was seemingly more time to kick back, which is why homeowners are showing a growing preference for low-maintenance front porches, as the need to relax grows along with their busy schedules.

Homeowners also want to give their porch style and unique appeal, as nothing spells monotony like a street full of homes with the same facade design. Creating a fresh look can be done in a variety of ways, such as using vinyl post wraps, a quick and convenient way to update your porch by wrapping wood

porch posts to improve their look and longevity.

One problem that home-owners want to avoid is planks, balusters and railings that peel and rot and have to be maintained and eventually replaced over time. While several low-maintenance alternatives to wood are available, some, such as CertainTeed's vinyl and composite railing and decking clearly stand out.

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For homeowners wanting to refashion their front porch, the addition of new cladding can also do the trick. Siding is now available that emulates classic siding styles - be it board and batten, or cedar shakes - without the long-term maintenance cost.

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Recourse limited on dog walker/co-owner

Q. A co-owner walks his dog at various evening times using the grassy areas between the buildings and sometimes behind and around those buildings. His walk is very disturbing since it results in a person suddenly appearing outside my window and behind my unit. These walks can be later than 10 p.m. when it is very dark along the buildings, particularly since there are other open areas in the condominium. Might there be a restriction to these areas for walking?



Robert Meisner

A. I have not seen such a restriction in the typical condominium documents other than the fact that no one shall engage in any obnoxious or offensive activity. The fact that a co-owner is walking on the common elements, even late at night, may

not be a violation of any restriction, and it would be hard to enforce same in any event. I would suggest, therefore, you bring to the attention of the co-owner in question your concern about him walking between the buildings and that you would prefer him to walk somewhere else.

Q. I am aware of a homeowner who has allowed a group of high school students to hold a party on their premises despite knowing that they were underage and drinking. The homeowners allowed the party to take place on their property knowing that underage party guests were consuming alcohol, but they did not supply the alcohol and did not supervise or prevent its consumption. Do we or the homeowners have any liability?

A. In a recent case out of Wisconsin, the court held that it was reasonably foreseeable that permitting underage high school students to legally drink alcohol on

the homeowner's property would result in harm to some person or something; thus, the court held that the homeowners had a duty to refrain from knowingly permitting underage high school students to engage in illegal alcohol consumption on their property. To the extent that the association's property is in any way involved and/or condoned such conduct, it may also be liable. You are best advised to consult with an attorney.

