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# Voters pick new council Tuesday

Mayor Chris Johnson unopposed; four seeking two seats; candidate forum 7 p.m. tonight at city hall

By Jason Carmel Davis  
STAFF WRITER

The four candidates for two open seats on the Northville City Council will sweat out Tuesday's election day while long time Mayor Chris Johnson should coast into his 11th two-year term.

Current Mayor pro-tem Carolann Ayers, seeking her eighth term in office as the lone incumbent on the ballot, is up against three newbies: Northville residents Douglas Bingham, Nancy Darga and Fred Fisher. Councilmember Tom Swigart has elected to not seek re-election.

While each of the three new faces are making their maiden voyage into politics, each brings something to the table.

Bingham has worked on the signage, bicycles and parking subcommittees of the Northville Downtown Development Authority (DDA). He is also a

member of the Northville Historic District Commission and Ward Presbyterian Church.

Bingham is a board member of the Northville Youth Assistance group, former president of the St. Lawrence Condo Association and has served on the steering committee with a

Northville consultant on the design of future ideas for the community.

Darga has served as a member of the board of directors for the Northville Historical Society, as a member of the board of directors

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Old Village School student Dustin Hendrick picks his way through a climbing wall with hoops Oct. 15. The wall, installed with the help of the Livonia Lions Club, will help OVS students with both physical and cognitive development.

# HIGHER GROUND

Rock wall helps build Old Village School students' motor skills and confidence

By Jason Carmel Davis  
STAFF WRITER

Students in Northville's Old Village School have a new toy to play with that helps them in a number of ways.

It's something you could see on an "American Gladiators" rerun, but there won't be a 230-pound guy named Laser attempting to knock the students off it.

The school's new 8-foot-high Rock Wall, located in the Old Village gym, helps students like Calvin Cook, Dustin Hendrick and Damien Wright improve upper-body strength, motor skills and serves as a mental and physical challenge, according to Christine Lalinsky, Old Village adaptive physical education teacher.

Each of the about 130 students in Northville's Old Village School, who come from 14 districts across Western Wayne County, are cognitively impaired.

But, that impairment doesn't deter them from navigating the wall, though.

"They have to find paths up, down, across and through hoops," Lalinsky said. "It translates back to the classroom, too, because it improves the kids' hand skills when they're doing cutting and writing exercises."

Lalinsky said each student is able to navigate the wall at their own pace. She said some Old Village climbers were able to zip through the wall in their initial climb, while others had some problems.

"For the first three or four weeks, I went through and

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# Bomb found

Bomb squad deactivates device sent to Northville Post Office Monday

By Jason Carmel Davis  
STAFF WRITER

Just before 3 p.m. on Monday, Amerman Elementary School officials sent out an e-mail notifying parents that an incident taking place at the Northville Post Office, 200 S. Wing St., caused buses carrying Amerman students to be re-routed back to the school.

It was later determined that a suspicious-looking package suspected of being a bomb — it has since been confirmed the package did contain a

bomb — prompted the evacuation of the Northville Post Office at about 4:30 p.m. on Monday.

According to Postal Inspector Felicia George, a mail carrier had picked up the package from a mail box located at the Cedar Lake Apartments complex in Northville Township. Other postal employees handling it at 2:25 p.m. became suspicious of its look and feel and notified inspectors. The inspectors X-rayed the package and saw items that gave them concern and called in Northville police and the state police bomb squad.

The post office was evacuated and streets in a one-block radius — Wing and Cady to Main and Wing and Cady to Center — were temporarily closed, George said.

The state police bomb squad X-rayed the package, then used its robot to remove it before firing a

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Photo by CAL STONE/Northville Record

A robot from the Michigan State Police Bomb Squad was used to disarm a bomb package at the Northville Post Office on Monday.

# State psych hospital sale finalized

REIS closes deal on Oct. 24

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

After many months of waiting, the sale of the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital property in Northville Township finally took place late last Wednesday.

The Northville Record staff

learned on Oct. 24 that the sale was imminent, with the closing taking place after press time about 4 p.m. that day, according to Chip Snider, township manager.

Lisa Webb Sharpe, director of the Michigan Department of Management and Budget, announced Oct. 24 that the state had completed the \$31.5-million land sale agreement with REIS.

REIS is a joint venture of Bloomfield Hills-based Real Estate Interests Group, Inc., and

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Livonia-based Schostak Bros. & Co. Inc.

REIS closed on the 414 acres located at 41001 Seven Mile Road. The sale is predicted to create about 8,500 construction and

permanent jobs.

The \$800-million investment on behalf of REIS-Northville should address environmental issues on the property and return vacant land to productive use.

"By selling this state surplus property, we have created another opportunity to spur additional economic development," Webb Sharpe said. "We appreciate REIS's investment in our state that will provide jobs and investment into the local community."

"REIS is pleased that the final closing has occurred," said Steve Mitchell, spokesman for REIS. "It's important to remember that REIS acquired all development rights to the property with the earlier closing on its purchase agreement more than two years ago and has worked very hard for two years to get approvals from Northville Township."

"REIS, residents of Northville

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## Psych hospital sale finalized

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Township and residents of this area of Southeast Michigan are very disappointed with the officials of Northville Township, who have blocked the redevelopment of the 414-plus acres into a jewel of a mixed-use community, losing the region almost 9,000 jobs, \$242 million in construction wages and over \$800 in investment.

"While other communities have embraced redevelopment concepts, such as Troy's approval of a project with almost the same amount of commercial and residential on only a 40-acre site (one-tenth of the area

of the REIS project), Northville Township has irresponsibly thwarted development.

"This has cost REIS and southeastern Michigan thousands of jobs and hundreds of millions of dollars at a time when our economy is desperate for a boost, leaving the site with an abandoned, contaminated and closed multi-building facility, including a nine-story vacant hospital building."

Mitchell said REIS will have an important announcement regarding the development within the next two weeks.

Although not pleased with the plan township officials approved several months ago, the developers have in mind to construct one of the largest new mixed-use developments in Southeast Michigan. The plan calls for commercial, office and residential use.

"We had approved a plan for them, but they didn't like it, and that's why no

action has taken place," said Brad Werner, township trustee.

"The planning commission approved it first, and then the board of trustees made a few other changes. I wish REIS would respect the decisions of the board of trustees and the planning commission, because we represent the wishes of the community."

The development will begin once all necessary approvals are secured.

### Township officials comment

"I'm pleased title has finally transferred on the property, and I'm hoping we can obtain a resolution on the site plan that is acceptable to both parties," said Mark Abbo, township supervisor.

Snider said he hopes the first step as far as REIS moving forward on the project

would be for Schostak to contact the township's professional staff to try to work out solutions rather than place them with a disinterested third party.

"Given the length of time since we spoke to Schostak and Company, I would suspect that our future discussions will entail acquainting all parties with the complexity of the project as well as seeking to transform any prior conflict into more practical and useful solutions," Snider said.

"Despite the many challenges, we succeeded in transferring this property back to the tax rolls," said Terri Fitzpatrick, director of the Department of Management and Budget Real Estate Division. "We appreciate the cooperation of REIS and the Office of the Attorney General in securing this victory for the State of Michigan."

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*Brad Werner*

*Northville Township trustee*

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for the Motor Cities Auto National Heritage Area, and on the board of directors of the Friends of Nankin Mills.

Darga is currently president of Fortunate Land Planning & Design, which she has run since 2004. She is also a licensed landscape architect through the state of Michigan and a certified playground safety inspector.

Fisher, an electrician in Northville for 30 years, served as a volunteer firefighter in the city for 27 years. He has applied, unsuccessfully, three times for a seat on the Northville Housing Commission and has attempted to earn a spot on the Northville Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Commission.

Terms for the mayor and council members are two and four years, respectively. Councilmembers

James Allen and Michele Fecht's terms run through November 2009.

Each of the candidates will address the Northville community as the League of Women Voters will moderate the Candidates Forum, presented by the Northville Record, at 7 p.m. tonight at Council Chambers, located inside Northville City Hall.

The election is set for Tuesday, Nov. 6. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Anyone who hits the polls must have a valid state-issued license, identification card or sign an affidavit. Forms of ID include U.S. passports, military ID with photo, student ID with photo or tribal ID with photo.

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## Bomb squad deactivates device sent to post office Monday

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water cannon at it, according to Northville Police Captain Mike Carlson. Northville police were called in to assist the postal inspector.

George said the package was rendered safe after being hit by the water cannon.

The U.S. Postal Inspection Service on Tuesday offered a reward of up to \$50,000 for information

leading to the conviction of those responsible for sending the package, George said.

State police are in the process of recovering fingerprints and DNA from the components, George said. Postal inspectors will handle the investigation, Carlson said.

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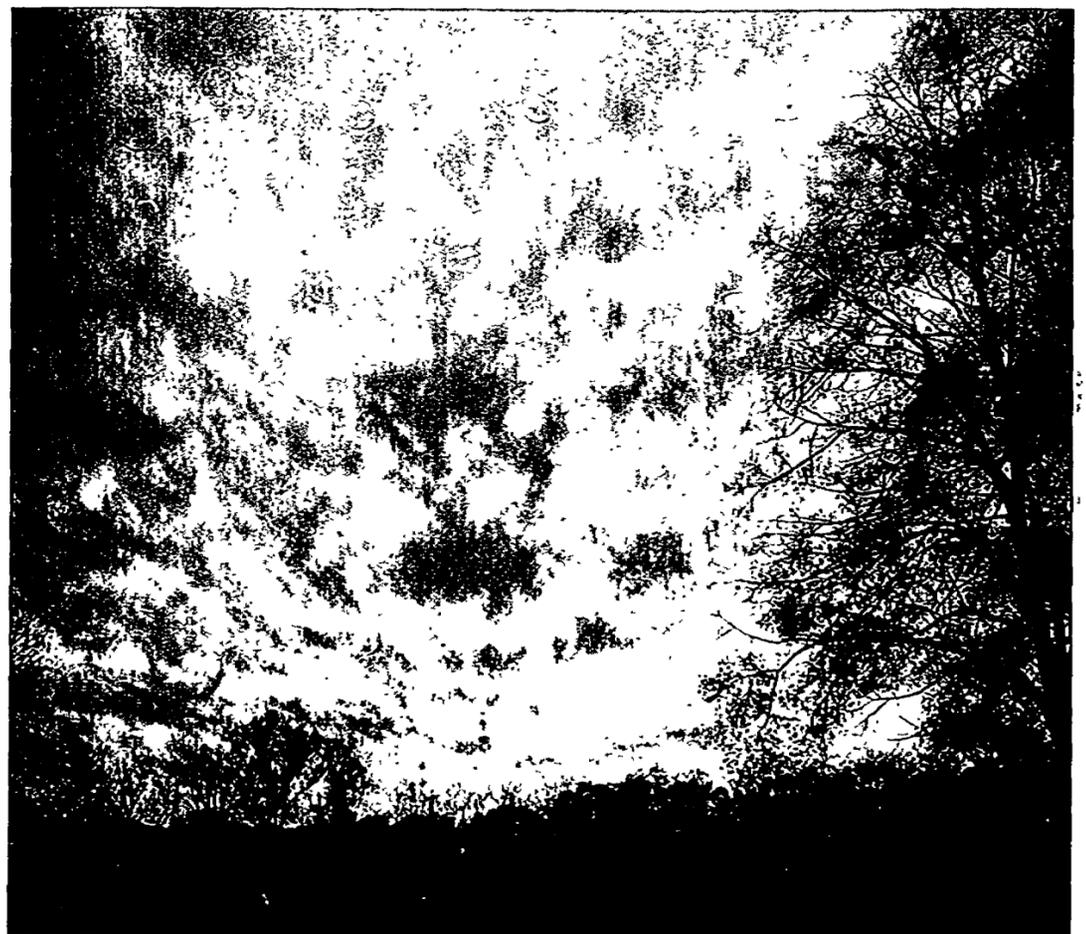


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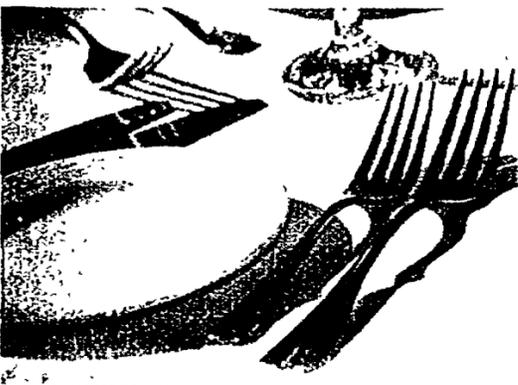
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## Meeting to take place on possible recall of Corriveau

**State rep and opponent to meet with Wayne County officials today**

By Jason Carmel Davis  
STAFF WRITER

A clarity hearing will take place at 9 a.m. this morning between a three-person panel of Wayne County officials, State Rep. Marc Corriveau (D-Northville) and John



M. Corriveau

Hett, the Plymouth Township man hoping to get language approved so he can proceed in his efforts to get the freshman representative recalled. Hett, who has sought advice on the process from former State Rep. Leon Drolet, chair of the Michigan Taxpayers Alliance, and Rose Bogaert, chair of the Wayne County Taxpayers Association, filed paperwork with Wayne County Oct. 15, according to an employee in the Wayne County Clerk's Office.

"It's really simple why I'm doing this — he raised our taxes from 3.9 to 4.35 percent. (The recall) is for no other reason than that," Hett said. "That's going to cost my family a substantial amount of money since both my wife and I work."

Hett said the recall is one of two options voters have — the other being wait until next November's regular election.

The Plymouth Township resident said raising taxes is no way to pull the state out of the recession it's in. He said Corriveau took the "easy" way out by voting for the increase.

"The more difficult decision would have been to make cuts," Hett said. "You can't expect people to pay higher taxes with the state being in the shape it's in."

Corriveau, whose seat is up in November 2008, said he thinks Hett's motives are political in nature, since the 20th District is historically a Republican point, and stem from Corriveau's decision in September prior to the state's possible government shutdown.

"There were some things on the table that I didn't think the state could recover from," Corriveau said. "I like to believe the people in my district know me well enough to know I made the decisions I made with their best interests in mind. But obviously not everyone shares that belief."

Corriveau discussed the amount of money the state School Aid Fund would have lost if the lottery had been shut down, since a portion of those dollars goes into the School Aid Fund.

The rookie state representative, who beat out Republicans Mark Abbo and Beth Stewart for the seat last year, said he believes Republican supporters will do anything they can to recapture the district. Corriveau also said efforts to have him recalled are somewhat counterproductive since any recall election will be a "special" election and cost taxpayers money.

"The next election is just a year away," Corriveau said. "Why not let the voters decide then if I'm doing my job or not?"

Hett said he believes Corriveau is in an unenviable position, but that his decision to pursue a recall is not personal.

"I'm doing this in a vacuum,"

Hett said. "I don't have a budget or anyone representing me. This is a grassroots effort, and I'm just fed up with how things are going (in Michigan)."

If the language in Hett's petition is approved, the Plymouth Township resident can collect signatures from residents in the 20th district — 10,400 are needed — to get a question on a future ballot regarding Corriveau's immediate political future. Hett said, based on the number of volunteers he's enlisted, the signatures won't be hard to gather. Those signatures must then be verified due to the possibility of fraud and/or misrepresentation.

Petitions must be returned to the county clerk's office within 90 days of being approved in order for the item to be placed on the ballot in one of the four designated election times — the fourth Tuesday in February, the first Tuesday after the first Mondays in May, August, and November.

"If a special election has to be held late next year, there's almost no way they can fill my seat," Corriveau said. "There's a possibility the district could go without representation until January 2009. I hope I'm doing everything to earn the opportunity to continue."

Hett said any ill feelings Corriveau may have toward him should be directed at his party leaders.

"The governor and (State Rep.) Andy Dillon played him like a fiddle," Hett said. "They got their tax increase and they pushed him under the truck."

Corriveau said he will not allow these proceedings to affect his work, with \$440 million still need-

ing to be cut from the state budget. "I know this could turn into a long, drawn-out process, but I think it could turn into a waste of time

and money," Corriveau said. "But I have to continue to represent and make decisions for the people in my district."

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# First Friday Art Walk features work of father, daughter artists

## Sherrus to offer Tiny Treasures II

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Tara Hackett is a chip off the old block.

The daughter of Northville resident Dan Hackett, she, too, is an artist, and examples of both of their works will be featured in tomorrow's First Friday Art & Fashion Walk in downtown Northville.

The event takes place from 6-9 p.m., with many stores remaining open past normal closing hours to accommodate visitors to the event.

Starring, The Gallery, located at 118 W. Main Street in Northville, will kick off the November First Friday Art Walk with the Hacketts' display.

Dan Hackett left an award-winning career as executive creative director for Doner Advertising to pursue work as a national television commercial director and is responsible for many well-known advertising spots.

His artistic abilities extend to his acrylic paintings, which use light, shadow and color to provide a new perspective on familiar scenes.

Tara Hackett, of Beulah, near

Traverse City, grew up in Northville and has likewise pursued the creative life. Her mixed-medium, illustration-based paintings capture the spirit of innocence and urban culture.

Using found objects, vintage sewing patterns and materials that represent different generations, she creates playful works that bring a smile to the face.

Her work has appeared in Hour Magazine, The Big Idea, Motor City, STRUT and on the cover of Real Detroit.

Starring, The Gallery, will host an opening and reception for the artists from 6-9 p.m. Friday during the Northville First Friday Art & Fashion Walk.

### Sherrus Gallery event

Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art, at its new location at 133 W. Main Street, will feature the exhibit "Tiny Treasures II" during the art walk.

The exhibit will include a collection of small works of art by acrylic, oil, watercolor, pastel, glass and metal artists from around the world, including d. Kessler, Ioan Nemtoi, Jesse Reese, Ion Tamaian and Boris Kramer.

Featured artists in the exhibit include widely collected Michigan acrylic artist Jeri Fellwock; popular local watercolor/pastel/oil artist and art instructor Jim Riopelle; and clay sculptor Jyoti Thakore along with small works from other world-class artists.



Image courtesy Tara Hackett

This work, title "Jessica" is by artist Tara Hackett. Attendees of the First Friday Art and Fashion Walk can meet her from 6-9 p.m. tomorrow at Starring, The Gallery, on 118 W. Main Street in downtown Northville. Her father, Dan Hackett, of Northville, will also be on hand to discuss his creations.

A complimentary Wine & Cheese Reception will take place at the gallery from 6-9 p.m. The exhibit and sale will run through the end of the month. Gallery guests attending the opening reception can meet the artists and view the tiny treasures, many of which were created specifically

for this exhibit. "Because of the success of last year's holiday exhibit, we moved the event from December to November to allow more time for gift-seeking shoppers and art lovers to select the perfect item," said Sherrus Gallery owner Sherris Mewha.

"These pieces make perfect holiday presents in size and affordability, ranging in price from \$100 to \$600. Art is a wonderful, timeless gift; it makes a statement about the giver and offers the recipient many years of enjoyment." The "fashion" aspect of the

walk includes the many clothing stores in the downtown area that will be open during the three-hour walk.

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# Community Foundation plans Holiday Home Tour fundraiser

## Two-day event set Nov. 16-17

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

OK, so you're not Martha Stewart.

Not to worry. There's still hope! Area residents who need some fresh and innovative ideas for holiday decorating this year can get an up-close-and-personal look at some of Northville's most beautifully decked-out homes this month.

The Northville Community Foundation's 10th Holiday Home Tour will take place from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 16, and Saturday, Nov. 17.

"Decorators are busy preparing five gorgeous homes for the tour," said Shari Peters, foundation director. "These already outstanding homes have been selected to be made even more breathtaking by the talents of some local decorators."

Peters said all of the tour homes are privately-owned residences and each is unique in its own way.

The tour will feature four houses and one condominium. Addresses are withheld until the days of the tour, so that the exact locations will be a surprise to participants.

"Our goal was to offer something for every one's tastes," Peters said.

Following is an overview of three of the five homes:

• The "Lake Delight" home has been decorated by Robert Newell of Robert Newell Designs.

Newell's flair for the elegant is evident in this lakefront house. His attention to detail can be seen throughout the home. The homeowner did much of the granite and woodworking himself, including the entrance door.

The Victorian exterior is just the beginning of the picturesque home, as the decorator is also the builder and homeowner.

"As attendees walk through this Northville home, they will be able to appreciate many of the special touches that only a professional decorator can provide," Peters said.

• The condominium included in the tour features a sun porch similar to the lanais so popular in Florida.

"Decorators from the local design business, Flowerpots, have

done a wonderful job on this home," Peters said.

• The fourth home on the tour is a two-story Northville Township house. Decorator Rose Oddo, who works at a design house in Plymouth, had plenty of space for her earthy arrangements. Peters said this home would be worth touring even before it was decorated.

Proceeds from the annual event will fund community endowments such as the Healthy Youth and Senior

Endowment that fund anti-smoking programs in local schools, gift baskets for the elderly, a prescription drug program, scholarship fund, and other youth and senior needs.

Tickets are limited, and the event has been a sellout each year, according to Peters.

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### Where to buy tickets

Tickets for the 2007 Holiday Home Tour are \$20 in advance and \$23 at the door. Tickets are available in Northville at Gardenviews, Community Financial Credit Union, Main Street Bank and the Northville Chamber of Commerce. To charge tickets, call the Northville Community Foundation at (248) 374-0200. Tickets on the two days of the tour can only be purchased at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile Road. Attendees are advised to park in Lot D at the church.

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# Hands All Around Quilt Group celebrates 25 years

## Members make quilt for their founder

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Carole Jean Stockhausen can attest to the fact that a quilting group is a lot more than just women sewing stitches on pieces of fabric.

In the 25 years that members of the local Hands All Around Quilt Group have gotten together, the gatherings have served as a support group for the women.

"Some pretty tight friendships have developed out of this group," said Stockhausen of Northville, founder of the group. "We've gone through births, deaths, cancer and other serious illnesses, marriages, divorces and watching everybody's children grow up. We've seen three generations of families, with many of the original members now grandmothers."

In a quarter of a century, the group has made 315 quilts. They celebrated this accomplishment with an anniversary dinner for 40 people Oct. 5 at Mill Race Historical Village at which five members each set a table for eight with their quilt on the table.

"We covered them with clear plastic, and everyone brought a dish," Stockhausen said. Spouses were also invited. "The husbands said not to wait another 25 years to have this event. They want it to be an annual thing."

### Founded group in 1982

Stockhausen, who received a signature quilt from the group as a gift on Oct. 5, modeled the group after one her sister had joined.

"My sister, Nancy, lives in St. Louis, and she was telling me about a quilt group she was in, and I was very impressed," she recalled.

One person passes out a quilt square to everyone in the group, and everyone has a month to sew it. Then, the person who passed out the squares invites the group to her home when she receives all of the finished squares.

"What it does is discipline you to do one quilt square a month, plus it alleviates the monotony of doing the same square over and over in order to make a quilt," Stockhausen said.

The group wants to remain small, with a maximum of 24 members who meet monthly at various members' homes.

"Initially, we started out with 12. Then, I called everyone I knew who sewed and said 'Bring a friend,'" Stockhausen said.

### Quilts presented after fires

Two people in the group had house fires, so the group made friendship quilts for them.

In 1983, the group had a quilt raffle for the Northville Historical Society and raised \$1,289.

The group organized a quilt show for Mill Race Historical Village during the 1992 Victorian Festival.

It also made a quilt with the help of the Stitching Post in

### Want to be on the list?

Anyone interested in coming to a Hands All Around Quilt Group meeting can call Carole Jean Stockhausen at (248) 349-2833 or e-mail her at cjs-stockha@juno.com. Members are asked to attend at least two meetings before being placed on the waiting list.

Northville that raised \$11,000 for the Northville District Library.

A quilt made in 2001 for Gilda's Club raised more than \$300 for cancer research.

Between 2002 and 2006, members made more than 100 baby quilts for the Corner Health Center in Ypsilanti that assists unwed mothers between the ages of 12 and 21.

The latest quilt made was a Dresden Plate quilt auctioned on eBay to raise \$355 for the Northville Historical Society.

Members hail from such communities as Northville, Milford, Ann Arbor, Grand Rapids, Five Lakes, Mich., Chicago, Livonia, Westland and Novi.

Longtime quilter Doris Oltendorf of Northville said the group is like "a rock" to many of its members. "It's just a wonderful group, and I'm just so happy to be a member," she said. "There's a lot of diversity."

Mary Thompson of Northville is a charter member.

"I lived next door to Carole



Photo courtesy Hands All Around Quilt Group

Members of the Hands All Around Quilt Group celebrated their 25th anniversary at Mill Race Historical Village on Oct. 5. Front row, from left: Carole Jean Stockhausen, Doris Oltendorf, Sue VanAppledorn, Mary Jane Bruggeman and Juliet Culp. Middle row: Georgia Randinitis, Diane Carter, Ann Mitchell, Carol Doyle, Mariane Sobodash, Ina Hacker, Mary Thompson and Naomi Brandon. Back row: Marlene Bentham, Carol Romanik, Kathleen Switalski, Carol Spaly, Jody Brock, Kathy Boonstra, Judy Moore and Sharon Konyon.

Jean at one time, and she came over and asked me, one day if I'd be interested in joining the group," she said. "We'd taken a quilting class together from Jo Krause at Mill Race Village."

Thompson said the group has

meant a lot to its members over the years.

"Women need to use their creative side with others," Thompson said. "To come together to create quilts and share life experiences is how neighbors used to be with

each other. That's what life is all about — sharing and caring."

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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Friends Library Gift Store now open weekends

The Friends of the Northville District Library now has its Gift Store open on the weekends to better meet the needs of its patrons. The store is open 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturdays and 1:30-4 p.m. on Sundays. This is in addition to its regular weekday hours of 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, and 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday and Friday.

Friends President James Morche explained that opening on the weekends was the logical step to take since traffic in the Library is heaviest on those two days.

"That has been clear to us for some time," he said, "but it has taken us a while to find the volunteers to staff the store those additional hours. It is fortunate for us — and shoppers, as well — that we can take this step right now as people are beginning to think about their holiday gift-giving."

The Friends Gift Store, located on the upper floor

of the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady, one block west of Center Street and one block south of Main Street, is one of the main sources of income for the Friends of the Library. Other revenue sources are the semi-annual used book sales, Friends memberships and sales from book carts and the Friends Book Cellar, located on the lower level of the Library.

"Whether you're buying a book or a Gift Store item," said Morche, "it will make you feel better, too, in that the revenue is going to support the Library."

Additionally, the Friends are seeking a volunteer manager to further improve operations in the gift store. Applicants should have retail/managerial background, as well as Word and Excel capabilities. The manager reports directly to the Board of Directors and coordinates with the store trainer and buyer. Applicants can contact Morche at jmorche@wowway.com

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## IN THE SERVICE



**Joseph M. Eichholtz**, NHS class of 2007, graduated from the United States Marine Corp Recruit Training at Parris Island, S.C., on Oct. 19.

Upon graduation, he received a Marksmanship Medal and the National Defense Ribbon for serving while our nation is at war. He will train in Missouri to be a member of the Marine Corp Motor Pool.

At Northville High School, he played football and was on the Varsity Wrestling Team for three consecutive years. As a second degree blackbelt, he taught Tae Kwon Do through Northville Parks and Recreation. In addition, throughout high school and middle school, he assisted with the Sunday School Program at Our Lady of Victory Church.



Photo by Lisa Norton

## Sixties bash supports Angela Hospice

Hippies, go-go dancers, Sgt. Pepper, and even Jackie Kennedy came out to support Angela Hospice at its "Groovin' and Cruisin'" through the Sixties" Light Up a Life benefit on Oct. 13 at Rock Financial Showplace-Diamond Center in Novi. The event raised more than \$125,000 to support the organization's programs for patients and their families. As a member of the Light Up a Life committee, volunteer Gerry Besh of Northville coordinated the donation of jewelry items for the silent auction. Best dressed couple winners Sandy and Joe Consiglio of Northville strike a pose with The Reflections: (L to R) John Dean, Sal Prado, Tony Micala, Joey Finazzo, and Gary Banovetz.

## OBITUARIES

### ROBERT EDWARD TAYLOR

81, a native of Grand Rapids, Michigan, died Sunday, October 21, 2007 in Williamsburg, Va after recently moving to a new residence from Hilton Head Island, SC. He had also resided in Battle Creek & Northville, MI. Bob served in the US Navy during WWII, afterwards graduating from Michigan State University in 1950 with a degree in Accounting. As a CPA he worked for Price Waterhouse & Company and for 16 years as a comptroller for Hiram Walker & Sons, Inc. Surviving members of his family are his wife of 57 years, Virginia; sons, Jeff (Margaret), of Meeker, CO & Bart (Terry), of Milford, MI; two grandchildren, Morgan (Don) Leach and Garrett Taylor; two great-grandchildren, Brandon & Hailey Leach. Everyone who was acquainted with "Bobbo" knew of his intense honesty and genuine positive outlook. His love for jazz, golf, and baseball were legendary! Even during tough times with friends, family, and work his optimal phrase was "everything will be alright". While in South Carolina during retirement he served on the board of the Port Royal Plantation Club as well as the Port Royal Landowners Association. He was a member of St. Andrews by the Sea Methodist Church. Bob will be missed, loved, and revered by all his family and friends. In lieu of flowers the family has requested that donations be made to the Leukemia Society, Virginia chapter, Box 21-2101, Executive Dr, Hampton, VA 23666 or to the charity of one's choice. Bucktrout of Williamsburg Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.



### ROBERT B. FREYDL

of East Jordan and formerly of Northville, passed away Oct. 18, 2007, from Multiple Myeloma at age 74, in Charlevoix Michigan. He was preceded in death by his father, Charles M. Freydl, his mother, Velma (Nelson) Freydl, his brother Charles M. Freydl, Jr., and two nephews. He is survived by his wife, June (Roberts) Freydl, of East Jordan, his sons: Foster Freydl, (Michelle) of Ypsilanti, and Karl Freydl, (Maria) of Northville. He is also survived by 4 grandchildren: Matthew James of Ocean Springs, MS, Katelyn Jade, of Rocky Mount, NC, Sofia Elena, and Josef Merrill of Northville. Several nieces and nephews also survive him. Robert was a 1950 graduate of Northville High School, and a 1956 graduate of MSU with a BS in Forestry, and a 1963 degree in Forest Pathology from the University of Michigan. He worked for the Detroit Edison from 1956 until 1989. In 1978, he served as President of the American Wood Preservers Association. He frequently participated in wood research and served on national committees determining standards for the utility industry. He retired from his position with Detroit Edison as Forest Products Specialist, in 1989. Robert suffered from the after-effects of Polio most of his life. He and his wife retired to East Jordan where his wife's people lived and homesteaded in the area. In Northville Robert's family lived and worked in their dry cleaning and clothing businesses from 1894 until 1992. At his request, there will be no funeral service. His remains will be interred at the Lakeside Cemetery in East Jordan in the spring. His family will be in attendance.

## NEWSMAKERS



**Christina Zitkus**, 10, was the second runner up for her age group at the American Coed Michigan state pageant held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel - Metro Airport in August. In her side competitions, Zitkus placed first in the interview segment, first in cheer, second in photogenic, second in patriot wear, third in formal wear, and third in talent. Zitkus is a fifth grader at Silver Springs Elementary, a dancer at Piazza Dance School in Northville, and is a Northville Colts and Stallions JV cheerleader. Her parents are Theresa and Robert Zitkus.

Gary McCausland, an experienced and accomplished executive with a wide range of expertise in the pizza industry,

has been named chief operating officer of Papa Romano's and Mr. Pita restaurants. He joined Papa Romano's as vice president in July 2006.

McCausland, a certified public accountant, holds a bachelor's degree in accounting and finance, with honors, from Michigan State University. He is a member of the Association of Corporate Growth; the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants. He and his wife, Constance, have a daughter, Lauren, and reside in Northville.

After a lengthy and successful career in finance and accounting - first with Price Waterhouse in Detroit, and later with the Unisys Corporation in New York, the United Kingdom and Detroit - McCausland embarked on a career in the pizza business, joining Domino's Pizza, in Ann Arbor, as corporate controller and assistant treasurer in 1987.



G. McCausland

He was later promoted to vice president of development and chief financial officer international, and in 1991, was named executive vice president, director, and president of Domino's international subsidiary. In that capacity, McCausland managed all aspects of the company's international operations, including strategic planning, finance, business development, operations, marketing, training and other support functions for the chain. He also developed and helped implement a new business model and master fran-

chising plan for the company and was instrumental in its growth from 280 to nearly 2,000 stores and for launching the brand in 50 new countries. During that time, McCausland also became a Domino's franchisee and eventually owned and operated eight Domino's locations in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

After departing Domino's in 1999, McCausland launched a strategic growth consulting company and later joined the Southfield office of Plante & Moran where he led a team of management consultants. He subsequently joined Papa Romano's where, as chief operating officer, he focuses his talents on guiding the expansion of both Papa Romano's and Mr. Pita restaurants.

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### ROBERT W. BLACK

Age 77, of Northville died Oct. 25, 2007. Memorial Service was held last Sat. at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon. Contributions to American Heart Association or Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

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## WERTH: 2001 traffic accident may have sparked light requests

### Student turned in front of vehicle

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

John Werth, director of public safety, said residents still remember a terrible 2001 motor vehicle accident in front of Northville High School.

Before there was a light installed outside the school, former student Kim Peters turned out onto Six Mile Road from the Northville High School parking lot and was struck by a truck on the driver's side.

"The driver in the car behind her was blowing the horn, she pulled out, and a pickup truck T-boned her car, ejecting her from

the vehicle.

"I was right there after the accident," Werth said. "We didn't think she was going to make it, but I've heard she's actually graduated from college."

Werth believes that this accident might be one of the reasons NHS parents are urging local officials to have a 24-hour-stoptlight in front of the school on Six Mile Road.

"It was a tragic event, but we make decisions based on facts and based on the information we have," he said.

### Does work before, after school

Contrary to earlier reports, the light does work as a regular stoptlight at the beginning and end of school.

But, some parents and teachers think it should be a fully-functional stoptlight all the time.

Werth will address concerns about the light at the Nov. 9 PTSA meeting in the school auditorium.

Not only does the light currently work during peak hours, but school liaison officer Matthew MacKenzie also calls Wayne County traffic officials and has the signal set for exact hours needed for special events, Werth said.

He did admit that on three occasions this year, including homecoming, the light did malfunction and did not work during special events, which has added to the confusion.

"Officer MacKenzie did work with Wayne County, and they sent out an engineer," Werth said. "We have not had a problem since they did that."

But Werth still says the light should not operate all the time.



"It was a tragic event, but we make decisions based on facts and based on the information we have."

John Werth  
Northville Township director of public safety

"It absolutely does not meet the standards set in the Michigan Traffic Model for a full-time light," Werth said.

"Putting a stoptlight there will cause more accidents, such as rear-end collisions when people speed up to go through the yellow light."

Werth said the 37 accidents that took place within a one-year period included the mile-and-a-half stretch from Six Mile Road and Sheldon Road to Six Mile Road and Beck Road.

"Accidents in front of the school are usually very minor," he said.

"Unfortunately, this becomes an emotional issue when you're talking about children going to and from school."

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## Intoxicated parents put kids in danger

### Drunk father calls drunk mother to pick up son

By Jason Carmel Davis  
STAFF WRITER

Ypsilanti Police detained a Northville couple after a wife who drove to pick up her young son when her husband was stopped for drunken driving showed up even more intoxicated than he was, police alleged.

The couple was jailed late Saturday and their children, a 12-year-old boy who had been traveling with his father and a 9-year-old girl who had been in the car with her mother, were released to a relative. Police declined to give the names of the suspects, who have been released. The incident has been referred to the Washtenaw County Prosecutor's Office. Charges could come this week.

A police report said the man was pulled over when an officer said he saw a Jeep run a traffic light at North Prospect Road and Cross Street in Ypsilanti shortly before 11:30 p.m.

Saturday. The driver appeared intoxicated, and a Breathalyzer test indicated he had an alcohol level of 0.11, over the 0.08 legal limit.

Officers said they allowed the 12-year-old to telephone home for a ride, but when his mother showed up in her vehicle, she, too, appeared to be drunk, police said. She told officers she'd had some wine and became combative when she tried to leave the scene, police said.

Police said a breath test indicated her alcohol level was 0.13.

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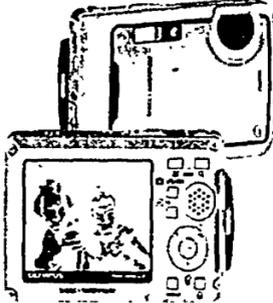
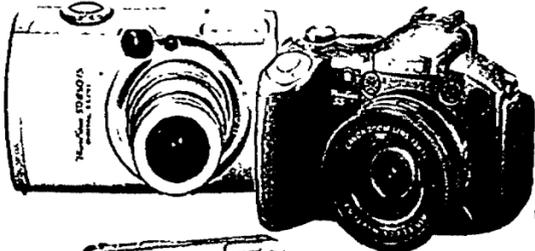
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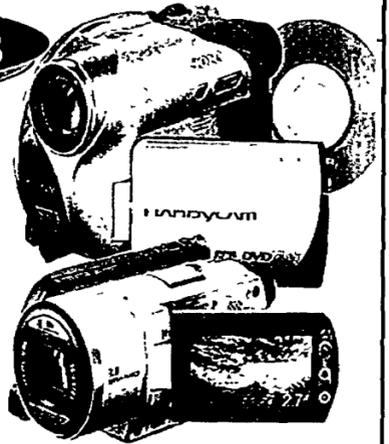
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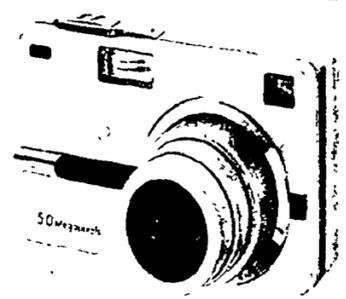


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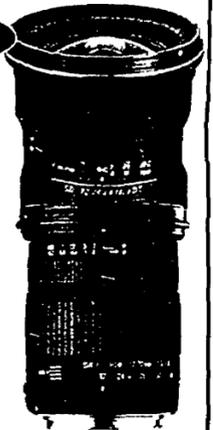
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# NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP POLICE BRIEFS

## Man files false police report

Page Engbarth, 52, was arraigned on July 31 in 35th District Court for filing a false police report, a four-year felony. A preliminary exam took place at the same courthouse on Aug. 10, with Engbarth being bound over to Wayne County Circuit Court.

Bond was set at \$50,000. The false report was filed after Engbarth called police to an area near the Northville Township Meijer store at 9 p.m. on June 25 in reference to a strong armed robbery.

Engbarth told police that his older brother had taken \$21,000 in cash from him and had left in a red Dodge Stratus.

Engbarth, who had just been released from the Oakland County Trustee Camp, said he had walked to his mother's home in Northville Township and spoken to a neighbor, who told him his brother had sold the house three months ago.

He said he then contacted his sister, who said the five siblings were supposed to split the money from the sale of the home, which amounted to \$21,000 each.

The man said his brother met him at Spruce Time at the corner of Silver Springs Drive and Eight Mile Road and that he entered the passenger side of his brother's car, where he received a brown paper bag with money in it.

He said he exited the vehicle with the money, placing it in a plastic bag he already had. He said his brother then pulled into the Meadowbrook Country Club driveway, exited the vehicle, grabbed the plastic bag from him and pushed him to the ground.

The victim told police he wanted to press charges against his brother unless he gave him the money back.

Police later talked to the suspect and his wife, who said they had not seen Engbarth since October 2006.

The suspect said he did not give the brother any money nor did he take any money from him.

The couple said they are trying to keep Engbarth from knowing where they live due to the trouble he has caused them over the years.

## Marijuana, drug paraphernalia

A 19-year-old Northville Township man was arrested for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia at 2:10 a.m. June 24 on Waterfall Road.

Two officers responded to Waterfall Road east of Winchester about a vehicle that had been seen driving through the area slowly with its lights off.

When police arrived, they saw two subjects walking down the street. One of the men said they went for a walk so the other could smoke a cigarette.

The man consented to police to search his vehicle, where they found a gym bag in the trunk with a plastic bag containing marijuana, rolling papers, a cigarette roller and pipe that smelled of burnt marijuana.

The same bag contained the man's wallet.

The man said the drugs had been placed in the bag by a friend and that they were not his.

## Assault and battery reported

A 46-year-old Northville Township was arrested for assault and battery at 12:01 a.m. on June 26 on Harbour Village Drive.

Officers were dispatched to a possible domestic assault at a residence. A man called to report that his girlfriend's son and three friends were trying to kick him out of the residence and threatened to beat him up.

The man said his girlfriend was also threatening him with a baseball bat, which she denied.

The woman told police that as she left her bathroom, her boyfriend shoved her, with her face striking the right side of the door. The report said the woman had a slightly swollen and red right cheek.

## Burglary, forced entry call

Police responded to a burglary on Harbour Village Drive that occurred between 11 p.m. June

26 and 1:45 p.m. June 27.

A woman told police that a spare bedroom screen on her window appeared to have been pried open and that she believed her ex-boyfriend did it.

## Domestic assault reported

Police responded to Northridge Drive at 10 a.m. on June 29 about a domestic assault in progress involving a metal flagpole.

A 26-year-old Northville Township man had ransacked the house and was in the process of assaulting his mother.

The woman said her son has a drug problem and has been going to a clinic for treatment.

## CDs, player stolen from Meijer

A juvenile was arrested for retail fraud at Meijer at 2:20 p.m. July 3 on Haggerty Road.

A loss prevention agent watched as the man selected two CDs, then began walking around with them.

He saw the man open the packaging, remove one of the CDs, then conceal it in a slit in his pants.

He then selected a CD player, walked to the clothing department and went into one of the fitting rooms.

The man then emerged from the fitting room with the CD

player and no packaging. He put batteries into the player and began listening to an Usher CD he had taken.

Value of the stolen goods recovered was \$80.93.

## Cocaine possession

A man was arrested for cocaine possession at 1:18 a.m. July 4 at Five Mile and Haggerty roads.

The man was pulled over for driving 55 in a 45 mph zone and said he was coming back from looking for a job.

He said he installs cable and was checking on a job site.

Police found a plastic bag in his front left pocket with crack cocaine.

The man, who tried to flee the scene, was arrested for possession, obstructing police and violation of a restricted license.

He later told police he'd really had a fight with his wife and was taking a drive.

## Man steals groceries, flees

A man was arrested for stealing a cart full of groceries at 1:15 p.m. on July 6 at Meijer.

The man loaded his cart with Marlboro cigarettes, protein powder and other groceries and headed for the door without paying for the items.

When a loss prevention agent approached him, the man left the cart in the lobby and escaped.

Police eventually learned the man's identity, however, and contacted him. He turned himself into police on July 7.

## Four arrested for home invasion

Police arrested a 20-year-old man, 19-year-old man, 18-year-old female and 26-year-old man for home invasion at 5:48 a.m. June 23 at Innsbrook Apartments.

Police responded to a call about two suspects attempting to break into an apartment. The caller said two men were trying to break into the apartment next to her, which she believed was unoccupied.

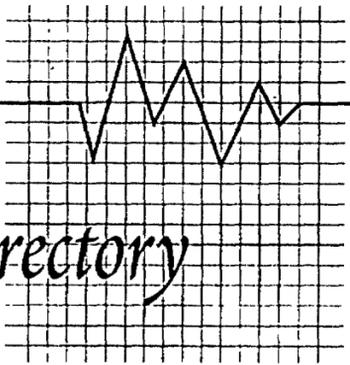
Police apprehended one man outside the apartment building and found another still inside, who dropped to the floor when he saw police looking in the window.

A screen had been partially removed and was hanging from a front window in the apartment. Police then saw a female come out of a closet inside the apartment.

The 20-year-old was also charged with illegal possession of narcotics when police found an unmarked bottle of Mylan 477, a generic form of Valium, in his car. The man said he had a prescription for the drugs but did not have it with him.

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# NORTHVILLE CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES – QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION

## Carolann Ayers



**AGE:** 68  
**YEARS AS NORTHVILLE RESIDENT:** 38 years  
**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND RELATED EXPERIENCE:** Northville City Council - 28 years; Mayor ProTem; Liaison to Recreation Commission, Senior Advisory Council; has been liaison to Housing Commission, Northville Youth Assistance; Member Engineering Society of Detroit, Friends of Northville Library, Northville Historical Society, Oakland County League of Women Voters. Served on original Northville Public Library Commission, involved in development of current library facility and formation of the District Library; was board member of Northville Plymouth Area League of Women Voters; Volunteered, Hutzler Hospital, neo-natal unit; was substitute teacher, Northville Public Schools; represented Amerman School on PTA Area Council; member of Northville Mother's Club  
**PROFESSION:** Office manager  
**EDUCATION:** Bachelor of science degree, Purdue University; teaching certificate, 6-12, State of Indiana  
**FAMILY:** Married 46 years to Charles (Chuck) Ayers; two sons - Gregory, 45; Douglas, 38; two grandsons - Joshua, 21; Jordan, 17

## Doug Bingham



**AGE:** 63  
**YEARS AS A NORTHVILLE RESIDENT:** 16  
**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND RELATED EXPERIENCE:** Former board member of Northville Youth Assistance  
 Former president of St. Lawrence Condo Association  
 Served on the steering committee with the Northville consultant in the design of the future ideas for our community  
 Sign, bicycles and parking subcommittees of Northville Downtown Development Authority (DDA); current membership in Historic District Commission and Ward Presbyterian Church  
**PROFESSION:** Financial Advisor with Raymond James and Associates with the professional designation of Certified Financial Planner (CFP)  
**EDUCATION:** General studies in accounting, chemistry, math, physics and law  
**FAMILY:** Married to Jacque Martin-Downs for 16 years; two children - Laura, 32, and Bill, 38; two step children - Ted, 31, and Stephanie, 33

## Nancy Darga



**AGE:** 53  
**YEARS AS NORTHVILLE RESIDENT:** 12  
**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND RELATED EXPERIENCE:** Board of Director Northville Historical Society, Board of Directors Motor Cities Auto National Heritage Area, Board of Directors Friends of Nankin Mills, City of Northville Recreation Commissioner from 1995 - 2007 (presently sit on the P&R Development Committee), Chairman of the Northville History Trail Development Committee, Founding member of the Friends of the Rouge and the Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy, Friends of Thayer Park - Northville Township, Friends of Holiday Park Nature Preserve, American Society of Landscape Architects, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Detroit Institute of Arts Founders Society, Loyal Wing Club, American Association of University Women, Member Our Lady of Victory Church, Michigan Police Network for Police Survivors  
**PROFESSION:** President of Fortunate Land Planning & Design 2004 to present, Chief of Design Wayne County Parks 1978 -2003, Licensed Landscape Architect -State of Michigan, # 0950, Certified Playground Safety Inspector # 3243-0507  
**EDUCATION:** Michigan State University, BS of Landscape Architecture, 1976  
**FAMILY:** Married to Michael Darga; mother to Anna Watkins, age 23, MSU graduate, and Alex Darga, age 13, student at Hillside Middle School in Northville.

## Fred Fisher



**AGE:** 50  
**YEARS AS NORTHVILLE RESIDENT:** 12  
**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND RELATED EXPERIENCE:** Served as volunteer firefighter in city of Northville for 27 years. Applied three times for seat on Northville Housing Commission; also sought seats on Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Commission  
**PROFESSION:** Served as an electrician in Northville for 30 years  
**EDUCATION:** Novi High School graduate. Graduated fire training through city of Northville  
**FAMILY:** Married to Renee Fisher; father of Katie Fisher, 7, who attends Amerman Elementary School

### 1 - WHY ARE YOU RUNNING FOR COUNCIL?

I am running for re-election because I enjoy serving the residents of Northville and know it is exciting and rewarding work. I like the challenge of problem solving I think I have done a good job. I am proud of the city and the residents. Experience is a valuable commodity, and can be of great significance to the community when properly applied.

First and foremost, I believe strongly in giving back to our community. I think that everyone at some time and at some level should volunteer. At this time, my work schedule frees me up to participate on various committees in Northville. After attending a lot of city council, DDA and other meetings, I am pursuing a seat on City Council, with no personal agenda, because I have the leadership skills to help shepherd Northville for the next few years.

I'm running for Northville City Council, to use my planning, design and historic preservation talents to develop Northville into a "Front Porch Town," a friendly, picturesque, safe place to live, supported by a vital business center with diverse cultural opportunities that compliment our unique heritage.

I am running for council because Northville has been home to me. The people here are like family, and families stay together.

### 2 - WHAT EXPERIENCES HAVE HELPED BUILD YOUR LEADERSHIP SKILLS?

The leadership skills I have acquired have come from two areas - the first serving on City Council, and as Mayor Pro Tem, and the second, administering a successful consulting business for over 20 years. The Mayor Pro Tem is chosen by the Council itself to lead in the absence of the Mayor and to advise and counsel when necessary.

AT&T provided me with extensive leadership and presentation training early in my work career. My team-leading experience started with groups I led at work in the 1980s. Since then, I have successfully led many groups, boards and projects such as our condo association, civic committees, and church teams. Others have attributed much of this success to my enthusiasm and listening abilities.

At Wayne County Parks I coordinated regional planning initiatives and secured cooperative agreements in developing workable and affordable projects. As one of the founders of the Motor City National Heritage Area I launched regional projects that fostered economic revitalization through historic preservation and tours, created partnerships between corporations and grass root groups and secure legislative and financial support from the federal, state, county and local levels of government. On the Recreation Commission I developed cooperative agreements between the City, Township, and school district on the renovation of the Senior Center, Hillside Middle School Recreation Center, the Dog Parks and the Art House. Working on the Downtown Strategic Plan and as the Chairman of the Northville Historic Trail Committee I helped create a vision for future developments that pulled many community groups together.

Working with my father for over 30 years has helped build my leadership skills. My father always taught me that the person you are working for is always right. I was also a sergeant on the Northville City Fire Department, and that helped me build leadership skills.

### 3 - WHAT THREE ITEMS SHOULD BE AT THE TOP OF THE CITY'S PRIORITIES LIST?

The three areas that should be on the top of the city's priority list are fiscal responsibility, residential integrity, and business involvement and support. The budgeting process the city has used is open, precise, and forward looking. Finances are in good shape, with a high bond rating and suggested amount of contingency fund. Neighborhoods must be walkable, livable and complimentary with each other. Our downtown is the focus of the whole of Northville and differentiates it from surrounding communities. The improvements to the Town Square are only the beginning of a larger process.

1. Maintain a healthy budget by spending less than our income and maintaining cash reserves, thereby keeping our critical services of police, fire and our municipal staff stable.
2. Keep the heart (downtown) vibrant, fun and historic.
3. Give the people of Northville more understanding of how and where they can get involved volunteering, using their skills to help organize and complete projects they are personally interested in.

1. Creating business opportunities through redevelopment of our downtown that preserves our unique historic past. Enlisting financial and technical support for the environmental clean up of Cady Town and the Ford Mill Pond, allowing for historically sensitive development.
2. Creating a cohesive vision for the future development of our quaint town that combines the multiple planning efforts of community groups, that enhances our small town feel while promoting our heritage with ongoing regional marketing and tourism initiatives.
3. Developing long-term funding strategies that are fiscally responsible by setting priorities and partnerships.

The three items that need to be at the top of the city's priorities list are: To finish the Town Square before cold weather sets in; to repair or replace the streets and sidewalks to a safe level in the downtown area; to finish the Taft Road project.

### 4 - ARE PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN THE CITY, TOWNSHIP AND SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CITY?

Partnerships between the city and other governmental units are the wave of the future. Working together is not only in the best interest of the city but a vital component of our future financial security. The efforts of cooperation with the Northville School District, Northville Township, the District Library, and other communities have proved to be very successful, not only to foster a feeling of "community" but also to conserve resources. The joint dispatch of police and fire with Northville Township as well as using their lock up has been a very workable relationship.

Sharing programs between Northville and Northville Township such as Parks and Rec., senior citizen programs, Northville Youth Assistance and joint dispatch evolved to where we are with a lot of thought, followed by monitoring and adjusting. Although the programs will always need tweaking, I believe they are fundamentally sound, save taxpayers money and are in the best interest of all. At this time, I know of no other potential shared services that would be in the best interest of Northville residents/taxpayers. With that said, we always know the State may mandate further sharing of services between Michigan cities and townships.

My work with the Northville Recreation Commission has shown me that partnering with the Township and the school district on Parks and Recreation, Senior Services and Youth Alliance has resulted in cost savings and comprehensive planning. Joint dispatch has allowed for additional staffing while keeping cost down and response times comparable. Where proposed though, there must be a reasonable cost savings that can be documented for the long term while preserving the identity and level of services that the citizens of Northville expect.

Partnerships between the city and township need to be individually evaluated to see if they would be in the best interest of the city.

### 5 - WITH STATE-SHARED REVENUES DECLINING, WHICH AREAS SHOULD THE CITY LOOK AT TO REDUCE SPENDING?

I intend to work to keep all of the services we currently have. With declining revenues from the state, we will necessarily need to cooperate with everyone we can find in order to save money. The budget will have to be scrutinized for savings. Grant money is possible. However, the city is a service organization - police, fire, DPW, recreation, senior services, youth assistance, water, roads. I would like to find ways to keep all of the services we currently have.

I have a lot of confidence that the city staff would present City Council with a balanced budget. If we are faced with a cut in our revenue, as a City Council member I would look for "more efficiency" where possible. I am mindful that citizens do not want to reduce safety we have all come to expect. I would fully recognize that City Council would need to approve a budget that is going to make some people unhappy.

My experience with declining revenues at the county level has shown me that you can continue services with less financial support through creative public-private partnerships. Although we have already cut costs through our shared service agreement, we will need to establish long term funding strategies that set priorities through a process that defines what services are to be provided and at what level. Less-essential services could be provided through other means or agencies. A few tactics used successfully at the county were re-evaluating our staffing needs and integrating seasonal or contractual help with fulltime. Partnering with other agencies on equipment purchases and professional services. Cutting utility bills by changing operational practices and making some services self supporting.

The city should carefully examine any item that would drastically impact spending the shared revenues.

### 6 - WHAT TYPE OF PROJECTS OR PLANNING COULD THE CITY BE DOING TO KEEP NORTHVILLE A DESIRABLE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITY?

One of the projects I think will keep the city desirable and healthy is the redevelopment of what is called Cady Town. Now in the planning process, a multi use development, using the river and the bike and walking paths, will add to the excitement already underway with the "Tipping Point Theatre." This area is different from either the Central Business District or the DDA and should be considered as an independent entity with its own green space, parking, commercial and residential arrangements.

Keeping Northville desirable and healthy starts by keeping our heart (downtown) healthy. Currently, the DDA is overseeing several projects to do this very thing. There are funds set aside for marketing and advertising, there is a new, much larger town square for organizations like the Chamber of Commerce to organize and host larger events, which will not only draw shoppers from Northville and Northville Township, but will also draw from surrounding communities. Currently, the DDA has committees in place to monitor and adjust for our parking needs and to create a more bike-friendly downtown. Further, a committee is working with MDOT, Wayne Co and our State Rep's office to provide better directional signs leading visitors into our downtown.

Northville has a unique character that we need to define, enhance, position in the market place and then promote. The Strategic Development Plan was a great start that now needs to integrate it with the Master Recreation, Art Council, Mill Race Village, and History Trail plans creating a comprehensive vision. The development of a finance strategy for the implementation of the linkages outlined in the Strategic Plan, such as Ford Field. The boundaries of the DDA need to be re-evaluated to encourage inclusion. Expand trail connections in the Master Recreation Plan to include the Town Square, Beal Town & Cady Town, the schools and developments outside the city. As part of our Historic Tour development I have made an in-depth evaluation of way finding signage from the freeways into the city that needs to be implemented.

The city needs to maintain our excellent school system, encourage small business, and expand family oriented entertainment and restaurants.

### 7 - ARE DOWNTOWN AND NEIGHBORHOODS RECEIVING EQUAL ATTENTION FROM THE CITY?

Downtown and residential neighborhoods rarely require the same amount of attention. Obviously, the Strategic Plan and the construction of the Town Square have taken the greatest share of attention. The focus changes as the requirements change. The strength of the neighborhoods is interdependent with the strength of downtown.

We are all in this together. As a City Council member, I appreciate that everyone has a voice, but we must consider the overall effect of prioritizing neighbors over the downtown and vice versa.

There has been a lot of press on the exciting work going on in the renovation of Town Square. On a quieter note there has been many projects occurring in the neighborhoods. Taft Road is being rebuilt with a roundabout at Morgan Boulevard. The Beal Street bridge is being designed. Additional sidewalks and a new park were completed in Cabbagetown. Pavement patching and reducing loss from the water mains are ongoing. A new waste hauler was contracted with earlier this year. All of these have improved the quality of life for the residents. Can more be done, yes, but it must be balanced with providing a viable downtown for our businesses to thrive.

The downtown area is receiving more maintenance and street repair than the neighborhoods.

### 8 - IS THE CITY TOO LAX OR TOO STRINGENT IN ENFORCING ORDINANCES?

In my opinion the city is not doing a good enough job in enforcing ordinances. The city relies on complaints from citizens about their neighbors in order to begin the enforcement process. I think this is detrimental to encouraging a feeling of neighborliness. Not only should the city enforce its own ordinances, but it should advise the ordinance is not enforceable, it should be revised or dropped. Work needs to be done in this area.

I think we all agree we want Northville to be friendly and inviting. As I have walked through the neighborhoods introducing myself to people, I have heard comments about the city's response to some of the ordinances. While it is true that there are a few vacant lots and sidewalks that could be trimmed, cleaned or cut back, I would say that with few exceptions, the enforcement is appropriate.

In terms of non-conforming construction activity, we can greatly improve our enforcement of building permits and plan review. The city has recently contracted two inspectors to replace our former building inspector out on medical leave. This will greatly improve our ability to keep up with ongoing projects and code enforcements. In terms of noise, trash, parking and other ordinances there is a need for balance between protecting the community and our real estate values and working with residents. From my experience and discussions with the DPW Director and Police Chief I think that Northville has exerted enforcement in a supportive and cooperative manner.

The city has always been good at ordinance enforcement.

### 9 - IS THERE A QUESTION YOU WOULD TO ANSWER THAT WE HAVEN'T ASKED?

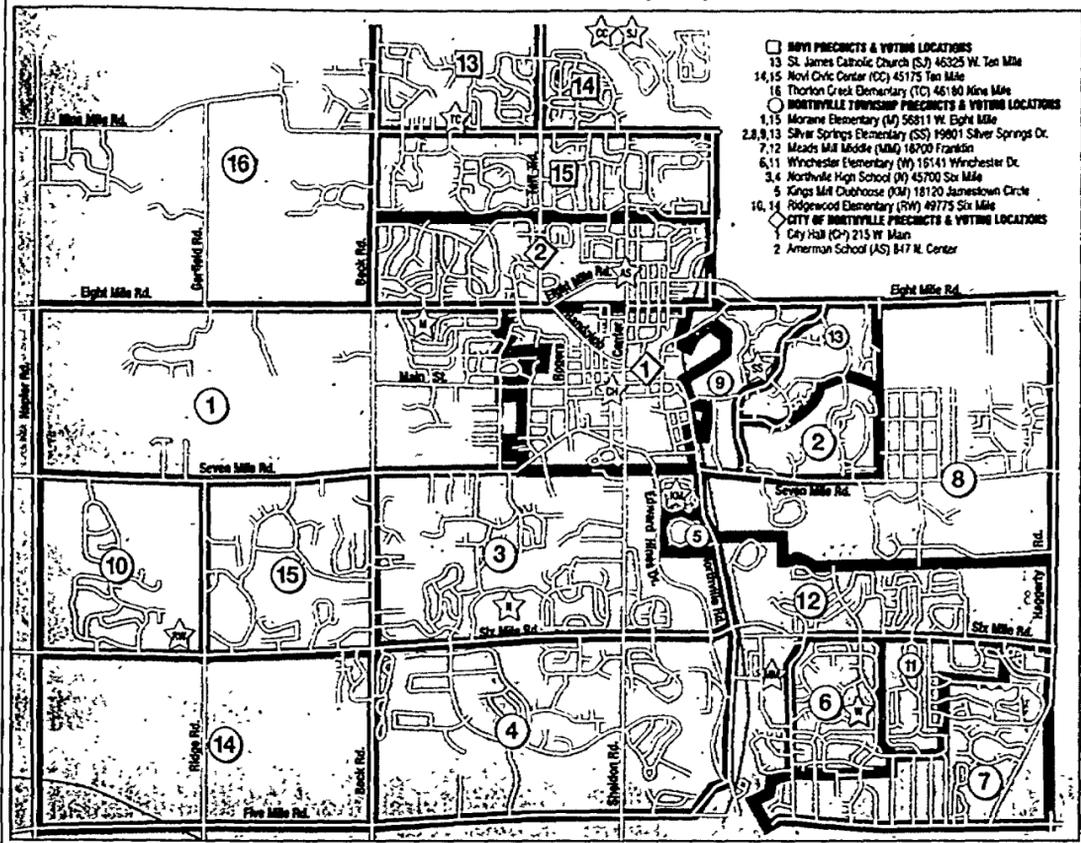
Am I optimistic about the future of Northville? The answer is absolutely! We have a community that enjoys working and playing together. And I know we will continue to do our best to grow and prosper while keeping our history intact.

Yes, if Northville had a major situation, emergency or otherwise which brought National attention to our city, how would you, as a councilmember handle the stress/pressure?  
 I believe that I have the ability to handle either positive or negative attention and represent our community in a fair, positive manner. My strength is in being level-headed, methodical and thoughtful in evaluating difficult situations.

Yes - term limits: Just as the body replaces its cells to regenerate its vitality, the City Council also needs to. New ideas and views need to be encouraged. So that competency can be developed, terms should be no less than 12 years. Northville has a great pool of talent that needs to be tapped and taken advantage of if we are to keep our community strong and vital.

Did we really need a roundabout on Taft Road?

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# It's over before it starts for mayor

## Unopposed, Johnson to win 11th term as mayor of city of Northville

By Jason Carmel Davis  
STAFF WRITER

The mayor in the city of Northville is elected for a two-year term.

Current mayor Chris Johnson has served 10 of those two-year terms, and is seeking another, but he has been opposed in only three of 11 races.

"I think it's the ultimate compliment that people have the faith and trust in you to be willing to let your continue on," Johnson said. "I always joke that nobody else wants the job, but that's not the case."

Johnson has served as mayor since 1987. He said what keeps his interest in the seat is that Northville is a dynamic community that changes all the time.

### Mayor has seen a ton in his tenure

From the establishment and success of the Victorian Festival, to the implementation of the city's downtown strategic plan and the renewal of Main Street, Johnson has been a part of a number of important Northville happenings.

Some of the major changes Johnson touts are the continued partnerships between the city, Northville Township and the Northville Public School District, the opening of the city recreation

center and the growth of area parks.

"We've really done a lot in the last two decades," Johnson said. "And we continue to maintain solid public safety services, and we all know (police and fire) are at the top of everyone's list."

Johnson discussed the depth to which he and the city council go through the city budget. Each fiscal year, the group spends three days going over each line item in the document. Johnson referred to it as "excruciating detail," and added the process gives the cabinet a picture of how finances will look five years out.

"What I bring to the table is I'm kind of the quarterback," Johnson said. "But I can't take all the credit for what we have going on. People have a lot of good ideas and we just run with them."

### Funding, shared services continue to be hot-button topics

Johnson knows whatever happens at the state level has an affect on Northville.

He said with all its budget problems and crises, the state looks to local governments to cover its back.

"Instead of looking into other areas, people at the state level look at cutting things in cities and schools," Johnson said.

One thing that helps if and when those cuts come, Johnson said, are shared services. He said joint service agreements allow municipalities to accomplish a number of things, but the state makes it difficult to qualify for the ventures.

"The state tells you what you must do to qualify for something else, and then we say, 'we're already doing that,'" Johnson

### Chris Johnson

AGE: 52  
YEARS AS NORTHVILLE RESIDENT: 39  
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND RELATED EXPERIENCE: Served on Northville Public School District Board of Education from 1976-87, Served as mayor from 1987-present  
PROFESSION: Attorney  
EDUCATION: Northville High School graduate: 1973, University of Michigan graduate: 1979, Michigan State University College of Law graduate: 1981  
FAMILY: Wife, Patricia; Son, Karlek, 19; daughter, Tottie, 16



said. "All we're trying to do is give people quality services in these tough economic times."

### Decade-old amendments give city cloudy future

The city is doing well financially, Johnson said, but that could change by 2012 due to changes brought about by the implementation of Proposal A in 1994 and the Headlee Amendment.

Adopted March 15, 1994, Proposal A put what was once a local responsibility, based on property tax levies, on the back of the state, and is funded through a variety of state revenue sources including a 50-percent sales tax increase.

Proposal A sought to reduce property taxes, reduce the need for local millage votes to provide money for education, increase the state share of total revenue for K-12 education, and provide a guaranteed minimum per-pupil level of funding, while reducing the gap between districts' per-pupil funding.

The Headlee Amendment, adopted on Nov. 7, 1978, protects Michigan taxpayers against excessive state and local taxation in a variety of ways.

Johnson said something needs to be done about both of these measures, or the death of the state could come in the near future. He said communities need the opportunity to roll back costs.

### Mayor against term limits

Johnson thinks term limits played a role in the short shutdown of the state at the end of September. He said there was, and continues to be, a group of individuals who don't know how to work with their colleagues "on the other side of the aisle."

"The argument for term limits is a ridiculous position," Johnson said. "With a job like a state representative or a city council member, it takes at least a year or two to get the feel of the job, and to find out what your responsibilities and limitations are."

"Nothing against him, but our speaker of the house only has two years of legislative experience. Voters are the best term limits we have."

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# SENIOR CITIZENS



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## Senior Center schedule filling up quickly

### Northville Senior Activities Center offers bevy of classes and trips

By Jason Carmel Davis  
STAFF WRITER

Northville Senior Adult Services Coordinator Sue Koivula said the city's community senior center, 303 W. Main St., offers people over 50 years old a plethora of things to do.

Classes are held daily. Special dinners and sales take place periodically. There's even an opportunity to seniors to take trips by way of a travel agency the senior center works with, Koivula said.

Problem is, she said, not enough people know what the senior center has to offer — even though 1,600-2,000 seniors take part in senior center activities each month.

"Northville's such an affluent area that a lot of people do things on their own," Koivula said. "Either that or they're totally unaware we're here."

Open 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, the senior center offers daily, monthly and yearly activities, and several types of services and transportation to and from places such as medical appointments, the grocery store and mall.

#### Something for everyone

Daily activities include classes such as Tai Chi, strength training,

and yoga, while classes, seminars, workshops, trips and computer training take place on a monthly basis. Each year, the community senior center offers income tax services, holiday luncheons, picnics and a trip to Mackinac Island. Blood pressure checks, Focus: Hope and liquid nutrition pickups are offered at the center, too.

"We have something for everybody, but the trips are popular," Koivula said. "They're available for people over 21, and day or extended trips are offered. The group we work with really takes care of people, too."

Koivula said people travel in groups and alone to places as far as China. She said travelers often make new friends on the trips, too.

Making new friends is what draws some people into the center, Koivula said. She said visiting

with other seniors helps those who may have lost a loved one.

"Some people come in distraught after the loss of a loved one, and they don't know what to do with themselves," Koivula said. "It's amazing to see them open up and get out of that traumatic state."

#### Community resource

Dennis Smith, senior center program supervisor, said visiting the site gives people the chance to do some things they normally wouldn't be able to. He added the center is a great resource in the community, as well.

"We even have a homebound program where we check on people who may not be able to make it to the center," Koivula said. "Sometimes, that call might be the only one they get

during the day."

Special events taking place in November include the center's annual Thanksgiving luncheon at noon on Tuesday, a breakfast extravaganza from 9-11 a.m. Wednesday at Hillside Middle School and a holiday gift boutique in Grosse Ile on Nov. 30.

For information on costs, class

times and program info, call the center at (248) 349-4140 or visit the city Web site at <http://www.ci.northville.mi.us>.

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### Senior Events

#### Senior Community Center

LOCATION: 303 W. Main St.

Thursday

9 a.m.: Take Off Pounds Sensibly

9:30 a.m.: Yoga

10 a.m.: Bowling

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle

1 p.m.: Computer II

Massage by appointment

Friday

9:30 a.m.: Strength Training

11 a.m.: Poker

11:30 a.m.: Computer II

1 p.m.: Movie "License To Wed"

Monday

9:30 a.m.: Strength Training; Beginning Line Dance

10 a.m.: Adv. Line Dance; Oxygise

11 a.m.: Laughter Yoga

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle/Euchre

7 p.m.: Tai Chi

Tuesday Election Day

11 a.m.: Congressman McCotter Rep. here

Noon: Thanksgiving Luncheon

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle

1 p.m.: Computer I

Wednesday

9 a.m.: Breakfast at Hillside

10 a.m.: Oxygise

Noon: Bridge

1 p.m.: Computer I

7 p.m.: Bridge

Foot Reflexology by appointment

Co-ed Adult 50+ Volleyball

TIME/DAYS: 10 a.m.-noon Monday, Wednesday, Friday

LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside

DETAILS: All levels of play welcome; bring your friends; \$1.

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

Co-ed Adult 50+ Basketball

TIME/DAYS: 10 a.m.-noon each Thursday

LOCATION: Senior Community Center

DETAILS: All levels of play welcome; bring your friends; \$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.

Pilates Class

TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. each Tuesday

Bunco

TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m. second Thursday of each month

DETAILS: Call Senior Community Center 24 hours in advance to register; \$1 per person.

Send calendar submissions via e-mail to [cstone@gannett.com](mailto:cstone@gannett.com); by fax to (248) 349-9832; or by mail to Northville Record, 104 W. Main, Suite 101, Northville, MI 48167. Items must be received by noon on Tuesday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

### Physical Therapy Rehabilitation Update

by Dennis Engerer, P.T.

**SERVING UP BETTER TREATMENT FOR TENNIS ELBOW**

The most recent research on treatment options for "tennis elbow" (technically known as lateral epicondylitis) reveals that physical therapy and a "wait-and-see" approach provide better long-term results than corticosteroid injections. Tennis elbow is not the result of inflammation but of small tears in the tendons that attach the muscles of the forearm to the arm bone at the elbow joint. While corticosteroid shots may provide quick, temporary relief from the pain of tennis elbow, corticosteroid injections are associated with poorer long-term results when compared with physical therapy and a wait-and-see approach. This recent finding should help guide any treatment decision among those who experience this painful condition. Post-treatment education about modifying behavior can also help prevent recurrences.

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# HEALTHY LIVING

## Quality fitness experience for all

By Tracy Mishler  
SPECIAL WRITER

Karen Blazaitis believes fitness should be important for both adults and children.

That's why the 49-year-old Farmington Hills resident incorporated pom pon and dance for kids and teens and fitness for adults all under one roof.

Blazaitis, creator and president of Mid American Pompon, established in 1979, opened Mid American Studio in May 2002 in Farmington Hills to offer instruction and training to potential pompon girls for future school teams, dance instruction for youth, and fitness classes for adults.

"We're not a gym. We specialize in classes," Blazaitis said. "We don't have equipment so our clients are never fighting for a spot or the equipment to use. We're almost like a private club, knowing everyone by their name. It's really nice."

Blazaitis started Mid American Pompon at age 19 while attending Saginaw Valley State University as a member of the pom pon team. Blazaitis and a friend organized the first pom pon camp for Mid American Pompon with 40 participants, which soon grew to more than 300 campers a day and private camps in various cities throughout Michigan.

Aside from Mid American Pompon, Blazaitis said she initially started Mid American Studio to offer instruction to interested girls for pom pon lessons. She said, with the demand for fitness on all levels, the facility expanded to offer youth dance classes such as hip hop and jazz, and adult fitness classes such as Pilates, yoga, Zumba and cardio workouts.

"I think people are hungry for inexpensive but quality ways to stay fit," Blazaitis said. "People are leery about diving into something they have to commit tons of money or time to. We offer a unique opportunity and growth will continue because the fitness industry is booming."

### Teaching youth

Mid American Studio welcomes kids and teens to take part in several sessions of their choice and still have time to participate in other sports and activities.

Danielle Adam, youth program coordinator, said each session offers a recital for kids to perform



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Mid American Pom and Dance students Rebekah O'Connor, 14, left, and Jillian Caverly, 12, work out a pom pon routine at the Farmington Hills studio.

what they've learned in front of their friends and family. Though they don't have to participate, Adam said it's fine just to take the classes for recreation.

"Our biggest age group is middle-school-aged students," Adam said. "Anyone can participate ... we even have a few boys in our hip hop class."

Adam said there are five to seven youth instructors teaching different routines each session.

"Right now we offer 30 classes a week and have a little over 200 students that come weekly," she said. "The best part about this program is if students miss a session doing other activities, they can come back and not have missed anything."

Adam said the dance and pom pon classes, and even the All-Star team, created in 1986 now consisting of almost 200 members from more than 35 cities, allows kids to make new friends and understand that physical fitness plays an important role in life.

"I understand kids are really busy and to see them making time for dance is a good thing," she said. "The idea is to keep them moving and active."

### Getting fit together

Adam said Mid American Studio recently offered its first family yoga class for parents and kids together.

She said the class was a good enrollment and they plan to keep the class on the schedule.

"The good thing about having the youth programs and the adult

programs here," Adam said, "at the same time the kids are in class, we have adults in class, too."

Mid American Studio is open to the public and interested clients do not have to sign a contract in order to participate.

Blazaitis said clients pay as they go or can pay for an unlimited pass. Mid American also offers a two-free class pass for adults to understand the class before jumping right in.

Mid American also offers customized training for performance pompon and dance teams, music selection and splicing, Pilates Reformer Training, birthday parties, Girl Scout programs and charity events inside the 6,000-square-foot facility. Clients can also browse the Spirit Shoppe offering fitness, dance, pompon and cheer apparel, accessories and gifts.

Blazaitis said she is not sure what the future will bring to Mid American Studio other than a growing business. She plans to incorporate ballroom dancing into the class schedule this winter and hopes her class attendance will continue to be 100 percent.

"We're careful about monitoring what we offer and what people get out of the hour or half-hour class sessions," Blazaitis said. "Each class is unique and quality and clients can expect that all the time."

"We're really excited about the future because there is so much coming forward and fitness really is a lively industry."

## HEALTH EVENTS

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TIME/DATE: 10-11:30 a.m.  
Saturday, Nov. 3  
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Women's Center in preparation  
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registration required by calling  
(734) 655-1162.

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TIME/DATE: 6:30-9 p.m.,  
Wednesday, Nov. 14  
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Northville Yoga Class  
Thursday classes through  
Nov. 15; Monday classes  
through Nov. 19  
SCHEDULE: 9:30-11 a.m.  
Thursday (Northville Senior  
Center); 5:30-6:45 p.m. Monday,  
all levels; 5:20-6:45 p.m. Monday,  
Thursday, Yin Yoga; 7-8:30 p.m.  
Monday, Yoga II; 7-8:30 p.m.  
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LOCATION: American Legion  
Hall, 100 Dunlap at Center Street;  
Note Thursday morning class is  
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DETAILS: Fall Session \$88 for  
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TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-noon  
Tuesday  
DETAILS: \$3 materials fee.  
Meditation  
TIME/DATE: 11:15 a.m.-12:15  
p.m., Thursday  
DETAILS: Learn proper  
breathing techniques that can be  
used at home or on the job to  
help reduce stress; class held in  
reflection space, Cancer Center.

### Yoga Classes

TIME/DATE: 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Monday (for backs); 5:30-6:30  
p.m.-Tuesday (for backs); 12:30  
p.m.-1:30 p.m. Wednesday (for  
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DETAILS: \$10/walk-in;  
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### Take Charge of Your Health During Menopause

TIME/DATE: 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Thursday, Nov. 15  
DETAILS: Dr. Lakshmi Gavini

### Oakland Physical Therapy

LOCATION: 47601 Grand  
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CONTACT: 248-380-3550

### Introduction to Pilates

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday,  
Nov. 8

DETAILS: Basic Pilates philo-  
sophy and principles.

### Your Career as a Physical Therapist

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday,  
Nov. 29  
DETAILS: For high school and  
college students and parents to  
learn about a career as a physical  
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## RECORD ENDORSEMENTS

It may seem unusual coming out with endorsements before tonight's candidate forum at city hall, but scheduling conflicts left us no choice. That said, we're confident that after interviewing each candidate (twice), examining their answers to our questions (page 10) and taking input from a wide variety of citizens in this city, we've selected two Northville City Council candidates who will serve us proud.

But first, let us state that all four candidates are to be commended for offering to sacrifice a good share of their personal time to make this community better. We hope that no matter who wins, the other two will volunteer their services in other capacities.

To us, CAROLANN AYERS was an easy choice. The incumbent has served on City Council for seven straight four-year terms. She is a poster child for the anti-term limit cause. It's hard to imagine anyone, with the exception of Mayor Chris Johnson, with more knowledge of how this city runs and experience utilizing it. There is absolutely no reason for this city not to continue benefitting from her service.

The credentials of NANCY DARGA are equally impressive. She has a wide range of experiences that give her great tools for working on council. She also has a very clear vision of how this city should head into the future while leveraging its past.

Two fine candidates that earn our endorsements — but we encourage you to come to tonight's forum and judge for yourself. Whoever you pick, PLEASE take advantage of one of our most precious rights and get out and vote on Tuesday!

## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

## Stocking shelves

Marlene Kunz, director of Northville Civic Concern, left, and volunteer Jan Covert display some of the dozens of boxes of food donated by students of Northville's Hillside and Meads Mill middle schools. The schools gathered food for Civic Concern during their recent Spirit Week activities.

## The future of Michigan depends on our leaders

Watching the goings-on in our state capitol got me thinking about change and leadership.

Alvin and Heidi Toffler, the noted futurists, have been thinking about these issues for decades. They have advised the top global companies and leaders about what lies in the future with advances of economics, technology and social change. They founded Toffler Associates, an executive advisory firm committed to helping commercial firms and government agencies adjust to the changes that are coming at us in warped speed.

Clearly, the citizens of Michigan want things to change. A recent statewide poll released by Marketing Resource Group shows that about 80 percent of the Michigan electorate feels the state is seriously headed in the "wrong" direction.

How are we as individuals and as a state adjusting to the changes taking place around the corner and around the globe? The statistics of things going

wrong in this state have been repeated enough and serve little purpose to be repeated here. Clearly, we need to move forward.

As we move forward, we need to ask if the actions we are taking as government, nonprofit, philanthropic, business, labor, social and civic organizations are helping us sail boldly into the future or if they are placing anchors on our attitudes and actions?

This question brings me back to the Toffler's. In their 2006 book, "Revolutionary Wealth — How It Will Be Created and How It Will Change Our Lives," they pose a number of forward-looking concepts our leaders would be wise to absorb. The Tofflers point out that nations across the globe are pushing to build advanced economies.

The Tofflers go on to highlight that those regions and nations that will be successful in the future need to grasp a simple fact: "An advanced economy needs an advanced society; for

every economy is a product of the society in which it is embedded and is dependent on its key institutions."

In a world where knowledge and talent are supreme, what are we doing to create wind under the wings for our key institutions such as our K-12 schools, apprenticeship and trade school programs, community colleges and other institutions of higher education?

Alvin and Heidi go on to point out something that we may recognize here in Michigan, that "today's industrial-age bureaucracies are slowing the move toward a more advanced, knowledge-based system for creating wealth." In other words, the status quo is busy tying anchors to productive change.

How do we get more of our leaders and citizens in Michigan to be willing participants in global change rather than getting swept away by change that has been the norm for many years now?

## About Tom Watkins

Tom Watkins is an education and business consultant. He served as Michigan's superintendent of schools from 2001-2005. Read his internationally recognized report, "The New Education (R)evolution," at [www.nacol.org](http://www.nacol.org). He can be reached at [tdwatkins@aol.com](mailto:tdwatkins@aol.com).



## The answer rests with leadership

Warren Bennis and Burt Nanus in their management classic, LEADERS: Strategies For Taking Charge, capture this when they proclaim, "It almost seems trite to say it, but we must state the obvious. Present problems will not be solved without successful organizations, and organizations cannot be successful without effective leadership. Now." While management is important, leadership is crucial for successful organizations.

Bennis and Nanus point out that grasping and acting on the difference between management and leadership is vital if an organization wants to thrive and not merely survive in the future. "Managers, they argue, are people who do things right and leaders are people who do the right thing."