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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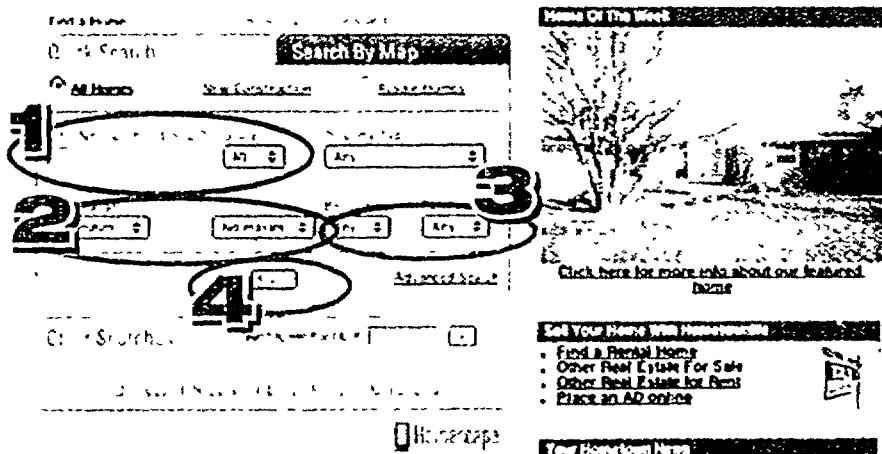
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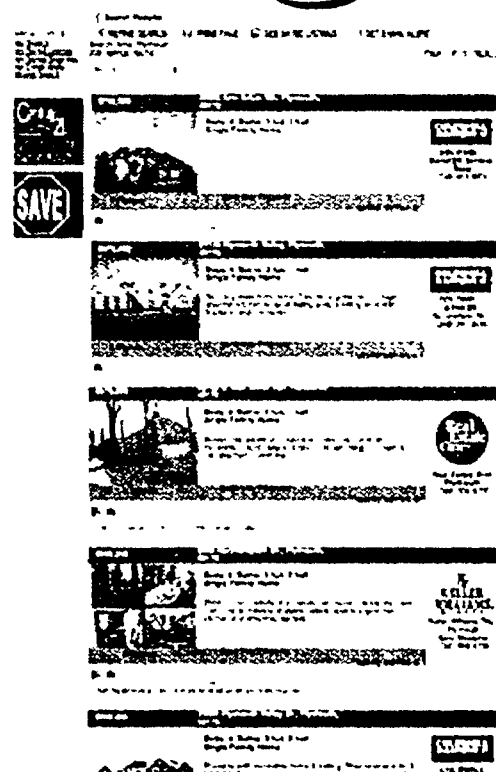
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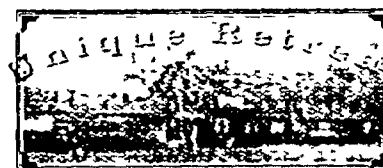
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BRIGHTON - Beautiful Hope Lake access w/ sandy beach & park! This 3 bedrm home offers family rm w/gorgeous brick frplc, interior freshly painted, new Pergo flooring, nice large yard + 1 year Home Warranty. \$153,000 (L07Dia)
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LIVONIA - Like brand new!! Newer oak ktchn, refin'd hardwood floors, vinyl replacement wndws, remodeled basement w/ dry wall, carpet & recessed lites, updated bath & lav, remodeled fmly rm opens to breakfast rm, etc, etc! \$187,900 (L15III)
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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 5-9, 2007, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

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43026 Arlington Rd	\$206,000
7992 Brampton Dr	\$425,000
45757 Bryn Mawr Rd	\$252,000
8475 Chatham Dr	\$530,000
324 Cherry Stone Dr	\$135,000
48297 Chesterfield Dr S	\$392,000
6687 Devonsh re Dr	\$190,000
1290 E Crystal Cir	\$268,000
7142 Foxcreek Dr	\$280,000
45929 Graystone Ln	\$238,000
42007 Greenwood Dr	\$213,000
1159 Hampshire Dr	\$155,000
45575 Hanford Rd	\$268,000
48391 Inveraray Rd	\$435,000
39717 Lynn St	\$160,000
41141 N Maplewood Dr	\$201,000
2110 N Woods Ct	\$345,000
455 Robert Ct	\$280,000
6591 S Lambeth Ct	\$275,000
2209 Stanton St	\$338,000
631 Tyler Ln	\$235,000
1935 Wentworth Dr	\$335,000
Farmington Hills	
25538 Arden Park Dr	\$219,000
25749 Castlere gh Dr	\$276,000
25184 Dunham Ct	\$184,000
37082 Dunstable Ct	\$385,000
29315 Fieldstone	\$386,000
21154 Gull Rd	\$253,000
30128 Kimberly Ct	\$95,000
31010 N Park Dr	\$235,000
22115 Purdue Ave	\$135,000
28838 Ravenwood St	\$230,000
30341 Rockshire Ave	\$287,000
30078 Shawassee Rd	\$146,000
21965 Tulane Ave	\$136,000
30368 W 11 Mile Rd	\$150,000
29860 W 12 Mile Rd	\$89,000
21811 Whittington St	\$55,000