## Leading change is what effective leadership's about

We are going through transformational, turbulent and terrifying change. In successful change

efforts I have been part of in the past, leaders spoke to people's intellect and to their hearts or emotions to help bring about change.

We need managers who can capture our minds with data, facts and analysis. But we also need leaders to help us believe the painful changes are necessary and who will help guide us as we struggle to overcome the many hurdles necessary to bring about sensible change.

Peter Pan had it right, "First we must believe." Leading change requires a strong belief that a new reality will be better than the old, the ability to persuade others to follow you on an unknown voyage and the ability to guide frightened people through the treacherous seas from the old to the new.

Michigan needs a shared vision, a common agenda and a road map to get us there. As we have learned, change is inevitable, progress requires leadership.

## State going 'backward' with science

History is full of examples of political authorities and churches making fools of themselves by making various kinds of scientific research illegal. Most of us know the story of Galileo, the great 17th century astronomer and physicist who proposed that the earth rotates around the sun. He was severely punished by the Roman Catholic hierarchy, and the result embarrassed the church for centuries.

In this country, we had the 1925 Scopes trial in Dayton, Tenn., in which Clarence Darrow famously made monkeys out of William Jennings Bryan and the state authorities.

But we seem not to have learned very much from history. In 1978, the Michigan Legislature passed a law essentially banning all forms of research on human embryos. Then, in 1998, two years after scientists in Scotland cloned Dolly the sheep, our lawmakers amended that. The legislature then made illegal reproductive cloning of any sort strictly illegal. That bill was at best, unnecessary.

Nobody is speaking out in favor of cloning people. But what that bill did was help the Michigan legislature put itself firmly on the

side of repression, and against science and progress. Any scientist who does research on human embryonic stem cells is now subject to jail time of up to 10 years and a fine of up to \$10 million.

Michigan is only one of five states around the country that operates under restrictions anywhere near that harsh. (In California, when the Bush Administration cut off funding for embryonic stem cell research, Californians voted to fund it with billions of state money.)

So how has all this affected Michigan?

Well, it is helping transform us into a scientific backwater. It hasn't saved a single embryo — the ones that would have been used are leftovers from fertility clinics. If they can't be used for research, they are poured down the drain.

And the only thing we have been "protected" from is scientists who might have come here and found a cure for terrible diseases like Parkinson's, macular degeneration and Huntington's chorea.

Now for a better idea. Rep. Andrew Meisner, D-Ferndale, wants to hold a hearing next week on a bill that would allow embryonic stem cell research on embryos that have

been discarded by fertility clinics, but only if the donor gives prior written consent and receives no financial compensation.

Meisner, who is 34 and in his final term, says it's both perverse and bizarre that present law makes it legal for fertility clinics to throw unused embryos into the garbage, but makes it illegal for a scientist to use those same embryos to try to cure disease.

Meisner thinks he's got the votes to get his bill out of the House Judiciary Committee, but he recognizes that it hasn't got a chance before the full house. That's why folks like Michigan philanthropist and shopping center magnate Al Taubman are spearheading a group called Michigan Citizens for Stem Cell Research & Cures to explore whether to put the measure on the statewide ballot in 2008.

Judging from current poll results, a healthy majority of Michigan citizens would support such a measure. Opponents, including Michigan Right to Life and the Michigan Catholic Conference, say the research would destroy human embryos. They fear it could lead to outright cloning. The Catholic Campaign this month launched a campaign

## About Phil Power

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by mailing DVDs to Catholic homes and asking priests to condemn the issue during Mass.

Opponents also argue that research on adult stem cells, which is deemed not to threaten life, is just as promising as embryonic work. Scientists disagree. They counter that adult stem cells are limited in their ability to grow and transform themselves into the kinds of tissue that would support wide-ranging research.

What many don't realize is in addition to the scientific and moral arguments, there is an economic development aspect to this debate. Other states — California, Massachusetts and New Jersey — have concluded stem cell research could be a terrific boost to the life sciences and related industries. Californians defied the Bush

Administration and passed a ballot issue that invested \$3 billion in state funds for stem cell research over a decade.

The Analysis Group, an economic research company, predicts this investment will snowball, generating state revenues and health care cost savings between \$6 billion and \$12 billion.

That's a lot of money, especially when you consider that scientists at the University of Michigan are among the national leaders in this field. But many are not willing to work here under current legal threat. Dr. Bennett Novitch, who was an assistant professor of cell and development biology, has taken his work on neuron stem cells to the University of California-Los Angeles.

Other start-up firms around U-M are considering leaving the

state, tired of trying to work within the restrictive Michigan law.

Professor Sean Morrison, one of the most respected scholars in the field, and director of the University of Michigan Center for Stem Cell Biology, says bluntly, "As somebody who does adult stem cell research every day, if we're really serious about curing diseases, we should be studying both embryonic and adult stem cells."

He is right, of course. And even if he wasn't, Meisner's bill deserves a fair hearing. And if he can't get that hearing in the legislature — and maybe even if he can — the proposal to legalize embryonic stem cell research is so vastly important that it deserves to be taken to the people for a statewide up-or-down vote.



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# OPINION

## LETTERS

### More on Beemers and Northville Community Foundation

I am encouraged by the overwhelming letters/voices of support for the Maybury Farm. I was very fortunate to have the opportunity to work with John and Norma Beemer via volunteerism at the Farm. I will attest to their love for the Farm and compassion for the farm supporters, visitors, and the animals that call it home. Should the Beemers not reside at the Farm for a third time, a role for them should be preserved for as long as they choose.

Through personal experience, I can attest to the behavior of Shari Peters of the Northville Community Foundation (NCF). I, like many who have served in some capacity for the organization's benefit, have found her behavior quite distasteful, certainly not of the nature we expect in Northville.

Shari Peters retains her position at the discretion of a voting board. We as a community should all appeal to this board in a supportive manner and request that they proactively address the need for Shari Peters' dismissal.

The Holiday Home Tour is an NCF fundraiser - the same organization that fired John and Norma Beemer. As a community, our generosity and supportive attendance should reflect the community sentiments of actions to be taken.

I encourage those who have been impacted by the NCF to forward your stories to the Northville record marked for publication or hold for FYI information only.

Ken Brock  
Novi

As the weeks pass since we first heard John and Norma Beemer were fired, there is still no news that all this was, at best, just a misunderstanding or, at worst, a mistake. I am afraid that this could happen, and so I am compelled to write and add my view to the many in support of this wonderful family.

Many years ago, John was my predecessor as cubmaster and was instrumental in my also become one. He was my mentor and helped me through my fears and reservations. He then moved up to following a scoutmaster and again gave me the example I followed. The rest, as they say, is history - my experience and friendship with John continued and so has my admiration for everything that he does.

If everyone gave their all as John has to his job and this community, this would be a much to better place. If anything, a grand retirement party should be bestowed in gratitude upon the Beemers, not the shabby treatment given thus far. The Northville Community Foundation operates in the public trust and owes this community an explanation for this travesty - especially since, apparently, not even the Beemers have gotten one.

William Stockhausen  
Northville

We were horrified to read "Farmer Beemer Fired" as a headline in the Northville Record. How ungrateful can a group be to ask Norma and John to come back out of retirement to rescue the charred-out remains of an unattended farm and then turn around and fire them. John and Norma have been pillars of the community for many, many years. I am deeply saddened by this travesty and can only surmise that Ms. Peters and her group will suffer from lack of community support as a result.

It is also troubling to think that once again Maybury is without caretakers of the animals on a 24/7 basis. Once again putting the animals in jeopardy?

Tom and Judy Beyersdorf

As residents of the Northville/Novi communities for 40 years, we have seen Maybury State Park rise from the previous Maybury Sanitarium property, and we have watched the Maybury Farm come alive under John Beemer and his wife, Norma. John, whom we also know through his years as a dedicated Boy Scout leader, loves his animals and loves interacting with the visitors to the farm. The Northville community only knows John and Norma as being wholesome, honest, straightforward and caring people.

We join the letters of defense and affirmation for John and Norma Beemer. We wonder why we have not seen any letters of support for Shari Peters and her board. Is it because no one can defend her actions? Is the Northville Community Foundation Board going to let this situation fester, or will they step forward and begin the healing process with an accurate accounting of their finances? If not, this board and leader should step down and let qualified community leaders take charge.

John and Mary Jane Brugeman  
Novi  
Northville

Response to community input has been lacking on the part of the Northville Community Foundation. Ms. Peters has not been responsible or responsive to the needs of the community. This is also a strong reflection on the integrity of the Board of Directors of the NCF.

Honesty and integrity should characterize the philosophy of the NCF. It seems these characteristics have been lacking.

Since Ms. Peters is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Community Foundation it should have been her responsibility to maintain the integrity and honesty of the NCF. It does not seem that the Directors have had any input on these principles. What is their job?

Jean Bemish  
Northville

The Maybury Farm is an institution, and the Northville Community Foundation is an insult to the community, the children and John and Norma Beemer.

With out the farm, the community would not understand the history of Maybury Farm or farming from the turn of the century.

Children love the farm. I remember the looks on wide-eyed children at Amerman Elementary School when John would pull up to the school in a truck filled with cages. In the cages would be fantastic animals: chickens, rabbits, turkeys... All of the kids would look at the animals and ask Farmer Beemer exciting questions, like why is the turkey's head blue, or why do chickens cross the road? John always had the right answers, and he always encouraged more

questions. John and Norma Beemer are an inspiration to all who live in the community. They raised intelligent boys and helped educate thousands. They will be missed, but not forgotten.

It is sad to see John and Norma forced out of the farm, but at least Shari Peters cannot take my memories away.

Timothy Howie  
Byron

It has frequently been said that Northville is such a small community that if you innocently stretch on a crisp autumn morning, you're liable to accidentally poke a good neighbor in the eye.

Conversely, that same smallness gives us the opportunity to become more meaningfully, even personally, involved in various aspects of the many local groups and organizations that comprise our community.

The as yet unexplained dismissal of the Beemers from Maybury Farm is not just a private issue between individuals. It is a significant event involving substantial public funds and public trust.

Hopefully, the Voices for the Farm public meeting scheduled for Nov. 4 at 3 p.m. in the Northville District Library will help to resolve relevant public concerns and restore confidence in the management of the Farm.

Ron F. Bodnar  
Northville

### Teens have rights, too

I read the police briefs in the Oct. 25, 2007, with great interest especially the "House Party" on Summerside Lane. The report advises that officers opened the door of the home "slightly." Later, the police advised that they did not have a warrant but had suspicions of under-age drinking.

This alleged conduct by a City of Northville Officer is alarming. The 4th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution is in place for all of our citizens including young people in Northville. The 4th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution provides that people have a right to be secure in their homes from unreasonable searches and seizures from the police.

If the police have probable cause to believe a crime is being committed then they must obtain a search warrant from a judge or magistrate.

"THE POLICE CANNOT OPEN THE DOOR TO YOUR HOME EVEN SLIGHTLY"

The only exception to entering a home without a warrant is if there are exigent circumstances the police must show an actual emergency. In the scenario of the house party there clearly was not any emergency that would have precluded the police from obtaining a warrant.

Regarding the police requirement that young persons submit to a PBT, our citizens should be advised that this practice is unconstitutional. On Sept. 26, 2007, Federal District Court Judge David Lawson ruled that the MIP statute, which permits warrant-less administration of alcohol breath tests to minors do not compare with the 4th Amendment and is unconstitutional on its face.

It is of paramount importance that we educate our young people about their constitutional rights. If the constitutional rights of one segment of our citizens can be trampled on then who will be next? If people claim that young people should not be drinking then just change the facts to put in senior citizens using illegally obtained prescription drugs brought in from Canada.

Do we want the police to raid the houses of older residents who the police have a reason to believe their medicine cabinet may contain bootlegged Viagra, Lipitor or Plavix? Our rights to be free from unreasonable searches and seizure is inherent in all of our rights, even teenagers.

Michele D. Kelly  
Northville Township

### Wake up, Novi citizens

I am writing this letter in regard to the Novi Trade Center - or old Novi Expo building. I can't believe what the town of Novi is doing in regards to this situation. I was at the Sept. meeting of the zoning board, and could not believe I was actually at a city meeting. Your board seems a bit snobby to some of us, and totally living a "power" struggle with the real people of your town. They spent more time worrying about shrubs that were not dealt with for 20 years than they were trying to listen to reality situations.

Michigan is in some serious financial difficulty right now, and your town council has chosen not to put people in job situations. By opening the trade center, you will give jobs to people who are needed to run and do upkeep on a building otherwise contributing to blight in your town. You are giving a chance for employment to all of the vendors who have retail in boxes, and if we're over 50, no one wants to hire us for anything useful anymore. And...what about all of the people who will be coming into your town and spending money at the stores and restaurants that are also in the area? Don't you care about anyone but yourselves and your petty power???

Personally, I think the citizens of Novi need to go to more of these meetings and see how their city government really works. You're a group of petty, petty people.

Peggy Van Gorden  
South Lyon

### Against Corriveau recall

Sometimes I find I have to push myself to learn about current events. It is bad enough to read about the disastrous Republican administration in Washington, but now we have the same right-wing Republicans trying to run havoc in Michigan. These people are interested in ruling - yes, ruling - Michigan, not governing it. Governing Michigan means investing in its schools and universities, in its young people, to make the state more competitive in technologies where the future good jobs are coming, while at the same time continuing to provide the necessary benefits best delivered by government, such as police and fire protection, clean water, environmental protection, including our forests and Great Lakes, a viable crop system, public education, good and safe roads, and so many other services of which we are not conscious because we take them for granted.

So in order to keep our state viable and competitive, the legislature voted for an increase in the income tax from 3.9 percent to 4.35 percent, less than half of 1 percent. Obviously, this most affects those having large incomes, who presumably can best afford to pay this small increase. In addition, a sales tax on some services was also enacted. Among those who voted for this increase is our State

Representative Marc Corriveau. He knew when he decided to vote for the good of the State and its people, he might become a target for recall by the right-wing Republicans, as they have been chopping at the bit to regain his seat and to position themselves well for the coming general election in 2008. This gang has the nerve to use their old canard "tax and spend" against Democrats even though the present Republican administration inherited a surplus and has blown it and put us trillions of dollars in debt with their wild spending in the last seven years. These right-wingers, with heavy financing from rich conservatives outside the State, have filed recall petitions against some who voted for the tax increase, including Mr. Corriveau. They couldn't care less what happens to this state, whether our young people from non-wealthy families will be able to educate themselves for better jobs through different programs being pushed by Governor Granholm, or putting the state back on its feet while still maintaining important programs. As already stated, they want to regain control of the state, and particularly the seat occupied by Mr. Corriveau.

I love this beautiful state, with its forests, lakes and friendly and hard-working people. I do not intend to let right-wingers keep it from prospering again. I definitely will not sign the recall petitions. I hope others will join me in shooting the petition-gatherers away like the skunks that they are.

Irene Piccone  
Northville

### Health care needed

It is a disgrace that the U. S. is the only capitalist democracy in the world that does not guarantee health care to its citizens. The uninsured are unable pay hospital costs. Many persons cannot and do not receive necessary medical attention. Administrators in nonprofit hospitals earn extraordinary wages. On the federal level, President Bush vetoed a bill which would have provided health care for children, supported by many Republicans.

Democratic candidates for president Clinton, Obama and Edwards have offered similar plans which would give persons choices: 1. You can keep your current plan if you like it. 2. If you don't like it or are uninsured, you can choose from a list of private plans offered to members of Congress. 3. You can opt for a new public plan patterned on Medicare.

Republican opponents including candidates for president, reframe this crucial issue with the words "socialized medicine." I believe they are ethically challenged and morally corrupt.

Hannah Provence Donigan  
Commerce

### Vote for Darga

I have known Nancy Darga personally and advisedally for more 10 years. Our daughters grew up together playing parks and rec soccer. I worked with Nancy for the last term on the Parks and Recreation Commission. During this time, I have learned two very important things about Nancy.

First, Nancy is the consummate professional public servant - emphasis on professional and servant. Others have listed all of the organizations she has worked for and the grants she has gotten. But why has she been so successful? The answer is simple but rarely seen in today's political environment. She takes the emotion out of the issues and puts the "problem solving" professionalism in. We are in desperate need of professionalism on City Council. Nancy is the only candidate who has successfully demonstrated this trait.

Second, Nancy lives the values that we in this community cherish the most. She is an unwavering champion of those who are physically and developmentally challenged. She is such a strong advocate for these and others who feel they have little voice. We can all be confident that this advocacy will carry over in deliberations on City Council.

So if you want to raise the quality level of the dialogue on City Council, vote for a professional servant who shares our values, Nancy Darga.

Robt. M. Sochacki  
Northville

### Backs Bingham

I first met Doug Bingham seven years ago when I moved into St. Lawrence Estates. Doug was the president of the Board of Directors for St. Lawrence at that time.

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Ann Knight  
Northville

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Susan Robinson  
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**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

Thursday, November 1, 2007  
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**Local Events****Blood Drive**

TIME/DATE: 1-7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2  
LOCATION: Northville Hills Golf Club, Fitness Center, 15565 Bay Hill Drive  
CONTACT: Appointments can be scheduled at WomenWithAPurpose@gmail.com; walk-ins welcome.

**Book Signing**

Author Jeffrey Schatzer  
TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2  
LOCATION: Northville Candle and Gifts, 124 N. Center St.  
DETAILS: Books include: "The Bump on Santa's Noggin," "The Bird in Santa's Beard," "The Runaway Garden."

**Mustang Stampede of Pride**

TIME/DATE: 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3  
DETAILS: Community event to benefit NHS athletes; food, music, silent auction; donations needed; \$25 per person; plan for proceeds posted in high school athletic office.  
CONTACT: Michelle Mamo (734) 254-1164 or Julie Felicelli (248) 380-5691

**Catholic Central High School Mother's Clubs Holiday Craft Show**

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3  
DETAILS: Vendors and crafters wanted; Holiday Craft Show is open to all artists, crafters or business people selling items suitable for holiday gift giving.  
contact: (810) 231-3235 or (248) 705-9519

**Voices for Maybury Farm**

TIME/DATE: 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4  
LOCATION: Northville District Library, Conference Room A  
DETAILS: All interested parties invited to discuss Farmer Beemer, the future of the farm and community input.  
CONTACT: Susan Greenlee (248) 380-5924 or sgreenlee@comcast.net

**OLV Blood Drive**

TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4  
LOCATION: Our Lady of Victory Social Hall, 770 Thayer  
DETAILS: Open to public, all donors welcome.  
CONTACT: To schedule an appointment call Christine Abbey (248) 380-6863; e-mail her at chrisabbey1@comcast.net; or visit www.givelife.org (enter sponsor code ohvc). Walk-ins welcome, appointments preferred.

**Rep. Corriveau Town Hall**

TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 5  
LOCATION: Northville High School Auditorium, 47500 Six Mile Road  
DETAILS: State Representative Marc Corriveau (D-Northville) hosts this meeting to learn about the two Michigan programs to help families save for college; special guests will discuss the Michigan Education Trust and the Michigan Education Savings Program.

**Northville Garden Club**

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 5  
LOCATION: Cady Inn  
DETAILS: Pine cone and bow workshop to adorn wreaths for annual Greens Mart (Nov. 12-13); all welcome.  
CONTACT: Kate Uberti (248) 347-9947

**First Aid for Elder Caregivers**

TIME/DATE: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6  
LOCATION: Carlos Meeting Room, Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St.  
DETAILS: Marge Wisniewski, BSHE, MBA, Administrator, Heartland Hospice will provide information on Alzheimer's and dementia care, legal resources, long-term care options and more; share your stories, come for emotional support and hope.  
CONTACT: Cathy Cardinal at

(248) 349-0432 or e-mail to ifyoudontlaughyoullcry@yahoo.com

**Country Garden Club of Northville**

TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6  
LOCATION: Mill Race Village  
DETAILS: Refreshments will be served. Mary Giesmann will lead the topic on making wreaths and bows. Guests are welcome. Visit www.cgcnv.org.  
CONTACT: (248) 349-8674

**Henry and Friends**

TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10  
LOCATION: New School Church at Mill Race Village  
DETAILS: Be transported to 1925 in an authentic, humorous, interactive production featuring Henry Ford, Thomas Edison and Harvey Firestone; includes dinner; \$35 per person; proceeds benefit general store construction.  
CONTACT: To purchase tickets call the Historical Society (248) 348-1845; or go to the office, 215 Griswold Ave., open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Friday.

**As the Page Turns**

LOCATION: 149 N. Center St., Suite 102  
CONTACT: (248) 912-0085 or www.asthepageturns.biz  
Storytime  
TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m. Saturday Nov. 3 and Dec. 1  
Donna Gambino Book Signing  
author of "On a Roll"  
DATE: 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2

**Relay for Life of Northville**

Info Night  
TIME/DATE: 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14  
LOCATION: Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St.  
DETAILS: Everyone can join the fight against cancer, celebrate life and cancer survivorship.  
CONTACT: Barb Iovan (248) 483-4317 or biovan@cancer.org

**Holiday Lighted Parade**

DATE: Friday, Nov. 16  
CONTACT: Chamber of Commerce at (248) 349-7640

**Marquis Theatre**

135 E. Main St.  
CONTACT: (248) 349-8110 or northvillamarquistheatre.com  
The Jungle Book  
TIME/DATE: 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, 24, Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18, 25, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30  
DETAILS: Kipling's classic story of jungle animals and the boy named Mowgli; tickets \$8; no children under 3; group rates for 20 or more.

**10th Annual Holiday Home Tour**

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 16 and 17  
DETAILS: Tour five homes decorated for the holidays; proceeds fund the Northville Community Foundation's endowments for youth and seniors; tickets are \$20 in advance and can be purchased at Gardenviews, Community Financial, Main Street Bank, the Northville Chamber of Commerce or charged by phone with Northville Community Foundation at (248) 374-0200; tickets on day of event can only be purchased at Ward Church, 40000 W. Six Mile Road, park in lot D.

**An Evening in Tuscany**

TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18  
LOCATION: Little Italy Ristorante, 227 Hutton  
DETAILS: This is a 6-course full table service dinner with individually plated courses specifically created to enhance the unique characteristics of each wine. Price is \$85 per person.  
CONTACT: Reservations (248) 348-0575

**Daughters of the American Revolution**

TIME/DATE: Noon Monday, Nov. 19  
LOCATION: Greenmead, Alexander Blue House, Livonia

DETAILS: Speaker is Historian Luan Brownlee; program is "Mayflower," a book review.  
CONTACT: (734) 459-4764

**Holidays in the Village**

DATE: Nov. 30-Dec. 2 weekend  
LOCATION: Northville Village stores at 6 Mile and Haggerty roads  
DETAILS: Bring a bag of non-perishable food items to benefit the Northville Civic Concern food drive. Stores are sponsoring several activities and there is a 5K Fun Run. Parking at Ward Church available with free shuttle service to shopping center.  
CONTACT: Renee Miller (734) 765-4987 or Betsy Storr (248) 348-1274

**Improv at the Point**

TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. first and third Tuesday of the month  
LOCATION: Tipping Point Theatre, 361 E. Cady St.  
DETAILS: Tickets for general seating are available 7 p.m. at the door on the night of the performance, \$8.

**The Art House**

Open 1-5 p.m. every Thursday-Sunday; 1-9 p.m. on "First Fridays" of the month.  
LOCATION: 215 Cady St.  
CONTACT: Northville Art House (248) 344-0497 or www.northvillearts.org  
"Creative Kids"  
DATE: Second Saturday of the month through Dec. 8: Nov. 10 (Thanksgiving), Dec. 8 (Christmas)  
TIME: 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
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.

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TIME/DATE: During regular gallery hours through Nov. 4  
DETAILS: Juried exhibition featuring the fine art printmaking of 33 artists.  
Michael Farrell's Fall Lecture Series  
Diversity: Art and Architecture of the Far and Middle East  
TIME/DATE: 4:30-6 p.m. on these Thursday evenings: Japan Nov. 8 and 15; Africa Dec. 13 and 20  
DETAILS: Creative exploration for 1st-5th grade children includes collage, mused media and drawing; making origami cranes, Japanese fish kites, paper dragons, cherry blossom tree designs, paper kufi hats; cost is \$36/\$42.

Third Annual Holiday Art Market  
DATE: Nov. 17-Jan. 4; Members Only Preview 6-7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17 followed by the Opening Gala from 7-9 p.m. with refreshments, silent auction and shopping, public welcome.  
DETAILS: Unique gifts for the holidays; over 50 artists featured.

Girls Night Out  
TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6  
DETAILS: Shop the Holiday Art Market; enjoy libations and creations, raffle; free.  
First Friday Art Walk  
TIME/DATE: 5-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7  
DETAILS: Holiday Art Market open, refreshments.  
Venetian Carnivale  
DATE: Saturday, Feb. 2, 2008  
DETAILS: Save the date for a special fundraiser. Elegant evening will be held at an historic 1929 Tudor home, featuring entertainment, strolling dinner provided by Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro and original Venetian-style art for exhibit and sale. Formal attire or Venetian costume requested. Tickets are \$100 per person and go on sale soon at the Northville Art House.

Genitti's Little Theater  
LOCATION: 108 E. Main St.  
CONTACT: (248) 349-0522 or www.genittis.com  
Bob Posch and John Cionca  
TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2  
DETAILS: \$45 per person. Shades of Blue (Oh How Happy)  
TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 3

DETAILS: \$35 per person. Dinner Theater - "In Stitches"  
TIME/DATES: 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9  
DETAILS: Tickets are \$45 per person, includes 7-course dinner.

Neil Diamond Tribute

TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10  
DETAILS: \$45 per person. Children's Lunch Theater and Santa

DATE: Every Saturday and Sunday in December.  
DETAILS: Full lunch followed by the show "The Naughty List" plus an appearance by Santa; bring your camera; \$14.95 for children, \$16.95 for adults, not including tax and tip.

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 backstage tour; \$16.95 per person.

**Maybury State Park**

LOCATION: Eight Mile Road (between Beck and Napier roads.) State Park motor vehicle permit required for park entry; \$6 daily, \$24 annually.  
CONTACT: (248) 349-8390; Friends of Maybury (248) 349-3858 or www.FriendsofMaybury.org.  
Horseback Riding  
TIME/DATE: through November  
DETAILS: Horses for rent for guided trail rides.

**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.  
CONTACT: (248) 348-1845  
Thursday: 9 a.m. archives open; 10 a.m. MOMS Club; 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout meeting  
Friday: 9 a.m. archives open  
Saturday: 1 p.m. 24th Michigan Volunteer Infantry  
Sunday: 10 a.m. Mill Creek Church; 11 a.m. private party; 4:30 p.m. Cub Scout meeting  
Monday: 9 a.m. Northville Garden Club and Hands All Around Quilters; 6 p.m. Cub Scout meeting  
Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang; 11 a.m. Country Garden Club; 6:30 p.m. Brownie Scout meeting  
Wednesday: 9 a.m. Mill Race Basket Guild; 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation; 7 p.m. Mill Creek Church  
\* Grounds closed to public

**Regional****Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan**

DETAILS: Regional orchestra has openings in intermediate and advanced orchestras, also sax choir, for interested student musicians. Rehearsals take place at Churchill High School Saturday mornings. Contact Kathy Bilger at (734) 464-8704 or auditions@LYPM.org for more information.

**The Red Carpet Annual Dinner Auction**

DATE: Friday, Nov. 2  
TIME: 7 p.m.  
LOCATION: Livonia Marriott, Laurel Park  
DETAILS: This event is presented by Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool. The evening will include cocktails, strolling gourmet dinner, silent auction, live entertainment and dancing. Part of the proceeds will benefit the Michigan Dyslexia Institute, Inc.  
CONTACT: (734) 261-9540 or go to www.academicpathwayspreschool.com

**Plymouth Historical Museum Annual Dinner**

TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3  
LOCATION: 155 S. Main Street, Plymouth  
DETAILS: Guest Speaker Weldon Petz, Lincoln collector and historian to speak on "The



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**New satellite office**

Visitors mull around the Northville Township building at Sheldon Road after the grand opening of its new Wayne County Clerk's satellite office. The office will allow residents to apply for birth and death certificates, marriage licenses, and will have a notary public.

Music of World War II." A special exhibit "World War II and the Homefront" is available for the evening, also silent auction and raffles. Tickets are \$50 per person until Oct. 13, \$60 per person after that date; can be purchased at Michigan Made, 830 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth or the Plymouth Historical Museum.  
CONTACT: (734) 455-8940

**Auction Extraordinaire**

Fundraiser for Airedale Terrier Rescue & Adoption  
TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 4  
LOCATION: Wheatfield Bed & Breakfast, 2335 N. Williamston Rd., Williamston  
DETAILS: Event features silent and live auctions, fabulous food and drink, Airedale related items for sale, Airedale Rescue quilt fundraiser; all proceeds benefit this rescue.  
CONTACT: Melissa (317) 769-5993, Cathy (810)-923-8739, Lynn (517) 546-8303; visit http://www.aire-rescue.com.

**20th Annual Vegetarian Holiday Tasting Extravaganza**

TIME/DATE: Seating at 11 a.m., 12:45 p.m. or 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4  
LOCATION: Metropolitan Adventist School Gymnasium, Haggerty Road just north of Five Mile Road, Plymouth  
DETAILS: Over 50 non-meat dishes to see and taste, featuring recipes containing many Super Foods, defined as those that can change your life based on academic science and research clinical trials. Tickets are \$14 per adult, \$5 for children 6-12.  
CONTACT: www.veggieholiday.com or call the hotline at (248) 446-9176. Call (734) 420-4044 day of event to check for ticket availability.

**Novi Parks Foundation Gala and Awards Presentation**

DATE: Friday, Nov. 9  
LOCATION: Rock Financial Showplace, Novi  
DETAILS: The first annual Gala and Awards Presentation will be a black-tie affair with a "Diamonds are Forever" theme; hors d'oeuvres, strolling dinner, dessert buffet, refreshments, live entertainment, casino gaming and silent auction; proceeds support the City's park and recreational facilities; tickets are \$200 per couple or \$125 for single; purchase tickets by calling (248) 255-2608.  
CONTACT: www.noviparks.org

**Student Music Recitals**

TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9 and 2-7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10  
LOCATION: Music Advantage

LLC, 1044 E. West Maple, Walled Lake  
DETAILS: Ongoing music recitals in honor of the 2007 Open House, all welcome, no charge.  
CONTACT: (248) 960-4088

**The Passion of the Piano**

TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16  
LOCATION: Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Rd.  
DETAILS: The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra presents the second concert of their 62nd "Love Affair with Music" season. Program includes Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2 and Elgar's Enigma Variations performed by soloist/pianist Armen Guzelimian with guest conductor Dr. Cindy McTea. On-stage talk at 7:15 p.m. featuring Nan Washburn and Cindy McTea. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors and \$10 for students through 12th grade, available by calling (734) 451-2112, visiting www.plymouth-symphony.org or at 470 Forest Ave., Ste. 18, Plymouth. Group rates available.

**Rock Financial Showplace**

46100 Grand River Ave. Call (248) 348-5600 or visit http://rockfinancialshowplace.com for more information.

**Snowmobile Show**

TIME/DATE: 5-10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4  
DETAILS: Admission for 12 and older is \$10; parking \$5; visit http://www.snowmobileusa.com  
America's Family Pet Expo  
TIME/DATE: 1-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16; 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18  
DETAILS: Admission \$4-10; parking \$5; pet shows, products, experts, adoptions. Do not bring your pets.

**Schoolcraft College**

LOCATION: Schoolcraft College, Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads  
CONTACT: For more information and to register call (734) 462-4438.

**Money Matters in Divorce**

DATE: Monday  
DETAILS: Opportunity to ask a certified financial planner about the financial concerns related to divorce; Oct.-May; walk-in, no fee; (734) 462-4443.

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# Tipping Point Theatre to bring holiday-themed musical to stage

■ "Forever Plaid" show extended through Dec. 29

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Northville theater-goers, get ready to tap your toes.

The new Tipping Point Theatre will present a musical in its second show, "Forever Plaid: Plaid Tidings," of its inaugural season.

Preview shows will take place Nov. 7-9, with regular performances scheduled Nov. 10-Dec. 29.

Written by Stuart Ross and directed by Tim Hayden, the holiday musical cast features the characters of Sparky, Smudge, Jinx and Frankie, who play eternal teenagers.

The Plaid boys continue their supernatural saga in the musical, returning from the afterlife again to star in their very own Christmas special.

The show features a hilarious two-minute history of the famous "Ed Sullivan Show," back-up vocals for a video-projected Perry Como, and a host of dreamy nostalgic standards and festive holiday songs.

Cast members include Jason Baboryk, Josh Bartlett, Marcus LaPratt and Patrick O'Reilly.

"The show is set in a contemporary setting, but it's about a 1950s quartet," said Christina Johnson, executive director of the theater.

"Forever Plaid has been around for years, and this is their holiday show," she said.

## First show written in 1990

An off-Broadway musical comedy written in New York in 1990, "Forever Plaid" is now performed internationally, according to Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia.

The critically-acclaimed show is an affectionate revue of the close-harmony "guy groups" such as The Four Aces and The Four Freshmen that reached the height of their popularity during



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

The cast of "Forever Plaid," showing at Northville's Tipping Point Theatre, rehearse for their upcoming musical, which will begin in early November. From left: Jason Baboryk, Greg Stockbridge, Patrick O'Reilly, and Marcus LaPratt.

the 1950s.

It was first performed on April 22, 1990, at the Blumenthal Performing Arts Center in Charlotte, N.C.

Personifying the clean-cut genre are the Plaids. This quartet of high-school buddies' earnest dreams of recording an album ended in death (literally and symbolically) in a collision with a bus filled with Catholic schoolgirls on their way to see the Beatles' American debut on "The Ed Sullivan Show."

The play begins with the Plaids returning from the afterlife for one final chance at musical glory.

Johnson said full rehearsals in the Tipping Point Theatre's holiday show just started last weekend.

"This show is very different

## How to purchase tickets

Ticket prices are \$22.50 for adults on Thursday and Sunday, \$24.50 on Friday and Saturday, \$18 for students/seniors on Thursday, Sunday and preview shows and \$22.50 on Friday and Saturday nights.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call the box office at (248) 347-0003 or go to [www.tippingpointtheatre.org](http://www.tippingpointtheatre.org).

from the first show," Johnson said. "We've tried to select a variety for every season. We want each production to have a different feel."

Theater staff members added 3 p.m. Saturday matinees the entire length of the run, as well as extending the production one week through Dec. 29.

Johnson said the Saturday matinees have the most available

seats followed by the last two weeks in December.

The performance is sponsored by Tuscany Reserve, a new gated community by Cambridge Homes and Guidobono Building Company.

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# PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY: Second show of season at Ward Presbyterian

By Jason Carmel Davis  
STAFF WRITER

## Plymouth Symphony tickets

Northville's Ward Presbyterian Church will be the site of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra's (PSO) second concert of its 62nd season, titled "A Love Affair with Music."

"The Passion of the Piano" will take place at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16 at Ward, 40000 Six Mile Road.

Headlining the program is Sergei Rachmaninoff's "Piano Concerto No. 2." The concerto's main themes are more recognizable as the inspiration for several songs including a 1976 pop/rock hit, "All by Myself," by Eric Carmen and Frank Sinatra's 1945 hit, "Full Moon and Empty Arms." Performing this work will be



A. Guzelimian

soloist and collaborative pianist, Armen Guzelimian. Currently based in Los Angeles, Guzelimian enjoys an international career performing with major orchestras and music festivals across the country.

Originally from Tacoma, Wash., the PSO's guest composer, Dr. Cindy Metee, will be visiting from the University of North Texas for a performance of her 2005 composition, "Finish Line." The work celebrates the speed, imagery, momentum and kinetic sounds of a finely crafted racecar, according to PSO Executive Director Jennifer Philpot-Munson.

Completing the program will be a performance of British composer Edward Elgar's, "Enigma Variations."

Written in 1899, the work consists of delightfully inventive, affectionate and descriptive musical portraits of a total of 14 people and a dog who were all considered

Tickets for all PSO season subscription concerts are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors and \$10 for K-12 students. Groups of 10 or more receive a 10-percent discount. Tickets for PSO performances may be purchased by contacting the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society office by phone at (734) 451-2112, by visiting the secure online box office at [www.plymouthsymphony.org](http://www.plymouthsymphony.org), or in person at 470 Forest Ave., Suite 18, Plymouth, MI, 48170.

part of Elgar's circle of close acquaintances. The climax of the work comes in the ninth variation — Nimrod — that is arguably one of the most moving and best-loved excerpts in the whole of the classical repertoire. Philpot-Munson said.

Prior to the performance, patrons are invited to hear a special on-stage talk at 7:15 p.m. featuring PSO Conductor Nan Washburn and Metee. This is a special introduction and a chance to ask questions about the evening's musical program.

This concert is supported by the Plymouth Symphony League and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.

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# OUR NEIGHBORS

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Randy and Marli Brown are preparing a marriage workshop in Highland on Friday and Saturday. The well-known couple works together as Christian music artists, speakers and workshop leaders. After a marriage of 17 years, the Browns are glad for the opportunity to lead other couples toward a peaceful, fulfilling marriage.

## Workshop gives couples a fresh start

By Kate Phillips  
SPECIAL WRITER

There's no such thing as a "perfect" marriage. Every single marriage needs nurturing.

### Highland

This is at the heart of an upcoming marriage workshop called "What's Love Got to Do With It." It's being held Friday and Saturday in cooperation with Highland Community Church, South Hill Church and Highland United Methodist Church. The time and energy spent on the workshop and during follow-up is something valuable beyond words, said organizer Teri Whitehead.

"Some may think that work is not needed in a marriage," said Whitehead. "It should just improve

automatically over the years." But Whitehead and her husband, Ken, have discovered that marriages that aren't being worked on in a positive way have a hard time staying positive. Whether a couple attends a weekly class, a weekend workshop or reads and discusses helpful materials at home — any work at all on a marriage helps it move in the right direction.

"Every marriage is moving, it's just a question of in which direction," said Ken Whitehead. "Is it moving in the direction of improvement or decay?"

"Things left unattended move toward decay. We take classes, read books, attending training, devote time to our work and hobbies — but what about our marriages? We need to devote time for our marriages, too."

Highland Community Church has been the site of some amazing marital changes, said church pastor, the Rev. Nick Ruffer. Couples have brought faith, kindness and respect into their marriages and found a fresh start. Some who were separated even reconciled. It's one of the most rewarding things for him to see in the church. Ken and Teri Whitehead work

with Ruffer in a marriage ministry. The ministry includes classes that help couples reconnect in a personal way and a Biblical way.

"Many of the couples that have been involved in the marriage ministry during the last couple years have expressed that they have a much more peaceful home, their relationship has been rejuvenated, and they have a deeper understanding of each other and their differences," said Ken Whitehead.

The positive changes are even noticed by others.

"People are asking these couples 'What happened, what changed for them?'" said Teri. "Their marriages are notably stronger and loving, so people start to ask, 'How do you do that?'"

The marriage workshop is an opportunity to show more couples "how to do that."

Three local churches have joined together to bring in Randy and Marli Brown for an entire weekend of marriage help.

The Browns are well-known Christian music artists, speakers and workshop leaders.

The conference materials are based largely on the 2003 ECPA Gold Medallion Award winning book, "Divorce Proof your

Marriage," by Gary and Barbara Rosberg. This book outlines the threats to marriage and the key building blocks to counter those threats and divorce-proof any marriage.

Attendees will learn about the five "faces" of love — including forgiving love, serving love, persevering love, guarding love and Biblical love.

Once couples better understand their relationship and each other, they can begin to make changes in daily life that lead to a long, happy marriage.

The conference will begin on Friday with dinner at 6:30 p.m., then a first session until 9 p.m. On Saturday, it will resume with breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and three more sessions, which end at 3 p.m.

The workshop is held at Highland United Methodist Church, 680 W. Livingston Road in Highland.

All workshop materials, plus dinner, breakfast and a luncheon on Saturday are included in the registration fee.

Tickets are \$65. For more information, call Teri Whitehead at (248) 634-4556 or go to [www.hclife.org](http://www.hclife.org).

## Novi Theatres brings an American classic to the stage

### The Adventures of Tom Sawyer through Saturday

By Kelly Murad  
STAFF WRITER

The Novi Theatres is combining a 19th century classic American tale with some rhythm and music.

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"It's not a full musical, but there is music in it," said Performing Arts Coordinator Debbie Lannen of the fall production, "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer."

"Everyone likes to hear a song now and then," she said. "It's a more creative way to put the show on."

The Novi Theatres held auditions in September and selected two casts for the nine performances Oct. 26-Nov. 3.

According to Lannen, even kids who hadn't read the book were familiar with the story.

"They all know Injun Joe and they all knew the paintin' the fence," she said. "It was surprising how many young actors that came in had already started working on their accents."

Even though Lannen is heavily involved with the production, Lauren Sorrentino, the education coordinator and theatre assistant, is directing the play.

The production is composed of actors ages 6-18, from Novi, Northville, Wixom, Walled Lake, Redford, Commerce and

Farmington Hills.

Each cast consists of 27 actors, including the students who participated in the "paintin' the fence" class, which was designed to give beginning actors a chance to experience performing.

Students of the class will perform two musical numbers in each of the productions.

Even with a new spin on the production of Mark Twain's novel, the content remains the same.

"Our fall-time slot is going to be our classic-type theatre," Lannen said. "We have not modernized it at all. Mark Twain wouldn't be Mark Twain in the 2000s."

Regardless of the difference in time period, the issues Tom, Becky and Huck faced are identifiable with the struggles of modern-day youth.

"At the core, everybody is the same," Lannen said. "I think it surprised them (the actors) how much they do relate to them (the characters)."

"There is the Becky and Tom kiss in the show. That's probably been the most challenging, getting them comfortable to do that."

In compliance with local schools who study "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" as part of their curriculum, the Novi Theatres is offering three daytime school performances for teachers to purchase group tickets for their classes at a lower price.

"Our (first) two shows completely sold out," said Lannen, noting a third daytime performance was added for Oct. 29.

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### The Adventures of Tom Sawyer

The Novi Theatres Presents Mark Twain's  
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Sunday, Oct. 28 2 p.m.	Friday, Nov. 2 7:30 p.m.
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Tickets are on sale at the Novi Civic Center Parks Office: \$12 for regular scheduled shows and \$5 for school performance shows.  
\* School performance tickets must be purchased as a group.

For more information call (248) 347-0400.

## 'Prairie' draws youths from all over area

### Stage play inspired by 'Little House' books

Fans of Little House on the Prairie shouldn't miss the stage production Laura Ingalls Wilder, Voice of the Prairie, being performed Nov. 2-4 and Nov. 9-11 at the South Lyon Theater by The Phoenix Players.

The play features a cast and crew made up of residents from Ann Arbor, Brighton, East Lansing, Howell, New Hudson, Northville and South Lyon. A mix of adults and children are in the cast, some of whom portray Laura Ingalls Wilder at different ages.

### South Lyon

during her life.

Laura Ingalls Wilder: Voices of the Prairie is a heartwarming work about one of the America's best-loved authors and the immortal characters she created. If you've ever enjoyed reading about or watching TV portrayals of the Ingalls family, you'll love this play that's suitable for all ages.

Tickets are now on sale. Performance dates are: Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 2-4 and Nov. 9-11. Friday performances begin at 7:30 p.m., Saturday performances begin at 7 p.m. and Sunday performances begin at 2



South Lyon residents Wyatt Clement (portraying a Southerner), Samantha Strauss (portraying Mary Ingalls as a teen), Emma Branch (portraying Mary Ingalls as a child), Caitlin Mills (portraying Laura Ingalls Wilder as a teen) and Kris Kowaski (serving as head of costumes).

p.m. Performances take place at the South Lyon Theater, 126 E. Lake Street, South Lyon.

Tickets are \$12 per person for adults and \$8 per person for children. A discount price of \$10 per person is available for groups of

10 people or more who attend the same performance.

Buy tickets via the internet at [www.thephoenixplayers.org](http://www.thephoenixplayers.org), or by phone at (810) 227-4594. Buy tickets in person at the South Lyon Theater or at Diane's Doll House, 102 N. Lafayette, South Lyon.

Senior citizen discount tickets (\$10 per person) are available for purchase at the South Lyon Center for Active Adults (located near the intersection of Pontiac Trail & Eleven Mile Road in South Lyon High School), (248) 573-8175.

By Aileen Wingblad  
STAFF WRITER

A "green" dinner is being planned for Milford in two weeks to promote earth-friendly programs and to raise funds for the second annual Huron Valley Earth Day Festival next spring.

### Milford

Harvest of the Earth will include a three-course meal for 72 people, prepared by Five Lakes Grill executive chef Steven Grostlick. The dishes will be made of organic and locally-grown foods such as Amish-raised chicken, butternut squash soup, a spiced apple dish, Michigan wines and more.

Presented by the Huron Valley Earth Day Festival's Green Team, the dinner will be held 7 to 9 p.m. Nov. 8 in the former Milford Opera House, located at 339 Main Street in downtown Milford.

The event will include music and a silent auction. Tickets are \$50 each, or \$350 for those interested in sponsoring a table of eight.

"This is going to lead to exposure for Earth Day and get the community involved in 'green' activities," said Linda Crawford, who is organizing the dinner with Fay Hansen.

"Throughout this area, there are pockets of people doing green, but sometimes it's almost like it is a secret. This will help bring all those people together," she said.

Hansen added she was thrilled when she learned Grostlick and Five Lakes Grill shared her philosophy of using organic foods from family farms and other local growers.

"To discover that right here in our own backyard, it was a match made in heaven," Hansen said.

Grostlick explained he's quite enthusiastic about participating in the dinner, and said Five Lakes has long recognized the importance of using natural and native edibles.

"This is the type of thing Chef Brian (Polcyn) taught me to embrace," he said. Polcyn owns Five Lakes Grill, a popular downtown Milford restaurant.

The silent auction will continue the "green" theme, as well. Items include an antique bedroom set, unusual bird houses, a handmade quilt, a package of environmentally-safe cleaning products, a fresh holly wreath and an organic picnic in the woods.

"There's something for everyone, and in every price range," Hansen said.

"The more people who see these things going on, the more will say 'gee, I can do that.' We're hoping to teach more people about ways of being green along the way," Crawford said.

The Green Team is also looking for organizations and businesses that want to decorate a table to show off their green practices or to promote conservation and preservation.

If interested, e-mail Hansen at [vitalinda@comcast.net](mailto:vitalinda@comcast.net) or Heather Grace at [consulting@heathergrace.com](mailto:consulting@heathergrace.com).

Tickets for Harvest of the Earth are available on-line at [www.hvedf.org/harvestoftheearth](http://www.hvedf.org/harvestoftheearth), or at Main Street Art in Milford. For more information on the event or other events being planned for the Huron Valley Earth Day Festival, visit [www.hvedf.org](http://www.hvedf.org).

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### "Potter!"

Dressed as characters from the "Harry Potter" books and movies, Justina and Tait Bisset, children of Tom and Janna Bissett, enjoyed Trunk-or-Treat at Maybury State Park last week. Tom is the park manager. Even though it rained, the children had a great time at the family event.



Photo courtesy Northville Women of Purpose

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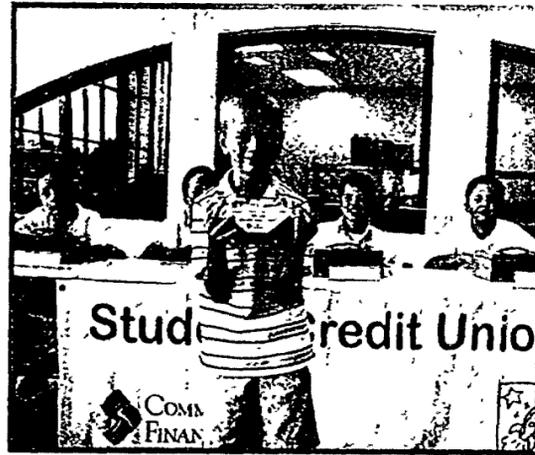
Volunteers in the recent Women with Purpose's "Spread the Warmth" Coat Drive in Northville collected more than 500 coats and undergarments for the needy. Pictured, from left, Susan Bolley-Guleff, Taylor Rathwell, Izabella Guleff and Melissa Jagst sorting through donated coats sent to Peanut Butter & Jelly Outreach and Holy Family's Clothing Closet. Bolley-Guleff and Jagst are members of the charity group; Rathwell is the daughter of member Judy Rathwell; Guleff is Bolley-Guleff's daughter. Both organizations provided this clothing directly to the needy. Their stock of coats and undergarments was down, so they were especially grateful to all those who donated.



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### The Winner

Gina Mazzoni tidies up Orin Jewelers' award-winning scarecrow in the Northville Central Business Association's recent Scarecrow Decorating Contest. The jewelry store won Best Overall Scarecrow for its "Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend" Marilyn Monroe Scarecrow. Tutto Interiors won Best Representation of the Business Scarecrow for its scarecrow decorated entirely with items sold by Tutto. Van Dam's boutique won Most Creative Scarecrow for its stylishly attired scarecrow with a flirty attitude.



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### Seeing green

Northville's Winchester Elementary fifth-graders work as volunteers at the school's student-run credit union, operated in partnership with Community Financial. Standing in front is Ethan Wenrick with classmates, seated from left to right, Mitchell Grazioli, Kevin O'Connell, Mark Castellano and Matt Bohn.

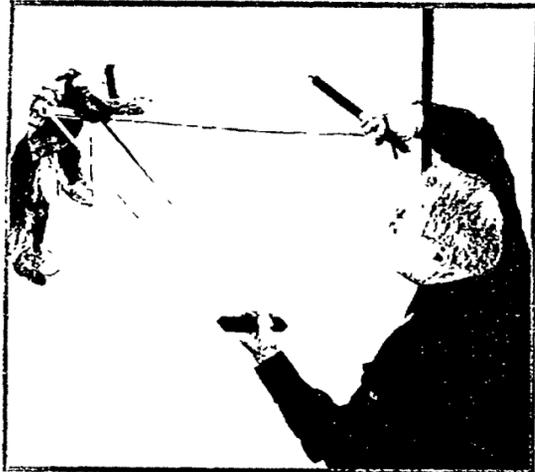


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### It's all in the hands

A puppeteer with Herzog marionettes entertains a group of kids at Northville's Ridge Wood Elementary School.



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### Queen bee

Samantha the Puggle, owned by Robert and Lisa Cuffe, took first place in the under-40 pounds category at the Community Dog Park Howl-o-ween event Sunday. Her prize was a \$150 gift card to the Three Dog Bakery in Plymouth.

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## Case of meningitis reported at Hillside

### Parents notified, no school missed

By Jason Carmel Davis  
STAFF WRITER

Hillside Middle School officials sent out letters Friday afternoon after it was confirmed that a Hillside student had contracted a case of viral meningitis.

Hillside Principal Jim Cracraft said letters were sent home with each of the school's students Friday at the end of the school

day. He said there has only been one reported case of meningitis, adding that no students will miss school because of the occurrence.

The case comes on the heels of an outbreak of MRSA in Virginia. No cases of that illness have been reported in Northville, according to district Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski, but cases have been reported in a number of districts, including Farmington, Livonia, Redford, Southfield and Walled Lake.

A case of MRSA was reported Thursday at Smith Elementary School in the Plymouth-Canton Community School District.

Letters were sent home to parents, and school did continue.

MRSA is described as a bacterium that causes red, swollen and pus-filled skin infections that look similar to pimples and boils that is spread through contact with infected persons, items or surfaces.

"We've done a lot of extra cleaning throughout the school as a result of this and that outbreak," Cracraft said. "We'll continue to take all the necessary precautions to ensure the safety and good health of our students."

Viral (aseptic) meningitis is generally caused by viruses and occurs primarily in young chil-

dren. Meningitis is an irritation of the covering of the brain and spinal cord. Symptoms generally include fever, headache, lack of appetite, stomach pain, nausea, vomiting and stiff neck. These symptoms generally subside with no permanent damage after a few days to a week.

Should your child develop any of these symptoms in the near future, contact your family doctor — or the Wayne County Health Department if you do not have a family doctor — and tell him or her your child has been exposed to viral (aseptic) meningitis and now is feeling ill. You will be advised on further action needed,

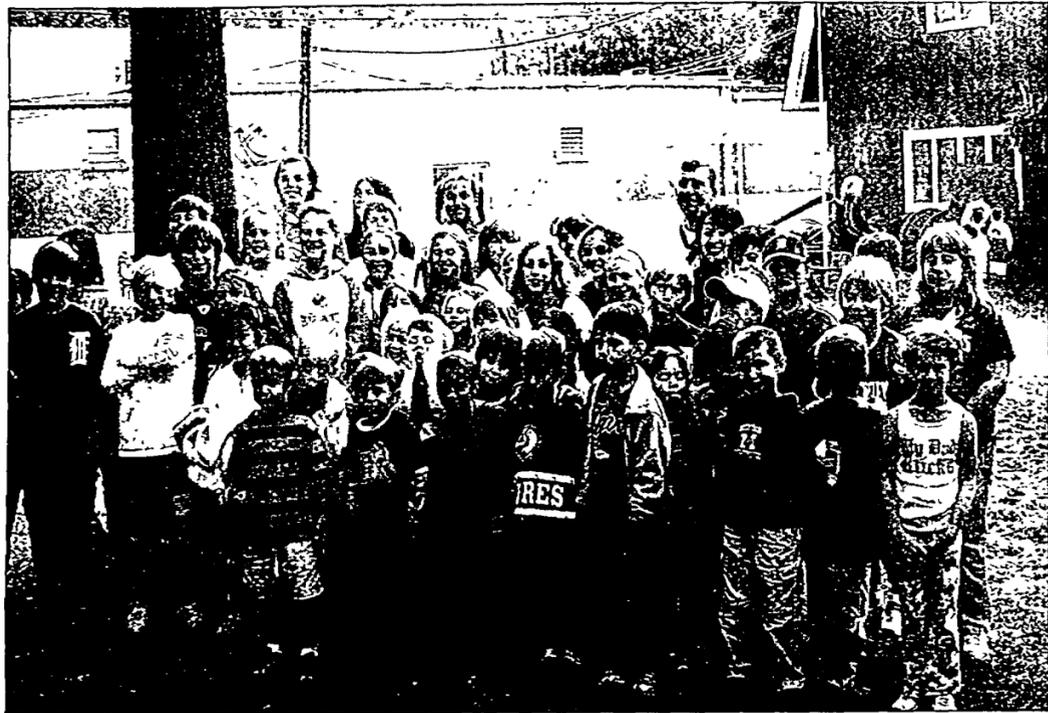
if any.

The virus is present in the bowel movement and saliva of infected persons. People become infected only by swallowing the virus, either from fecal material or from respiratory droplets from infected persons. Spread of the virus can be reduced and controlled with a few simple measures:

- Wash your hands thoroughly after changing a child's diaper
  - Wash your hands thoroughly after using the toilet
  - Wash your hands thoroughly before eating
  - Do not share drinking cups
- Most infected people either

have no symptoms or develop only a cold or rash with a low-grade fever. Only a small portion of those infected actually develop meningitis. Therefore, if you are around someone who has viral meningitis, you have a moderate chance of becoming infected, but a very small chance of developing the disease, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

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### Together

Two classes from Silver Springs Elementary recently walked up to Parmenters' Cider Mill for a field trip. The two classes — Mrs. Moser's first grade and Mr. Wayne's fifth grade — meet weekly as reading buddies. This field trip was to help them to get to know each other better and give them some material to work with when they are together.

### SCHOOL BRIEFS

#### NHS, Civic Concern team up for food drive

A Northville group and some Northville High School student are teaming up to aid people who may not have the means to help themselves.

The "Fill the Shelves! Feed the Mouths!" project is a coalition of the Northville High School National Honor Society and Northville Civic Concern, 42951 Seven Mile Road. Drives will take place every other Sunday from 2-4 p.m. in various subdivisions throughout Northville Township.

Please set items for donation on your front porch in bags labeled with the project name. To determine on what date collections in your area will take place, watch for signs around your subdivision or see the attached list.

Groupmembers say they have a major need for breakfast cereal, canned fruits and vegetables, and spaghetti meals. Also on the list of needed items are fruit juices, canned soups (not broth), tuna/canned meats, spaghetti sauce, rice, Kraft macaroni and cheese, peanut butter and jelly. Paper products such as toilet paper, paper towel, and facial tissue, along with laundry soap, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, and cleaning supplies will be accepted, as well. Gift/gas cards are needed, too.

Any and all contributions are

greatly appreciated before the expiration date on the package.

For additional information please contact Jessica Horowitz at (248) 444-2435.

#### All Night Party

There will be a second parent meeting for the Senior All Night Party at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 28, in the Northville High School forum.

The Northville High School Class of 2008 Senior All Night Party will be held on Saturday, May 31, 2008 from 10:30 p.m. to 4:30 a.m. Ticket prices are \$55 through December but increase to \$70 on Jan. 1. Please contact Shirley Rogers at (248) 348-7295.

For \$40 one can purchase an unpainted wooden Mustang horse. This wooden horse is personalized by parents for their senior using photos, painted scenes, props, name tiles, sports-wear, balloons, etc. and displayed at the party. They will be available in the spring. Please contact Mary Jo Blasius at (248) 349-0101. Make checks for tickets and wooden mustangs payable to Northville Senior Class Party. Order forms are available on line on the NHS Web site, <http://www.northville.k12.mi.us>. Mail to: Jane Goldberg, 18833 Oak Leaf Lane, Northville, MI 48168.

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### In the spirit

Last week, students at Meads Mill Middle School participated in Spirit Week with a food drive to benefit Northville Civic Concern. There were three days for the students to show their spirit by dressing up. School color day, Pajama day and Crazy hat/hair day were very popular with the students and staff. On the sports front, The Meads Mill Patriots claimed victory over Hillside Middle School in football and volleyball.



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**Students helping students**

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 Students at the Oakland Schools Technical Campus – a career-oriented school, training high school students in various career pathways – participated in a Walk-A-Thon on Oct. 14 to raise money to build computers for underprivileged and physically-impaired students. This is the sixth year the students have undertaken this project, and their presentation will be to children in the Walled Lake and Oakland County area on March 2, 2008. Several of the students in the Computer Technology class – including Northville High School's Dale Hartzog (left), a junior, and Andrew Donavan, a senior – enlisted sponsors to raise money for the project.



**MEAP do-over set for Nov. 7**

■ Test will take place at start of school day

By Jason Carmel Davis  
 STAFF WRITER

After the majority of Michigan students are done with their MEAP test, fifth- and sixth-grade students across the state, including Northville, will take a replacement test for a portion of the English Language Arts (ELA) MEAP test, according to Mary Kay Gallagher, Northville Public School District assistant superintendent for instructional services.

As mandated by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE), all fifth- and sixth-graders will take the replacement ELA Part IA test as the first school activity on Wednesday before proceeding with regular activities. Any school across the state that cannot give the test that day is required to obtain approval from the MDE to give the test at a different time that day, or during that week.

"We are confident that our students will continue to do their very best on this important assessment, and appreciate the flexibility and understanding of students,

staff and families," Gallagher said.

"We ask that fifth- and sixth-grade parents do their best to have their child or children get a good night's rest, eat a healthy breakfast, and be at school on time on Nov. 7, which is, of course, our hope for all students on each school day."

Gallagher received an e-mail from the MDE at about 5 p.m. Oct. 10 informing her one of the writing prompts, which accounts for 30 percent of the writing score, had been made public. That happened when a reporter with the Jackson Citizen Patriot allegedly gained access to the prompt from a school district on Oct. 8. According to the MDE e-mail, the newspaper published the writing prompt and also posted it on the Internet.

MEAP allows each school to establish the testing schedule, including the order in which the individual sections are administered. The majority of Northville students, all sixth-graders and most elementary schools, took that portion of the test before the newspaper released the writing prompt. Two schools, Ridge Wood Elementary and a portion of Amerman Elementary fifth-graders, had not yet taken that portion of the test, according to Gallagher.

New test booklets, answer docu-

ments, administration instructions, and student labels for the MEAP ELA assessments for fifth- and sixth-grade will be produced and distributed to all schools and districts. The new test booklets will only contain Part IA of the ELA assessment.

State Superintendent Mike Flanagan said the need to re-take the test is vital. The U.S. Department of Education has verified that the MDE decision is appropriate, and that the failure to give those students a replacement test threatens the validity of the writing scores, which would put all schools at risk of not making adequate yearly progress as required by the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

"To ensure fairness to all students and to protect the federal Adequate Yearly Progress status of each school giving that test, the department determined that all students in those grades be given a replacement writing prompt," Flanagan said.

"We appreciate the understanding of school districts, teachers, parents, and above all, the students affected by this."

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# FARM FRESH

## Group of moms brings fresh, good-for-you foods to Winchester Elementary School

By Jason Carmel Davis  
STAFF WRITER

On the afternoon of Oct. 23, the Winchester Elementary School multi-purpose room was transformed into a farmer's market.

Several Winchester parents and their children were able to sample soups, dips, breads and fruits — all of which came from Michigan farms and restaurants. Purchases were made, and the youngsters didn't complain about

the healthy items their parents bought.

A group of more than 20 Winchester moms and volunteers planned and put on the first Michigan Farm Day, an event designed to encourage a stronger connection between children and natural, locally-grown foods by hosting farm days, along with providing supplemental education supporting the effort, according to event organizer Rhonda Weber.

"We thought it'd be a good idea to bring something like this to the schools and invite the kids and parents, because if (the children) learn the benefits of eating fresh, healthy foods while they're young, they won't have terrible problems when they're older," she said.

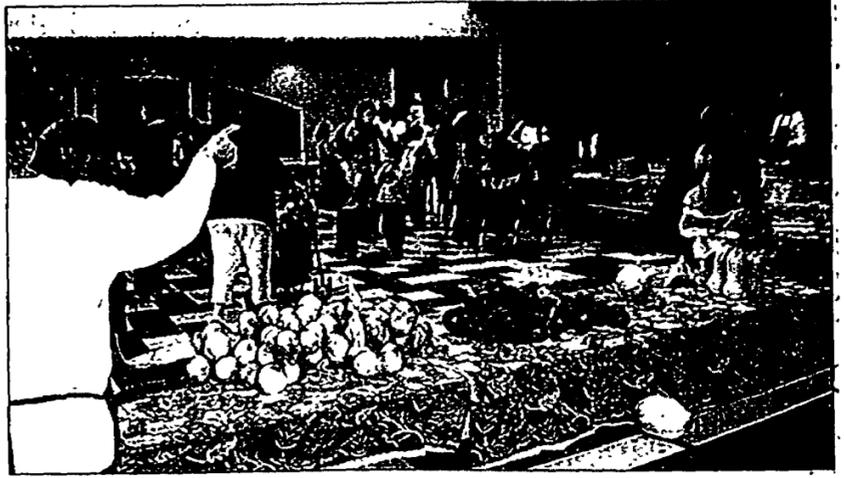
For sale at the event were several types of apples, Bosc and Eldorado pears, banana and berry bread, fresh vegetables and soups, honey butter, pies and pumpkins and squash

Carpenter's Organic Farm in Hillsdale provided the lion's share of the produce, including a plethora of types of apples. R & B Miller Farms of Coloma, Mich. supplied the pears, while baked goods were provided by Polly's Pastries of Hiller's Grocery Markets and Achatz Handmade Pies of Macomb Township.

Weber said she believes the event was a success, as parents scooped up a number of items, leaving several tables bare. She also said she'd like to take her show on the road to other schools as a way to teach children the advantages of eating healthy foods.

"Not only are these foods good for you, but I think they taste better than foods that are made with things like trans fats," said Weber. Adding that no foods at the event contained hydrogenated oil or high fructose corn syrup.

"That makes it a little easier to



Submitted photo

About 200 Winchester Elementary School parents and students took part in the school's first Michigan Farm Day on Oct. 23. A group of about 25 parent volunteers put the event together, where produce, soups, and desserts were brought in from local farms and grocers.

get the kids to eat the foods when they taste good, too."

In between tastes of chicken noodle soup, Weber's daughter, Ashley, a Winchester fourth-grader, said the fact the dishes are "good for her" doesn't deter

her taste for them.

"I think it's good that we have all these different foods that don't have all that fat and other things in them," Ashley Weber said. "I like all of them, and I recommend the soup."

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## HIGHER GROUND: Rock wall helps build Old Village School students' motor skills and confidence

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introduced rules and strategies for the wall because some of the kids got a little frustrated," Lalinsky said, adding all the students still had fun with the wall despite their setbacks.

"It's good, though, because they have plenty of opportunities to get better (at climbing) the wall because I don't always have to be in (the gym) for them to use it, even though they have to be supervised at all times."

### School has long-standing relationship with area civic group

Each December, the Livonia Lions Club hosts a Christmas party for Old

Village students.

Members of the club contact the school each fall, get the names of each student and spend a day at Toys R Us picking out presents for the youngsters, according to Lions Club member Matt Collins.

"The big thing is we have Old Village staff ask the kids what they want, and we try to get it for them," Collins said. "We have the party in Livonia since Old Village students come from districts across Wayne County. It's always a fun time for the kids, and our relationship with the school evolved from that."

Aside from the holiday festivities, the Lions club has assisted Old Village School through donations for computers and new playground equipment, Collins

said. Last year, Old Village Principal Art Fisher proposed the idea for the Rock Wall to Collins, who was glad to oblige.

"The school has been thinking about adding the wall for a number of years," Collins said. "(The Lions Club) was glad to help because it focuses on refining the students' motor skills."

### Wall helps dual-diagnostic program students

A number of Old Village students are confined to wheelchairs and can't access the wall, Fisher said. But students in the school's dual-diagnostic program are able to scale the wall in a variety of different tests, Fisher added.

"It's a great physical activity for the

kids," he said. "It gives them a chance to see what they can do, and some of (the students) make it look easy."

Rock climbing is a physical activity based on functional skills, combining motor and perceptual skills with coordination and lateral movement skills, according to Web site FlagHouse.com. The walls offer excellent physical education activities that include balance, fitness, flexibility, cooperation and the physical skills of holding, pushing, pulling, lifting and bending. The layout of the eight-foot high wall is flexible in design to allow for simple climbing, advanced challenges and cooperative activities.

"Sure, the students are frustrated at first," Lalinsky said "But the more they

climb the wall, the easier it is to get over that frustration."

### Collins glad to be of assistance

The motto of the Lions Club is "Anything to Help," Collins said. He said the school has a budget to stick to, and he and his group are glad to help Old Village purchase items for students that may be outside that budget.

"The school does great things for Western Wayne County," Collins said. "Anytime we can help, we're happy."

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"Sure, the students are frustrated at first. But the more they climb the wall, the easier it is to get over that frustration."

Christine Lalinsky

Old Village adaptive physical education teacher



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Old Village School gym teacher Christine Lalinsky works with student Calvin Cook on their newly installed climbing wall. The wall will help students with more than physical education as it will also teach them how to use their cognitive abilities to plot their way across the wall's face.

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Mustangs' Nick Kolbow, left, and Jack Dalton, right, run with Catholic Central's Zachary Oleski during the regional race Saturday

## STATE: It's been 26 years

■ Northville ties Catholic Central with 96 points

By Jeff Theisen  
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

The 2007 cross country team is going to state — something that has happened since 1981.

The Mustangs finished tied with Catholic Central with 96 points but took third by tie breaker.

"This is a goal that these guys have had for a long time," Northville head coach Chris Cronin said. "West ultimately put over the top was the concept of team running."

Jon Zurak led Northville with a ninth place finish in 16:18. Jon Zurak has emerged as one of the top runners in the area. Cronin said. He was All Conference All County and he was on the All Regional team.

Enk Peterson led a pack of runners in 16th (16:28). Jack Dalton and Nick Kolbow were a far behind in 19th and 20th, both in 16:33.

When Nick flashed the 20th



Northville's Jon Zurak, far left, trails a small pack of runners at Saturday's regional meet. He finished ninth overall

place, card we knew had made it. Cronin said. I know everybody ran the best race of their year. Frank Griffiths helped the Mustangs place third by finishing 33rd (17:03).

Frank has really come on the last three weeks and I feel confident that he'll go sub 17:00 at the state meet.

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### State Finals

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# STANGS IN FINAL 4

■ Northville one game away from state finals

By Jeff Theisen  
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

The Northville soccer team is in the final four of Division 1 after winning the regional title Saturday with a 4-0 win against Saline.

Mustangs head coach Henry Klimes is enjoying the ride after years of disappointments from competing in an extremely strong district and regional.

"We finally got over the hump Klimes said. We got knocked out early a lot, but to teams that go on to win it."

"A lot of times it was like boys soccer they always poop out in the playoffs. Sometimes it happens when you are playing a lot of great teams."

The regional win pitted the Mustangs (18-1-5) with East Kentwood yesterday. The winner advances to the state finals 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Troy Athens against the winner of Uca. Eisenhower and Clatskanie.

After seeing the Northville girls soccer teams have success in recent years, Klimes is ecstatic to have the boys' team in the first games of the year.

"The girls have won it a couple of times," he said. "It would be great for the boys, the school and the community to get a trophy and a big banner in the gym."

"If God is looking upon us and the soccer gods are with us and we do win it, it's part of all the guys that played for Northville soccer. They all had a part to it."

### District of Death

The playoff run started in what the area coaches called the District of Death.

But a favorable draw allowed the Mustangs to sit back and see who was going to get picked off and who would survive the other side of the bracket.

Northville started the district with a 10-0 win against Redford Union. Farmington provided a better test, but Northville rolled on with a 4-0 victory in the district semifinal.

League foe Stevenson survived the much more competitive side of the bracket and the two teams squared off in a classic match that went to overtime. The Mustangs knocked home a goal in the first overtime to stay alive.

At regionals Dearborn avanted Northville and appeared to have

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Northville's John Donikian goes up for a header during the Mustangs' playoff game against Dearborn



Submitted photo

Anna Hardenbergh and Jenny Murphy are all smiles after five two qualified for Saturday's state final in Jackson

## 'Stangs just miss state

By Jeff Theisen  
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville missed out on going to the state meet as a team by the slimmest margin possible — a single point.

Walled Lake Western captured the third and final automatic berth with 95 points. Northville was one back, with Novi also in the hunt with 97 points. Engleton and Punckey finished 1-2.

"It's a heart breaker as this team has worked hard all season long and was loaded with talent from top to bottom," Northville head coach Nancy Smith said. "We can't take away from our awesome season. It just didn't happen today."

### Two more on

For two Mustangs, the season continues. Any runner not with an advancing team and finishing in top 15 earns a state invite.

Jenny Murphy and Anna Hardenbergh finished in the final qualifying spots.

Murphy claimed the 14th spot in 19:45 and Hardenbergh was 15th, just one second back.

"Anna Hardenbergh had the best race of her season and the best race of her four year running career, capting it off today with a career best personal record," Smith said. "She bought into the program and believed that even my runner would pay off and it paid off for her in the end with a state meet berth."

Rounding out the top five for the Mustangs at the regional meet were Stephanie Hamel in 17th (19:57), Lindsay Hagan in 22nd (20:08) and Kristen Starnad in 28th (20:27).

I am proud of each girl on the entire team. All 35 of them, this season and I have no regrets. Smith said. I'm just disappointed for them as a whole, as this team should have made it to the state finals.

It takes a lot of off season training, a lot of mental strength and a total commitment to your teammates and the program to be successful as a team, and this year's athletes proved to me that they are, still one of the best in the state, even though we won't be there as a team at MIS.

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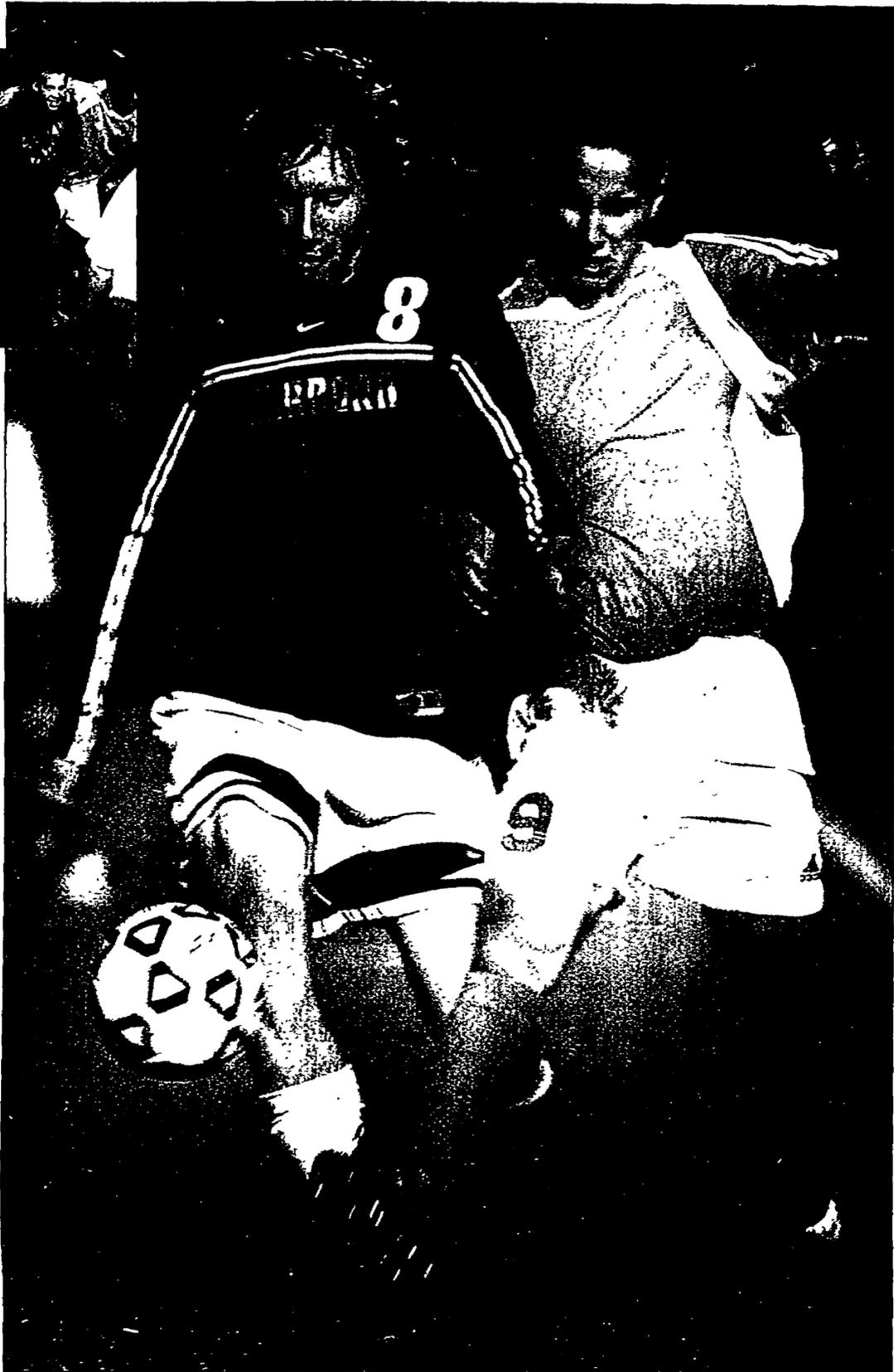


Northville Mustang soccer team gets psyched up before the start of the second half of their playoff game against Dearborn on Oct. 23. Northville won in the 2nd overtime.

Right: Mustang John Doniklan, right, tries to get ahold of the ball during Northville's playoff game played on Tuesday, Oct. 23.



Northville's midfielder Latif Alashe goes up for a ball during the Mustangs' playoff game against Dearborn.



## SOCCER: Mustangs one win away from state finals

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the Mustangs beaten, but a late goal pushed the game into overtime. Northville went on to win 2-1 in double overtime to make the regional final.

"It was two huge, emotional wins against two very good teams," Klimes said. "I've never been part of a team where you could have those, if you want to call it lucky or miracle-type endings back-to-back in the same season. It was incredible."

Saline, a team that knocked Northville out of the playoffs in 2003, got behind early and fell 4-0 to the Mustangs.

"We had been there before and didn't get it done in penalty shots against (Saline)," Klimes said.

### Mohawks

Going into the playoffs, the Mustang players pulled out the clippers and sported postseason mohawks. Klimes said it was a clear example of how this team functions in unison.

"It was definitely all on their own how they got that bonding of the team together," Klimes said. "From them on, you could see how tight they are. It's a pleasure to coach because they're all working on the same page."

Teams tend to tighten up and try to throw different styles of play in the playoffs. Klimes said it really doesn't matter what a team throws at them, the Mustangs can play any style.

"We have a great midfield with Jeff Cheslik, Latif Alashe, Masato (Morioka) and (John) Hatzis," he said. "Our defense is pretty solidified with (Nick) Kolbow, Nick Sclabassi, John Doniklan and Dan MacKinnon."

"I'll match my midfield to anybody with Doug (Beason), Alex (Marilley) and Andrei Ionescu. It's a solid team from back to front."

Regardless of how the season ends, Klimes knows his team has already accomplished an incredible amount.

"It's a great run," Klimes said. "We haven't been practicing this late-in' forever. It's been quite a long time for us to be still practicing in late October."

"It's a great feeling."

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## Health

### Things to know about MRSA

The recent reports of methicillin-resistant Staph (MRSA, phonetically "mersa") in schools come as no surprise to the medical community. National media outlets are all over this and seem to suggest this to be an outbreak of an ominous-sounding new disease that is approaching public men-



ace status not seen since the shark attacks of several years ago. MRSA has actually been around since the 60's and has been present in the general public since the early 90's. In fact, there is a high likelihood this organism has been present for several years in our schools. MRSA was recognized as a problem in locker rooms by the NCAA and NFL in 2003 and undoubtedly had been present for some time before this. In the spirit of the old "If a tree falls in the forest" adage, the identification of MRSA in schools does not necessarily mean it only recently appeared, rather that only recently was it tested for.

Many people don't realize that our skin is literally teeming with bacteria. Bacteria are more ubiquitous than dust. Just as your dresser accumulates a thin film of dust within days of dusting, your hands accumulate an invisible film of bacteria within minutes of your latest handwashing. Thirty percent of the time, staph is one of the many types of bacteria present on the hand. In the vast majority of cases nothing serious ever results from this layer of staph. When a serious infection does occur, it typically is treated successfully with standard antibiotics. The primary difference between "routine" staph and MRSA is that MRSA doesn't respond to standard antibiotics used for staph — but we do have antibiotics to treat it.

The word "superbug" has sometimes used when referring

to MRSA and is somewhat misleading. While a MRSA infection may be more difficult to treat than a standard staph infection (although it is definitely treatable), it is not necessarily a more severe or aggressive infection. It is true that severe, life-threatening infections can occur from MRSA but this is just as true for the staph that your hands just left on the newspaper you are reading right now. Staph is usually spread through skin to skin contact and MRSA skin infections have actually become quite prevalent in recent years. Usually these only need drainage and simple wound care and very often antibiotics are not even necessary. In fact, there is a reasonable chance the pimple your teenage son, daughter or neighbor recently popped was a MRSA infection and, although it may need to be popped another time or two, it will probably go away just fine with no antibiotics necessary.

Nonetheless, the significance of this problem should not be downplayed. While this is not a sweeping epidemic, it is a serious ongoing public health issue. Of course both MRSA and routine staph can cause serious, even life-threatening infections but this is exceedingly rare in otherwise healthy individuals. Staph infections are most common in settings where there is skin to skin contact and sweaty people congregating in smaller spaces, hence the concern with team locker rooms and health clubs. Football and wrestling are the typical sports where MRSA has been seen but really any sport with a fair amount of skin contact (soccer, basketball) is at risk.

#### What can we do?

In Novi, we are fortunate to have a proactive school system that has already initiated all the appropriate measures even though we have had no documented cases of MRSA. In general we need to be more vigilant about hygiene particularly in public areas such as the gym, locker rooms and spas. Use fresh towels, wipe off benches and equip-

ment before and after use and save the 5-second rule for home. If you have a sore on your skin bigger than your typical pimple, have a doctor look at it, sooner rather than later, as it may need to be drained (professionally, not safety-pin style). When your family practitioner tells you to finish your entire prescribed course of antibiotics or to take them four times a day, do it. When your internist does not prescribe antibiotics for a routine viral infection (cold, flu) it's with good reason. Antibiotics have absolutely no effect on common viruses but could lead to development of resistant bacteria. Unfortunately, MRSA is here to stay and its rise is a direct result, in part, of inappropriate use of antibiotics. If we can be more judicious with our use of antibiotics in the future, we may be able to prevent the development of the next "superbug."