Garden City

29555 Barton St	\$120,000
562 Belton St	\$129,000
5642 Belton St	\$130,000
28433 Birchlawn St	\$83,000
251 Deering St	\$115,000
6188 Lathers St	\$125,000
31045 Marquette St	\$125,000
Livonia	
33763 Eight Mile Rd	\$94,000
36682 Angeline Cir	\$188,000
19403 Anlago St	\$133,000
11305 Arcola St	\$159,000
20425 Beatrice St	\$260,000
11018 Brookfield St	\$157,000
19119 Canterbury Dr	\$100,000
12061 Cardwell St	\$130,000
18275 Doris St	\$150,000
36200 Fairway Dr	\$113,000
9321 Harrison St	\$152,000
14333 Harrison St	\$166,000
14230 Ingram St	\$194,000
19667 Ingram St	\$155,000
18670 Lathers St	\$154,000
10218 Laurel St	\$265,000
35467 Southampton St	\$201,000
28858 Vassar St	\$215,000
29427 W Chicago St	\$166,000
19541 Westmore St	\$107,000
Milford	
2324 North St	\$175,000
4522 Pommore	\$153,000
630 Woodside Dr	\$155,000
Northville	
47576 Manorwood Dr	\$659,000
15972 Morningside	\$180,000
16304 Mulberry Way	\$384,000
16407 Mulberry Way	\$410,000
17491 Rolling Woods Cir	\$550,000
19519 Whitman Ct	\$153,000
Novi	
45114 Bartlett Dr	\$133,000
45191 Bartlett Dr	\$278,000
47302 Bramblewood Ct	\$274,000
41454 Chattman St	\$267,000
220 Endwell St	\$122,000
27519 Harrington Way	\$315,000
40647 Lenox Park Dr	\$252,000

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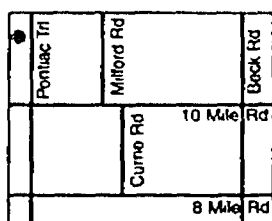
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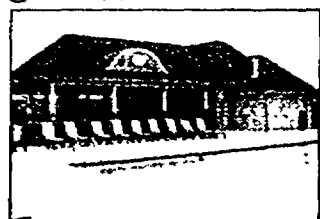
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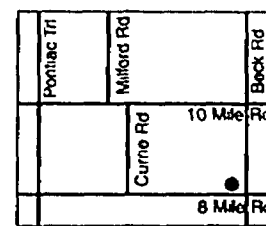
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 25636 Portico Ln \$210,000
 24861 Reeds Pointe Dr \$505,000
 41876 Yeats Dr \$277,000

Plymouth

1097 Ann Arbor \$145,000
 1185 Ann Arbor \$155,000
 11920 Chandler Dr \$445,000
 41454 Crestwood Dr \$254,000
 49523 Draper Cir \$170,000
 11792 Lorenz Way \$260,000
 1199 S Sheldon Rd \$60,000
 42445 Schoolcraft Rd \$159,000

Redford

25301 Five Mile Rd \$52,000
 14230 Dixie \$165,000
 10006 Grayfield \$141,000
 14750 Inkster Rd \$132,000
 15858 Lenore \$88,000
 19726 Olympia \$115,000
 9184 Sa'em \$110,000
 13553 Sarasota \$87,000
 25870 W Six Mile Rd \$75,000
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South Lyon

26420 Daria Cir W \$100,000
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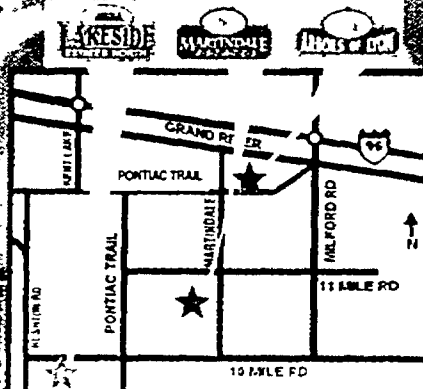
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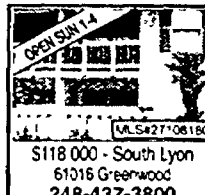
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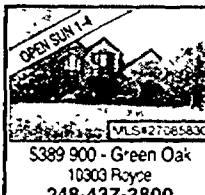