#### Guidelines for minimizing staph infections in athletes:

- Keep your hands clean by washing thoroughly with soap and water.
- Encourage good hygiene, including showering and washing with soap after all practices and competitions
- Ensure availability of adequate soap and hot water, pump soap dispensers with antibacterial soap; no bar soap.
- Liberal use and availability of hand sanitizer.
- Discourage sharing of towels and personal items clothing or equipment.
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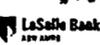
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# JV Colts tripped up 14-12

## Freshmen Colts push into Super Bowl

Submitted to the Record

The Northville JV Colts tried very hard to upset the number one seed Livonia Eagles in the playoff game held at Northville stadium but in the end fell short. The Eagles came from behind to defeat the Colts 14-12 last Saturday.

The Colts kicked off first and elected to nix just to let the Eagles know to expect the unexpected. Immediately, in the first defense series with big tackles by A.J. Batson and Brian Abrams, the Eagles were forced to turn the ball over on downs.

The game continued as a defensive battle in very inclement weather until the stalemate was broken by a 40-yard sprint by Connor Brown toward the Eagles endzone. The very next play, Connor scored from the 4-yard line. The PAT kick was short by mere inches, and the Colts led by six.

Early in the second quarter, the Eagles put together an 11-play drive to within 19 yards, only to be stopped short by a determined Colts defense. Several tackles by Owen Kipke and a sack by Joey Hewlett slowed and then stopped

the drive. The Colts then put together an 11-play, 73-yard touchdown drive. The drive was highlighted by a run by Robby Parks on third down to keep the drive alive and a pass reception by Sean Conway. Joey Hewlett put the ball in from the 2-yard line for the score with 1:32 to play in the half. The PAT was again just short, but suddenly the Colts led the Eagles 12-0 at the half.

After a brief Colts possession, the Eagles this time successfully put together a 12-play, 50-yard drive for the score. The Eagles PAT kick was good and the Colts lead was reduced to 12-8 with 4:58 to play in the third. The Eagles attempted an onside kick that might have worked if not for the sure hands of Christopher Koumariotis a lineman that controlled the ball.

With 8:59 to play in the game with the Eagles on their own 25-yard line, they broke a running back loose for a 75-yard touchdown run that proved to be the difference in the game. From there on out the teams exchanged possessions although the Eagles were threatening late in the game they elected to run out the clock and take the two point margin of victory.

The Northville Colts JV squad is now finished for the 2007 season. The boys can be proud of all they accomplished.

## Freshmen advance to Super Bowl

The Walled Lake Braves fell to the hard-working Freshman Colts yet again Sunday.

The Colts' kicked off to the Braves, and Colts' first year players, including Joey DelCampo, Brian Lally, Thomas Byron, Jacob Pollitt, and Caleb Rys attempted to halt their opponents' quick offense. The Colts' Ty Kilar valiantly ran the Braves running back out of bounds within yards of the goal line. But on the next play, the Braves scored the first touchdown of the game, and ran in the extra point, making the score 0-7.

The Colts' first-string players took possession, and they too struggled against the Braves, fumbling the ball and allowing the Braves to begin a scoring drive again.

This time, the Colts strong defensive team came to the rescue, with key tackles by Jacob Walker, Alec Coppock and Zachary Prystash. The Braves were unable to gain another first down, lost possession, and the Colts' Leo Keyes quickly scored a touchdown. David Dillon brought in the extra point, bringing the score to 7-7.

The Colts kickoff sent the football to the 27-yard line, and the Braves' offense was in a difficult position. They could not attain a

first down, due to a series of tackles by Redding Haines.

The Colts were set to score, this time after a great pass by quarterback Justin Zimbo to Zachary Prystash and the board read 14-7.

The Colts defensive Tackles Joey Nelson, Michael Minick and Ian Rachelson stopped the Braves again.

In the third quarter, the Colts' offensive line pressed on, with the snap by center Mason Pitt leading to runs by David Dillon, Sean Smith and Leo Keyes. Ultimately Justin Zimbo ran in another touchdown. Now the score was 20-6 Colts, and the Braves could not recover. Tackles by Mason Williams, Sam Goode, Jacob Walker, and Nicholas Wilds again returned possession to the Colts, who scored another touchdown, this time with a perfect kick by Zimbo for two extra points and a 28-7 lead.

The Colts' first-year players took over again, and although the Braves were able to score two touchdowns, the Colts offense kept up the pressure. An impressively orchestrated lateral pass to David Dillon led to yet another Colts touchdown. The final score: 34-21 Colts.

The Colts meet longtime rivals the Novi Bobcats in the Super Bowl, this year hosted by the Novi-lake Gators at Walled Lake Northern at noon Nov. 4.



The 8-0-1 Northville JV football team celebrates after beating Novi to finish the season.

# Mustang JV wins eighth straight to finish year 8-0-1

Submitted to the Record

The JV football team beat Novi on Thursday night with a final score of 14-7. This win left the team undefeated for the 2007 season.

The Mustangs started the scoring with a 6-yard touchdown run by Brett Smith during the first quarter. Novi answered in the second quarter with a one yard run to tie the game 7-7 at the half.

The Mustangs used a solid running attack to control the ball in the second half and Kyle Galdes scored with a 5-yard run in during the 4th quarter to seal the victory. The defense shut out Novi in the second half, allowing the Mustangs to win the game.

Brett Smith was the lead runner, gaining 209 yards on 35 carries. He finished the season with 1,654 yards rushing and 16 touchdowns in nine games.

Offensive linemen Nicco Buffone, Dan Stern, Justin Umin, Bob Lahiff, Akshan Patel and Jake Robideau created the big holes for Smith.

Leading defenders against Novi were Kyle Burea with nine tackles and Brad Wagner with eight. Wes Baber had a pair of interceptions, and Jake Robideau, Steve Widzinski and Bob Lahiff shared in their sacks of the Novi quarterback.

The JV Mustangs finished the season 8-0-1, recording 8 straight victories after a first game tie.

"The team's record represents a great overall team effort by all these fine players," said Head Coach Dennis Colligan. "The achievement of an undefeated season is something for all the players and community to enjoy and to build on for the future."

"The coaching staff is very appreciative of the hard work and dedication of the entire team"

# JV Stallions fall in shootout

Submitted to the Record

The Livonia Orioles defeated the Northville Stallions 34-21 in a high scoring playoff game on Oct. 28.

The Stallions started the scoring early in the first quarter. Tim Eis hit Evan Killeen on a quick slant pass with Killeen taking it 40 yards to give the Stallions a first down deep in Orioles territory. Preston McDowell provided great downfield blocking on the play. Just a few plays later, Jake Slominski found Jake Cheslik over the middle on a slant pattern for the touchdown. The extra point play was stopped, and the Stallions had a quick 6-0 lead.

The Orioles offense came right back at the Stallions and scored two first quarter touchdowns to take a 14-6 lead.

Each team scored a touchdown in the second quarter. Armaan Dhaliwal blocked an Orioles punt with David Moorman returning the ball to provide great field position. The Stallions offense quickly took advantage with Tim Eis hitting Jake Cheslik with a short pass for his second TD of the game. Alex Doering powered in the extra point run making it 21-13 at the half.

The Orioles were able to score again in the third quarter to take a 28-13 lead.

The Stallions offense continued to move the ball well, executing nice passes to David Weber and Cheslik and getting strong runs from Chris Komorous and Doering. However, they were not able to score in the third quarter.

In the fourth quarter the Stallions got a big lift with some hard running by Andrew Meacham and were able to put together a scoring drive. The touchdown came on another beautiful pass from Slominski to Cheslik. The extra point kick was made by Cheslik, making the score 28-21. The Stallions then scored a touchdown on the ensuing kickoff, with Cheslik recovering a loose ball. However, the Stallions were not able score again.

The Orioles added a late touchdown, making the final score 34-21.

Jake Cheslik was named the offensive champion of the game. Cheslik's strong performance included three touchdowns.

Kyle Heinz was named the defensive champion. Heinz played a strong game on the defensive line for the Stallions.

Armaan Dhaliwal was named the special teams champion. Dhaliwal blocked a punt that gave the Stallions great field position and led to a Stallions touchdown drive.

The Stallions JV football team

improved tremendously throughout the season. Several team members were playing their first year of football and the development of these players was certainly evident. The Stallions got significant contributions from many players this year. These players include Jakob Beer, Kevin Charara, Jake Cheslik, Brady Childers, Bryan Culbert, Armaan Dhaliwal, Alex Doering, Tim Eis, Kyle Estelle, Handsome Glover, Kyle Heinz, Nick Jones, Alex Justice, Andrew Kanya, Connor Keady, Evan Killeen, Chris Komorous, Justin March, Andrew Meacham, JJ Molinari, David Moorman, Charlie Morgan, Keenan Moss, Shawn Panjwani, Chris Patsalis, Kilian Pauls, Matthew Pirone, Jake Slominski, Greg Stewart, Brian Vogel, Blake Webb, David Weber and Ryan West.

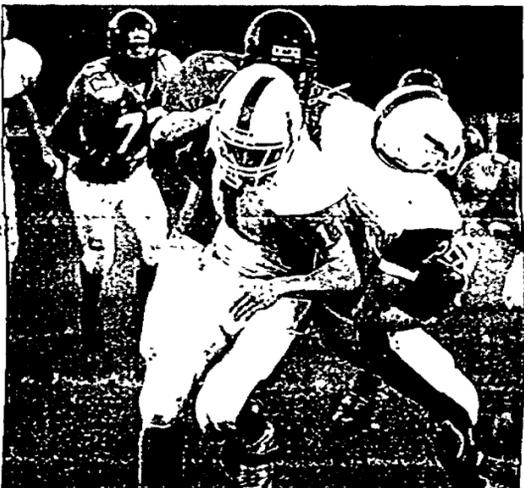
## Stallion freshmen close with high-scoring finale

The Northville Stallion freshmen football squad hosted the Livonia Blue Jays on Saturday and finished the season with their highest scoring output since the opener in late August. In the end, the Stallions were unable to overcome the Jays early offensive output and fell 31-19. Following a

scoreless opening quarter, the Blue Jays scored three 2nd quarter touchdowns to grab an 18-0 lead. The Stallions were able to answer back with 1:18 remaining before halftime on a 55-yard TD run by QB William Wright for a score of 18-6.

The second half proved to be a see-saw affair as each team scored a pair of touchdowns. Following a Blue Jays score on the first play of the fourth quarter, the Stallions reached the end zone on another long run by Wright to close to 25-13.

Unfortunately, the Stallion defense was unable to hold the Blue Jays' who came right back down the field to score again and lead 31-13. However, the Stallions did not quit as they next scored on a 55-yard TD run by Hunter Doering with 2:21 remaining in the contest to complete the scoring at 31-19. The Stallions were able to get a sustained running game primarily on efforts by Wright and Jordan March throughout the contest. The offensive line provided effective blocking from David Evans, Jake Gourd, Matthew Hezems, Jake Justice, Matt Komorous, Connor Gibratz, George Metrusias, Ryan Paddock, Brennan Pelland, Jack Splendore, Diaz Saunderson, Michael Toth and Frank Williams



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The 2007 state-bound Mustang cross country team stands together after the regional meet Saturday.

# Runners advance

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MIS," Cronin said.

### Putting in the work

Cross country is a sport that demands offseason work for a team to produce. It's nearly impossible for a runner to show up at the start of the season and attempt to be competitive throughout the year.

It's a sacrifice the Mustangs were willing to make.

"I really think these guys came together in spring, right around the end of track season," Cronin said. "They really committed themselves to getting to the state meet in cross country. We had a big buy in from key people."

Cronin said he doesn't run an organized summer program, but on average, about 20 guys ran together regularly throughout the offseason.

"The captains ran everything," Cronin said. "They just decided this is what they wanted. It helps that we have a lot of seniors. Guys

that really wanted to accomplish something in their last year, and it really showed."

### State expectations

Kolbow is the only Mustang runner with state experience, but Cronin isn't going to back down from expectations of cracking the top-10.

"We've run against some of the best competition in the state, and we've done well, he said. "There are a lot of teams that we've been able to beat. If we run our best race, we should finish in the top seven or eight. That would be fantastic for these guys."

But after coming close or finishing just out of taking a team, Cronin admits it's a big relief to finally take a full team to state.

"I'm thrilled for them," he said. "You run hard and you want to run in the last meet. The measure for any program is to run in that final meet."

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11/3 Conference finals, TBA

**Volleyball**  
11/2 Districts at home, 5:30 p.m.



## Volleyball girls third in WLAA

By Jeff Theisen  
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

The Northville volleyball team won their final two WLAA Divisional games to finish second at 8-2.

The Mustangs went on to place third in the conference tournament with a 4-1 record.

In regular season play, the Mustangs swept Franklin 25-23, 25-1, 25-14.

Megan Hofmeister led the team with 10 digs. Beth Foucher and Lydia Blair added eight and seven digs. Allison Holmes had four

blocks. Offensively, Elana Ryznar had seven kills, while Jamie Corone added six kills and Kelly Maise had five.

Northville also beat Walled Lake Western in three games, 25-22, 25-15, 25-21.

Krysta Cicala led with 11 kills and nine assists. Shelby Temple handed out 11 assists.

In the tournament, the Mustangs beat Walled Lake Northern 25-20, 25-23; Livonia Franklin 27-25, 25-13; and John Glenn 25-17, 25-19 to claim the No. 2 seed out of pool play.

In single elimination matches, the Mustangs went on to beat

Livonia Stevenson 17-25, 25-13, 15-13. Canton ended the run with a 25-20, 25-13 win, leaving the Mustangs tied for third.

Highlights of the tournament included Cicala with 36 kills and 42 assists, Maise with 23 kills and Sarah Koupal had 17 kills. Temple led with 29 assists. Defensively, Foucher led with 53 digs, Hofmeister provided 39 and Lydia Blair had 25.

### District play

The Mustangs host the district tournament. Canton and Plymouth

### WLAA Honors

- All-Conference Krysta Cicala, senior
- All-Western Division Beth Foucher, junior
- Allison Holmes, senior
- Western Division Honorable Mention Megan Hofmeister, senior
- Kelly Maise, sophomore

open the play 7 p.m. tonight. The Mustangs face the winner 5:30 p.m. Friday with that winner advancing to the district title game at 7 p.m.

Novi faces Salem at 4 p.m. Friday, with the winner also advancing to the district title game.

# 'STANGS CAPTURE REGIONAL TITLE



Submitted photos

Above: The Northville soccer team gathers together with the regional trophy Saturday.

Left: Northville's Jeff Cheslik plays some defense against Saline on Saturday.

Below: The Northville Mustangs sport their mohawks as they shake hands with Saline after winning the regional Saturday.

Below left: The Mustang faithful come out in full support of their soccer team.



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### Thanksgiving Craft for Kids

TIME/DATE: 4 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6  
DETAILS: Children of all ages can make a fun turkey hat.

### Investor Education @ Your Library

TIME/DATE: 6 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 7  
DETAILS: Presented by the Michigan Office of Financial and Insurance Services, this free program will offer a 90 minute presentation on the fundamentals of investing. Anyone wishing to sign up for an optional, free short individual financial counseling session after the presentation may also do so. Pre-registration is required.

### Kids Club

#### "All About Manners"

TIME/DATE: 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8

DETAILS: This is an after school program including stories, games and crafts for kids grades 1-3. Registration begins Nov. 1.

### Little Me Storytime for Little Ones

TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m. Friday Nov. 9

DETAILS: Babies-2 years with parents and caregivers enjoy music, beanbag fun and simple stories; offered monthly; older children also welcome.

### How a Book Changed my Life

Comedy Library Show with John Park

TIME/DATE: 4:15 p.m. Tuesday Nov. 13

DETAILS: Interactive program featuring juggling and fascinating library facts to delight all ages; 100 tickets available 5 minutes before show at Information Desk. Space is limited; please, no child care groups.

### Books, Chat & Chow for Middle & High School Students

TIME/DATE: 4:15 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28

DETAILS: Discuss "Puppeteers Apprentice" by D. Anne Love and enjoy treats. Registration begins Nov. 1.

## 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

#### Devolution

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

LOCATION: School Gymnasium  
DETAILS: Free presentation regarding science, the Bible and evolution, given by Pastor Thomas Lange of Prince of Peace, Hills.

CONTACT: School Office (248) 349-3146

### 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

#### Divorce Recovery

DATE: Through Dec. 6

DETAILS: \$35 per person, various speakers, topics, pot luck dinner.

#### 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.

### Four Mondays in the Fall

TIME/DATE: 7:30-9 p.m. Monday, Nov. 5 and 12

DETAILS: Juleen Sparks presents the Celebration of Discipline in four parts: Nov. 5 Corporate Disciplines; and Nov. 12 Grace, Forgiveness and Mercy. Book available for purchase in church office.

### 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

### Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile Road

CONTACT: (248) 374-5978

Sunday Worship

TIME: 9 a.m. and 10:20 a.m. Traditional, 9 a.m. Contemporary

Sunday AM Women's Bible Study

TIME/DATE: 10:20-11:15 a.m. every Sunday through Dec. 30

LOCATION: Room A101-103

DETAILS: Karen Nottenkamper covers "The Life You've Always Wanted," a study by John Ortberg.

#### WOW Bible Studies

TIME/DATE: 9:30-11:30 a.m. every Tuesday through Dec. 12

LOCATION: Chapel (NE corner of church)

DETAILS: Theme "In Your Wildest Dreams;" 7 small group classes.

#### Book Study

TIME/DATE: 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday through Dec. 12

LOCATION: Room C309

DETAILS: "He Speaks to Me" by Priscilla Shirer

#### MOPS

TIME/DATE: 9:15-11:15 a.m. and 7-9 p.m. the first and third Thursday of each month

LOCATION: Room C307-309

DETAILS: Support and encouragement for mothers of young children

CONTACT: Day MOPS, Jan Janka (734) 367-9171; for evening MOPS, Keli Plinsinis (248) 561-8019.

#### 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: 7 p.m. Praying Together, Sanctuary

Every Wednesday: 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Single Adult Ministries office; 7 p.m. Single Men's Bible Study; 7 p.m. Single Parents, Single Adult Ministries Office; 4-7 p.m. Tennis, Rotary Park (Six Mile Road between Farmington and Merriman roads); 8:30-10 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball, Knox Hall.

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.

SPM Bridge: 5:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday; beginners welcome; refreshments.

Alpha-Questions of Life (for everyone)

TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m. Thursdays for 10 weeks, through Nov. 22

DETAILS: Explore the Christian faith in friendly, fun, thought-provoking setting; includes free dinner and child care each week; register through Community Outreach.

CONTACT: (248) 374-5932 or Margy.Burkhart@wardchurch.org

#### Grief and the Holidays

TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12

LOCATION: Room A-105

DETAILS: Cathy Clough presents this free workshop for those



### Pumpkin pickin'

Tom Moomey poses with his sons, Nathan, 4, and Shane, 3, with their pumpkins at the Milan George Farm on Six Mile Road last Friday night. The farm is open for pumpkin picking and their corn maze on Fridays from 6 p.m.-dark and Saturdays and Sundays from noon-dark.

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who have experienced the loss of a loved one and are grieving; no registration required.  
CONTACT: Barb at (248) 374-5966

### Northville First United Methodist Church

LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road

CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 or www.fumcnorthville.org

#### Sunday Worship

TIME: 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m. Coffee hour at 10:15 a.m.

#### Healing Service

DATE: First Monday of every month

TIME: 4 p.m.

#### Men's Bible Study

TIME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 a.m. every Wednesday

#### Sharing Hearts Women's Bible Study

TIME/DATE: 12:45-2:30 p.m. every Tuesday

LOCATION: Chapel upstairs

DETAILS: Child care available; cost is \$11 for materials.

#### Disciple One Bible Study

TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. every Sunday or 9:30-11:30 a.m. every Wednesday

DETAILS: Course lasts 34 weeks; covers 70 percent of the Bible.

#### Disciple Three Bible Study: Remember Who You Are

TIME/DATE: 9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday

#### Disciple Bible Study: Jesus and the Gospels

TIME/DATE: 3-5 p.m. every Sunday

#### The Faith Club

TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. every other Thursday

DETAILS: This interfaith group will be reading "The Faith Club"; register at (248) 344-4248.

#### Suicide Loss Support Group

See New Hope Center listing under "Support Groups."

#### LOGOS Youth Club

TIME/DATE: 5:15-8:15 p.m. each Wednesday

DETAILS: Program includes recreation, dinner, bible study and music; grades 4-12.

### Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

LOCATION: 770 Thayer

CONTACT: (248) 349-2621 or www.olvnorthville.org

#### Saturday Worship

TIME: 5 p.m.

#### Sunday Worship

TIME: 7:30, 9 and 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

### Meadowbrook Congregational

LOCATION: 21355 Meadowbrook Road

CONTACT: Rev. Arthur Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757 or visit www.mbcc.org or gmccc@arounddetroit.biz

#### Sunday Worship

TIME: 10 a.m.

### St. John Lutheran Church

LOCATION: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills, between Grand River and Freedom Roads

CONTACT: 248-474-0584

### Orchard Hills Baptist Church

LOCATION: 23455 Novi Road

CONTACT: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665

#### Preschool/Kids Choir

TIME/DATE: 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday

DETAILS: For ages 3-6; all are welcome.

#### Practical Spiritual Divorce Care Workshop

TIME/DATE: 6:30-8:30 p.m. every Monday through Nov. 5

DETAILS: Register online www.orchardhillsnovi.com

CONTACT: Stephen E. Monette (248) 982-4558 or info@orchardhillsnovi.com

### 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

### Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington

LOCATION: 25301 Halsted Road, Farmington Hills

CONTACT: (248) 318-8044 or http://www.uufarmington.org

### St. John's Episcopal Church

LOCATION: 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth

CONTACT: (734) 453-0190

#### Reinventing Your Life-God Is Calling You to a Song

TIME/DATE: 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesday evenings

DETAILS: Minimum of 10 people required for every session.

CONTACT: Elizabeth Wilhelm (734) 953-0190 ext. 10

#### Red Cross Blood Drive

TIME/DATE: 2-8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12

DETAILS: Call Carolyn Libeau (734) 455-5395 to make an

appointment or drop in.

### Novi United Methodist

LOCATION: 41671 W. Ten Mile Road

CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 or umcnovi.com

#### Summer Craft Show

DETAILS: The church is hosting an arts and crafts show Saturday, June 21. Vendor space available inside and out. Visit church website or contact Pam Davis at edleecr@yahoo.com.

### Alternative Christmas Fair

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

LOCATION: Hope Lutheran Church, 39200 W. 12 Mile Road (East of Haggerty)

DETAILS: Annual fair invites local, national, and international fair trade organizations, non-profit charities and social service agencies to offer gifts for sale and opportunities for charitable giving. These organizations gather to raise money and increase awareness of their activities. Find interesting, distinctive gifts including jewelry, toys, holiday cards and hand-woven items. All proceeds benefit charities.

CONTACT: (248) 553-7170

### Pre-Christmas Sale

Sponsored by Holy Family and St. James Catholic churches in partnership with Catholic Relief Services.

TIME/DATE: 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10 and 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11

LOCATION: Holy Family Church Activity Center, 24505 Meadowbrook Road, Novi

DETAILS: This is a sale of handcrafted items, provided by "Work of Human Hands" and made by artisans from developing nations throughout the world.

## Support Groups

### Angela Hospice Groups

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 Tuesdays

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 free for those who have lost a loved one through suicide; call (734) 464-7810 for more information.

#### Children and Teen Grief Support Groups

TIME/DATE: 5-6:30 p.m. every Thursday through Nov. 8

DETAILS: For children ages 6-8, 9-12 and 13 and up; free of charge; includes light meal from 5-5:30 p.m.; while children are in group sessions, parents and guardians attend their own group on how to help their children.

#### 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/DAY: 7:30 p.m. every Thursday

LOCATION: Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile Road, Livonia

DETAILS: Aim for Recovery is an organization holding meetings offering support and recovery for those suffering with anxiety disorders and their families. 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

### Crohn's & Colitis Support Group

DATE: first and third Wednesday of each month

LOCATION: Providence Park Hospital and Medical Center

TIME: 7-9 p.m.

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**Females in the Family Business Affinity Group**  
TIME/DATE: 8-9:30 a.m. Third Thursday of every month  
LOCATION: Walsh College Troy Campus  
DETAILS: Walsh Business Leadership Institute invites women who own, are partners in, or work for family businesses. Items discussed will be common issues, and women can share solutions in a nonthreatening, noncompetitive, non-sales round-table. Registration is required.  
CONTACT: Jan Hubbard, jhubbard@walshcollege.edu

**First Aid for Elder Caregivers**  
TIME/DATE: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6  
LOCATION: Carlos Meeting Room, Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St.  
DETAILS: Marge Wisniewski, BSHE, MBA, Administrator, Heartland Hospice will provide information on Alzheimer's and dementia care, legal resources, long-term care options and more; share your stories, come for emotional support and hope.  
CONTACT: Cathy Cardinal at (248) 349-0432 or e-mail to ifyoudontlaughyoullcry@yahoo.com

**Food Addicts 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 <http://www.foodaddicts.org>

**New Hope Center for Grief Support**  
DETAILS: The groups meet on a regular basis in various locations. All services for offered at no cost.  
CONTACT: (248) 348-0115 or go to <http://www.newhopecenter.net>

**Widows/Widowers With Children Support Group**  
TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of month  
LOCATION: St. Kenneth's Parish, Plymouth  
**New Hope for KIDZ Support Group**  
TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of month

DETAILS: Meets at the same time and location as adult group; for children ages 3-18.  
**Suicide Loss Support Group**  
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second Thursday and fourth Monday  
LOCATION: First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville  
DETAILS: This is a drop-in support group.

**Clubs & Groups**

**Beautiful Singles Hiking**  
TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. first and third Sunday 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/>

**Business Networking International**  
TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 a.m. every Thursday  
LOCATION: Eastern Michigan University, Livonia Campus, 38777 W. Six Mile Road, Suite 400  
DETAILS: Visitors are welcome to all meetings. Reservations required.  
CONTACT: Jim Green (248) 345-3302

**Camera Club**  
DATE: second Tuesday of every month  
CONTACT: Tom James of

**Captured**

Ridge Wood Elementary School students watch a presentation from Herzog Marionettes last week.

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**Gardeners of Northville and Novi**  
TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. second Monday of each month, Sept.-May  
LOCATION: Rotate between Northville Library and Novi Civic Center  
DETAILS: Visitors welcome.  
CONTACT: (248) 231-2334 or [www.gardenersnorthville-novi.org](http://www.gardenersnorthville-novi.org)

**Great Books Discussion Group**  
TIME/DATE: First and third Thursday of every month  
LOCATION: Livonia Civic Center Library, Five Mile and Farmington Road  
DETAILS: Discuss novels, plays, poetry and nonfiction  
CONTACT: (248) 349-3121

**Northville Newcomers and Neighbors**  
**Monthly Coffee**  
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. first Tuesday of each month  
LOCATION: Member's home  
DETAILS: All welcome to socialize, meet, greet friends and neighbors.  
CONTACT: Colleen Nametz at (248) 596-1940

**Northville Woman's Club**  
TIME: 1:30 p.m. first and third Friday, Oct. to March  
DATE: Nov. 2, "What Every Woman Should Know" about breast cancer, with Rita McCotter  
DATE: Nov. 16, "Peru and the Lost City of Machu Pichu," with Kathy Thornton  
DATE: Dec. 7, "Holiday Decor by Gardenviews," with Linda Jo Hare  
DATE: Dec. 21, Select Choir from the Detroit Concert Choir, holiday musical selection  
CONTACT: Karen Poulos, (248) 349-4684

**South Lyon Square Dance Club**  
LOCATION: VFW Post 2502, 125 E. McHattie St., South Lyon  
DETAILS: American Square Dancing; no experience necessary, public and families welcome.  
CONTACT: <http://squaredancemichigan.tripod.com/southlyon.html> or call (248) 486-0043

**Meetings**

**Northville Public Schools Board of Education**  
DATE: second and fourth Tuesday of the month (Nov. 13)  
TIME: 7:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Old Village School

**City of Northville City Council**  
DATE: first and third Monday of the month  
TIME: 7:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: City Hall, 215 W.

**Main St. Downtown Development Authority**  
DATE: third Tuesday of each month (Nov. 20)  
TIME: 8 a.m.  
LOCATION: City Council Chambers, 215 W. Main St.  
CONTACT: <http://downtown-northville.com>

**Planning Commission**  
DATE: first and third Tuesdays of month  
TIME: 7:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: City Hall  
**Housing Commission**  
DATE: second Wednesday of every month  
TIME: 3 p.m.  
LOCATION: Allen Terrace, 401 High St.

**Historic District Commission**  
DATE: third Wednesday of month  
TIME: 7 p.m.  
LOCATION: City Hall  
**Arts Commission**  
DATE: second Wednesday of every month  
TIME: 7:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.  
**Beautification Commission**  
DATE: second Tuesday of every month  
TIME: 7 p.m.  
LOCATION: Northville City Hall, Meeting Room B

**Northville Township Planning Commission**  
DATE: last Tuesday of month  
TIME: 7:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Township Hall, 44405 West Six Mile Road  
**Board of Trustees**  
DATE: third Thursday of month  
TIME: 7:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Township Hall  
**Zoning Board of Appeals**  
DATE: third Wednesday of month  
TIME: 7:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Township Hall  
**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

**Parks & Rec**

**Northville Parks & 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 <http://www.northvilleparksandrec.org>  
**Parks and Recreation Commission**  
DATE/TIME: 7 p.m. second Wednesday, every other month beginning in January  
LOCATION: Northville Township Hall, 44405 W. Six Mile Road

**Trunk or Treat**  
TIME/DATE: 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27  
LOCATION: Maybury State Park  
DETAILS: Families decorate their child for Halloween; an adult accompanies their child for "Trunk or Treat," while an adult hands out trunk treats. Contests include best decorated trunk, best kid and adult costume. Bring pre-wrapped candy only, must have vehicle permit sticker.

**Used Sports Equipment Sale**  
TIME/DATE: 3-7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9; 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10  
LOCATION: Senior Community Center Gym, 303 W. Main St.  
DETAILS: Bring your used sporting equipment to sell, including golf clubs, skis, ice skates, camping gear and more. Price your own equipment. Parks and Rec. receives 30 percent of your profit. Deadline to register is Thursday, Nov. 8 at 4:30 p.m. Old, out-dated or heavily worn items will not be accepted. Parks and Rec. is not responsible for items sold. Any equipment not picked up after the sale will be donated to charity.

**Group Fitness Classes**  
DETAILS: Classes include Yoga, Pilates Ball, Aerobics, Step, Kickboxing, Cycle and overall strength training. Class schedules are flexible and vary; monthly calendar available at <http://www.northvilleparksandrec.org> or call (248) 349-0203. Fees are \$8 for drop-ins or \$50 for an unlimited monthly resident pass. Classes held at Hillside Recreation Center or the Senior Community Center. All fitness levels welcome to participate; certified instructors provide safe and fun workouts.

**Open Basketball**  
TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m. every Sunday  
LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.  
DETAILS: \$3 per person.  
**Open Family Basketball**  
TIME/DATE: 4-6 p.m. every Sunday  
LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.  
DETAILS: \$2 per person.  
**Open 40+ Basketball**  
TIME/DATE: 7-9:30 p.m. every Wednesday

LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.  
DETAILS: \$3 per person.  
**Open Volleyball**  
TIME/DATE: 7-10 p.m. every Thursday and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. every Saturday  
LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside  
DETAILS: \$4 per person.  
**Open Badminton**  
TIME/DATE: 7-9:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Friday  
LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside  
DETAILS: Competitive style badminton available; all skill levels welcome; \$7 per player.

**Open Pickleball**  
TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. every other Saturday  
LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside  
DETAILS: New offering, \$4 per player. Call (248) 449-9947 for more information.  
**Table Tennis**  
TIME/DATE: 6-10 p.m. every

Monday; noon-4 p.m. every Saturday  
LOCATION: Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road  
DETAILS: Eight tables available; all skill levels welcome; \$5 per player.

**Volunteering**

**Art House Store**  
LOCATION: 215 W. Cady St.  
DETAILS: Looking for volunteers to work four hours per month, receive 10 percent off store purchases.  
CONTACT: Carol Kendra (248) 344-0497

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

**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 needed.  
CONTACT: Mary, (800) 770-9859

**Maybury Farm**  
DETAILS: The farm needs help in the following areas: Clean the barn Mondays and Tuesdays and feed the animals; part-time workers on weekends and weekends assisting with hay rides (must be experienced); docents to assist with the school programming. Call (248) 374-0200.

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

**Midwest Rabbit Rescue and Rehoming**  
DETAILS: This organization houses, treats and adopts out rabbits to new homes. Donations

to support their efforts in the responsible care and treatment of indoor pet rabbits are appreciated. Call Dominique Moroz (248) 348-8519 or visit [www.rabbitrr.org](http://www.rabbitrr.org). Pet rabbit shelter is open 12:30-4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday or by appointment.

**Northville Genealogical Society**  
TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. Monday  
LOCATION: Northville District Library  
DETAILS: Individual help on genealogy is offered by society members in Local History Room at library, also by appointment.  
CONTACT: Tille Van Sicke (734) 595-7806 or <http://www.rootsweb.com/~mings>

**Northville Newcomers and Neighbors**  
DETAILS: This group is for residents of Northville and surrounding communities. Participate in monthly coffees, various activities and special programs. New members welcome.  
CONTACT: Colleen Nametz at (248) 596-1940

**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 client and friend Sue Galli. Hidden Springs welcomes all donations from the community to build this fund, helping as many pets as possible. Please make checks payable to Hidden Spring Vet Clinic SGA Fund. Mail to: 48525 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167.  
CONTACT: (248) 349-2598

**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 <http://www.vna.org>.

**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 various locations throughout western Wayne County.  
CONTACT: Tabatha Manuel (313) 561-4110 ext. 20 or [tmanuel@ywca-wwc.org](mailto:tmanuel@ywca-wwc.org)

**Class Reunions**

**Northville Class of 1977**  
DETAILS: It's been 30 years! Anyone working on a reunion? Anyone want to join me in forming a committee to plan a reunion? Hope to hear from some classmates soon.  
CONTACT: Teresa Folino (248) 349-3391 or [Northville46@aol.com](mailto:Northville46@aol.com)

**St. Alphonsus of Dearborn 30th Reunion**  
DATE: Saturday, Nov. 24  
LOCATION: Dearborn Doubletree Hotel  
CONTACT: [stals77@wowway.com](mailto:stals77@wowway.com) and [www.stalsalumni.com/1977](http://www.stalsalumni.com/1977)

**Plymouth High School Class of 1968**  
DETAILS: The Class of 1968 is looking for classmates for their 40th Class Reunion to be held July 19, 2008 in Livonia. For more information, contact Janet (Sheedy) Johnston at (734) 437-3534 or e-mail to [pshs40threunion@charter.net](mailto:pshs40threunion@charter.net).

Send calendar submissions via e-mail to [cstone@gannett.com](mailto:cstone@gannett.com); by fax to (248) 349-9832; or by mail to Northville Record, 104 W. Main, Suite 101, Northville, MI 48167. Items must be received by noon on Tuesday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

## Home Owners Do You Know... How to Detect Sick House Syndrome?



### WHAT CAUSES SICK HOUSE SYNDROME?

Sick House Syndrome occurs when a house can't "breathe". A home needs to breathe in order to rid itself of indoor pollutants. These pollutants result in poor indoor air quality - a "sick house." Inadequate ventilation allows pollutants to build up, causing potential health risks to the home's occupants. Young children, the elderly, and some chronically ill persons are most susceptible to the effects of Sick House Syndrome.

Common sources of indoor pollution include tobacco smoke, certain carpeting materials, furnaces which are operating with a dirty burn cycle, using fireplaces which are not properly vented, candles, pressed wood cabinets and household cleaning products. Moisture build-up, although not a pollutant itself, can also be harmful in a house as it can cause mildew and/or mold growth inside walls, crawlspaces, and other areas. The spores from the mold will be circulated through the air in the home by operating the furnace, air conditioner and ceiling fans.

### HOW CAN INDOOR POLLUTION BE REDUCED?

Source control is usually the most effective way to improve indoor air quality. In some cases, eliminating the specific sources of indoor pollution - for example, removing older carpets, and repairing or maintaining furnaces - may be all that is necessary.

For offending substances such as tobacco smoke, cleaning products, and moisture buildup, improving ventilation is a key means of decreasing indoor pollution. Many newer homes are so well insulated and sealed that only a very limited amount of fresh air can get in. Recommended and effective ventilation requires the home should have a complete air change every three hours. In this situation, using attic or window fans and opening windows (when weather permits) are easy and inexpensive ways to improve and increase ventilation.

More hazardous materials such as asbestos and lead do not normally cause problems if they are undisturbed, but these and other dangerous substances should be analyzed by having Samples of the materials collected by a qualified technician, and have analysis by a Certified Lab to identify the type of material if unknown or to verify any health concerns. This will also help to identify if any action is required such as encapsulation, abatement or removal is warranted.



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Decorated for the holidays, the living room at The Dixboro General Store is so cozy and inviting that customers are often surprised to discover that everything in the room is for sale, from the furniture to the Christmas decorations.

## This general store is anything but general

By Kristina Drake  
SPECIAL WRITER

This historic store and the adjoining buildings house one of the busiest country gift and furniture stores in Michigan.

With each doorway comes a sense of taking a step back in time, yet you will find some modern day relics along the way as well. Each room is picture perfect as if torn from an elegant, stylish magazine.

It is true that they do sell private label jellies and jams. They also sell delicious fudge. But that is about as close as you will get to general merchandise. Stepping inside the Dixboro General Store in Ann Arbor is an experience like no other.

You never know what you will find until you are there. Nearly everything is for sale, from the chandelier that lights your way, to the table settings laid out in the dining room.

And it is always changing. Every time you visit the store you are bound to see something new.

"You will never see the same things from season to season, and sometimes week to week," Steve said. Steve Dani, and his wife Brenda, now operate the general store.

The Dixboro General Store also offers furniture. Both the upholstered furniture, and the hand-crafted solid wood furniture, are built to last for generations, just like the store itself has.

"Many people don't even realize that we sell furniture," Brenda said. "Sometimes everything looks so cozy where it sits that people don't realize that the décor they appreciate is actually for sale."

### YOU CAN'T MESS WITH HISTORY

Located just outside of Ann Arbor, the Dixboro General Store stands as a historical landmark.

The store was built around 1840, and back then bought, sold and even traded general merchandise with locals and travelers. Plymouth Road, where the store is located, was once the main route connecting Detroit and Ann Arbor. Then teams of horses hauled loads of goods for days to stock the store shelves.

There is no doubt that over the last 167 years the store has changed, but the name will always remain the same.

"With the name comes its history," Steve

### DIXBORO GENERAL STORE

5206 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor

Phone  
(734) 663-5558

Web site  
[www.dixboro.com](http://www.dixboro.com)

Hours  
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Monday through Saturday

10 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Friday

11 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Sunday

Holiday Open House  
Nov. 6-11

Santa visits weekends  
Nov. 24-Dec. 17  
Bring your camera  
for a photo with Santa.



Offering everything from jellies, candies and fudge, to furniture, home accessories, and seasonal decor, The Dixboro General Store was named the Best Gift Shop in Metro Detroit in an online poll hosted by WDIV, channel 4.

Other specialty gifts for holidays include several popular lines of candles, pottery, and hand-painted decor. The General Store offers an eclectic mix of merchandise that you may never see anywhere else.

As you browse the store the fascinating decor helps to create a warm, charming feeling similar to a day in the country. It may also lead to wonderful interior design inspiration for your own home.

Certainly customers love the Dixboro jellies, candies and fudge, but they are no doubt drawn in by the selection of furniture, home accessories, and always changing seasonal decor.

This explains their recent designation as Metro Detroit's best gift shop. The Dixboro General Store was named the Best Gift Shop in Metro Detroit in an online poll hosted by WDIV, channel 4.

Thousands of people visit the general store each year, and it has nearly 40,000 people on its modern day mailing list.

Not only does the store offer a unique shopping experience, but during special events throughout the year, customers can

enjoy carriage rides, outdoor bands, signings by nationally known artists and authors, and a twice-yearly barn and tent sale.

### 'TIS THE SEASON

This time of year especially, with the holidays fast approaching, the store transforms into a feast for the eyes. From ornaments, garlands, wreaths and holiday trees, to unique gifts and table top items, the store is treasure trove for the holidays.

Every year, the Dixboro General Store hosts their highly anticipated Christmas Open House. This year's event, from Nov. 6-11, will be their 17th annual celebration.

Customers can save on all holiday merchandise, enjoy refreshments and door prizes. Also fitting to the tradition of the store you can enjoy a free carriage ride.

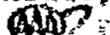
You can also visit with Santa from noon to 4 p.m. on Nov. 24 and 25, and Saturdays and Sundays through December.

On Sunday, Dec. 9, Santa will also be bringing his reindeer for a quick visit as they prepare for the big day.

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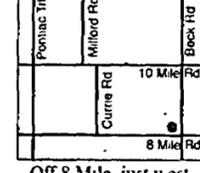
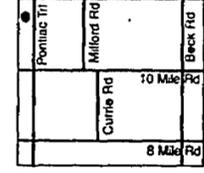
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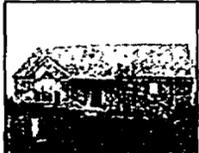
**UPDATED RANCH**  
Spacious home on a deep wooded lot. Enormous Family Room lots of updates including furnace A/C roof windows, & more. Move in condition & lots of charm.  
\$159,900 (P-573WO)



**LOVELY RANCH**  
3 bd ranch w/newer kitchen, interior doors vinyl siding windows, fresh paint recessed lighting & all appliances stay. Not a drive by!  
\$85,000 (P-702AM)



**GREAT DEAL!**  
Great investment opportunity here. All appliances stay. 3 spacious bedrooms, full basement Dining Room, & 2 car Garage.  
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**SENSATIONAL CONDO**  
2 bd ranch condo w/2 baths 1278 sq ft end unit. Liv Rm w/cath ceiling. Top honey maple kitchen w/appliances 1st fl laundry full bsmt & great location.  
\$175,000 (P-215CA)



**GREAT STARTER**  
This 3 bd ranch in Dearborn Heights is perfect for 1st timers. Basement garage updated windows flooring electrical gutters & more.  
\$69,900 (P-908ET)



**WOW**  
If you desire privacy & a beautiful yard this is it! Huge mechanics dream Garage newer roof & windows 3 bedrooms oversized lot. Convenient location.  
\$149,900 (C-453FL)



**PLYMOUTH CONDO**  
Cute ranch condo w/large brick paver patio, updated appliances & windows, pets allowed, good location & clubhouse activities w/ heated pool. Faces a lovely courtyard & home warranty too!  
\$104,500 (P-699NE)



**ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS**  
Private wooded lot w/creek running through open air floor plan, vaulted ceilings, finished bsmt, Sauna, heated Sunroom, large Deck, paver patio, & prof landscaped.  
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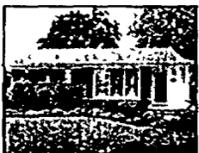
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**PERFECT CONDO**  
Great for 1st timers! Down moldings, decorator paint, Pergo, neutral carpet, all appliances stay, balcony spacious bedrooms & great location.  
\$99,900 (P-4195A)



**UPDATED THOROUGHBRED**  
Beautiful deep wooded lot! Hwd floors. Huge Liv Rm w/tripl newer Kit w/granite 2.5 baths Master w/sitting area, finished bsmt w/2 bdrms updated roof, sewer line windows landscaping & more.  
\$398,500 (P-456SH)



**WONDERFUL RANCH**  
Fabulous 3 bd 1.5 bath ranch in sought after Ridgeland Sub. Updated to include siding A/C gutters roof furnace & elec. Full bsmt w/glass block, updated Kit & nice yard.  
\$135,000 (P-851TE)



**SPACIOUS CONDO**  
1st floor condo just steps away from Laurel Park shopping. Well maintained in unit laundry w/washer & dryer 1200 sq ft & more.  
\$115,000 (C-312UM)



**LOVINGLY CARED FOR**  
Spacious kitchen w/hook overlooking wooded backyard. Formal Liv & Dr Rm large Master w/private bath & W/C finished lower level & updated roof siding windows & flooring.  
\$219,900 (P-664WE)



**EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY**  
Very open floor plan w/brick elevator. Spacious Fam Rm w/tripl & views of backyard sun lit island kitchen w/hook, Master w/bath & finished lower level.  
\$204,900 (P-638WE)



**GREAT OPPORTUNITY**  
Brick ranch home in Westland w/ Livonia Schools. 3 bd, 2 baths part finished bsmt, hwd floors newer roof, 1 car Garage & appliances stay.  
\$125,000 (P-570AL)



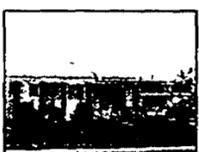
**TICKLE YOUR FANCY**  
Northside condo w/all the extras! 3 season sun room, open kitchen w/hwd floors prof finished bsmt w/2nd kitchen, formal Liv & Dr Rms 2 car Garage, & backs to commons.  
\$349,900 (P-582AS)



**BEST IN THE SUBDIVISION**  
Totally updated colonial featuring 4 bds, 2.5 baths, & Family Room w/tripl Updates include oak kitchen, berber carpet, newer roof hwd floors & much more.  
\$208,900 (P-630AV)



**UPDATED RANCH HOME**  
Completely updated! This 3 bd 2.5 bath ranch has a large fenced in yard finished bsmt, completely updated kitchen, baths, windows & hwd floors. A must see!  
\$154,900 (P-062BE)



**AMAZING VALUE**  
Lovely 3 bd 1.5 bath ranch offers a gorgeous remod kitchen, new bath, area carpet, freshly painted, finished bsmt, C/A, new Deck & so much more.  
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Large lot for a home of your choice. City allows modular or manufactured home. Seller will consider land contract.  
\$49,900 (C-008EC)



**UNBEATABLE LOCATION**  
You'll love how close this 2 bd 2 story condo is to fine shops, restaurants & parks. Quality built full basement, view of park from front & privacy in the back.  
\$144,900 (P-533ET)



**WALK TO DOWNTOWN**  
Charming Plymouth contemporary home w/huge inground pool, finished bsmt, large Liv Rm, formal Dining Room w/donut! 4 bds, 2 full & 2 half baths & unbeatable location.  
\$460,000 (P-670EV)



**EXCELLENT NEIGHBORHOOD**  
Great home surrounded by larger, higher priced homes. Greatwood block & high ceilings. Endless possibilities. Call for more info.  
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**EXECUTIVE CONDO LIVING**  
Plymouth's prestigious Maillard Pond! Plymouth's finest! w/all the extras! 3 season sun room, open kitchen w/hwd floors prof finished bsmt w/2nd kitchen, formal Liv & Dr Rms 2 car Garage, & backs to commons.  
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**UNBELIEVABLE LOW PRICE**  
Great Westland condo w/Livonia Schools. Open floor plan, Liv Rm w/patio door to balcony new water heater in unit laundry assoc dues inc. water area pool, & good location.  
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**POPULAR MAYFAIR VILLAGE**  
Spacious colonial w/over 2300 sq ft 4 bd, 2.5 baths new lead glass entry door, updated maple kitchen w/Corian, updated powder room, formal dining, Fam Rm w/tripl & 1st fl bar.  
\$242,000 (P-5560A)



**FANTASTIC PRICE**  
3 bd farm-house w/updated windows doors hwd ceilings hwd floors Pottery Barn colors large fenced yard & close to parks & library.  
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**BACKS TO THE PARK**  
1800 sq ft brick ranch backing to nature park. 3 bd 2.5 baths. Great Rm w/tripl doors leading to large Deck. Says this 1st fl lawn bsmt garage & Livonia Schools.  
\$259,800 (C-277PA)



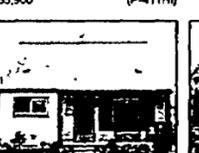
**MOTIVATED SELLERS**  
Wonderful maintenance free ranch w/neutral decor 3 bd 2 baths, updated windows, elec, & plumbing 2.5 car Garage ceramic tile entry updated oak kitchen, new roof in 2006 & home warranty.  
\$144,900 (C-524FE)



**LAKEFRONT ON LONG LAKE**  
Why drive for hours up north when you can relax right here! Nice sandy beach on Long Lake in Commerce. Updates garage roof furnace hwd, well pump siding doors 4 season room, & quiet street.  
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**PERFECT FOR FIRST TIMERS**  
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**GORGEOUS INSIDE & OUT**  
Come in & be impressed w>this beautiful 2 bd, 2.5 bath condo w/1st floor master gourmet island kitchen, full bsmt, 2 car Garage brick paver walkway, & large Patio. Tastefully decorated Liv.  
\$144,900 (C-642RU)



**CAPE COD CONDO**  
Enjoy the comforts of a free standing home in the convenience of a condo. Many upgrades inc granite, Jenn-Air stove, triple in large Great Rm, 1st fl Master w/WC & bath 2 car Garage & more.  
\$349,900 (C-021SA)



**QUALITY RANCH**  
Birmingham Farms sub in Bloomfield Tap offers this fabulous home featuring 3 bd Family Room w/2 way fireplace 1st fl laundry & priced right.  
\$350,000 (C-532T)



**BEAUTIFUL LAKE VIEWS**  
Access to all sports Toigi Lake 2500 sq ft 4 bd 2.5 bath ranch w/wide open floor plan, huge rooms, Master w/bath & donut! to Deck spanning the rear of the home.  
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**COUNTRY LOT IN THE CITY**  
Wide buildable lot in an area of newer 1400-1700 sq ft homes. Tread rear & western boundary great location just a few steps away from Lawson Field & playground.  
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**TURN KEY HOME**  
Beautiful 1500 sq ft ranch featuring open floor plan granite kitchen Master w/tripl screened Patio private study 1st fl lawn updated furnace/C/A, & app's stay.  
\$149,900 (C-669VE)



**LUXURY CONDO**  
Gorgeous executive ranch w/3 large bd 2 custom baths w/jetted tub, gourmet kitchen, Great Room w/tripl great Deck overlooking wooded area, & 2 car garage.  
\$252,000 (C-880BE)



**BEAUTIFUL END UNIT CONDO**  
Freshly painted 2 bd, 1.5 bath condo w/new wood floors, Master w/cath ceiling & bath, Liv Rm w/tripl, neutral decor, maple Kit w/all appl's clubhouse w/pool & great location.  
\$174,900 (C-791CA)



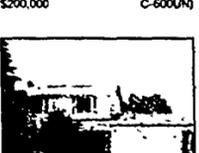
**IN A CLASS BY ITSELF!**  
Stately home backing to woods in desirable Green Oak Tap sub 2 story Foyer gourmet cherry Kit, crown molding French doors leading to Deck, & too much more to list.  
\$330,000 (C-460CL)



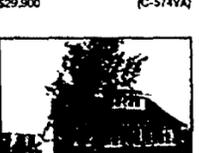
**IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY**  
2 bd condo on beautiful Colonial Estates. Full bsmt, large Living Room, Dining Area, 2 car Kit Garage w/ opener C/A, & ceiling fans. Appliances stay!  
\$118,500 (C-613CO)



**MOVE RIGHT IN!**  
Well maintained 4 bd 2.5 bath colonial featuring a 2 car Garage nice landscaped yard w/shed close to schools & shopping good floor plan & privacy fence.  
\$270,000 (C-815DO)



**PRIDE OF NEIGHBORHOOD**  
This home stands above the rest w/remodeled oak kitchen a ceramic remod baths w/spa shower & skylight finished bsmt new roof & windows. Backs to beautiful tree commons.  
\$239,900 (C-696FO)



**CAPTIVATING CAPE!**  
Situated on almost an acre this fabulous home features french doors coiled ceilings updated ceramic kitchen updated shingles huge Garage 3 season porch & 23 x 17 Barn.  
\$164,750 (C-550GE)



**BETTER THAN NEW**  
Absolutely gorgeous bungalow in a great sub. Home was remodeled in 2007 w/addition 2 possible Master Suites 2 baths fresh paint brand new Kit carpet furnace C/A, windows roof & the list goes on.  
\$169,900 (C-304HA)



**SPACIOUS HOME**  
Ready for you to move in! Freshly painted 4 bd 2.5 baths newer carpet & flooring 1st fl lawn Library Fam Rm w/crown & tripl paver Patio sand Kit a pantry & Garage.  
\$309,000 (C-958HE)



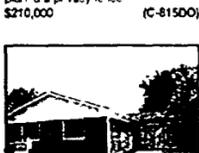
**BETTER THAN NEW!**  
Built in 2002, this beautiful colonial has everything you desire 3 bd, 2.5 baths, newer carpet, freshly painted finished w/out bsmt & more. Don't miss this one!  
\$199,000 (C-185HU)



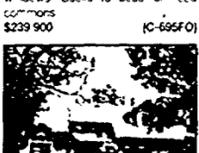
**DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH**  
Gorgeous home in downtown Plymouth for under 200K! Gleaming hwd floors updated kitchen w/eating area, updated windows appl's stay. Garage & home warranty included.  
\$179,000 (C-725JR)



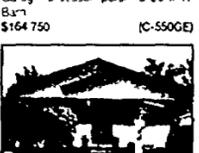
**SUPER CANTON COLONIAL**  
Popular Brookside Village offers this home a spacious floor plan, Fam Rm w/tripl, updated kitchen, Master w/WC, updated furnace C/A, windows & some carpet. Ply-Canton schools.  
\$174,000 (C-228ME)



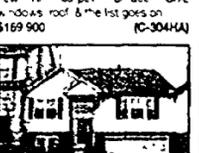
**COME FALL IN LOVE!**  
Totally updated brick ranch with walking distance to Flodin Park. Ceramic Foyer updated kitchen Liv Rm w/tripl Master w/bath updated baths, fresh landscaping & Deck.  
\$200,000 (C-368MO)



**CUSTOM CONTEMPORARY**  
Absolutely stunning home backing to the 16th hole on Honor's Course & access to Crooked Lake. Features inc a Sauna central vac elegant Master finished w/out & inground pool.  
\$449,500 (C-369MU)



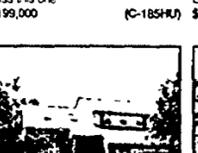
**CURB APPEAL**  
You'll love this 3 bd home w/fresh paint newer flooring vinyl windows C/A, partially finished bsmt, appl's included & large fenced yard lot w/newer Patio & shed. Don't wait on this one.  
\$134,500 (C-396NE)



**TOP SHELF!**  
This ultimate condo is waiting for you! Brand new vinyl windows, prof decorated, finished bsmt, vaulted ceilings, impressive Master & great location.  
\$189,799 (C-409PL)



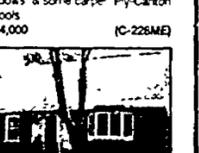
**CUSTOM RANCH ON ACREAGE**  
Never custom built ranch featuring 4 bd 3 baths on 7 acres. Plenty of room for storage in the 3 car Garage & 5x10 Pole Barn. Big open rooms w/vaulted ceilings, finished w/out w/8 ceilings.  
\$439,900 (C-443RA)



**ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS...**  
This is the only way to describe this 3 bd, 2.5 colonial Contemporary colors U/O open floor plan, formal Dining Fam Rm w/tripl finished bsmt, nice Deck & sunroom.  
\$244,800 (C-232W)



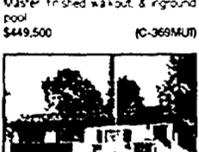
**BREATHTAKING!**  
Excellent curb appeal on the great home! 4 bd 2.5 baths huge kitchen, 1st fl bar, 2 story Great Rm, lovely paver patio & great cul de sac location.  
\$244,900 (C-777DA)



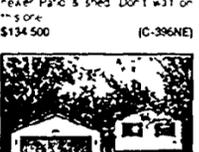
**DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH**  
Walk to town from this gorgeous 4 bd 2 ba Cape Cod feat, newer hwd C/A, siding gutters, windows roof updated elec plumbing & more. Move in ready!  
\$239,900 (C-1500E)



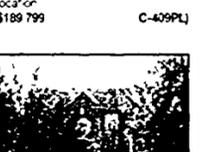
**ENJOY THE PARK**  
You can't find a better location! Brick ranch perfectly situated across from the Community Center & park. Spacious floor plan w/large Liv Rm finished bsmt & all appl's stay.  
\$174,900 (P-431EL)



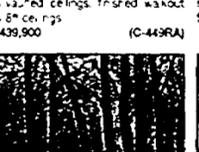
**CHARMING & IMMACULATE!**  
Amazing Kit w/new caramel factory cab's finished bsmt w/updated bath, new furnace windows & roof eye catching landscaping w/sports fenced yard & 2.5 car Garage.  
\$150,000 (P-211HA)



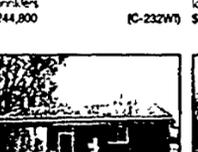
**PERFECT STARTER HOME**  
3 bd 1.5 bath Pinkney home w/is and kitchen w/appl's & nook w/dish leading to Patio & huge yard lower level. Fam Rm w/fresh paint & bath neutral decor & much more.  
\$165,000 (P-983HA)



**PRESTIGIOUS WOODSIDE VILLAGE**  
Tucked away on a gorgeous wooded court, but close to everything 4 bd 3.5 baths lots of windows & updates to 1st fl Master formal Liv & Dr Kit w/nook & paver Patio.  
\$470,000 (P-275HA)



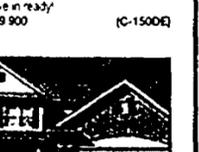
**BUILDERS & INVESTORS!**  
3 lots currently zoned residential, but could be commercial. Tear down house on property deeded access to all sports Horseshoe Lake w/boat launch. More lots avail call for details.  
\$159,900 (P-274DO)



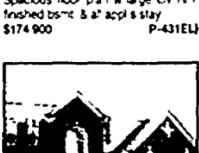
**GREAT HOME**  
Great home featuring new carpet, blinds, & vinyl 3 bds full basement & 2.5 car Garage. Call for further details.  
\$139,900 (C-861JO)



**PRICED JUST RIGHT**  
Remodeled 4 bd almost 1700 sq ft home feat a Florida Room 3 full baths 2 car Garage & Kitchen to die for! Inexpensive double lot & too much more to list.  
\$158,900 (P-082MU)



**SURROUNDED BY WOODS**  
Never end unit cape cod w/water private setting backing to wooded commons 2 story Foyer w/oak floors 2 story Great Rm w/tripl oak Kit w/dining, B.R. bsmt & covered porch & Patio.  
\$168,000 (P-506PA)



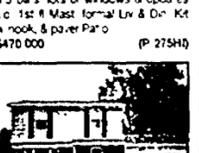
**SPECTACULAR**  
4 bd north facing colonial w/spacious kitchen Master w/jetted tub, all bdrms have walk in extra deep bsmt, upgraded elevator alarm system, & appl's stay.  
\$260,000 (C-871RE)



**NEW CONSTRUCTION**  
Quality construction lot high end materials & craftsmanship w/appl's inc 1st fl laundry 1st fl Master w/bath Great Rm w/tripl daylight bsmt w/appl's w/irs & so much more.  
\$224,900 (C-750R)



**CENTRAL PARK BEAUTY**  
Fabulous 3468 sq ft 4 bd brick colonial on a superb lot backing to wooded commons 3 full & 2 1/2 bath 2nd fl laundry oak hwd floors 2 story Foyer island cherry Kit w/pantry & finished bsmt.  
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- 3-car side-entry garage with stained garage doors
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- Whole house alarm system
- And much more!

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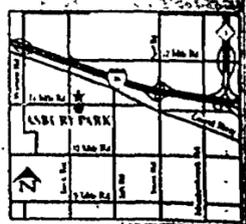


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**PINCKNEY 1,527sq ft., 3 br., 2 baths,** garage, utility room. Patio & lawn maintenance. Pets OK. \$1,200/mo. 810-844-2344 or 810-602-8887

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Compassionate people needed for hourly & live-in care in South Lyon and surrounding areas. Exp. required. Great benefits & wages. Call 800-968-8195

**CARPET CLEANING TECHNICIAN**  
Professional needed, full time. Apply within 1265 Grand Oaks Dr Howell

**CASHIER** - Davis BP seeking part time help w/possible full time. Apply in person. 43420 12 Mile, Novi. Contact Leslie

**CASHIERS** - All shifts available for Livingston & W Oakland gas stations. Up to \$10/hr. Apply in person 10am Tues., Wed., Thurs at Clark Station, I-96 & Grand River, Brighton

**CHEERLEADING COACHING POSITIONS**  
Youth activities organization is looking for responsible, energetic individuals with cheerleading experience. Must enjoy working with children and have excellent communication skills. Part time, evenings. Call 1-800-940-7469 ext. 204

**CHILD CARE** center seeking full & part time exp Pre-K toddler & infant teachers for Brighton & Milford locations. Please call Teddy Bears Playhouse at 810-229-9440

**CHILDCARE CENTER** Brighton looking for Infant Staff, 10:00am-6pm, Mon-Fri Exp req'd 810-229-5437

### Help Wanted-General 5000

**DIGITAL PRINT BUSINESS MANAGER**  
Shendon Books, Inc., Ann Arbor location, currently has need for a Digital Print Business Manager (Print On Demand). Provide leadership, coordination, technical support for Sheridan's Digital Print Offering. Coordinate, lead and communicate SBI digital capabilities and plans to SBI personnel and customers. Resolve work-flow issues proactively by constantly analyzing our processes. Strong computer, organizational & project management skills required. Strong math and English skills. Bachelor Degree in Printing, Business or Engineering preferred (or related field exp equivalent to four-year degree). Min. of 5-10 years exp in printing field. We offer a competitive wage and benefits package, health, dental, vision, life ins., 401(k), vacation and holiday pay EOE. Qualified applicants may email resume with cover letter to [jobs@shendonbooks.com](mailto:jobs@shendonbooks.com) (Please put POD in subject line.)

**DIRECT CARE ASSISTANT**  
Do meaningful work. Assist special population adults in their home and community. \$8.30 per hr. + good benefits. 248-437-7535, 248-348-1290, 248-960-9557

**DIRECT CARE ASSISTANT**  
Support special population adults. Will train. \$9.50 + good benefits. L. Lynn area 734-662-4884

**DIRECT CARE STAFF NEEDED**  
To work with disabled adults in Howell. Must have a valid driver's license or at least 3 yrs. clean driving record & high school diploma or GED. Paid training. Contact Gabrielle Monday-Friday, between 9am-5pm, at 517-552-9518 Howell location

**DRESSAGE FACILITY**  
In Hamburg seeking responsible & reliable employee for horse care & grooming. Must be able to lift 50lbs. Experience with Warm Bloods an absolute necessity. 810-599-7399

**DRIVER- DON'T JUST START YOUR CAREER**  
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**ELECTRICAL ENGINEER**  
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**FACTORY WORK**  
Local manufacturing company is seeking an individual with past factory experience in packing and assembly of small parts. High School degree or GED required. This position will be entry level and will start at \$8.50/hr with benefits within 90 days. Please send resume to PO Box 607 Wayne, MI 48184

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**GARAGE DOOR TECHNICIAN**  
Full Time. No experience necessary. Must be mech inclined, excellent customer service and DRUG FREE. Fax resumes to 248-437-5356 or Email: [GET@DoorDrServices.com](mailto:GET@DoorDrServices.com)

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**GOT GLAMOR?** Hair stylist with experience wanted to relocate your business to a great location in an Upscale atmosphere. We are a growing salon with great exposure and walk-ins. Interested? Call 810-229-8603 or apply in person at Hair Studio 23, 4431 Old US 23 in Brighton

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**HAIRSTYLISTS & PARTY DIRECTORS**  
If you are an energetic and enjoy working with children, Snip-n-Snips is looking for 10 Northville is looking for top-notch people to join our stylist and birthday party staff. Interested candidates contact Karen at (734) 464-7487 or email: [michigan@snips.com](mailto:michigan@snips.com)

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**HOUSEKEEPERS- Parttime DIETARY AIDES- Parttime RECEPTIONIST**  
Evenings & weekends. Apply within American House 42000 Seven Mile Rd., Northville. No phone calls.

**HVAC LOOKING for a Quality Service Tech** to service all makes & models, boilers & oil furnaces. Ability to install & be confident in sales is a must! Must have own tools. Contact Mike, (248) 437-6299.

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**JANITORIAL - Office Cleaning** Womom, Howell & Novi areas. Part-time evening hours 6 days/wk. \$8/hr. [www.ussservco.com](http://www.ussservco.com) Interview dates & times will be emailed.

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**LEASING AGENT**  
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\*Looking for energetic hard working people  
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**MAINTENANCE**  
Needed for Novi apartment community. Must have minimum of 2 years experience in carpentry, plumbing, electrical & HVAC. Must have strong leadership capabilities. Position requires on-call responsibilities. A drug screen, criminal and driving check will be run prior to employment. Apt. available after 30 days, includes benefits and advancement opportunity. Fax resume to Denise at 248-569-1508 or apply in person at 45265 Gateway Rd., Novi, MI 48377 (Phone 248-624-8555)

**MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR**  
Full-time maintenance supervisor needed for apartment complex. Competitive hourly wage and full benefits. Must have 2 yrs. prior maintenance exp in HVAC Electrical, & Plumbing. Drywall & Painting repairs. Qualified applicants may fax resume to 248-356-3509

**MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT**  
Part-time for self storage, 2 days a wk, exp in sales. PC office skills, outside office maintenance required. Novi 248-471-7974

**MECHANICS NEEDED.**  
Hydraulic exp preferred but not necessary. Out of state travel required. Pre-employment drug screen required. Call 248-446-9533

**MEDIA RELATIONS**

The WW Group, Inc (Weight Watchers) in Farmington Hills seeks a candidate to fill their Media Relations position. This is a dynamic role within the marketing and corporate communications team. Creativity, speech and script writing press releases, event coverage, community relations and publishing knowledge are among the skills needed to excel. Solid media contacts and broadcast knowledge a plus. BA in related field a must. Email resume and writing samples immediately to [marketing@wwgroup.com](mailto:marketing@wwgroup.com) or fax 248-699-3906 EOE

**WeightWatchers**

**MILFORD INSURANCE AGENCY**  
seeking full-time Sales & Customer Service Rep. Must possess excellent communication skills. License preferred, but not required. Will train. Email resume to 2061394@allstate.com

**MODELING**  
Thinking of exploring a career in modeling? Taking applications for Livingston County Contact PROMD 1, Charles Anthony 810-533-0088

### Help Wanted-General 5000

**OFFICE MANAGER**  
A growing insurance agency looking for an Office Manager. Allstate experience a must. Some responsibilities include audits, endorsements, including & cross selling. Flexible hours. Hourly plus commission. Email resume to [toomay@allstate.com](mailto:toomay@allstate.com) or call 248-486-0913 ask for Tom. All applications are strictly confidential.

**OFFICE MANAGER NEEDED**  
For snack food manufacturing business in Brighton. Duties include customer service, financial analysis, inventory control, and excellent computer skills necessary. Self motivated, self starter. Excellent pay and benefits. Non-Smoking environment. Please fax resume with handwritten cover sheet and salary requirements to 248-486-0970

**OFFICE MANAGER**  
Full or part time. Exp preferred, for busy South Lyon practice. (248)437-7600

**PAINTERS WANTED**  
Must have reliable transportation and be dependable. E-mail resume to [cpc762@yahoo.com](mailto:cpc762@yahoo.com)

**PLUMBING SERVICE TECH**  
Min. 3 years exp. Clean driving record. Blackflow cert and remodeling exp a plus. Must be customer oriented with a strong background in sales. Must resume an salary requirement. HR Dept. PO Box 1412, Brighton, MI 48116

**PRE-SCHOOL/TODDLER/ INFANT TEACHER - FT, P/T**  
CDL certified preferred. OEA license at 517-518-8566 btw. 1 & 3pm.

**PRODUCTION SUPERVISOR**  
For 2nd shift needed for snack food manufacturing plant in Brighton MI. Seeks full time person. Qualified candidate must be self starter and self motivated. Experienced in food manufacturing a plus. Excellent pay and benefits. Fax resume to 248-486-9135

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**RESIDENT ASSISTANT**  
Plymouth Towne Apartments is currently looking for energetic and committed people to join our team! We are offering competitive wages for the position of Resident Assistant. Part-time or Full Hours available for all shifts, experience a plus. Please call Pat @ 734-459-3891

**SEEKING LABORERS**  
to work in the seismic industry, no experience necessary. out of state travel required. Pre-employment drug screen required. Please call (248) 446-9533 for further info

**SNOW REMOVAL CO.**  
Seeking General Laborers for Snowing, Snow Removal, etc. Also need people with Plow Trucks & Self-Spreaders. Pay by hr or salary (248) 924-7922

**STYLIST NEEDED**  
Novi Salon, Great Location. Now offering car rental. Call 734-552-0732

**STYLIST NEEDED**  
Part-time. Mature, at least 2 years experience minimum. Willing to help build self and salon. Your clientele welcome, and some clientele waiting. Call for interview 810-229-0455.

**STYLISTS NEEDED**  
From 9am-1pm and 1pm-6pm South Lyon. Ask for Louise 810-229-6726

**TOOL AND DIE TECHNICIAN**  
Automotive supplier of metal components is currently seeking dedicated tooling candidate for their facility located in Southeast Tennessee. The ideal candidate must have experience in progressive and transfer dies. Duties may include:

- die repairs
- working with engineering on special projects
- provide input into die design

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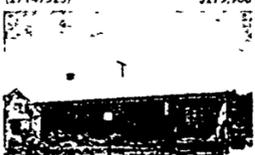
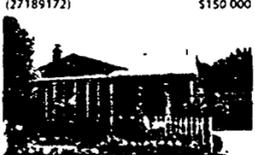
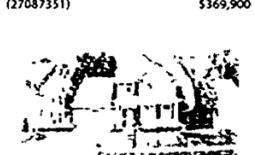
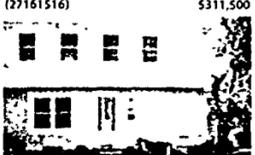
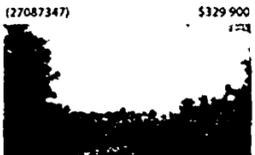
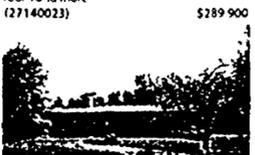
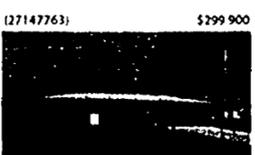
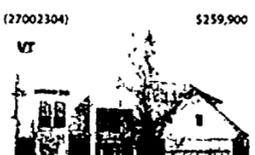


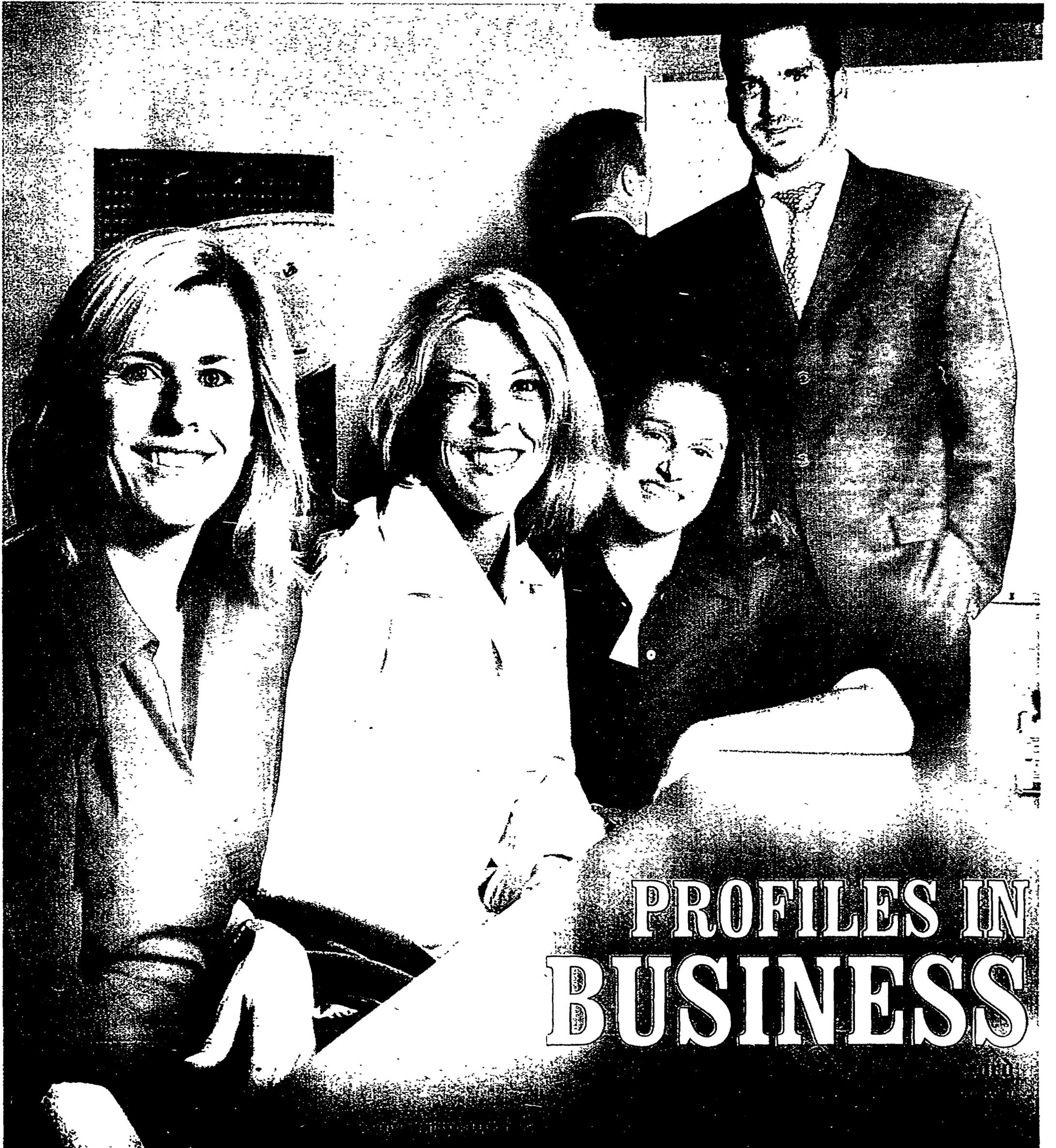
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 <p><b>Canton</b> 734-455-7000 ABSOLUTELY TURN KEY! Immaculate upper level 2BR/2BA ranch condo in L'Ray Pointe. Mstr ste w/ priv bath. LG GR w/ doorw'd to deck. Beaut full dining rm. Spacious kitchen w/all appl. (27189339) \$119,900</p>	 <p><b>Farmington Hills</b> 248-348-6430 SPACIOUS RANCH ON ALMOST 1 ACRE! Breathtaking grounds. All 3 baths redone, finished basement w/ office. 25 car heated garage. (27056266) \$275,000</p>	 <p><b>Livonia</b> 734-591-9200 SPACIOUS RANCH WAITING for a new owner! 3 BDRMS, 2 FULL BAs, french doors to patio, huge eat in kit. GR waiting for your finishing touches. Bank owned, as is. no disclosures. Agent has info on cond on. (27141564) \$124,900</p>	 <p><b>Northville</b> 734-455-7000 NORTHVILLE DELIGHT! Spacious, 1st flr newer 2BR/2BA condo. Better than new! Open contemporary look. Nice complex w/ modern clubhouse. (27186880) \$168,000</p>	 <p><b>Redford</b> 734-326-2000 SPACIOUS RANCH W/ LOTS OF POTENTIAL! Nice family rm w/ natural fireplace, oak kitchen, cabinetry, glass blk windows. Hardwood Flrs, custom kit w/ s/s appliances, 2 pantries, formal DR w/ french drs. (27187471) \$136,900</p>	 <p><b>Wayne</b> 734-326-2000 DON'T MISS THIS TURN OF THE CENTURY CHARMER! Great country sized front porch for sitting on summer evenings. 3 units 2 1/2 bdrm units, 1 2 bdrm unit. All appl stay. Upstairs has a separate furnace. (27177018) \$154,900</p>
 <p><b>Canton</b> 248-348-6430 GREAT PRICE IN "THE WINDS" OF CANTON! Set in the center of complex this move in ready condo offers new carrier furnace (07) new carpet (07). All appliances, fin basement including TV &amp; sofa. Hurry! (2714616) \$85,000</p>	 <p><b>Farmington Hills</b> 248-851-1900 UPDATED BRICK HOME WITH OPEN FLOOR PLAN! Features include light &amp; bright living room and family room with cathedral ceiling &amp; doorwall to large deck &amp; backyard. Updates include kitchen, roof &amp; windows. (27031729) \$175,000</p>	 <p><b>Livonia</b> 248-684-1065 ELEGANT, GEORGIAN STYLE COLONIAL on private cul-de-sac, overlooking natural wooded ravine. Builders own custom residence. 4 br, 4 1/2 ba. 4 car garage. (27043014) \$899,000</p>	 <p><b>Northville</b> 734-455-7000 CAREFREE CONDO IN NORTHVILLE! This doll house looks nearly new. New kit w/ Corian counters &amp; sink, all appl stay, tealwood flrs, fresh paint, closet organizers, C/A+3 cling fans, priv deck. (27181422) \$149,900</p>	 <p><b>Redford</b> 734-455-7000 DOLL HOUSE FOR SALE! Nicely updated w/ kitchen, bath, roof, A/C, furnace, fresh paint, landscape &amp; carpet. Fully fenced 1 1/2 car gar. Just move in! Priced to sell! (271813226) \$84,700</p>	 <p><b>Westland</b> 734-326-2000 BEAUTIFUL HOME ON DOUBLE LOT! This house offers 2 bedroom and 2 full bathrooms. Partially finished basement. 2 car garage with lot fireplace in living room. Zoned commercial. (27167324) \$154,900</p>
 <p><b>Commerce</b> 248-684-1065 LG CORNER LOT! Covered entry w/ foyer to lg FR w/ fp &amp; DW to deck. Mstr br w/ sep entry to ba. LG DR, lit w/ brk't area open to FR. 1st flr laun. Full bsmt. (27079092) \$219,900</p>	 <p><b>Fenton</b> 248-684-1065 3 BD 2 1/2 BA 1ST FLOOR MASTER. Almost 6 acres, acres of rolling landscape. Wooded all around the property. Small pond, 2 stall horse barn w/ water &amp; electricity. (27147323) \$279,900</p>	 <p><b>Milford</b> 734-591-9200 A STUNNING LOG HOME ON 4 ACRES! 5 bdrms, 4 baths, huge mstr bdrm. Hrdw flrs, 6th bdrm in fin w/ o w hot tub. Furn 05, C/A 06. All appls stay. Gigantic 59'40 pole barn, 1200 sq ft of office. (27106220) \$807,900</p>	 <p><b>Novi</b> 248-348-6430 LARGE OPEN FLOOR PLAN COLONIAL! Awesome 4 br, 2 1/2 ba colonial newer a/c, humidifier, ext recently painted. All appliances great location. (27110656) \$345,000</p>	 <p><b>Romulus</b> 248-348-6430 3 BED RANCH! Great Price! Great location! Close to Van Buren Twp. New dimensional roof, win, furnace, HW, copper plumb, hwd floors, ceramic bath. Hurry! (27154871) \$105,000</p>	 <p><b>Westland</b> 734-591-9200 JUST LISTED! LIVONIA SCHOOLS! Drop Dead Gorgeous, it's a 1 been updated. 3BR brick ranch w/ 2.5 car gar. Maple kit, windows. BA, roof, furnace. Paver patio. A large area. A must see. (27174975) \$134,900</p>
 <p><b>Commerce</b> 248-684-1065 BEAUTIFUL WALKOUT SITE! Quiet cul de sac location. City water/sewer. Walled Lake schools. Birdlike Pointe sub. Build your dream home. (27100893) \$119,900</p>	 <p><b>Garden City</b> 734-326-2000 ONE OF GARDEN CITY'S BEST! Gorgeous brick w/ 4 bedrooms and 2 full baths. Wood fireplace in the family room, door wall to a spectacular large wood deck &amp; above ground pool. (27189172) \$150,000</p>	 <p><b>Milford</b> 248-684-1065 GREAT FLR PLAN! 2 story entry w/ oak flrs, foyer den w/ french drs, granite kit, nook. LR w/ fp. LG mstr w/ WIC. Fin bonus rm over gar. 525K in upgrades free. (27087351) \$369,900</p>	 <p><b>Novi</b> 248-348-6430 EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES! Own this NeoClassical Design set on a park like lot. Close to all amenities. Beautiful LR, DR, FR, den. Mstr w/ cathedral ceiling. 2nd flr bun's full fin'd bsmt. (27161516) \$311,500</p>	 <p><b>South Lyon</b> 248-437-3800 NEWER COLONIAL ON 1+ ACRES! Large living room w/ gas fireplace. Formal dining room w/ bay window, country kitchen. Bonus room, master suite. First floor laundry and full basement. (27155807) \$299,900</p>	 <p><b>White Lake</b> 248-684-1065 HIGH DRY SITE OVERLOOKING GRASS LAKE. 3 parcels to choose from. Bring your builder or use mine. (27067302) \$64,754</p>
 <p><b>Commerce</b> 248-684-1065 GREAT SUB IN GREAT LOCATION! Walled Lake schools. Lot is large enough for a ranch. 4 car gar avail. 3 acres w/ poss daylight bsmt. (27100909) \$94,900</p>	 <p><b>Garden City</b> 734-455-7000 MASTER W/ SUN-ROOM! You won't find a more updated &amp; immaculate home. Maintenance free. New carpet, extensive ceramic tile updated kitchen. 2BR, 2BA's. Fin bsmt, prof landscaped garden pond. (27185710) \$149,900</p>	 <p><b>Milford</b> 248-684-1065 COMFORT &amp; CHARM! Hrdw flrs, granite. 1st flr mstr. 17x18 unfn bonus rm over gar. Gas FP. Ceramic ba flrs. Bonus bsmt rm w/ pantry. Crown moldings. (27087347) \$329,900</p>	 <p><b>Novi</b> 248-851-1900 COZY &amp; PRIVATE! Lowly 3 bedroom/1.5 bath den unit townhouse, spacious kitchen/dining area. Great room w/ frplc. 1 car garage. Fin basement, enclosed patio, great location! Reduced! (27162210) \$124,500</p>	 <p><b>South Lyon</b> 248-437-3800 NEWER QUALITY BUILT COLONIAL! Home has loads of up-grades! Living room has gas fireplace, kitchen with breakfast room, 1st floor laundry and master w. 2 walk in closets. Bonus room and more. (27140023) \$289,900</p>	 <p><b>Wixom</b> 248-437-3800 SUPER COLONIAL W/LAKE PRIVILEGES! Outstanding features include oversized study kitchen w/ spacious counters and built in appliances. Fully finished basement w/ wet bar. Master suite and more. (27151898) \$329,900</p>
 <p><b>Dearborn Heights</b> 248-851-1900 TOTALLY REDONE RANCH! Updated roof &amp; windows, huge brand new oak kitchen w new appliances. New pergola floors through out. Freshly painted new H2O heater. All brick w/ 1.75 car garage. (2712975) \$114,900</p>	 <p><b>Highland</b> 248-684-1065 FIVE YEAR OLD COLONIAL on private 3.79 acres! Unfinished walk-out basement. Great backyard w/ pond &amp; deck off kitchen. Serene nature setting. (27147763) \$299,900</p>	 <p><b>Milford</b> 248-684-1065 CLOSE TO THE VILLAGE OF MILFORD with Highland State! Bring the horses and enjoy the peacefulness of country living. Outbuildings allowed. (27033490) \$149,900</p>	 <p><b>Novi</b> 248-348-6430 GREAT PRICE ON THIS COMFORTABLE CONDO! 50+ condo community. LR with DW to porch. Community room, lobby &amp; gathering spaces w/ elevator &amp; wide hallways. Stackable washer &amp; dryer. FF ground, boat slip no pets. (27141753) \$89,900</p>	 <p><b>South Lyon</b> 248-437-3800 RANCH ON 6 SERENE WOODED ACRES! Private drive takes you to this fully remodeled home with a spring fed pond on property. Oversized 3+ car garage offers plenty of storage. (27002304) \$259,900</p>	 <p><b>Wolverine Lake</b> 248-437-3800 SHARP STARTER RANCH! Fully updated and decorated. Updates include kitchen, bathroom, copper plumbing and roof. Top that off with your new 21 x 35 garage. (27165653) \$159,900</p>
 <p><b>Detroit</b> 734-591-9200 GREAT PRIME DOWNTN CONDO! 2 bdrm/2 bath. Walk to all action kit w all upgrades. Mstr ste feat jetted tub, skylight, cath ceilings thru out living rm, fp, att 2 car gar fully painted. Tax red 1.8 yr 2007. (27091216) \$280,000</p>	 <p><b>Highland</b> 248-684-1065 MECHANIC'S DREAM HOME! Brick ranch w/ 3 br, 2 ba &amp; full part fin bsmt. Add 3 car gar set up for horse, heat &amp; air. Above grnd pool w/ connecting deck. (27075664) \$199,900</p>	 <p><b>Northville</b> 248-348-6430 EXQUISITE EXECUTIVE HOME! Prestigious Northville Hills Golf Club sub. beautifully maintained w/ prof decor touches. 0/4br, 4 1/2 ba, elegant formal DR. 2 stry GR w/ Palacium windows. (27184433) \$1,200,000</p>	 <p><b>Orchard Lake</b> 248-684-1065 A RARE SHADY BUILDABLE LOT! Private lik access. Huge sandy beach w/ picnic tables &amp; chairs. pool structure, boat launch, cordoned off swim area. Upper Straits. (27149927) \$178,000</p>	 <p><b>South Lyon</b> 248-851-1900 EXCITING CUSTOM BUILT S LYON COLONIAL! Backs to wetlands. MBR ste w/ cathedral ceiling &amp; att, workout rm, nursery or office w/ french drs. Master BA w/ 2 sinks, WIC, tub, shower HWF. Huge Island lit w/ doorwall. (27176576) \$299,000</p>	 <p><b>Ypsilanti</b> 248-684-1065 CUTE AND COZY BUNGALOW in the Normal Park neighborhood. Walk across the street to Recreation Park. Newer roof, furnace, central air. Updated kitchen. (27011471) \$124,900</p>