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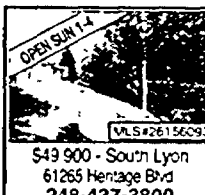
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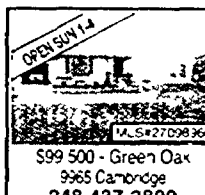
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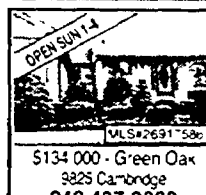
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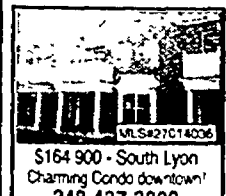
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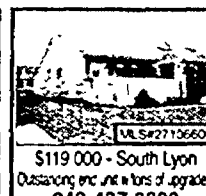
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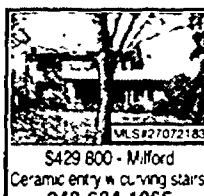
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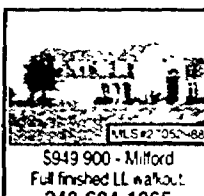
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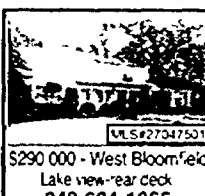
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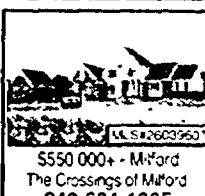
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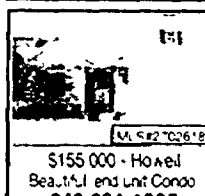
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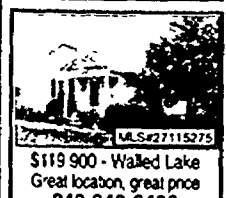
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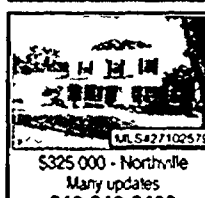
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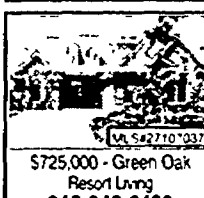
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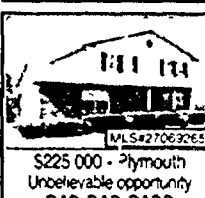
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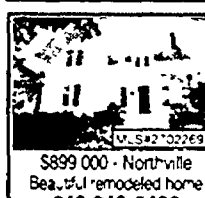
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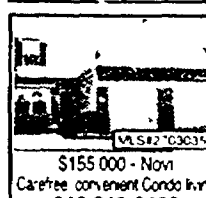
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Investors

Dr. John Hayes, president of HomeVestors, will discuss the state of the real estate industry and what it takes to be successful in any kind of market at

the monthly meeting of the Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland on July 12, 5:30-9:30 p.m. at MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy. Seminar free to members. \$20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747 6742.

Auction July 25

The Auction Services Group of Benj. E. Sherman & Sons, a Chicago-based national real estate auction company, will be conducting the sale of eight single family homes, seven condominiums and 56 home sites throughout metro Detroit. The auction will be held in the ballroom of the

Troy Marriott, 200 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 25.

Neumann Homes Inc., a Chicago-based national home builder, has elected to auction these properties to reduce the marketing time necessary to sell them in a slow marketplace. "We have experienced the same slowdown that other builders have experienced throughout metro Detroit," said Neumann President and CEO Kenneth P. Neumann. "We've made a business decision to utilize the accelerated sales method to complete a close-out of several of our communities which will allow our team members to concentrate their efforts on our most recently developed communities in the four regions around the country that we are building in."

"This will be the second auction that we will have conducted for Neumann Homes in metro Detroit," said Robert Roggeveen, president of The Auction Services Group of Benj. E. Sherman & Sons. "Last year, we sold 66 properties for over \$8,000,000."

All of the homes and condominiums will be open for viewing during the following scheduled open house dates and times:

Thursday, July 12, 7-9 p.m., Sunday, July 15, 1-4 p.m., Sunday, July 8, 1-4 p.m. Saturday, July 21, 1-4 p.m.

To receive an auction brochure, call the company auction line at (888) 442-8008.

Builder pre-license classes

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 course is for those who want to subcontract the construction of their own homes, real estate investors and developers and building tradespeople who want to work legally in Michigan. This seminar is comprehensive, teaching math as well as blueprint reading. Oakland Builders Institute teaches building courses in 16 school districts in Michigan. For a free brochure and current schedule of all classes including evening sessions, call toll-free (800) 940-2014 or (248) 651-2771.

A 16-hour comprehensive seminar will be offered by Henry Ford Community College in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute. The seminar is scheduled for Tuesday/Thursday, July 10, 12, 17, 19, from 6-10 p.m. at Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn Heights Campus, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights.

The cost of the seminar is \$189 for residents plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions, or \$208 for non-residents plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions. Pre-registration with payment is required no later than Thursday, July 5, to Henry Ford Community College. Please call (313) 317-1500 to register 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

Builders pre-license class in July

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, July 21 and 22, 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 and includes the manual, sample questions and the test application. A \$25 deposit is required no later than Thursday, July 19, to Oakland Builders Institute, 1277 Dutton Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48306. Call toll-free (800)-940-2014 or (248) 651-2771 to register Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or register online at www.buildersinstitute.com

This seminar is comprehensive, teaching math as well as blueprint reading. Oakland Builders Institute teaches building courses in 16 school districts in Michigan. For a free brochure and current schedule of all classes including evening sessions, call toll-free (800) 940-2014 or 248-651-2771.

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Getting rid of ants, the most common home invader

(NAPSI)-When the weather temperature rises, homeowners are more likely to see an increase in pest activity--the most common are ant infestations.

A research study conducted by the National Pest Management Association (NPMA) shows that 25 percent of homeowners say ants are their main pest concern. This same study revealed that more than half of all homeowners have had problems with ants--making them the most prevalent pest nationwide. In addition to being a general nuisance, these bothersome pests can cause significant damage in your home by destroying wood and contaminating your food.

Although encountering an ant infestation can be unnerving, it is important to deal with the problem quickly and

effectively. The first step is to properly identify which ant species is present in the home.

Most ants thrive in warm and moist conditions and can be controlled with cleaning methods and bait systems. In some cases, the only way to completely remediate an ant infestation is to promptly locate and remove the identified species' nests.

Some of the most common home invaders include:

■ **Odorous House Ants:** These ants get their name from the unpleasant odor they give off when crushed. It's often described as smelling like a rotten coconut. They typically nest in wall voids and crevices and prefer sweet foods.

■ **Pharaoh Ants:** Pharaoh ants also prefer sweets, but also consume

grease and even shoe polish. They live in extremely large colonies and keep warm near artificial heating sources like baseboard heaters and ovens.

■ **Carpenter Ants:** This species hollows out nests in both dry and moist wood, though they prefer the latter. They can be particularly hard to remove from the home since their nests can be more difficult to locate.

■ **Fire Ants:** At least 32 deaths in the U.S. can be attributed to severe allergic reactions to fire ant stings each year.

Fire ants can chew through the insulation around electrical wiring and have also been known to kill small animals. They currently infest 14 states throughout the Southeastern U.S.

Pest professionals can identify particular ant species and other pests in the home, treat to remove them and can recommend steps homeowners can take to prevent reinfestation.