# PROFILES IN BUSINESS

# Business grows and future is bright for innovative Champion dealerships

By Cynthia Grochowski  
DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

**E**conomic doom and gloom do not reside at Len Nadolski's Champion car dealerships in Howell, Lansing and Ypsilanti. Business is growing, hybrids are coming and Internet sales are delivering more Champion cars than ever before.

"We are committed to our business, our community and our relationships to other businesses," explained Dean Gauthier, general sales manager of Champion Chevrolet in Howell.

One result of this growth will be unveiled this spring as Howell's Champion Chevrolet completes building renovations and Lansing's Champion Chrysler Jeep moves into a brand new facility off Saginaw road.

## VIP

Besides outstanding customer service, one of the programs that has brought Champion solid growth is the VIP Program.

Put in place four years ago at Champion's Cueter Chrysler Jeep Dodge dealership in Ypsilanti, the VIP program gives employees at participating companies exclusive opportunities — with no cost to the employer or employee.

Participating VIP employees receive special discounts on new, used or leased Champion vehicles, customer loyalty program points, and coupons for rentals and services. Among other benefits is enrollment in an Owner Care program that includes towing allowances, rental discounts, oil changes and more.

"Champion has seen a significant return on their investment with the VIP program in Ypsilanti," Gauthier said. "We are seeing a greater increase in repeat and referral business from the VIP program."

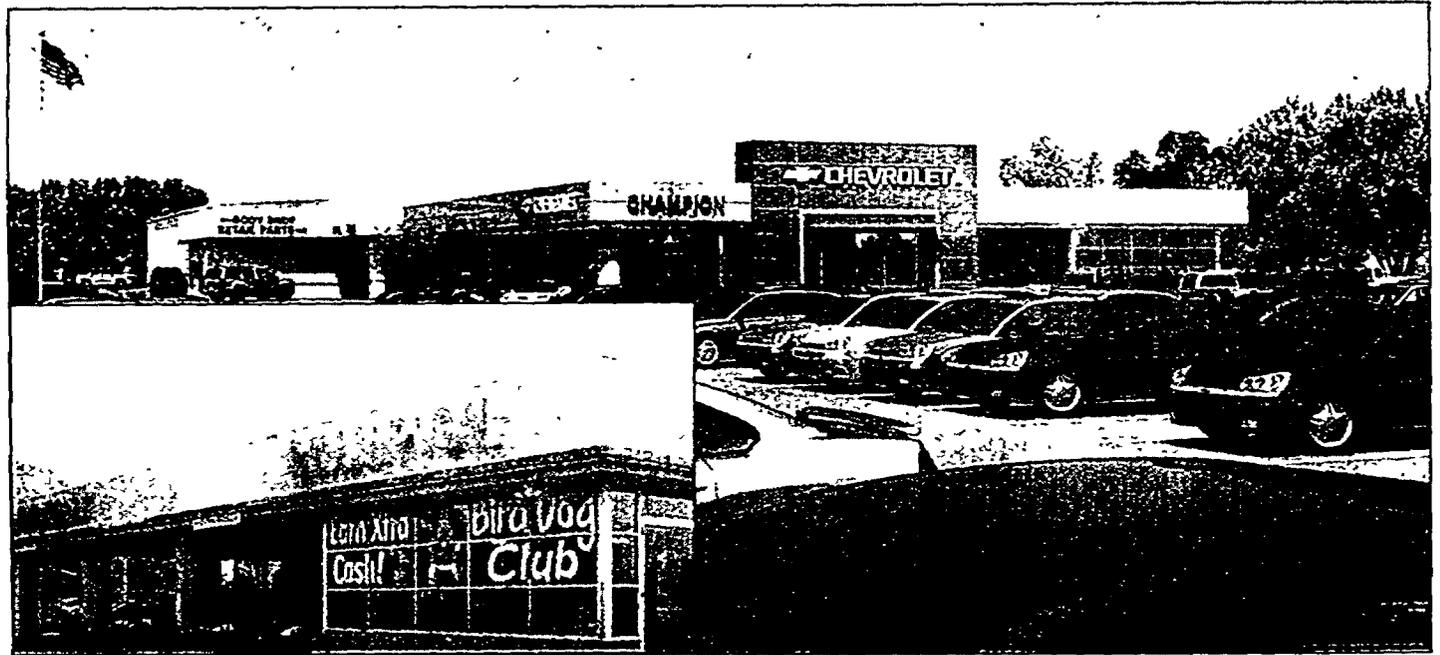
The VIP program was introduced in Howell one year ago and has "been received very well," said Gauthier.

Champion introduces the VIP programs during Lunch and Learn an event at an employer's site. Champion provides employees with a catered meal, vehicles to inspect and staff to answer questions.

All companies are eligible for the program regardless of the number of employees. Current VIP participants include Clearly University, University of Michigan, Pepsi of Howell, and St. Joseph Mercy hospitals.

## Internet doubles sales

Champion is taking advantage of the growing popularity of Internet vehicle shopping. Their revamped Web site, [www.champchev.com](http://www.champchev.com), was relaunched Oct. 1, with more tools to assist the virtual showroom shopper. With a new network manager on board and a contracted firm to utilize the latest electronic technologies to track and respond to site visitors,



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In Livingston County, Champion Chevrolet will complete renovations to their current dealership building, inset, to state of the art, which includes a new exterior look as pictured in the rendering above.

Champion is attending customers as a global showroom and product information center.

"Between 10 percent to 15 percent of our sales are from the Internet," Gauthier said. "With our new processing we expect to double that number."

Gauthier said Champion is following the successful west coast virtual dealership trend.

"Many dealers haven't taken the power of the Internet seriously," he pointed out. "We are above the curve"

Physical tire kicking and test drives have become less of a necessity. Internet-savvy customers don't want to waste time traveling to a store or dealership when they know what they want, according to Gauthier.

"People are familiar with a car they like from their family, friends and acquaintances," Gauthier explained "They do the research and financing on our Web site, make the purchase and we deliver to the location of their choice."

Smart Way Auto financing, located in all Champion dealerships and on the Web site, makes financing convenient, especially with customers requiring special financing.

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## Customer loyalty rewarded

The best advertising a business can have is a satisfied customer's personal referral. Champion takes this to heart with their Bird Dog program, rewarding customers when their referrals do business with Champion

"Bird Dog has allowed us to really grow in a down economy with the products we have," Gauthier said. "It has really improved our position in the marketplace."

Champion's Customer Loyalty Program has increased business as well, giving customers points on purchases, parts, repairs, and services.

Champion is poised for the future, said Gauthier, especially to receive the new hybrids.

## Hybrids arrive

GM hybrids will roll out starting in 2008. Champion will show the Malibu Hybrid, bringing great fuel economy at an outstanding value, and the Tahoe Hybrid featuring technology that provides superior fuel economy, performance and load carrying capability.

"In order to be eligible to sell and service the Tahoe Hybrid 2-Mode vehicle dealers must meet specified sales, service, parts, and special tool requirements," said Ed Peper, Chevrolet general manager. Champion will be certified to meet to do so for its hybrid customers.

Soon in Champion's showroom will be Volt, a hybrid car made at Michigan's Hamtramck Poletown plant.

By listening to customer feedback, networking business to business relationships, and embracing the latest technology, Champion is riding confidently into the future of vehicle sales and service.



Cueter Chrysler Dodge, one of three Champion dealerships in Michigan, has had such phenomenal success with Champion's VIP program that the business-to-business incentive is now offered in Champion's Chevrolet dealership in Livingston County. In Lansing, Champion Chrysler Jeep will move into their new facility on Saginaw Road in February.

# Grace and Porta uncomplicates insurance

By Sally Rummel  
SPECIAL WRITER

While that headline may seem like a contrast in words, it's actually the day-to-day business philosophy of Grace and Porta Benefits of Brighton.

Owned and operated by the Grace and Porta families since 1979, this family-owned independent company is now in the capable hands of the second generation, including the four Porta brothers, Dave, Jr., Travis, Jonathan and Josh. The company recently added Sherri Komperda, a sales associate in the Cheboygan area.

The brothers purchased the company from their father, Dave Sr., and his partner, Ed Grace, in 2004. Since that time, they have not only continued their family's tradition of customer service, they have used their marketing and technological skills to bring that service to a level unmatched by any other insurance company.

Their specialty truly is service, and it goes way beyond what one might expect in an industry that can sometimes seem impersonal.

"We take a proactive stance with our clients, always keeping in mind that their biggest insurance concerns are cost and service," said Jon Porta. "We're constantly asking ourselves the question, 'how do we cut the cost for the client, while keeping the integrity of the benefit level?'"

For the client, that level of service means they have access to Grace & Porta Benefits' on-line human resource tool that provides them with an employee handbook, federal posters and information about COBRA — all with the click of a

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mouse button through their Web site.

The staff at Grace and Porta takes care of many of the administrative details of their clients' insurance account, including additions or deletions of people on the plan.

"We'll also help our clients with claims issues so they have someone acting on their behalf," they said. "In addition, we do a sixth month review with each client, so we are continually monitoring and updating their account according to their needs."

Thanks to their family's professional reputation in the industry, the Porta brothers today enjoy great relationships with their insurance carriers. Blue Cross Blue Shield has named them a Premier Agent, a status which puts them in the top 100 agents out of 10,000 in Michigan. Additionally, they have built solid relationships with Humana, Aetna, United Health Care, and Priority Health. Travis Porta serves on the Agent Advisory Councils for both Blue Cross Blue Shield and Priority Health.

Their unmatched level of service also extends into their office, a beautifully re-done historic home at 7219 Grand River Ave. in Brighton. There, a staff that includes Pam Hendee, a Claim and Enrollment Specialist, plus Client Service Representatives Kellie Hauman and Susan Roberts, make each visitor feel welcome



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Continuing their family's tradition of customer service are, from left, Travis, Jonathan, David and Josh Porta of Grace & Porta Benefits of Brighton.

and assisted.

While the Porta brothers work hard together to meet their same professional goals, they also play hard as a foursome, meeting each other on the golf course, the basketball court and up north to hunt. They're all married, and three of

the four have children, a combined total of six girls.

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# Rio Grande patrons enjoy many updates

By Michael Pilotti  
SPECIAL WRITER

**Neuvo!** That means new in Spanish. There is a lot to talk about what is new at La Casa Del Rio Grande restaurant in New Hudson — and you don't have to understand Spanish to appreciate all of it. Dawn Salvati insists that her restaurant is not the same since the last time you visited. I can personally testify that it has changed since I was there last.

For starters there are new specialty items, a new set of TVs for sports and entertainment, partitions between booths for a bit more privacy, and the whole dining area has been declared "no fumar" (non smoking). There are still places to indulge in a tobacco product at the bar or on the patio, weather permitting.

The things that you loved about Rio Grande are still available, like the early bird special that doesn't require a coupon, authentic Mexican cuisine and an American menu section for the fussy eater that loves a great meal but wants something a little more close to home.

Dawn has even updated the children's menu to include optional choices including cottage cheese and smiley fries to name a few.

Dawn tends to her restaurant much like she tends to her two daughters — very carefully. It is her labor of love and she is committed to treating all her guests like an extension of her own family. The food she serves is prepared

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### Hours:

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Monday through Thursday

11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday

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Noon-9 p.m. Sunday

fresh daily in the kitchen and has to be the best quality to meet her high standards. She will not serve food to her customers that is not absolutely fresh and that which she would serve her own children or husband.

When you understand and appreciate the quality of food that so many patrons already have you'll realize that it makes perfect sense that Dawn and her team have been asked to cater special events for customers. Party sizes can be accommodated from 20 people to 200 people and can include familiar Rio Grande flare or something else you have in mind. Talk to Dawn about your next fiesta grande and you'll be impressed with the options you'll have.

When you want the best in flavor, fastest service and friendly atmosphere, think about ordering your meal ahead of time by calling in your order — the staff at Rio Grande will have your table and food waiting for you



Photo by ALAN WARD/DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

Greeting all the girls and boys that dine at the family friendly La Casa Del Rio Grande in New Hudson are owner Dawn Salvati and Pedro.

when you arrive. Portions are more than adequate, flavor is the real deal and the prices are absolutely fair. The Pedro Chimichanga with rice and beans is served as a meal for one, but it easily leaves leftovers for home.

Take a minute and preview the menu choices and print a half-off coupon by visit-

ing [www.riogrande-restaurant.com](http://www.riogrande-restaurant.com). You'll find information about specials, planned family events, hours of operation and lots more. You'll even learn that the name of the restaurant has a special meaning for Dawn and her family, who have owned the property for nearly 40 years.

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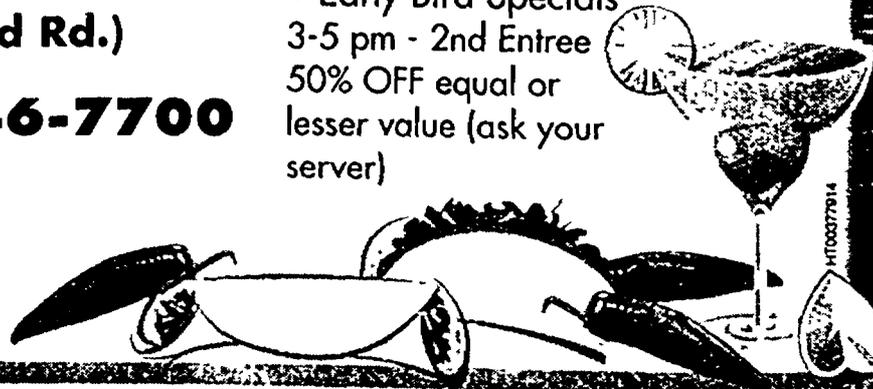
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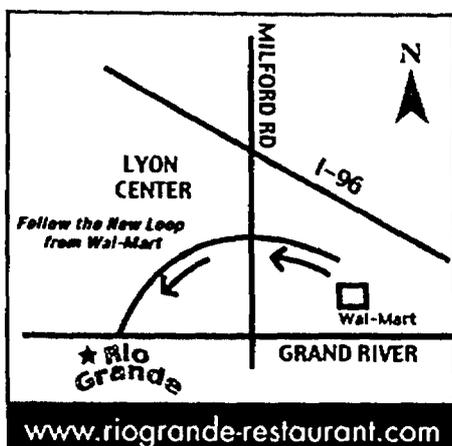
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# Serving seniors for six years

By Sally Rummel  
SPECIAL WRITER

Observing its sixth anniversary serving the lifestyle needs of area seniors, The Village at Woodland in Brighton is proud of its past and excited about the future.

"Every day is like a new beginning," said Penny Jones, administrator.

"We continue to see our residents blossom as they discover a lifestyle that truly fits their need for independence."

As part of the Saint Joseph Mercy Woodland Health Center Campus, The Village at Woodland includes a naturally wooded setting for both independent living and assisted living apartments.

"The Village actually evolved from a for-

*"Residents actually take up new hobbies and interests here because everything is so accessible."*

— Penny Jones  
The Village at Woodland

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mer golf course, lending itself the beauty of winding trails, nature paths and a wooded setting that is the source of its tranquility," said Jones.

"You're likely to find residents walking and bicycling here because the setting provides a natural backdrop for an active lifestyle," added Jones.

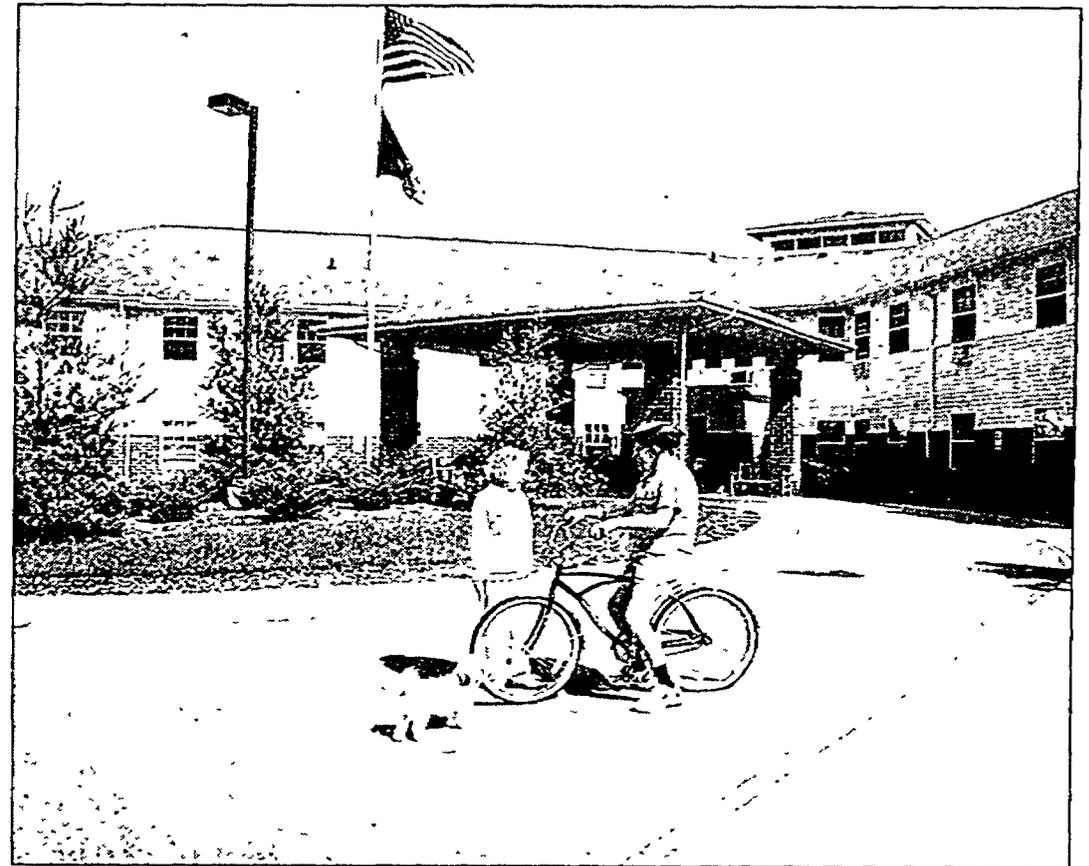
"Residents actually take up new hobbies and interests here because everything is so accessible."

That accessibility includes apartment-style living with a kitchen/kitchenette, plus full-service dining and several meal options.

For those living an independent lifestyle, both one- and two-bedroom floor plans are available.

A physical therapy room, activities schedule, spa and hair salon are just a few of the resort-style amenities available to each resident.

Of course, scheduled transportation is available so residents have easy access to Brighton area stores and shops, cultural events, banks, physician offices and much more.



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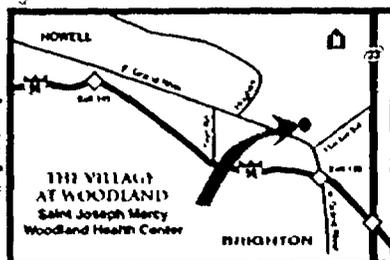
Al Mickus, on the bike, and Joey Palmer regularly enjoy the beautiful trails, paths and woods outdoors at The Village at Woodland.

## What makes independent and assisted lifestyles at The Village at Woodland so special?

- Spacious apartment designed for lifestyle changes
- Serene natural setting with abundant wildlife and walking trails
- Hometown warmth of days gone by
- Located on the campus of Woodland Health Center

Welcome in fall with a warm and carefree new apartment home and lifestyle. The Village at Woodland offers the best of independent and assisted lifestyles for the active, older adult. Enjoy the companionship of new friends in our hometown community.

Call us today to learn about our special move-in incentive program. It's our invitation to say hello and experience the warmth of The Village at Woodland.



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# HealthStyles strengthens bodies for winter

By Michael Pilotti  
SPECIAL WRITER

**Fall** is nearly over and old man winter is creeping in to change the way we take advantage of the outdoors. Just as cars are winterized, people should take the same care in preparing their bodies for the change in weather.

The tendency for arthritic pain to flare up increases dramatically in winter. Barb Herzog, owner of the South Lyon HealthStyles Physical Rehabilitation, advises that there are several actions people can do to minimize the aches and pains associated with cold weather.

"A simple method to decrease flare ups merely involves covering exposed skin to keep it warm and the body temperature constant," Herzog said.

"Next, if you maintain flexibility through a set of daily exercise programs joint deterioration and pain can be stopped or at least decreased. What is important to remember is that each person requires a full evaluation and should always consult their physician," Herzog added.

HealthStyles works in concert with the patients' doctors closely to ensure that proper treatment and rehabilitation are administered.

"At HealthStyles we educate, rehabilitate and provide the best stress free programs in the region, Herzog said. "Even our warm water pool is designed to provide patients with a pain free, joint strengthening environment."

Rehabilitation and preventative measures are not limited to one age group or gender.

"Young athletes need to take special care of

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themselves today so they can avoid the pains and limitations often associated with high school injuries," Herzog pointed out.

Athletes who want to continue playing will find it hard to argue with Herzog's advice.

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The goal, said Herzog, is to train and educate young athletes in proper prevention and training techniques that give them a foundation to grow their sports experience from.

"No matter what the condition or cause of injury we give each of our patients a very specific treatment designed for that individual,"



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Working with their patients' doctors closely to ensure that proper treatment and rehabilitation are administered are, from left, Linda Bevier, Jeff Weir, Todd Patzer and Megan McGinty, in front: Cristina Podeanu, Dana Roslinski, owner Barb Herzog, and Jill Sullivan.

she said.

Clients can take advantage of several areas of specialty at HealthStyles including Lymphedema, hand therapy, stroke and speech therapy, myofascial release, muscle energy and aquatic training.

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# Beckway Door now offers steel buildings

By Nathan Menoian  
SPECIAL WRITER

**A**t Beckway Door in South Lyon, exterior doors are the bread and butter. For the past 28 years, the company has been selling quality doors at a very competitive price.

They started out in Brighton, in the owner's home, but as the business grew, they moved to 505 E. Ten Mile, in South Lyon, next to the lumber yard, and they've been there ever since.

Jeff Bury, sales manager at Beckway Door, said they have recently added replacement vinyl windows to their selection of products. The store offers sales and service for commercial and residential customers. Their door selection includes garage doors, entranceway doors, patio doors, and storm/screen doors.

"What I think separates us from the others in this business, is that we've been doing this a long time, we know the merchandise, we have experienced installation crews, and our product is high quality," Bury said. "Most importantly, our prices are very competitive."

Beckway Door serves customers from Oakland and all surrounding counties. Bury said that distance is not a problem for them.

A new innovation for exterior doors is now available. Bury described it as a composite jam, that when painted or stained at the factory, requires no maintenance.

"This is really something unique. Previously the jams were wooden, suscepti-

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ble to moisture, and eventually would rot," Bury said. "These new composite jams eliminate that problem."

Bury said the variety of doors and styles they offer is wide ranging.

"The customer starts with just a basic door, and then may choose from many window styles, colors, hardware, and even if they want the door insulated or not."

Beckway Door finishes each job by cleaning up, hauling away the debris, old doors, etc., and making sure the customer is satisfied before leaving the job site. Their installation crews are Beckway employees, not subcontractors.

In addition to windows and doors, Beckway is also able to provide pre-engineered steel buildings — something a small manufacturing company might be interested in.

Beckway customers calling for free estimates receive a precheck. "And by doing this we insure that the price quoted is the final price with no hidden surprises," Bury said.

Showroom hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, with Saturday appointments available. Call (248) 486-3667 for details.



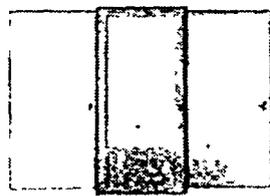
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Standing in the showroom of Beckway Door of South Lyon is Jeff Bury, sales manager.

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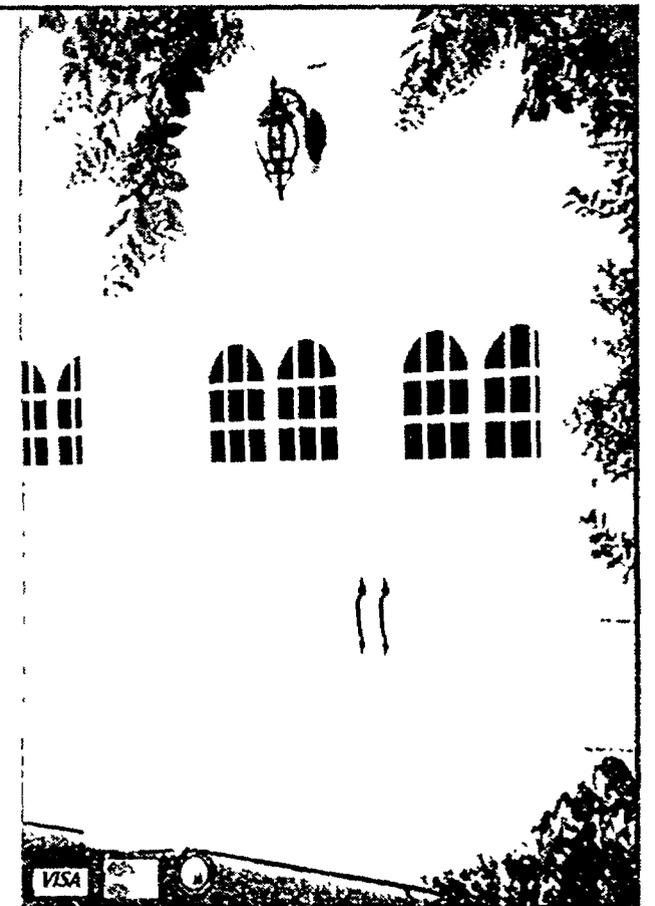
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# Perfect Floors delivers what is promised

By Nathan Menoian  
SPECIAL WRITER

When it comes to bragging rights, Perfect Floors in South Lyon says they have the goods. They sell carpet, vinyl, and hardwood flooring, promise to meet or beat any deal, and they offer 12-months same as cash. It's owner Ron Williams' way of saying he cares about his customers. "We do what we promise," Williams said about his store. "With my son Ronnie, and fellow sales associate Doug Wiseman, we're even more able to take better care of our customers in a quick, efficient, and professional manner." Williams pointed out that his store has a 10,000-square-foot showroom displaying hun-

**Perfect Floors**  
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dreds of flooring samples of carpet, vinyl, and hardwood floor selections from top flooring manufacturers. Customers are allowed to take samples home to help them with their final decision.

"Our installation crews are not subcontractors, they're store employees," Williams said. "That gives our customers even more reason to call us for their flooring needs. And if there is ever any problem whatsoever with the product or installation, all they have to do is call the store and we will fix the problem."

Come November, customers who visit the store should ask about in-store promotions. Williams said they always have a sale going on, and offer competitive prices on flooring from all the top manufacturers.

"We're a family-owned business, with full-time installers," Williams said. "And there is no charge for us to come out and pre-measure your home."

Perfect Floors is a full-service store. They can make area rugs to specific sizes, Williams said.

Williams described himself as a hands-on person who likes the idea of handling a sale from start to finish. In the little off time he has, Williams enjoys golfing and bowling.

Perfect Floors is located at 21946 Pontiac



Photo by NATHAN MENOIAN

Eager to take care of their customers are, from left, Ronnie Williams and Doug Wiseman at Perfect Floors in South Lyon.

Trail, just south of Nine Mile. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and

Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

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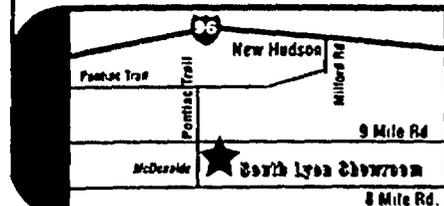
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# Pride, reputation are in Waldecker's name

By Sally Rummel  
SPECIAL WRITER

Names are more important than numbers to Waldecker Pontiac-Buick, Inc. of Brighton, part of the Waldecker Automotive Group.

When your name is on the building and behind each car you sell, you're committed to providing a quality experience and product with every transaction.

Waldecker Pontiac-Buick, Inc., located at 7885 W. Grand River Ave. in Brighton, is the namesake of owner Gerald Waldecker — and he wouldn't have it any other way.

As the only local car dealer in the immediate area to be named after the owner, Waldecker's reputation is at stake with every vehicle sold at his dealership. On a larger scale, Waldecker Pontiac-Buick, Inc. is the one of only two dealerships in the entire county to carry its owner's name on its signs and cars.

"That's why Waldecker Pontiac-Buick, Inc. exceeds the state's and GM's requirements on replacement parts such as brakes," said John Tournaud, general sales manager. "We want each and every customer to have a quality experience, whether they're driving a brand new car out of the showroom or one of our GM Certified Used Cars off our lot."

Names mean a lot to Gerald Waldecker, which is why he knows the name of each of his employees, whether it's at the Brighton dealership or the Waldecker Chevrolet dealership located in Fowlerville.

"You'll find that people are the most

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important part of doing business with the Waldecker family," Tournaud said. "That's why you'll notice a friendly, no-pressure sales approach when you walk through our doors."

Waldecker Pontiac-Buick, Inc., now in its 27th year, is proud of its strong leadership and support teams, with Gerald Waldecker leading the way as president/general manager. His sales team includes Tournaud as general sales manager; Bob Kanerva, new car sales manager; Joe Matonic, business manager, new cars; and Lex Miller, business manager, used cars.

While each and every individual customer is most important to Waldecker Pontiac-Buick, Inc., this family-owned company also values its strong standing in the community.

"We're especially proud of our local award as #1 GM Automotive Dealership in Livingston County in The Press & Argus 2007 Peoples' Choice Awards," Tournaud said.

On a larger scale, Waldecker Pontiac-Buick has racked up a number of sales and service awards from the automotive industry.



Photo by SALLY RUMMEL

The sales team at Waldecker Pontiac-Buick, Inc. proudly proclaims "We're NUMBER ONE!"

Named in the Top 25 in sales for Pontiac and Buick in the nation out of 5,000 dealerships, this local dealership stands out head and shoulders on top of its peers in the U.S.

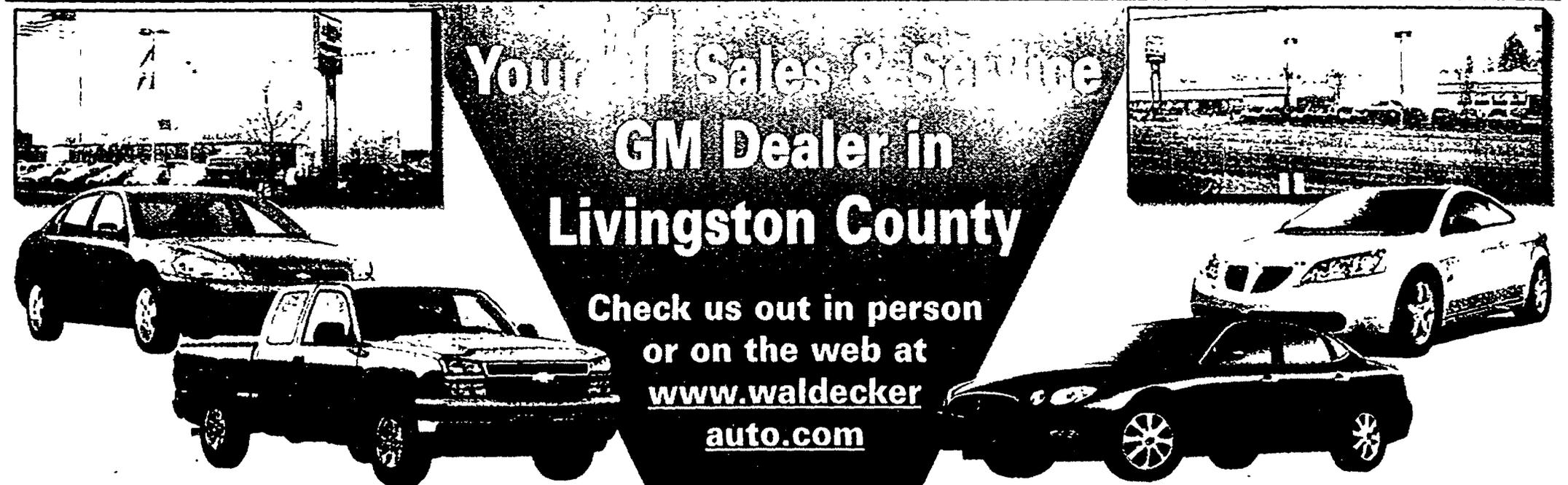
Proud of the quality of its products and services, Waldecker Pontiac-Buick, Inc. holds an impressive position in the automotive marketplace, both locally and nationally.

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# Keeping You Connected at Bright House Networks

One can almost gauge the extraordinary advances made in the field of IT during the last quarter of a century by following the progress of one of southeastern Michigan's premier communications companies: Bright House Networks.

Twenty-seven years ago, a small business called Metro Vision opened its doors in Redford Township and began to provide residents with access to some three dozen cable television channels. Within four years, Metro-Vision was doing well enough to expand its services into the surrounding environs of Farmington, Farmington Hills, Novi, and Livonia.

With an ever-growing customer base, the company's leadership could not afford to simply rest on the laurels of its initial business success. The rapidly changing world of IT would soon place new demands on those who aspired to remain in the forefront of the communications industry.

By the 1980s, the broadcast industry had thoroughly embraced worldwide commercial applications of fiber optic transmission and in 1991, Metro-Vision began to incorporate fiber optic technology into its own system. Once Pay-Per-View channels were added to client offerings in the mid 90s, the owners were in a strong enough position to establish a partnership with one of the titans of the telecommunications industry, Time Warner. Metro-Vision became known as "Time Warner Cable".

Partnership does have its advantages: in short order, Time Warner Cable was the beneficiary of a series of upgrades that were made via Time Warner to all of its subsidiaries throughout the 90s. Chief among those were initiation of digital television services, which permits access to more than two hundred channels, and high-speed--a k a, broadband--internet access.

By the turn of this century, having acquired the operational capacity to deliver a myriad of world-class services, it was time to rename the company.

"We felt that a new name--one that reflected the exceptional capabilities [inherent] in the services we provide--was



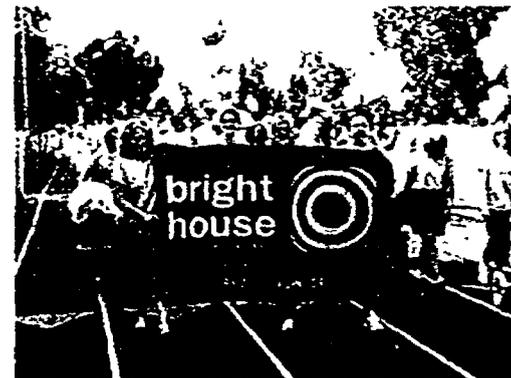
At Spree, Farmington Founders and other local events, tattoos and bike helmets were just a few of the give-a-ways.



Brightening Homes & Hearts project



One of our Bright House staff members in the field doing a new install.



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needed, [in order] to express our excitement as we introduce [new] technologies," says Michigan Division President, Robert McCann. "Because 'bright' is a synonym for 'totally capable,' we decided to become Bright House Networks."

McCann has been with the business since its inception, twenty-seven years ago. He has helped foster its growth from a modest cable provider for a few thousand local township residents to a communications powerhouse.

The Michigan Division of Bright House Networks maintains three regional offices (in Livonia, Farmington Hills, and Redford Township), a demo center at the Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi, as well as one at Laurel Park Place in Livonia, and a mobile demonstration trailer which is set up at community events and festivals in the cities where Bright House Networks provides its services.

Bright House Networks is a full service telecommunications firm dedicated to furnishing the home with state-of-the-art entertainment and information wizardry.

"We offer the products that make life more enjoyable and keep people better informed," says McCann. "But we would not be doing our job[s] if our products weren't backed up by exceptional customer service," he adds. "We would not be in business if we weren't dedicated to [client] satisfaction with our company and our products."

Bright House Networks currently provides:

- Digital TV, with hundreds of top-quality channels; interactive program guides, and HDTV
- High speed internet service
- Digital Telephone service at competitively low monthly rates
- DVR (Digital Video Recorder)
- Free On-Demand, which permits viewers to watch shows when it is most convenient for them
- Local On Demand, where viewers can order free replays of graduation ceremonies, concerts and community events
- Premium On-Demand, which permits viewers to watch movies and specials at their convenience
- Video ON-Demand, which brings first-

run movies and other specials into the home

- Digital Music, the source of top-quality sound for commercial-free music

In July, JD Power and Associates voted Bright House Networks best in customer satisfaction among telephone service providers a second year in a row.

Robert McCann believes in being a good corporate citizen. That is often an undervalued aspect of doing business, and Bright House Networks can take pride in its support of, and employee participation in, a myriad of community events.

"We live and work in the same communities as our customers," says McCann. "We want to contribute to the communities we serve."

The company participates in such notable annual events as the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life," and area festivals namely the Spree, Michigan 50's Festival, Cinco de Mayo, and midsummer Farmington Founders Festival.

Bright House Networks has initiated quite a few of its own community outreach programs. "Brightening Homes and Hearts" provides a venue for neighborhood clean-up projects. Operation Bright Eyes is our neighborhood watch program and the Bright Kids Network will be giving over \$50,000 in support of after school programs.

For more information about BHN's community service work, please visit this page at the company website [http://michigan.mybrighthouse.com/about\\_us/community/default.aspx](http://michigan.mybrighthouse.com/about_us/community/default.aspx)

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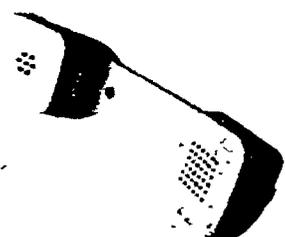


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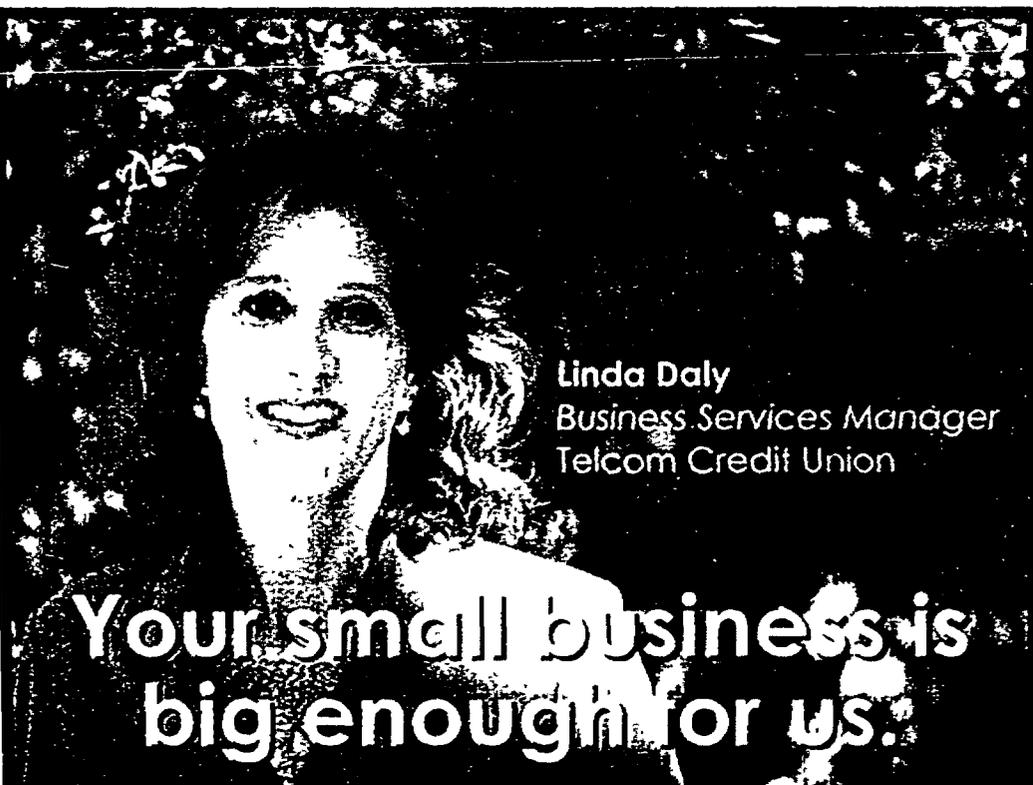
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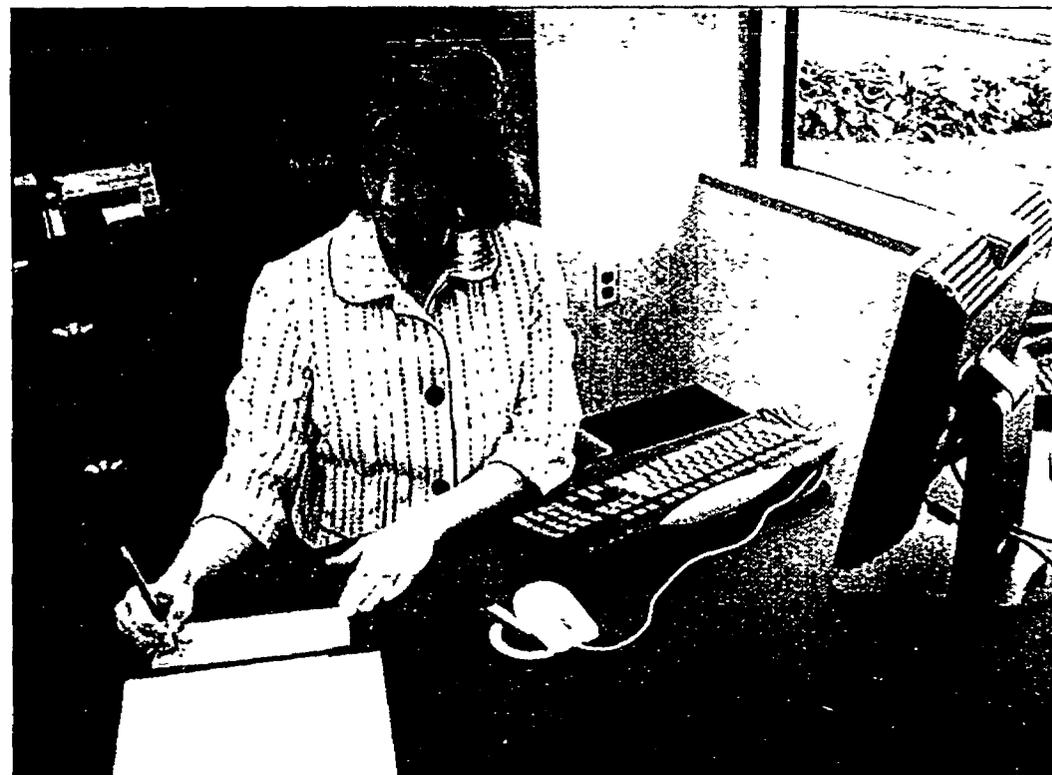


Photo by JOHN R. HALL

Linda Daly, Telcom Credit Union Business Services Manager, is excited about the Business Services Package offered at Telcom.

## Telcom business package assists small businesses

By John R. Hall  
SPECIAL WRITER

If you are a small business owner who is looking for additional financial services while cutting operating costs — whether you have been in business for a while or are just starting up — you need to explore the new program offered to members of Telcom Credit Union.

Beginning November 1, Telcom is introducing its new Business Services Package to existing members and prospective members.

Telcom Credit Union, with a rapidly growing clientele at its eight branches, backed with \$455 million in assets, and offering 71 years of experience, has added this new business service to fill an important need for members of the local business communities.

Linda Daly, Telcom's Business Services Manager, is very excited about this new package because of the cost savings it can mean to small business owners.

"Monthly expenses can be lowered by some of the services, such as merchant services and no-monthly-fee checking," she said. "We are geared toward helping the small business owner."

Some of the features of the Business Services Package include business checking accounts with no minimum deposit and no monthly service fee, interest on balances over \$2,500, Visa credit card, money market account earning higher interest, certificates of deposit with competitive rates, online banking, retirement planning, and business loans of up to \$5 million.

On top of that, a great benefit is free credit union membership for business member's employees.

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Telcom offers better rates and fewer fees on its financial products and services compared to those that most other financial services institutions offer.

"A credit union is a great banking alternative," added Linda.

The Business Services Package is not only designed to lower monthly costs of doing business, it is also a gateway to the many other services that Telcom offers its members, such as low-interest rates on car loans, real estate financing, and equipment purchases or refinancing.

Linda is also available to discuss the features of the Business Services Package along with other financial topics during her many visits to area businesses — just another reason why so many people are turning to Telcom for their personal and business financial needs.

For 71 years, members have relied on good service and competitive rates from this leader in the financial services industry. Members can visit Telcom branches in Berkley, Canton, Livonia, Novi, Oak Park, South Lyon, and Southfield.

"I am excited to deliver this new service, with enhanced options, to our members," Linda added.

To contact Linda Daly at her office in the Novi headquarters at 44575 W. Twelve Mile Road, call (248) 596-4466, e-mail her at [daly1@telcomcu.com](mailto:daly1@telcomcu.com), or visit the Telcom Credit Union Website at [telcomcu.com](http://telcomcu.com).

# Rehabilitation Specialists promote healing

By Nathan Menoian  
SPECIAL WRITER

**M**ichigan Rehabilitation Specialists is a premier Cybex equipment facility specializing in hands-on physical therapy.

Matt Brostrom, MPT, co-owner of the clinic along with his wife Michelle, and director of physical therapy at the clinic, said his work is all about getting the patient back to normal in the quickest time possible.

"It may take a few weeks, a month, even three months, but the bottom line is to help them get back to their normal routine in good condition," Brostrom said.

Brostrom and his wife opened the South Lyon clinic two years ago. Michelle Brostrom has McKenzie Certification in back and neck trauma. Brostrom added that he is working towards McKenzie Certification as well.

Together they offer manual physical therapy, treatment in orthopedic and sports injuries, neurological rehabilitation, therapy for work and auto related injuries, massage therapy and therapy house calls. A runners' clinic is held on Wednesday nights.

Brostrom said he enjoys not being confined to a schedule, and can spend ample time with his patients.

"I listen to what they tell me about their pain and condition," Brostrom said. "We're very thorough here."

## Michigan Rehabilitation Specialists

25700 Pontiac Trail, at 11 Mile  
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Patients at the clinic range from young to the elderly. Brostrom said he has worked with Olympic athletes as well as professional athletes.

"Many of our patients are referrals from those that have been here before. We take insurance and private pay," Brostrom said.

Brostrom and his wife met at physical therapy training school. In fact, Brostrom added, "she was in the first graduating class there to have a clinical doctorate degree."

Along with state-of-the-art equipment and hands-on therapy, Brostrom said their priority is making sure they pay attention to their patients.

"Making sure we know their needs is important. The only way to really know is to listen to what they tell us," Brostrom said.

Michigan Rehabilitation Specialists is located at 25700 Pontiac Trail, in Gateway Commons Plaza at 11 Mile, across from South Lyon High School. Call (248) 446-2801 for appointments.

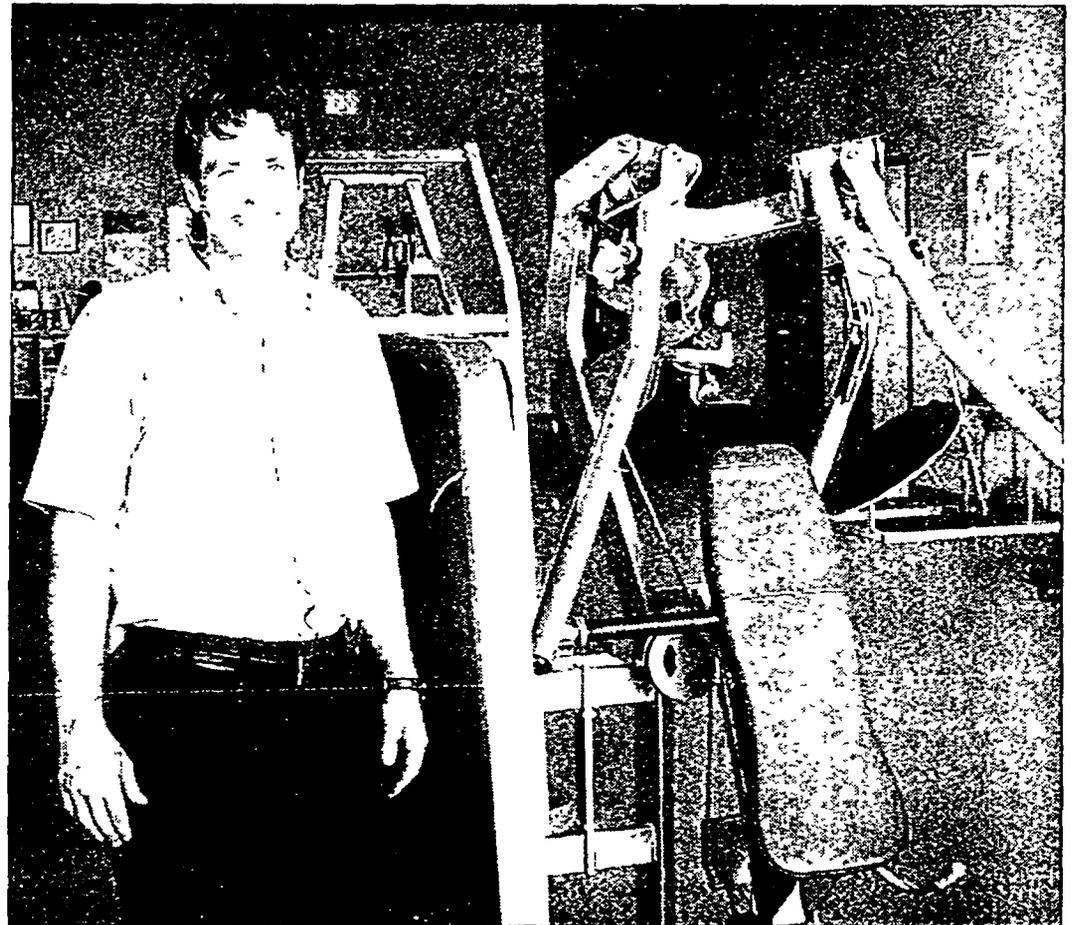


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Matt Brostrom is the co-owner and director of physical therapy at Michigan Rehabilitation Specialists in South Lyon.

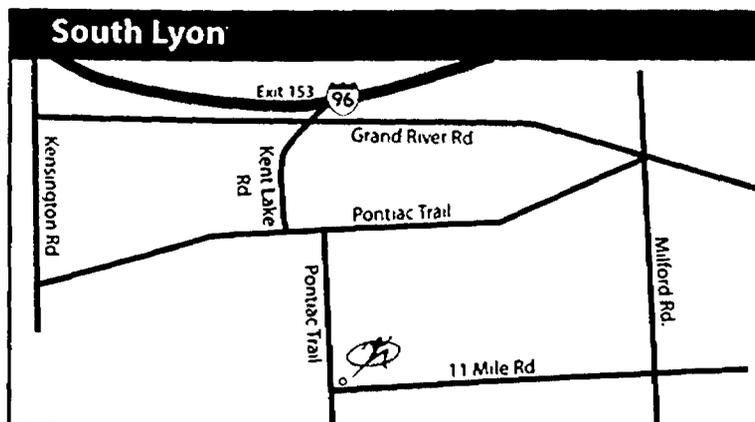


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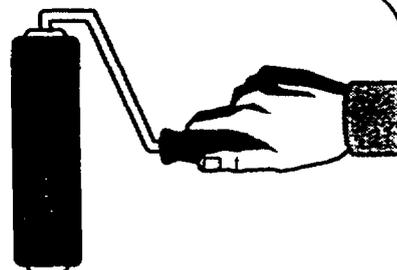
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Pictured amongst many decorating ideas is Wendy Feskorn who will help blend the colors of your home in a tapestry of seasonal accents capturing your personal tastes.

## Teknicolor Paints has whatever it will take

By Michael J. Pilotti  
SPECIAL WRITER

Whoever sarcastically said, "It's like watching paint dry," has not visited the team at Teknicolor Paints. The level of knowledge is enormous, the desire to assist customers with their color selections and finishes is endless, and the lengths to which the team will go to satisfy their fans is best-in-class.

Customers find when visiting the Teknicolor team, that getting what they are looking for right away are the goal in helping customers.

Regardless of the project's size at home or the office, Teknicolor has quantities of paint suited for that birdhouse project or a schoolhouse, like the new South Lyon high school. Kevin was proud to offer his services to the people responsible for constructing the new school here in town.

Just one visit to the store has often created a customer, or as the team at Teknicolor likes to say, a fan for life. The team knows their customers by name and their paint choices by heart. Helping them year after year has great personal reward and if there is ever a need to adjust a mixture, no questions are asked. That's something not experienced at most other stores.

Owner/General Manager Kevin Westfall has a goal at his store: "Have everything the customer needs the first time they walk into the store — and if we don't have it we'll run out and get it the same day if possible."

"I want our store to be like Gimbals in the movie "Miracle on 34th Street" where I am able to give my customers what they want every day and be able to go home feeling great knowing I helped a lot of people today," Kevin said.

Wendy oversees an area inside of the South Lyon store that contains as much fabric, wallpaper and decorating ideas as any other store but with the personal attention that many customers have already come to appreciate from around the state. She insists that customers begin a project with a point of inspiration.

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"I have had customers bring in fabric, pillows, and once an area rug, to give me a sense of what they wanted to work towards in their home, she said"

With the decorating center included in the paint store, inspiration isn't hard with thousands of fabrics, volumes of wallpaper ideas, thousands of paint chips, and matching seasonal décor items to peruse

Colors can also be custom blended to exact specifications.

The time to change colors and freshen up a home is a completely personal decision and to personal taste. Kevin said that most paints are designed to withstand the toughest of traffic and last longer than ever before, but tastes do change.

The store windows feature upcoming in-store classes for the do it yourselfer, like faux painting or antique furniture restoration. Questions and ideas about classes can be sent to Teknicolor via e-mail, kwestfall@sbeglobal.net or phone (248) 486-4910.

Check out the helpful decorating and refinishing advice at Teknicolor Paints and one just might find: Paul, who knows super hero colors; Laura, who understands chipper cheerleader shades; Wendy, who can find Neverland nuances; or Kevin who might offer the kaleido scope of everything in between at Teknicolor Paints, the Benjamin Moore signature paint store and a whole lot more.



Photo by JOHN R. HALL

Dean & Kathryn Thompson share their many years of experience to help students in the programs at ClubZ! In-Home Tutoring Services of Novi.

# Students avoid the cracks with ClubZ!

By John R. Hall  
SPECIAL WRITER

**With** the rising number of student-per-teacher ratios in schools along with some declines in reading, writing, and math skills, there is a greater need for alternatives to traditional school instruction. That is why so many people have depended on ClubZ! In-Home Tutoring Services to provide top-notch in-home tutoring to ensure that children and adults are well prepared for their lives outside of educational institutions.

Dean and Kathryn Thompson, directors of ClubZ! in Novi, have been operating their franchised business for nine years. They are beginning their second year of operation from their location on 25800 Novi Road, just south of Grand River Ave. ClubZ! is the largest in-home tutoring company in the world with 500 franchises across the United States and internationally.

Dean runs the business side of ClubZ! while Kathryn, a full-time Northville teacher, uses her 34 years of experience to lead over 150 tutors who work out of the Novi location.

"There is a great need for in-home tutoring," Dean said. "There are a lot of struggling students and parents have no idea where to turn."

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study skill program to help in the learning process.

Dean said that in today's world where there are many two-income homes, parents just do not have the resources to help with their children's schoolwork. There are a lot of demands on their time and the children often fall through the cracks. That's why ClubZ! is deeply involved with the national 'no child left behind program' and has its own motto to show its commitment — *Join The Club That Gets Results!*

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# Meadowbrook offers more than framing

By John R. Hall  
SPECIAL WRITER

The building has been nestled away in its familiar spot since 1974. The business has been a regular part of the Novi community for 33 years and now its popularity continues to bring back many loyal customers and many new ones, too.

It's the Meadowbrook Art Center on Ten Mile Road just east of Meadowbrook Road. And owners Bob and Wendy Pfeffer are stepping it up a notch to achieve new levels of products and services — adding more ways to show their commitment to the community.

Meadowbrook Art Center is much more than a traditional picture framing store. Its specialties and services include commercial/corporate framing and consultation, conservation framing and heirloom preservation, posters and limited edition prints, unique creative custom framing, and sports jersey specialists.

The business is putting a great deal of emphasis on classic, sophisticated framing, in addition to its many other services. Many people want keepsake items, like military medals and academic and athletic awards mounted inside of special frames and custom shadow boxes giving customers a broad variety from which to choose.

"People have had wedding invitations, birth announcements, even hole-in-one golf memorabilia put inside a frame," added Bob. "When the Detroit Tigers won the pennant last year, we were very busy with people

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framing World Series keepsakes, like tickets, towels and photographs." They also frame local high school athletes' jerseys, and sports memorabilia

Framing precious memorabilia is one part of Meadowbrook Art Center's business. They are also part of a recent trend of mounting any print on canvas to give the appearance of an original oil painting, where a print of a popular piece of art, like the "Mona Lisa", is mounted on canvas and framed with a decorative period frame. The same customer who wants a framed Yzerman jersey can turn their favorite print into a classic piece of custom decor.

In addition to retail, Meadowbrook Art Center has a growing wholesale/commercial framing business.

Bob and Wendy said that one of the keys to their success has been their longevity and their attention to customer service. Their prices are very competitive and the good word-of-mouth advertising has brought in many new customers to their store and gallery.

If you'd like to see all of the latest trends in custom framing, both for your home or for your business, stop by their familiar building at 41200 Ten Mile Road, or call (248) 477-6620 for more information.



Photo by JOHN R. HALL

Bob Pfeffer and his staff pose with two of Meadowbrook Art Center's most popular products — framed oil paintings on canvas and framed sports jerseys.

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# Brighton's Superior Cadillac rides the fast track to the title of highest volume CTS, Acadia dealership

By Sally Rummel  
SPECIAL WRITER

**You** have the right to expect a superior experience at Superior Cadillac-GMC in Brighton. And you won't be disappointed.

"Our goal is to treat you the best that you've ever been treated at an auto dealership — whether you're a new customer, a lifelong client, a supplier or an employee, said Dale Payne, VP-general manager. "You should feel a difference in attitude as soon as you walk through the doors of Superior Cadillac."

A relaxed, more friendly atmosphere pervades this long-time Brighton automotive landmark. To create this welcoming ambiance, Payne leads the way with staff by passing on helpful, inspirational messages every morning to all departments, sharing his philosophy on customer service.

"We treat each customer like a guest," Payne said. "If there's something we can do to make each guest feel comfortable, then that is what we strive to do."

From coffee and doughnuts in the lounge to bottled water available for the asking, Superior Cadillac strives to be a welcome destination in a competitive marketplace. By matching vehicles to the lifestyle and budget of prospective owners, they take the pressure out of the sale and instead, create an experience for the buyer.

Today, the popularity of owning a Cadillac has crossed over all generations, according to Payne.

"People at younger and younger ages are coming in to enjoy the quality lifestyle associated with Cadillac ownership," he said. "It's no longer your mother and father's car — it's your car."

"Superior Cadillac will be one of the highest volume dealers in two extremely popular products, the 2008 CTS and the 2008 GMC Acadia," added John Dasky, sales manager. "In the month of April we were the #1 selling Acadia dealer in the region."

While the numbers speak for themselves, the true measure of a dealership's success is its rating from satisfied customers.

"We are pleased to have been one of four Cadillac dealerships in the state of Michigan to have met the Standards of Excellence criteria for all three quarters so far in 2007," Payne said.

Whether it's a new or certified pre-owned vehicle you're looking for, Superior Cadillac is the place to buy. The latest models are located in the showroom for clients to comfortably browse and ask questions of the knowledgeable Superior Cadillac sales and leasing staff.

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and have more warranty on the vehicle than a new car," Payne said.

With more than 20 pre-owned Cadillacs in stock, Superior Cadillac is Livingston County's only Certified Pre-owned Cadillac Dealership.

"If we don't have it, we can get it for you," Dasky promised.

So stop in at Superior Cadillac for a superior vehicle-buying experience.

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Superior Cadillac-GMC in April was one of the highest volume CTS- Acadia dealers in the region.



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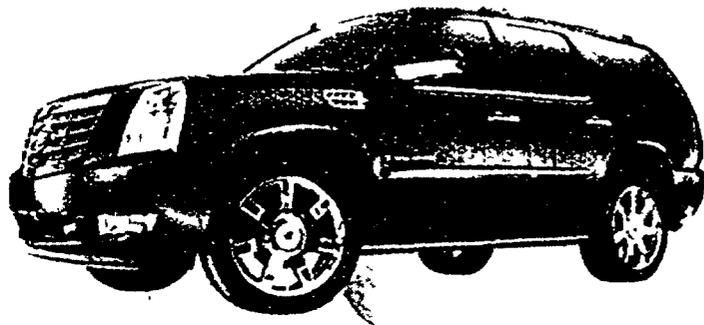
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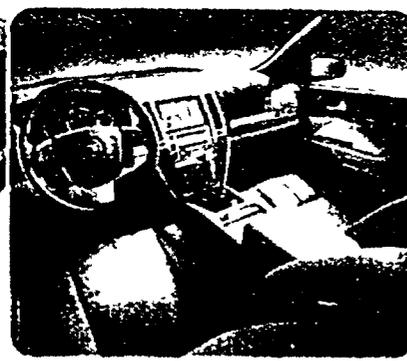
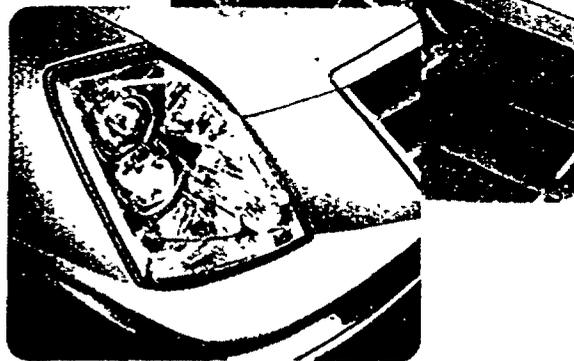
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# Quality automotive products and services are a given when they come with the Krug name

By Mary Wheeler  
DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

You can feel the energy and excitement that fills the showroom as you enter into Krug Ford Lincoln Mercury of Howell.

Maybe it's the sight of the new 2008 Ford Shelby GT 500 that fuels the excitement, or maybe it's the friendly knowledgeable sales staff who greets you.

One thing is for sure — this dealership has been providing quality products and service for over 40 years in the community.

Owner Michael J. Krug, a proud resident of Howell and member of the Howell Eagles and Howell American Legion post, bought the dealership 10 years ago. It was formerly named Hilltop Ford Lincoln Mercury. Krug added his name to the dealership and it is now known as Krug Ford Lincoln Mercury.

Krug comes from a family who has been selling Ford Lincoln Mercury products for more than 35 years. With that experience, Krug has dedicated the past 10 years to making his dealership the best in the county. By making vast improvements to the building and grounds, the dealership has grown to employing 73 people.

The dealership has a full-service parts, service and collision center that provides convenient and professional service to all their customers.

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choice of buying or leasing, it is easy for the customer to find the right vehicle at an affordable price and with a payment that suits them.

The dealership carries more than 400 new and used vehicles making their selection of cars unbeatable in the county. And, with 13 sales representatives to assist customers, there is always someone available to help in the search.

Even Krug's Web site is designed to help shoppers. At [www.krugfordlm.com](http://www.krugfordlm.com), you can research and compare vehicles, apply for financing, order parts and even schedule a service appointment. What could be easier?

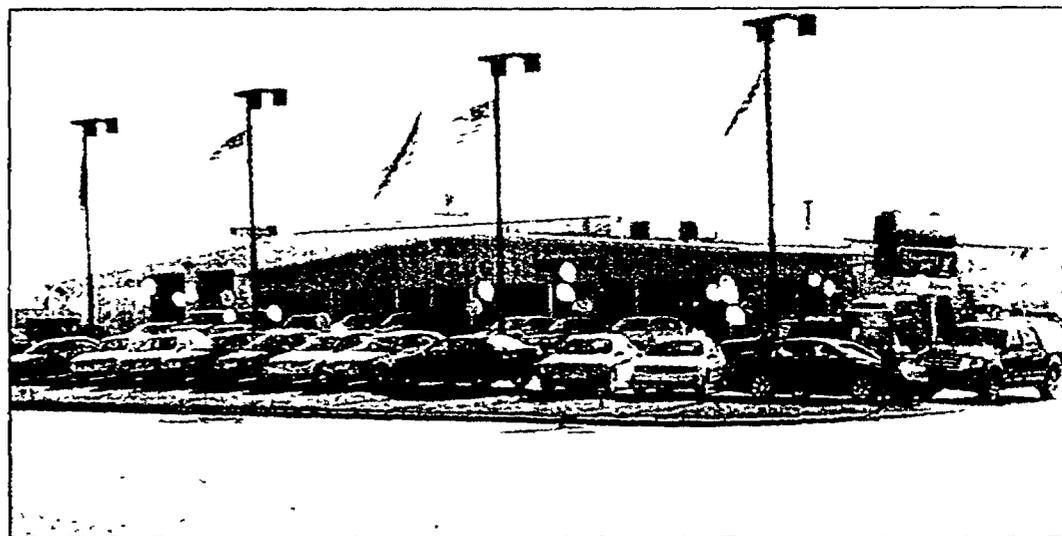


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Formerly known as Hilltop Ford Lincoln Mercury, Howell resident Michael J. Krug purchased the dealership 10 years ago and added his name to the dealership now known as Krug Ford Lincoln Mercury on Grand River Avenue in Howell. The Krug family has been selling Ford Lincoln Mercury products for more than 35 years.

With the recent announcement of several Ford vehicles ranking No. 1 as the safest in America, it is no wonder that the dealership is filled with energy and excitement.

Krug Ford Lincoln Mercury is a proud member of the Howell Area Chamber of Commerce and proudly sponsors many of the annual com-

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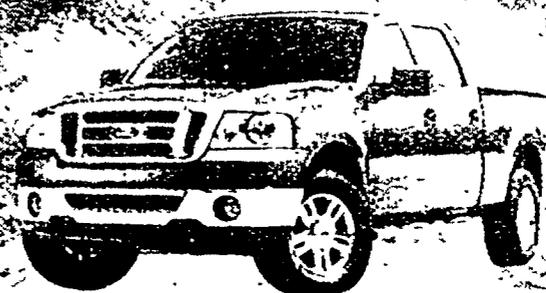
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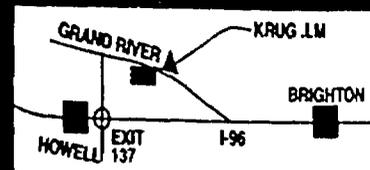


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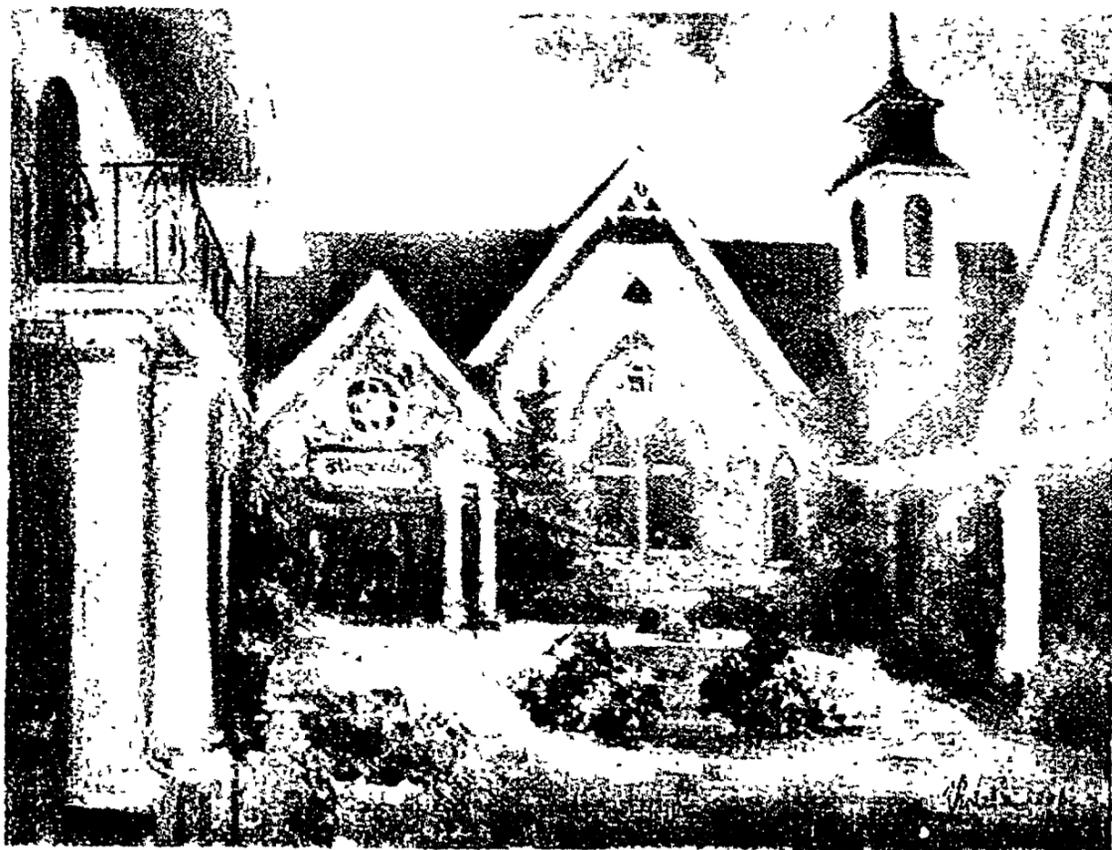
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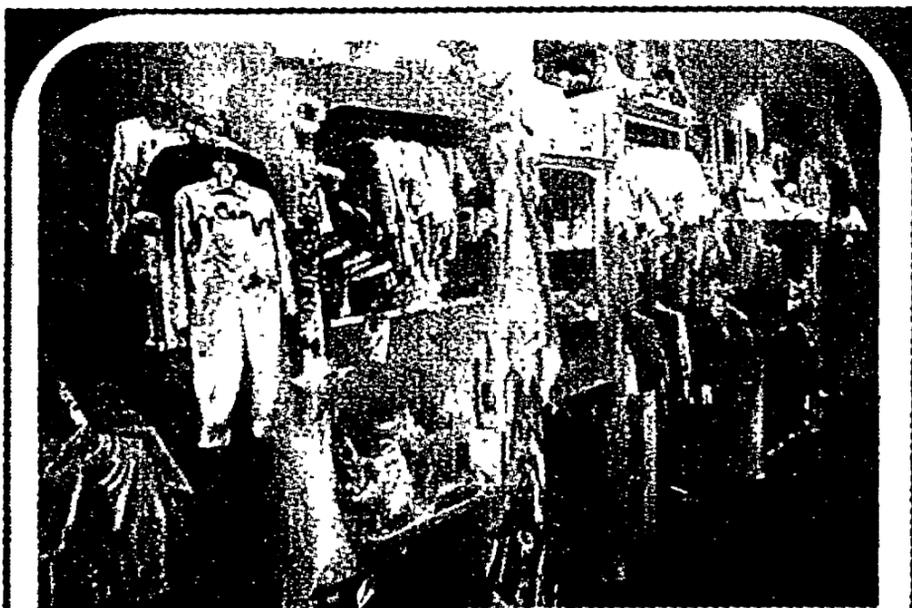
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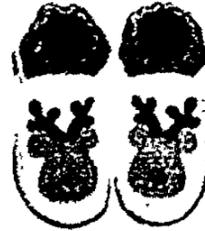
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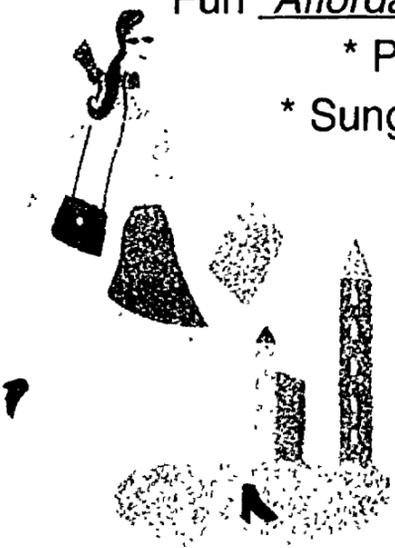


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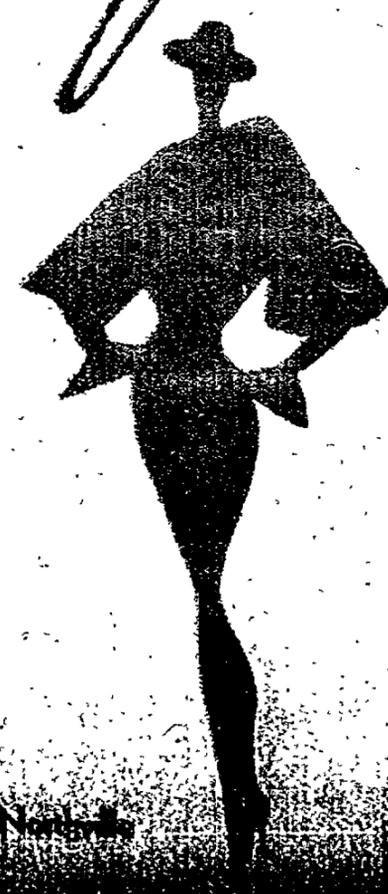
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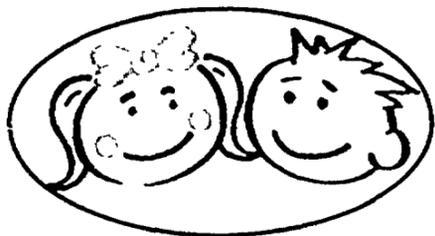
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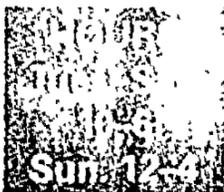
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- Children's Christmas Workshop Registration**
- Nov. 16     **Hometown Holidays - Lighted Parade**
- Nov. 16 - 17 **Holiday Home Tour**
- Nov. 17 - 18 **Hometown Holidays - Christmas Walk**
- Nov. 18     **Christmas Walk at Mill Race Village**
- Dec. 1       **Children's Christmas Workshop**
- Dec. 6       **Girls' Night Out**
- Dec. 7       **First Friday Art Walk**
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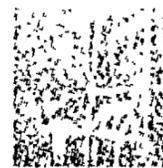


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