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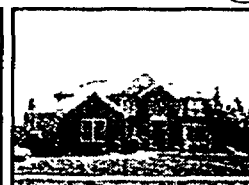
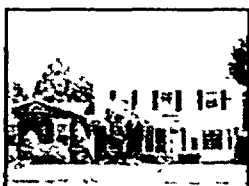
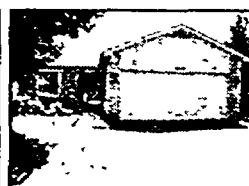
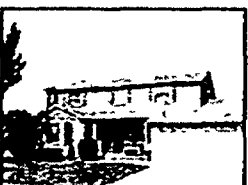
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**DETACHED CONDO** Nestled among the pines is this lovely 3 bdrm, 3 bath condo near downtown Plymouth & Hines. Top of the line upgrades throughout, finished bsmt & a huge great room.
\$299,990 (C-811PI)**BEST VALUE IN SUB** Impressive inside & out! Gourmet maple Kitchen w/all appl, spacious Family Room w/2 sided frpl, finished bsmt w/bath & wetbar, extensive landscaping, & a covered Patio.
\$279,990 (C-227HU)**TOTALLY RENOVATED** Great floor plan offering lots of space. Beautiful addition makes this close to 1400 Sq ft. Also available for lease.
\$117,990 (C-985BA)**UPDATED RANCH HOME** Completely updated!! This 3bd/2bth ranch has a large fenced in yard, finished basement, completely updated kitchen, baths, windows, & hardwood floors. A must see!
\$164,900 (P-082BE)**PRICED TO SELL!** New deck, open floor plan, gas fireplace, daylight windows in bsmt, Community pool & tennis courts. Large kitchen, huge Master w/bath. Private wooded back yard w/new deck & Immed occupancy!
\$370,000 (P-118BO)**CLASSIC COLONIAL** Historical Ford foundation with 3 bd & 2 bth. Home is near a golf course. Park like setting. Home has new deck & sprinklers with a att garage.
\$294,900 (C-6BR)**47 ACRE FARM HOUSE** This property has 2 houses. It can be maintained as a farm house or used as a new housing development. Land has over 30 splits & can now be split again. Beautiful wooded site.
\$825,000 (P-269BR)**BRIARCREST CONDO** Very desirable 2br/3ba. Close to shopping & schools. Master bd has private bath & walk in closet. Newer dishwasher, HWH, & furnace. Beautiful view of private wooded area.
\$124,900 (C-175BR)**GREAT FIND** This 3 bd brick ranch is perfect for you. Spacious Lrv Rm, updated bath, Kitchen w/dining area, finished bsmt w/bar & bath, 2 car Garage w/workshop, Central A/c & so much more.
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\$295,000 (C-194FO)**MOVE IN CONDITION!** Charming 3br brick ranch with a full basement, hardwood floors, 2 car garage, & all appliances stay. Very well kept.
\$134,900 (C-740GL)**CANTON COLONIAL** This 4br/3 1/2bth home has a finished basement w/ full bath & kitchen, open floor plan, hardwood floors, newer carpet, & the master suite has cathedral ceilings & private bath.
\$355,000 (C-919GR)**PERFECT RANCH** Updated 1/0 & sure to please even the pickiest buyer! Beautiful new island K'then w/ceramic, 2 1/2 baths, finished bsmt w/rec room, vaulted Great Rm w/ frpl, & 2 level Deck.
\$238,750 (P-037HI)**DEARBORN BUNGALOW** This 3br/1 1/2bth bungalow features lots of storage, updated decor, freshly painted, updated kitchen, new carpet, hardwood floors, newer roof, newly landscaped & new entry doors.
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\$447,000 (P-444RI)**DESIRABLE RANCH** Open & spacious ranch featuring Great Room w/treneh doors, fireplace, hwd floors in Foyer & Kitchen, granite in Kit & bath, prof finished bsmt & 2 tier Deck.
\$389,900 (P-799SU)**GREAT PLYMOUTH LOCATION** Great colonial backs to woods for lots of privacy. Fam Rm w/frpl & hwd floors, finished bsmt w/ full bath & possible 4th bed, prof landscaped, & great price.
\$209,900 (P-266TA)**UPDATED COLONIAL** Nicely maintained 4 bd home in a great location. Extensive updates include roof, corian counters, carpet, windows doors, appliances & more. Spacious rooms, great layout, & finished bsmt.
\$239,500 (C-090WA)**ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS** Is the only way to describe this 3 bd, 2 1/2 colonial! Contemporary colors t/o, open floor plan, formal Dining Fam Rm w/frpl, finished bsmt nice Deck & sprinklers.
\$244,900 (C-232WT)**SPOTLESS & SPACIOUS** Here it is, look no further! You have to see this fabulous home in Canton w/an open floor plan, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, great location, & move in ready.
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